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THE SELSEY SHANTYMEN NEWSLETTER

No sooner had we recovered (?) from our adventures abroad when we made our way to the Birdham Boat Festival, a two day event over the weekend of 10th - 11th June.

The picture shows the whole "Shanty Crew" aboard the Corona which is one of the Dunkirk Veteran Flotilla boats. Unfortunately, because of bad weather in the North Sea these boats could not join us in Oostende. This was a big disappointment because it was the Captain and Owner of the Corona Mr Peter Draper, who first got us an invitation to the Belgium event. Having met up up in Birdham we are hopeful of better luck next year.



Since our meeting the Shantymen have received an invitation to repeat the adventure next summer.

The second of our Friday evening sing-alongs took place at the Selsey RNLI on 16th June. The weather was just right, sunny, warm with a slight breeze, far better than our 1st attempt back in mid-May when the evening was more like a winters day. Thanks to the generosity of our audience, we raised nearly £400 for the RNLI.

This was followed up by a visit to "The Hopp Inn" in Selsey when the Charity recipient was St Wilfrids Hospice. A cheque for £62 was handed over.

Sunday 25th June found us afloat on board the "S.S.Shieldhall" for the annual cruise down Southampton Water. The Shantymen sang for the full passenger compliment, the weather was sunny and warm but with a very strong wind blowing. So strong that the music stands had to be weighted down, no hats were lost as far as we know and sun cream was much in evidence.

The high tide as we returned back up Southampton Water signalled the departure of three huge cruise liners for which we had Grand Stand views as they sailed past. One effect of the high tide was that the boarding gangway was a lot steeper than when we loaded the equipment on board. Thanks to the Shantymen and of course the young ladies accompanying us, all the gear and personnel reached dry land safely.

On Tuesday 27th June we sang at the Church Farm Care Home in East Wittering in aid of the Selsey First Responders followed by two performances at the Chichester Gala in Priory Park.



The picture features the Shanty crew for the day with the three times Mayor of Chichester, Richard Plowman. now the official Town Crier. We had never been introduced by a Town Crier before.

A charity performance at the Lavant Friendly Club rounded off a busy week but not quite!



We "Sang for our Supper" at Eames Farm. Thorney Island supporting the " Friends of Chichester Harbour". This evening event managed to miss the storms that were about on that Saturday evening and the barbeque ensured that all had a very enjoyable time.



- 1) What is the qualification for being a "man of Kent"?
- 2) Which Israeli city is known as El Quds to the Arabs?
- 3) What separates the Peloponnese from mainland Greece?
- 4) On which Scottish peninsula is Campbeltown?
- 5) Which country is the world's largest cocoa bean producer?

- 6) What is the European official language of Burkina Faso?
- 7) What is a pass or saddle between two mountain peaks called?
- 8) When its noon at GMT, what time is it in Vancouver?
- 9) Along which sea is the Barbary Coast?
- 10) Grand Teton National Park is in which US state?

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Welcome to the August edition of the ever popular Selsey Life magazine (well, I like it at least, otherwise I wouldn't spend my free weekends in the bunker slaving over a tepid keyboard trying to put all the items into some semblance of order). This comes out just before the end of the Lifeboat week, so you still have time to partake of the events on Sunday 6th.

At a quick glance there are at least ten other events on during the month, there are probably more but people seem reluctant to let us have any information - we are not Number 2 in the Prisoner, we just would be happy to advertise the events.

At the time of writing, we have had a typical start to the school holidays, rain and wind. Whatever happened to the long hot summers that are written about in childrens' books of my youth?

I hope it dries up and stays dry for the outdoor events, and if you go I wish you all a good time.

Have you had a happy July? Have you been anywhere you would like to tell people about,possibly with photos? Are you going away in August? Would you consider taking a picture whilst holding the Selsey Life to show how widely travelled it is? Please send anything to selsey@btinternet.com, with a little bit of writing and we will be happy to include it.

I wish you all a happy August, and I look forward to spouting my drivel at you in the next issue, due out on 1st September. (Note to contributors - we would like your entries promptly this month please as this is a short month for preparing the magazine.)

Please, we need your £1.00 to keep the magazine going - we are fully aware of the generosity of most of you, but it is unfair that some of you do not seem to want to pay for the magazine. We are only getting half the money for the printing costs and are seriously considering making December the last issue. It is only £1.00 - is it too much to ask?

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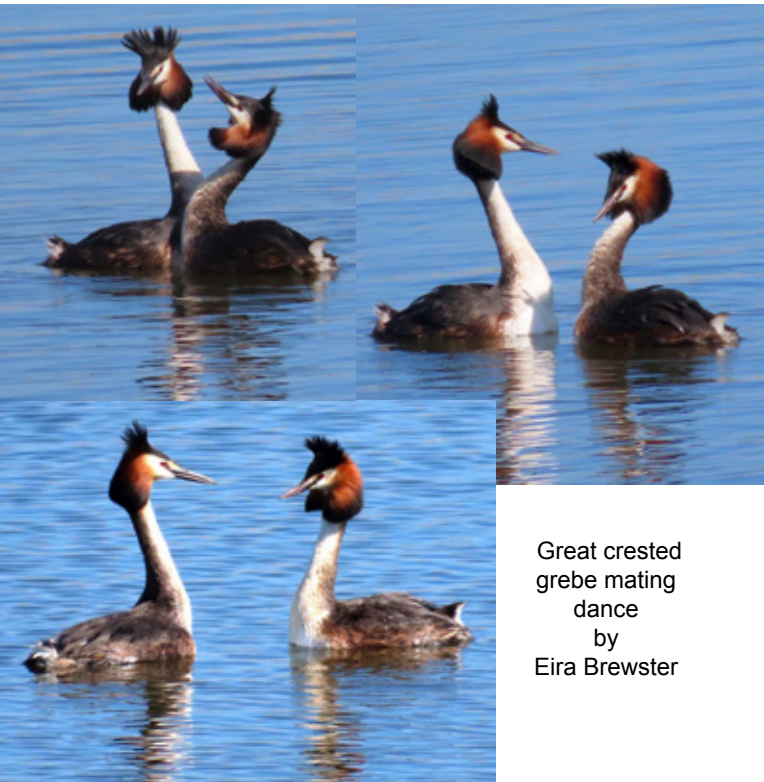
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Great crested grebe mating dance by Eira Brewster

This month we have as a prize for you a £20.00 meat voucher kindly donated by Francis Butchers Ltd of East Beach.

To win this prize, you have to find the Selsey Seagull who is hidden in this magazine (this page does not count) and then complete the coupon below.



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Last month's competition drew a load of entries, and the results are:

The seagull was on page 28 in the Hidden Garden advert, and the winner of the Sunday Roast for two ("The best roast on the Coast") is Jan Obermayer.

The crab was on page 13 on the Open Gardens report, and the winner of the free membership of the Selsey Club for two is Lilian Livingstone.

Congratulations to both of our winners, we trust they enjoy their prizes, and we thank The Selsey Club for the prizes.

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I found the seagull on:

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Selsey Schools

The academic term has wrapped up with lots of extra-curricular and outdoor activities, from reading escape rooms to farm and palace visits to camping in the great outdoors, read on to find out more.

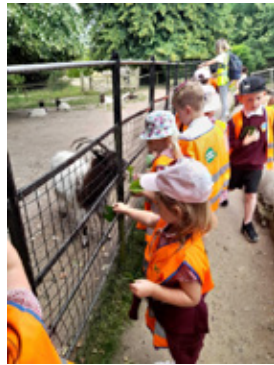
Whole school reading escape room

On Thursday 6th July, the witch of Crow Castle and an escaped dragon visited Medmerry Primary School. All classes had a mission to use their phonic and reading knowledge and skills to escape the castle before time ran out. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable day, working collaboratively and utilizing their English skills to successfully escape!



Reception's visit to Staunton farm

Reception visited Staunton farm as part of their growing and changing topic. They got to stroke, feed and learn about the different animals. It was a fun filled day which everyone enjoyed.



Year 3's visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace

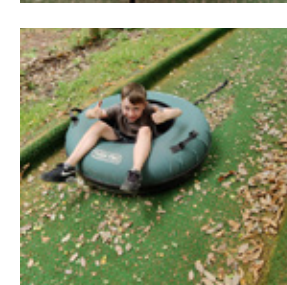
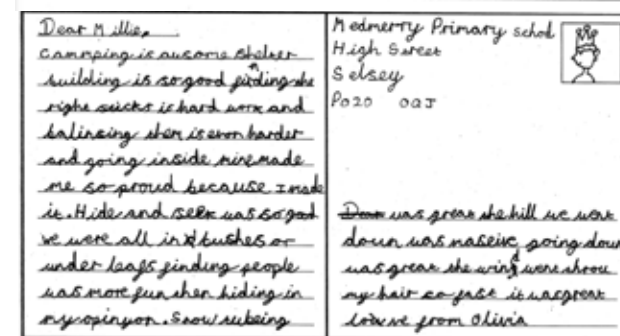
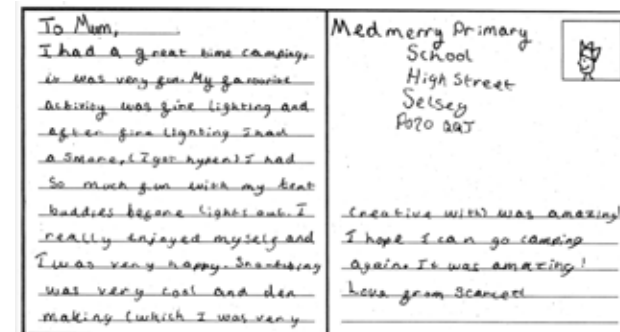
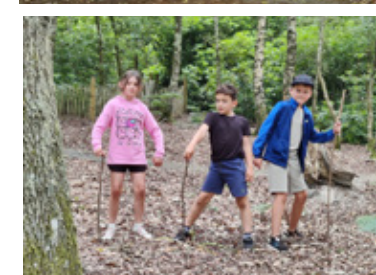
This term, Year 3 visited Fishbourne Roman Palace after learning about the Romans in our topic work. We were able to complete Roman activities such as making wool, mosaics and writing our names in Roman letters with ink. We found out how wealthy and poor Romans dressed as well as exploring the herb garden and getting to work in the kitchen, where we learnt about what the Romans would've ate.



Selsey Schools

Year 4 camping residential

The Year 4 camping residential took place at Lodge Hill, Pulborough. The children spent two nights and three days enjoying the outdoors, activities included shelter building, orienteering, fire lighting with s'mores, snow-tubing (minus the snow!) and the famous game of hide and seek. Upon their return the children created post-cards to share their experience and life-long memories made.



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13) What is the Roman name for Ireland?
 14) Which has the largest population, Iran or Iraq?

15) Name the countries that constitute Benelux.
 16) Jorge Chavez International Airport is in which country?

The Write Zone *with Tara Lennon*



It was a new start, Tim had said. Bobbie just wished she believed it. She placed another bin-liner of odds and sods in the boot of the car. Emily had insisted she didn't want this stuff and there wasn't really anywhere to keep it, Tim had insisted. Bobbie would have kept it all if she'd had her way. How could Emily's things be less important than tools and camping



equipment? Bobbie wedged the old bucket and spade on top of the bin liners. She felt Tim behind her.

'Remember when we bought her that?' he said.

Bobbie nodded. 'It rained,' she stated flatly.

'We made sandcastles all over that beach. You could have walked to the Isle of Wight on them.' Bobbie smiled then. Briefly. Tightly.

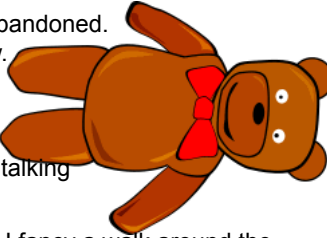
Tim closed the boot. 'She's going to be just fine,' he said. Bobbie looked at him. He was trying to reassure her. Again. But he wasn't *listening* to her. How many times had they been over this? Him telling her that their only child was going to fine, and her insisting she wasn't worried about Emily. She was worried about *her*. Her purpose, as a mum, abruptly ended. Like dead-heading roses when they were still in full bloom. The tree was still alive, but colourless. De-nuded. Emily was strong, free-spirited. Yes, she was going to be fine. She was going to love Uni. Brighton was not a million miles away. But it might as well have been for the way Bobbie felt. There was no proper way to describe it unless you knew what grieving was. And clearly, Tim didn't, which led to a whole lot of other questions about what she was facing, now that Emily had left. Bobbie didn't want to think about it. Yet.



Tim brushed his hands down the back of his jeans. 'Let's get this to the dump, then how about lunch at that pub we spotted the other week?' Bobbie smiled wanly. He was trying to distract her. That was his way. He didn't deal well with signs of distress. In anyone. Didn't know how to handle it. She'd learned to live in the shallows, but now that Emily was gone, perhaps the shallows would drown her. She knew it was a dark space many couples dreaded: when the kids have left home, how do I live with this person?

Bobbie followed Tim inside the house. The living room was quiet. Too quiet. That was the first big difference she'd noticed. Emily's

music, her voice, just the energy of her, had infused the walls of their home. In the days after she'd moved out, Bobbie had kept going to Emily's room. Just standing there looking about. The bed was made, posters still in place. Still very much a young person's room. But Emily's childhood teddy, the one she professed to love so much, was alone, on the chair. Bobbie had hugged it. Cried. For both of them, her and teddy. Both of them abandoned. It was irrational, she told herself now. She just needed to get on with it. Find new things to do. Spend quality time with Tim and perhaps it would feel like the new start he kept talking about. She tried to rally.



'Could we go to Chichester instead? I fancy a walk around the walls, nose around the shops. Maybe go for a drink after?'

Tim shrugged. 'Yeah, sure. Whatever you want.' Anything to cheer her up, he thought. She was acting like Emily had *died*. They were facing each other. Tim at the corner of the sofa, Bobbie at the french doors. In the same space, yet so far apart. Tim closed the distance. Stood next to her. Not too close though. He could sense the static of unhappiness. This was a situation he'd just have to be firm about. There was no changing things. Emily had left home. She was happy. He was happy for her. Bobbie needed to be happy too. He looked at the garden, his breath fogging the glass. 'I'll cut the grass later.' Bobbie gazed at the lawn. Was he really telling her that the lawn needed cutting? How was it so easy to gloss over feelings? She looked at him, wondering if she should tell him, now, that he was...obtuse. Her phone pinged. Saved by the bell. She pulled it out and read, 'Hi Mum, hope you're okay. Out today with friends. Love you loads.' With a rush of happiness, Bobbie texted back. 'Love you too darling. Enjoy yourself. How about lunch next Sunday?' Emily's reply was instantaneous. 'Love to. Thanks Mum.'

Bobbie looked at Tim. 'That was Em. She's coming to lunch next Sunday.'

Tim smiled. 'See? Everything's fine.' He pulled her in for hug, but Bobbie pulled away. She picked up her bag. Awkwardly Tim patted the keys in his pocket. Walked ahead of her to the car. Bobbie followed and closed the front door behind them. Next Sunday was already too long to wait.

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POSTCARDS FROM SELSEY 2023

For those of you familiar with Selsey Life you will realise that in summer I have an intellectual time out to re-charge the historic batteries. Hence the easy option of postcards and other ephemera!

The first topic is going to be Sand Yachting.



The first image is one I already had. It is a John Valentine card. It is simply called ‘At Selsey’

The image below is one I acquired recently. Am I the only one who keeps thinking of BFG as the ‘Big Friendly Giant’?

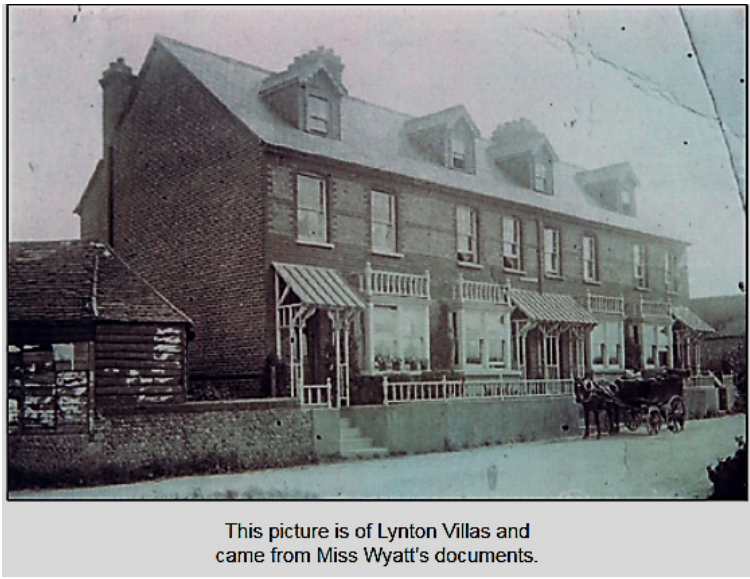
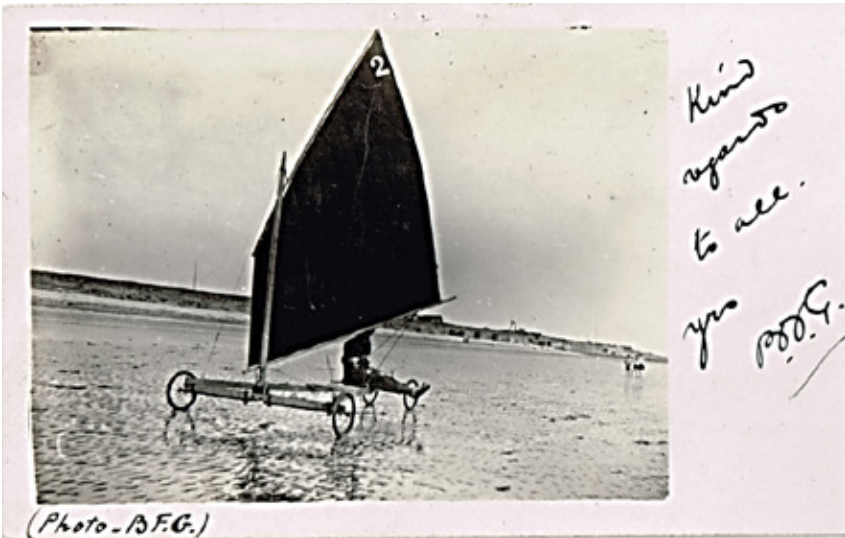
Be that as it may, BFG was staying at 3 Lynton Villas, Selsey and the card is dated 27 August 1914.

It is addressed to W A Colman Esq,36 Sydenham Road, Croydon and is dated 27 August 1914

‘Herewith another masterpiece for your Art Gallery!

All much same as usual here, weather only so-so just now.

Kind Regards to all. Yrs’.



And just to remind you what Lynton Villas looks like here is one I prepared earlier. 2018 to be precise.

While I can find no newspaper articles relating to sand yachting at this time, I did find something in the Chichester Observer of 12 November 1949 and I reproduce it below:

‘...And recently a subject which has created no little interest has been the possibility of organising a Sand Yacht Club. Some may remember of old a few home-made yachts which used to ply between Selsey and Bracklesham at low water. They were great fun for the sand sailors and provided amusement to spectators for it was not unusual for the wheels to run into a patch of soft sand and the machine topple over. One enthusiast, I remember, after tacking against the wind nearly to Wittering, set a spinnaker and made a positively record return without disaster. Over a second glass the idea materialised somewhat and it was suggested that a tube manufacturer should be approached to design something which could be readily assembled locally. Then one of the more thoughtful wondered just how the

machine could operate without wind, to which another provided the answer that a motor cycle manufacturer should be asked to fit a form of outboard engine to operate on a rear wheel instead of a propeller.

Conversions of the kind do sometimes lead to something concrete and so far as Belinda can recollect the final result was to form a very theoretical Selsey Sand Yachting Club, feel the pulse of the great public and build what is termed a prototype, but not quite so large as the Brabazon.’

And no, I don’t know who Belinda was!



That, of course opened an entirely new can of worms. Fortunately, I can just remember the Brabazon as I grew up near London Heathrow Airport and the plane flew over our school playground.

This is the prototype Bristol Type 167, Brabazon which made its first flight on 4 September 1949. I have contacted the Imperial War Museum regarding the use of this photo.

The Brabazon first flew on 4 September 1949 but was retired in 1953 and then scrapped. Only one was ever built although several types were developed.

It was a huge aircraft being 54m long with a wingspan of 70m and a height of 15m. In comparison, a 747 Jumbo jet is ca. 71m long with a wingspan of ca. 64m. It required 6-12 crew members while a Boeing 747 needs 10. The Brabazon carried 100 passengers and a Boeing 747 carries 416.

Moving swiftly on, the next image is of West Beach with bungalows which was posted in 1933. It was addressed to William R Ferrier who, despite being born in Forfar, lived in 3 Lynton Villas with his wife Rose. In 1921 he was 58 years old and was a pensioned Ch. Eng. Room. Art. RN which I believe to be a Chief Engine Room Artificer in the Royal Navy. He was known in the village as ‘Old Bill’ and he died in 1939 having worked with Mr Maidment, presumably in Maidment’s Garage. According to the West Sussex Gazette of 8 September 1938 he was ‘a good engineer and, having lived in Selsey for nearly 30 years, he will be sadly missed.’



I was struck by the fact that I have more than one postcard which relates to 3 Lynton Villas. If anyone has any more information, please get in touch.

Seems to me the various occupants ran it as a B & B.



This bright, sunny picture of Fisherman’s Beach, Selsey is from 1970 and was sent to Mrs Gafford, 2 Council Bungalows, St John’s Road, Westcott, Nr. Dorking, Surrey.

'Dear Mum & Pop

Weather so far is good. It was very hot yesterday, today we went to Bognor Zoo. Hazel liked all the animals especially the rabbits. Hope you are feeling better now, also Chrissie is alright. This is where Graham goes fishing. He caught a 2 ? fish last night. Love from us all, M??? & George.'

I'm hoping that the fish was a 2 pounder rather than 2 inches – it's rather hard to tell.

The Gatford family appears to be a large one, all in Surrey, and many of them are called George so if any member of it is reading this article online and recognises the names and address I would be glad to send them a copy of the card.

Hope you are all having a good summer.

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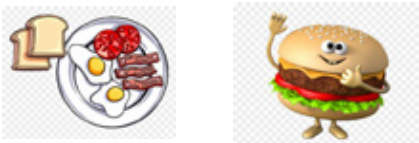
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20) What was the name of the Spice Girls film made in 1997?

21) Who did Homer Simpson think Tony Blair was?

22) What is the Zodiac symbol for Sagittarius?

23) Which South American country is named after an Italian City?



St. Peter's Church Forthcoming Events

Some Dates for your Diary:

'ABBA' - SATURDAY 12th AUGUST
to be held at Selsey Centre
Tickets now available at The Selsey Centre,
Tasoulla (Hair), 123a High Street,
or contact either Mick on 602623
or Margaret on 604098 for advance tickets.
Tickets will also be available on the night.

SUMMER FAIR - MONDAY 28th AUGUST 12-3pm

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to be held at Selsey Centre

XMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER

More Details of these and other Events will follow

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17th September

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Dates subject to weather & ground conditions

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For more information
Contact Sue White - 07799 872245
Selsey Community Forum is a registered charity – No. 1156460



WhatsApp Scams

Surrey and Sussex Police have seen an increase in the number of reports from victims who have received WhatsApp



messages from what appears to be their daughter or son. The victims typically receive a message on WhatsApp from an unsaved number beginning "Hi Mum" or "Hi Dad" claiming it is their daughter or son who have a new number and that they are in urgent need of money and they require funds to be transferred into an account given.

Unfortunately in some cases victims have reported losses of thousands of pounds. In all cases where a victim lost money they have transferred funds to a bank account provided on the WhatsApp message.

In a recent example a victim from West Sussex transferred £2000 to a fraudster's bank account, believing to be helping her daughter out in a financial emergency. A victim from Surrey sent £850 to a fraudster purporting to be his son. He had received a message to say he had lost his phone and needed a new one and was using a friend's phone to contact him.

Prevention Tips:

- Always contact the family member / friend on a genuine contact method you already have recorded for them and check they are in genuine need.
- Check the spelling and message wording – does it sound like the family member / friend?
- If you are unsure on a transaction made, please contact your bank immediately.

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Friends of Selsey Medical Centre (FSMC)
Charity No: 1013645



DIARY DATE: TOMBOLA ON ROUNDERS DAY
SUNDAY 13th AUGUST 2023

Roll up Roll up and support the Selsey
Medical Practice annual Tombola organised
by the Friends!

Come and join the FUN on Rounders Day
(Sunday 13th August) on the Recreation
Ground.

Try your luck for a variety of great PRIZES in
the Friends' TOMBOLA.
Everyone is welcome!

The Friends are a group of Selsey and Sidlesham residents who collect and give funds to enable the Selsey Medical Practice to purchase equipment and services not normally provided by the NHS.

On 24 June we held our Annual General Meeting which was attended by a number of Friends' members. Sadly David Webber announced his retirement after 17 years as our Chairman. We thank him from the bottom our hearts for such devoted service and wish him a happy retirement. The meeting unanimously voted Dexter Williams, previously Vice-Chairman as David's successor. Members also voted new officers and trustees on to the Committee.

This year the Friends are supporting a Care Shop staff member. This person assists *any* local resident with non-medical issues such as debt, employment, form-filling and other general advice through the Care Shop and the Medical Centre.

We have also contributed towards an initial 6-month trial for Buddy Support. This provides a private car service to take patients needing assistance from their homes to and from Selsey Medical Practice. The service also extends to hospital appointments at St Richards, Worthing Hospital and Queen Alexandra in Portsmouth amongst others. *This helps the NHS by reducing the number of patients who fail to get to their appointments (DNAs).* We urgently need volunteer drivers (whose expenses are reimbursed) as this service is taking off fast. If you have some spare time and a car, please consider offering to help us. Address any enquiries to the Care Shop in Selsey High Street (next to Raycrafts), telephone 01243 201616.

To become a Friend of Selsey Medical Centre you will find membership forms at the surgery. Otherwise phone 01243 607869 and talk to our Membership Secretary, who will welcome your call!

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St. Peter's Church News

First the good news. Setting up a bank account for the restoration fund for the church roof and windows has proved to be a long and complicated process, but success has come at last.

The account is called **Selsey PCC Restoration Fund**, the sort code is **40 – 52 – 40** and the account number is **0003 6233**. All donations will be very gratefully received. The board displayed by the war memorial shows that the necessary money is slowly but surely coming in, with a succession of fundraising activities, such as the church lunches, making a sizeable contribution. A quiz night at The Seal raised £550, a coffee morning £335, cream teas at the Open Garden event £236, and the Selsey Chamber Choir concert an amazing £706.

July has been a bumper month for weddings, all beautiful and joyful in their own way. One even involved a horse drawn carriage and a piper playing. At the time of writing, preparations are being made for the RNLI Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at Selsey Lifeboat Station on Sunday 30th July. Rose Flower and Chris Cole have organised a combined Selsey Churches Choir, which, with the Chichester City Band, will lead everyone in the popular and familiar hymns people love to sing at this annual celebration. We hope that many readers will have joined us on the day.

And the bad news. Along with a plain glass window and one of the floodlights: our porch window has been broken. Designed by Walter Crane, it shows Henry Tudor discovering the Crown of England on Bosworth battlefield, and is a striking example of pre-Raphaelite stained- glass work. Our churchwarden, Mick Formby, said "The police have been informed and the insurance claim is ongoing." Meanwhile, the whole window has had to be covered over. As one of our choristers said "It's so sad. It was my favourite window."

To end on a happier note, we thought readers might like to see these photos of the Selsey Chamber Choir performing at their recent concert in the church.



- 24) John J Rawlings is the inventor of which DIY essential?
 25) When was the Guinness brewery founded, 1739, 1759 or 1779?
 26) Who sang "That Don't Impress Me Much"?
 27) In which ocean is the Kuril Trench?

Selsey Venture Club

The June trip out to Stanstead Gardens went ahead as planned with fine weather for the drive out through the countryside. The retail outlets were visited, lunch enjoyed in the restaurant and the walled garden admired before everyone staggered onto the buses, laden with purchases, for the journey home.



There is no trip out in August as it tends to be a busy month with events in Selsey and lots of families visiting during the holiday period. So, the next trip will be :

Wednesday 27th September

and it will be an **afternoon 'Mystery Tour' with a stop for tea**. Pick ups will start at 1pm. Please phone the office (605115) if you would like to book.

If you have any suggestions for future trips, please let the volunteers in the office know and the Committee will investigate them – we have to check the accessibility of the venue and the quality of the facilities.

The Club held its Annual General Meeting on 14th July and the members that were able to dodge the showers to get there heard reports on the finances, the buses and the activities that had gone on in the past year. The Committee members were all prepared to stand again, and they were duly re-elected. Although the personnel on the Committee remains the same, there has been a change of roles with Mike Beal being voted in as Chair and Lynn Unitt taking the role of Vice-Chair. Lynn was thanked for her hard work during her time as Committee Chair, a role she took on reluctantly at a difficult time for the Club but which she fulfilled admirably.

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or

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with

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7.30pm, Friday 25th August

The bar will be open and other refreshments will also be available.

There will be a retiring collection towards the refurbishment of this centre.

For further information, contact Paul Devonshire at pauldevonshire@hotmail.com



Burnett's Family Funfair are pleased to advise they will be in Selsey from 15th August until 29th August.

There will be a firework display on Sunday 27th August.

On the Recreation Ground behind the Northern Co-Op.

28) What does TARDIS stand for?

29) Which Hollywood star was born John Uhler III?

30) Who created the TV series ER?

The Selsey Private Club, Coxes Road

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New members welcome.



1st Wednesday in month Selsey Gramophone Society 2.30pm and Jamming at 7pm all welcome
 Every Sunday Music Club in the bar 4pm to 7pm Sing along.
 Folk and Music Club 3rd Wednesday of the month 7pm (fee)
 Every Monday Darts League
 Every Tuesday Bingo Bonanza
 Every Wednesday Julie's Art Club 3pm
 Every Wednesday Bar Billiards League Evenings
 Every Thursday Quiz is the Biz; Mid week Roast
 Every Friday Snooker League
 Every Saturday Carol's Friendship Club 2pm - 5pm
 Every Sunday the Best Roast On The Coast



Come and join the Selsey Club and enjoy some of the finest beers, wines and spirits in our warm and friendly lounge bar areas, where you can sit and relax, watch TV, play darts or cards or have a frame of snooker or billiards.

You will also find a wonderful function room where there is entertainment most weekends and where Sunday Lunch is served, the Best Roast On The Coast.

There is a weekly Bar Menu with specials on food and drinks, please enquire as below.

The Selsey Private Club Ltd is a family run Club and is the perfect venue for all your parties and celebrations. Please call 01243 606015 for all enquiries..

Old, New and Current members always welcome. Just call in we will show you around..

**Lots going on - check us out on Facebook
 The Selsey Private Club Ltd**

(We are also host to the RNA, the Selsey Lions, Selsey Scooter Club, Selsey Molls and Selsey Making Your Mark Ukulele Club)

What's on for August

Friday 4th. Film Night: Muriel's Wedding (1994)
 Romantic Comedy 8pm

Saturday 5th. Bingo Bonanza and Karaoke night with your hosts 8pm

Friday 11th. Film Night: The Commitments (1991)
 Comedy Drama 8pm

Saturday 12th. The Sassy Funny Songstress Debbie Corbett 8.30pm

Wednesday 16th. Selsey Folk and Music Club 7pm

Friday 18th. Card and Music Bingo with a little Karaoke 8pm

Saturday 19th. 70/80s Party Night with DJ Tubbs
 Prize for best Fancy Dress 8pm

Friday 25th. DJ Tubbs Summer Nights Reggae Soul Motown and Ska 8pm

Saturday 26th Elvis will be in the building with the loveable Sean Ward 8.30pm

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DONNA'S DELIBERATIONS

Hello, my fellow Selsonians, and welcome to August. Only one more month to go before the tubs of Roses, Celebrations and all manner of confectionery start appearing in the shops! (Stop press - they've already arrived!) Absolutely can't wait (rolls eyes and looks to heavens.) It's absolutely bonkers, isn't it? We all know though, that the first week of September heralds the beginning of the ever increasing 'run up' to Christmas - nothing we can do about it - it's called 'marketing'. I have grown used to the hospitality industry having Christmas trees in their entrances, advertising their Christmas menus, during the summer months - I can just about understand that, but the sale of Christmas specific sweets and associated sundries as soon as the children go back to school never fails to take me by surprise. It will happen, though, of that there is no doubt. We will have barely emerged from summer, when we are faced with winter and all its associated expenditure!

To be fair, I did recently ask a marketing manager for a very significant retailer, if she thought it worthwhile starting to 'market' Christmas quite so early, and I was met with a resounding 'yes!' She said that Christmas represents a significant portion of their annual sales, so they purposefully try to get our attention, create awareness and generate interest. It helps to increase sales, apparently.

I was also told that starting early means that customers are encouraged to make purchases over an extended time frame. This means that the spending is spread out and helps with potential overcrowding, enabling customers to plan their spending. I get that, to be honest - I can see the sense in doing that. It also helps with manufacturing deadlines, giving companies time to produce and deliver goods, and shops can avoid potential shortages or delays. Also, Christmas can be quite an emotionally charged season, so shops like to 'tap into' the more emotional aspects of the festive period. All the advertisements, decorations and promotions can increase excitement and that influences consumer behaviour - we buy more! Personally, although I do see the sense in all this, I find the really early marketing of Christmas a bit overwhelming, but it does seem clear that there are significant potential benefits to businesses, so I suppose we are going to be stuck with Christmas beginning at the start of September, if not before!

I hope you are all enjoying the summer, though - it's been a bit of a mixed bag, weather wise, hasn't it? I always worry that if the weather is really sunny in June that we will 'peak' too early, and we certainly had a hot June this year! As my regular two readers may recall, I don't do heat - and I am always to be found sheltering under a well placed tree. It doesn't seem to matter which factor sun cream I wear, I always end up looking like a lobster. I've never sun bathed, so I can't say it's self-inflicted, I can just walk outside, check the tomatoes, walk back in again and find that my nose resembles Rudolf's (sorry, unintentional Christmas reference again!) My (grown up) children have become so concerned that they bought me copious amounts of 'spray on' factor 50 and water sprays this year, and Tim bought me a hat. I resemble something from the Raj! Hasn't stopped it, though - somehow the sun seems to permeate the theoretically impermeable, and I resemble the lobster again. I have decided to hibernate during the summer months next year, and emerge in September, just in time to buy those important tubs of confectionery, incase there's some sort of manufacturing/delivery/panic buying issue in December!

To be fair, we have had some excessive temperatures this year across Europe, and whether people subscribe to the hypothesis

that climate change is primarily caused by human activities or not, it is a fact that the world's climate is changing, and we will have to change with it - we will have to adapt, however anyone may consider it was caused. It's sensible to assess our risks and our vulnerabilities, and make sure we understand the consequences of not preparing. We will have to withstand its impact, so looking at ways of improving our infrastructure, (our sea wall is being made higher, for example) and ensuring reliable water and food supplies is sensible, Nature based mitigations which can promote our ecosystem's conservation are an obvious way forward, as is ensuring that we incorporate risk assessments and climate change into planning for developments, all of which, I am pleased to say is being done.

Adapting to changes in our climate will have to be ongoing. We need policies, community engagement and technological innovation to build resilience. These changes will affect all of us, potentially, and whatever people think may have caused these changes, they will have to be prepared for.

Here on the peninsula, we are very low lying, and very vulnerable to rising sea levels, and coastal flooding; higher tides and storm surges can lead to erosion and perhaps damage infrastructure along our coast line. The higher levels of rainfall and stronger winds will increase the risk of flooding, and this can have implications for our communities. Fortunately, coastal defences are being improved and organisations like the Chichester Harbour Conservancy are looking at ways of restoring our salt marshes to help provide some protection. It's good to see local authorities, organisations and communities co-operating to monitor, plan and look at adaptation initiatives to address the impact of these changes and ensure the safety of the Manhood.

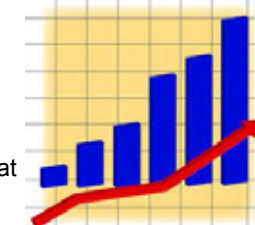
All that being said - we are now in the month of August, a (hopefully) lovely month when the sun will shine upon us! It's actually named after the first Roman Emperor. Interestingly, the signing of the Geneva Convention took place in August in 1949 and the famous Woodstock festival in 1969, was also an August event. The Geneva Convention, of course, played a significant role in shaping humanitarian law and providing protection to those impacted by conflict, and Woodstock was a defining moment in the history of music festivals. It was a three day festival based on peace, love and music. Over 400,000 people attended, some 350,000 more than had been anticipated (must have been a massive 'elf and safety

issue!) creating a massive, iconic event. Rock legends like Jimi Hendrix, Joe Cocker and The Who attended Woodstock which became an event synonymous with the ideas of community and equality as people came together, sharing whatever they had. Given the number of people attending, though, it was extremely chaotic and in the end was literally a 'free for all.' Roger Daltrey described

it as a 'miserable experience' for performers, with poor sound quality and fears that everything would 'collapse'. Having read accounts of people's 'Woodstock experience' I can well understand what I have heard people say - that if you can remember Woodstock - you weren't there! These days it's seen as an event which showed a desire for social change - reflecting the aspirations of an entire generation. Music still unites people and shapes our culture to this day, and Woodstock certainly demonstrated that people can come together, peacefully, whatever their background, and share in something important to them.

Have a lovely August, everyone. Take care.

Donna donnajohnson279@gmail.com





Feather Shedding and Disappearing Birds

by Alice McDougall

The spring and early summer is a demanding and exhausting time for birds, not only have they been occupied with breeding and rearing chicks, some have also undertaken a colossal migratory journey. Feathers can become fragile, damaged and discoloured during this busy season, but as they are not capable of growth or renewal, they undergo a 'moult' – the replacement of feathers with new ones. Although this is something unique to birds, the process evolved among dinosaurs.

Along with breeding and migration, moulting is one of the most energy draining events in a bird's life, so it needs to happen at the right time. By late summer their young have grown, the weather is warm and there is still plenty of food available; this is the ideal time to moult.

For many of our birds, it is a slow process, with each feather being replaced one-by-one. Most garden birds, for example, will spend 6 – 8 weeks undergoing a moult. The house sparrow is one of slowest moulting species taking up to four months to complete the process. Migrant birds, on the other hand, will moult much quicker so they can begin their long journeys.

During this time you may see some rather scruffy looking birds with an array of mismatching feathers, and you may be thinking - 'what is that bird? As they go through this process, they become less capable of flying hence more vulnerable to predators so it's a good time to lie low and stay hidden under tree canopies and vegetation – and this is why we may see less birds during August.

At Pagham Harbour and Medmerry during August, look out for ducks in their 'eclipse' plumage. Drakes moult before their female counterparts, losing their brightly coloured feathers and replacing them with the monochrome browns similar to the female – so for a while it may seem that there's been a sudden spike of female ducks – in fact they are just the males in disguise!

Finding and identifying birds in eclipse plumage can be tricky and it helps to have a good pair of binoculars or a telescope. If you would like some advice on buying binoculars and telescopes, why not come to our free Binocular and Telescope Open Day on

Sunday 20 August, when you can try out various makes and models and chat to our experts:

<https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/44971>



Finding birds can be especially difficult in August, but help is at hand! Join one of our guided walks or learn all about binoculars and telescopes at our special events at RSPB Pagham Harbour. Visit our events web page to learn more!

<https://events.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour>

[Credit: Ben Andrew (rspb-images.com)]

29 June 2023

Selsey lifeboat tows angling vessel to safety

Selsey all-weather lifeboat(ALB) launched at 2.36pm on Thursday 29th June to the assistance of a 21ft vessel with two persons aboard. The vessel had broken down 4.6 nm south east of Selsey Bill.

The UK Coastguard had broadcast the vessel's problems to any vessels able to assist but only one yacht replied and was not suitable for towing, so they requested the launch of the lifeboat. The ALB arrived on scene at 2.50pm and after closing the casualty vessel the two persons said they were both ok and ready to receive a line.

The weather on scene was wind NNE force 2 sea state smooth in sunshine.

A line was passed to the vessel and a tow was established between the ALB and the casualty. A course was set for



Littlehampton Harbour Entrance a distance of 11.5 nm.

The entrance to the harbour was reached at 4.35pm and with a clear passage into the harbour the casualty vessel was safely berthed alongside at 4.55pm and the ALB was released to return to Selsey at 5.00pm.

The vessel had been on passage from Portsmouth to Littlehampton when a fractured fuel pipe caused the engine failure. The ALB returned to Station at 5.45pm and was recovered washed down and made ready for service. The crew for the ALB today were Coxswain Dave Lamdin, Mechanic Jake Harnett, James Albrey, Craig Sergeant, Neil Hopcraft, Ian Ford.



Water Shrew

by Michael Blencowe for Sussex Wildlife Trust

I love Jaws, the 1975 movie which sent three men out into the Atlantic on a fishing boat in search of a marauding Great White Shark. There's another aquatic monster hunting in the ponds and shallow streams of Sussex. But to find a Water Shrew...you're gonna need a smaller boat.

Water Shrews weigh 15g and measure just 16cm. Unlike other shrews they have an amazing ability to swim and hunt underwater. They're covered in dense fur – vital insulation against the cold and wet. This sleek wetsuit also traps air bubbles, transforming the shrew into a furry Aero helping it stay buoyant. Powerful, extra hairy hind feet propel this tiny torpedo through the water.

Water Shrews and Great White Sharks have a common feature that sets them apart from their close relatives. They both have a striking demarcation between their dark upperparts and their white underparts. Looking from above, their black backs blend with the pond bottom or seabed. From below, their pale bellies make them invisible in the sunlit water. It's a submarine survival strategy that helps conceal both hunters and hunted. And the Water Shrew is both.

With sharp, red-tipped fangs, a Water Shrew's jaws are as fearsome as any shark's. But the Water Shrew has a trick up its teeth. It's Britain's only venomous mammal.



Water Shrew ©Derek Middleton
Sussex Wildlife Trust

When it bites it injects a stupefying saliva which subdues its victims.

In Jaws, the grizzled skipper Quint (Robert Shaw) relates the chilling true tale of the torpedoed WWII cruiser Indianapolis, which sank leaving hundreds of sailors adrift in shark-infested waters. Well, my mate Barry was once bitten by a Water Shrew in Newhaven and his finger went all tingly for about two hours. OK, it doesn't exactly compare, but the fact that a tiny shrew can make such an impact on a human is pretty impressive.

Slice open a dead shrew's stomach and rummage inside and you'll find bits of beetle legs, snail shells, and fishbones. They are relentless, frenetic hunters. If the shrew goes without a meal for more than an hour it will die. What we are dealing with here is a perfect engine, an eating machine. All this machine does is swim and eat and make little shrews. Between April and September, the mating of the shrew can produce 2-3 litters of 3-15 young. They live a fast, brief life. Few of them will survive for more than a year.

The best way to see a Water Shrew is to sit by a Sussex stream as the sun sets. Bring a couple of friends and some Apricot Brandy, share some tall tales, and wait for a shrew to strike.

Sussex Wildlife Trust is an independent charity caring for wildlife and habitats throughout Sussex. Founded in 1961, we have worked with local people for over half a century to make Sussex richer in wildlife.

We rely on the support of our members to help protect our rich natural heritage. Please consider supporting our work. As a member you will be invited to join Michael Blencowe on our regular wildlife walks and also enjoy free events, discounts on wildlife courses, Wildlife magazine and our Sussex guide book, **Discovering Wildlife**. It's easy to join online at sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join.

Betelgeuse, a giant red star, has a diameter longer than Earth's orbit around the sun.

The house fly hums in the middle octave key of F.

The "hash" key on your keyboard (#) is called an octotroph.

31) Which English golfer won the Masters in 1988?

32) Which European city has airports named Arlanda and Bromma?

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Dear Selsey Life,

I've just been reading the July issue of your magazine and am somewhat confused by the article on page 19, written by Helena Millen.

In it, she states that the RNLI was formed by a Sir William Halliday in 1854. If this is correct, then I need to return the new cap I've just purchased from the Selsey RNLI shop, which states it will celebrate 200 years next March.

Mr Google has this to say:

"Sir William Hillary's vision for a service dedicated to saving lives at sea became a reality in Bishopsgate's trendy London Tavern on 4 March 1824."

If you agree with Mr Google's statement, please can you advise Ms Millen accordingly and mention this in the August issue.

Regards

A Selsey Life reader

Helena Millen replies:

"Thanks for feedback on the article.

Possibly Google and I are both right and to an extent incorrect. Following Sir William's paper and the meeting in London in 1824, lifeboats at various points around the coast were appointed and organised but the RNLI was not named as such until 1854 - by then Prince Albert and other notables were involved so the word Royal was appropriate and the organisation of a comprehensive unified nation wide service could develop more rapidly with a more sound national financial basis. Famous rescues such as that by Grace Darling off the Northumberland coast a decade or so after 1824 were still very much a local action. The RNLI is taking 1824, when the original comparatively fledgling organisation emerged, as the starting point which is very understandable and hopefully will raise the RNLI's profile and more money which, with the rising costs everywhere, is very much needed

I hope this clarifies the reader's points and he enjoys his RNLI cap (there are more articles on the RNLI web site) - I do recommend the cards, especially at Christmas, which are always colourful and good value and the cuddly toys which are ideal gifts for children.

Best wishes,

Helena"

Dear Editor,

We bought your magazine last night (8th July).

Please let me share my experiences on the day of the Open Gardens.

My husband and I moved into Selsey at the end of April.

I joined a few groups such as the Hidden Garden soon after our move, and started meeting lovely locals.

On the event day, we rode a tandem and visited almost all the gardens which the owners kindly opened up for all.

At one particular garden, out of the blue, we were warmly welcomed by a very artistic owner. She kindly showed us not only her garden but also her studio as well as her special house, like a living museum. I am a classically trained singer, so you can imagine how much it meant to me. It wasn't only a garden but she shared with us, total strangers, the way of her life.

My love of Selsey grows when I meet someone very special like her.

Are we going back to the Open Gardens next year? Definitely!

Kind regards,

Akiko Ross

Walk The Selsey Tram Way

August 27th will be the 126th anniversary of the first train to run on the Selsey Tramway.

To mark the occasion join a walk to from Selsdey to Sidlesham on Saturday 26th August following the route of the Selsey Tramway Heritage Trail. Meet at 10.30am to walk the 6.4 miles to Sidlesham. Both the start at East Beach car park in Selsey and The Anchor in Sidlesham are on the route of the No 51 bus to facilitate your departure and return.

If you would like to join the walk please contact Bill Martin - billm89@hotmail.com

You will pass the location of 8 of the stations as well as the site of the only fatality on the line. You will also learn about the history of the tramway, how it was built and why it finally hit the buffers.

The Selsey Tram Way walking trail guide has been rewritten by Dr Bill Martin and David Pearce of the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group and new orange logo signage attached to footpath posts along the route. Colourful information boards have been erected along the route, including at the 11 stations on the line, telling more of the story of this fascinating but ill-fated local attraction.

The signs have a link to the webpage and there is an interactive map for mobile phones in addition to the new leaflet which is available at the Novium Museum, RSPB, The Chichester Canal Shop and Selsey Town Hall.

For more information visit www.mwhg.org.uk/tramway

The organisers are grateful for generous sponsorship from the Colonel Stephens Society, The Lady Neville Charity, Ferry Farm Community Solar, Caroline's Ice Cream, Langmead Farms and Natures Way Foods among others as well as the advice and support of the local parish and town councils and neighbours along the walk route.

Bill Martin
On behalf of the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group



Rudwicks Hardware

are thrilled to announce that John and Sarah have taken over as the new owners from Monday 31st July!

They have a great love for our community and are keen to become further involved through the business.

We know that you will give them the same wonderful support as you've given our family for over twenty years and we Thankyou so much for that

love from Trevor, Richard, Lisa and Claire xxxx




In all democracies, it is essential every vote is treated equally. In England, where constituencies span a huge range of places, from the largest, at over 100,000 voters (the Isle of Wight), to the smallest, at fewer than 60,000 (Stoke-on-Trent Central), it is no mean feat to make that a reality.

For that reason, the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) are required to meet every eight years to conduct an independent review into our boundaries and ensure constituencies are generally uniform in size. With Chichester's electorate now larger than the maximum set by the Commission, some level of change was expected. Even with this in mind, it's fair to say the final recommendations from the Commission have come as a shock to many of us.


From the next General Election, we will see several communities in the South Downs join a wider Arundel & South Downs constituency to the north, including Easebourne, Fernhurst, Harting, Ifold, Loxwood, Midhurst and Plaistow. The proposals will also see a number of communities, over in Pagham and Bersted, added to the Chichester constituency.

Whilst there are some improvements over earlier proposals – the Manhood Peninsula is being kept together, as should always have been the case – it's clear that these are some drastic changes, and I firmly believe the BCE should have done more to publicise them as part of their consultation. It will also be difficult to see so many of our historic, rural communities sitting outside of Chichester's boundary for the first time. These are areas I've long had the pleasure of representing as a Member of Parliament, and in Rogate, Rake and Milland, where I took my first steps as a District Councillor.

The process, for all its flaws, is now outside of our control, and whilst I've made very clear my concerns to the Commission, it's important we now look ahead. I will continue to do what I can to champion issues that matter to residents, including stronger protections for our waterways and green spaces, better broadband for rural households and businesses, and a plan for housing to give us the capacity and the breathing room to grow sustainably. Regardless of the shape it ends up taking, I will continue to do absolutely everything I can to deliver for the incredible people of the Chichester District and, in the future, a part of Arun.



Gillian Keegan MP



28 June 2023




Selsey RNLI called to yacht caught on fishing pot line.

On Wednesday 28th June at 12.30pm the Selsey all-weather lifeboat (ALB) launched to the assistance of a 10m yacht with two persons on board that had snagged a pot line and was penned down at the stern.

The yacht crew broadcast a Pan Pan urgency call which was received by the UK Coastguard. The crew gave their position as 6.8 nm south east of Selsey Bill. Once the ALB had launched, they made best speed to the area and arrived on scene at 12.50pm. Another yacht had responded to the Pan Pan call and was standing by the penned down yacht. The ALB closed the casualty vessel and transferred a lifeboat crew member to the yacht with a long-handled rope cutter.

The pot line was successfully cut from the yacht's propeller and a check was made for water ingress which proved negative. The lifeboat recovered the crew member and monitored the yacht underway for a short time, Once the yacht skipper was happy to continue his passage the ALB was released to return to station at 1.25pm.

The ALB returned to Selsey at 1 .50pm and was recovered straight away. The ALB crew today were Coxswain Rob Archibald, Mechanic Phil Pitham, Craig Sergeant, Pip Skeet, Neil Hopcraft. And the shore crew were Richard Wiseman ,Chris Bowling, Max Wiseman, Melissa Fletcher, Mark Penny.





CAN YOU VOLUNTEER FOR THE RNLI?

Selsey Lifeboat are looking for volunteers that live or work within a 2 Mile Radius of the Lifeboat Station, Kingsway Selsey PO20 0DL for the following roles -

Crew
Shore Crew
Launch Authority
No prior experience necessary!

What's in it for you?

- First class training and development, guidance and support
- Learning new skills and gaining valuable experience
- Meeting new people in your community
- Knowing that you have contributed to saving lives at sea

For information Phone Station Manager Tony Delahunty 07974254248 or Email - selsey@rnli.org.uk

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea
Royal National Lifboat Institution, a charity registered in England and Wales (205960) and Scotland (SC039796). Charity number CYM 2626 in the Republic of Ireland



33) Who was Britain's last Catholic monarch?

34) Which couturier designed the "A line" and "H line"?

35) In which film did Alec Guinness play Benjamin Disraeli?

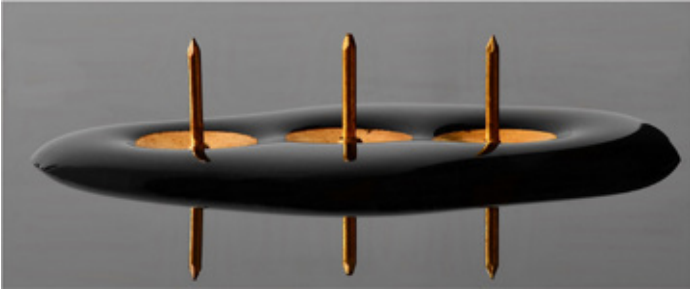
Selsey Camera Club Summer Meetings Report

Selsey Camera Club has recently held its last meetings of the 2022/2023 season, the fiercely coveted Photo of the Year award evening, and our Annual General Meeting.

The Photo of the Year award candidates are drawn from the top scoring images of all the club competitions throughout the year. It perhaps says something about the quality and skill of club members, that when the committee first shortlisted all the PDI images that were awarded 9 or 10 points over the year, there were 81 potential entries! Thinking that was rather too many for members to choose from, they eventually settled on those scoring 9.5 and 10, which still added up to 55 fantastic entries! Despite being far fewer print competitions over the year, there were still 27 images that scored 9, 9.5 or 10 in the Print category.

The winners are chosen based on members preference votes, with 5 points for every first preference vote, 3 points for second, and 1 point for third. We had a ‘baker’s dozen’ of members voting on the night, plus two visitors, who were encouraged to bring their fresh eyes and perspectives to the voting. The Photo of the Year evening is always a relaxed affair, with plenty of time for chat in between perusing the top selection of prints- perhaps discussing our personal favourites and getting some valuable inspiration- before voting. After the beverage break, we were treated to a TV slide show of the PDI candidates, which took rather a long time considering how many there were! As we were voting for our top three favourites among so many, there are surely two ways of going about it. Either you pick your knee-jerk favourites of the first showing and leave it at that, or you carefully examine each one in turn over several viewings, make a short list, and whittle it down to your best three. I feel both styles of voting would have its merits!

After completing and submitting the score sheets for each section, the scores were totalled. The winner of the Turner Trophy for the Print of the Year was ‘Speedy Spaniel’ by David Richardson, and the joint winners of the Robert and Nikki Mole Shield for PDI of the Year were ‘Drawing Pins in Drop of Water’ by Dave Johnson and ‘Puffin’ by Marc Read. Our heartiest congratulations to all our winners, and well done to everyone who had images in the running- it was certainly a tough competition this year!



‘Drawing Pins in Drop of Water’ by Dave Johnson interest new and old members alike. After the formalities came the pleasure of awarding the club trophies to the winners of the various competitions over the years.



‘Speedy Spaniel’ by David Richardson

Our final meeting of the season was the AGM, in which we discussed how the past year went and the future of the club. Although it has been a difficult year for membership, thanks to everyone’s support it looks like we’ll be heading for another full programme next season. Having conducted a member’s survey for the first time this year, we feel like the planned programme will have plenty to

Finally, we came to the last competition of the year- the triptych competi- tion. In contrast to previous years, it was a DPI only competition this year, so members were treated to a slide show of different triptychs. If you don’t know, a triptych is a set of three linked images, either by theme or subject. We had 15 entries, and votes were cast by each member for their first, second and third preference. With such a variety pf subjects and styles, it was difficult to choose! In the end the winner was ‘Night Sky’ by Pony Moore LRPS. Pony was awarded the beautiful Peter Clark trophy. It was a lovely relaxed end to the season, with plenty of time for members to chat and hopefully make plans for their photography goals over the summer. We hope to see you all in September ready for the new league competition and much more!



‘Night Sky’ by Pony Moore LRPS



‘Puffin’ by Marc Read

36) Who led The Charge of the Light Brigade in the 1936 film?
37) Which 1960 epic was about the uprising of slaves in ancient Rome?

38) Which UK actor died while filming The Return of the Musketeers?
39) In Quo Vadis who played the Emperor Nero?



Inflatable 5k

Take on a fun challenge while raising funds for St Wilfrid’s Hospice!

This September 2nd, the world’s largest inflatable obstacle course returns to Goodwood. Gather your friends and families and take on either the 2.5K, 5K, 10K or 15K route, tackling all types of inflatables.

Take on the challenge and raise sponsorship money to support your local Hospice now.

Find out how to get your tickets and start fundraising here: www.stwh.co.uk/inflatable5k

Moonlight Walk

A massive thank you to everyone who walked and supported us for our Moonlight Walk!

We had over 700 walkers set off from Chichester College on June 17th and take on the in-memory walk, exploring areas in Chichester such as Guildhall and Bishop’s Palace Gardens in brand new ways.

You can get tickets for next years walk at a super earlybird price now. Don’t miss out! www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight

Summer is here!

As we are in the middle of Summer, your wardrobe might need a refresh for cooler clothing, and you might also be interested in sprucing up your garden furniture as we spend more time outdoors. Our charity retail shops offer affordable, sustainable pre-loved treasures that are waiting for their next owner! By shopping with St Wilfrid’s, every purchase helps support a patient and their loved ones.

Find your nearest shop here: www.stwh.co.uk/shops

Woof for Wilf

Calling all dog lovers!

On October 22nd, St Wilfrid’s Hospice are holding a dog walk from 10am on West Wittering Beach. We would also love to see some dressed up dogs to fit the Halloween theme, with a prize going to the best dressed!

Bring along your furry friends and help fundraise to support the Hospice and make a difference to local lives.

Find out more here: www.stwh.co.uk/woofforwilf



RSPB Events for August

NO EVENTS LISTED FOR AUGUST

SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST AUGUST 2023

NO EVENTS LISTED FOR AUGUST

Chichester Conservation Volunteers August 2023

NO EVENTS LISTED FOR AUGUST

The Selsey Folk and Music Club marks 100 sessions in Selsey



The Selsey Folk and Music Club celebrated their 100th session on Wednesday 19th July since our formation over eight years ago. From humble beginnings at St Wilfrid’s Church Hall in Selsey via The Fisherman’s Joy to its current home at The Selsey Club, Coxes Road.

The ‘club’ has withstood the test of time and the vagaries of Covid 19 with healthy support of locals and travellers from further afield every month. Once again a special night commenced at 7pm with 18 performers all eager to do their best for their peers and the keen audience, all had paid their £3.00 pp towards room charges and had bought a raffle ticket or two in support of club funds.

Julian Lindsey Clark and John Bradley (co-founders) welcomed all and the guitarists, poets, ukulele players and vocalists were informed of the running order for the night and the magic was created. Every month attendees tell us all “that was special” and this latest session was no exception, with music ranging from traditional English and Irish folk to Americana, sixties classics, poetry about coffee and much more besides. New attendees mixed with the regulars some travelling as far as Hayling Island even Oxford to join in the fun. As usual Julie and Danny did us all proud and we finished the night around 10.30 pm.

We are looking forward to the next 100 sessions commencing on Wednesday August 16th at 7pm as usual. We will be recreating our club gathering in Bognor on Saturday 23rd September, 3pm to 5pm as part of The Southdowns Folk Festival.

All are welcome at our gatherings to sing, play, recite or just listen. Your contact is Julian , email julian.lindseyclark@gmail.com phone 07721 532711



(Photo...“Phil and Jane” Brilliant Folk Duo”)



GAINSBOROUGH SINGERS' SUMMER CONCERT



THURSDAY, 10TH AUGUST 2023 at 2.00 pm in Selsey Town Hall

Kindly sponsored by Highhouse Insurance

Come and join us for a sing-along of all your favourites, with a cuppa and cake

Admission £3, payable on the door There will also be a raffle

Please come - **EVERY PENNY GOES TO SELSEY COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS**

Dear all,

Well, since last month's edition (July) I have done 50 sets of planters with flowers around the town, private homes and caravans.



I have been amazed how this has taken off, not only do they look good around Selsey, it is also good for people's mental health, seeing the beautiful flowers in nice planters.

There is still time to order them, don't forget you get 2 planters (£20) and bedding plants full of color fauna and flora, usual email paul.furlonger101@gmail.com

I was recently awarded a Gold Award for Gardening from the lovely people at Methodist church Selsey, if you haven't seen the flowers go and have a look, they're lovely at the Church.

Also I had a lovely email from Gill Keegan MP, thanking me for the work I have done to cheer up Selsey.

My biggest claim to fame was that the Prime Minister had got wind of what I was doing too, (fame at last)!

My work record has mainly been in the Charity Sector, which includes Rainbow Trust, Chase Children's Charity, UNICEF and Mind Mental Health, oh and in my spare time I help out at the carers shop doing volunteer driving for peoples' Doctors appointments etc.

If you have a charity event coming up please let me know, we love to have a stall, you will find me at all the carers car boots so come along to say hello.

Well I've waffled on enough, so have a good August (my birthday) Leo star sign.

Paul Furlonger
Volunteer fundraiser and coordinator Selsey
Reg No 219830

12 July 2023

Selsey RNLI inshore lifeboat launched to person cut off by tide.

The UK Coastguard requested the launch after receiving an emergency call from a member of the public saying a person appeared to be trapped on the shingle spit at Pagham Harbour.

The inshore lifeboat (ILB) launched 4.18pm on Tuesday 11th July and proceeded at best speed to the area. The weather on scene was wind south westerly force 4 sea state slight in sunshine and the tide was flooding. Selsey and Littlehampton Coastguard Rescue teams were also tasked to go to either side of the entrance to the Harbour.

The ILB arrived on scene at 4.26pm with Selsey CG team shortly afterwards. The ILB had no one visual on the spit. Selsey CG team called the ILB to say they could see a person on the Pagham side, so the ILB went over to the person who they could see was wet and he said he had been angling and got cut off but had decided to wade and swim across to the other side. He said he was ok.

The information was passed on to the Coastguard operations who then stood all units down at 4.31pm. The ILB returned to Selsey and was recovered straight away. The ILB crew today were Helmsman Harry Emmence, Neil Hopcraft, Ian Ford. And the shore crew were Chris Bowling, Mark Penny, Rob Archibald, Phil Pitham.



Selsey Gardening Club

Our July meeting was our 'Mini Evening Show'. After all the sunshine we had over the past few months the weather turned and we really thought there would be very little on the show bench for our members to judge. They all dug deep and searched the garden and house for exhibits and the tables were full. We had a total of 50 entries which was absolutely amazing. The classes were a photo of a bird in my garden, a single rose, a bunch of sweet peas, (oh my word didn't they smell gorgeous), a flowering pot plant, a vase of 3 different flowers, a vase of 3 the same flower, an exhibit of fruit, vegetables and an article of handicraft. There was some discussion over which class the rhubarb should have been entered in - although we eat it as a dessert it is botanically a vegetable.

Well Done to all our members who entered and supported this show. You really did excel yourselves this year. Some of the wonderful exhibits and a group photo of all the winners is below.



Handicraft Winner



Exhibits



Group Winners

There is no meeting at St Peters in August, we will be back there in September. Details of this will be advertised here in the Selsey Life. Have a great summer enjoying your gardens and we look forward to meeting again in September.

40) Rod Steiger's Napoleon met whose Wellington in the film Waterloo?

Selsey Wine Interest Group (SWIG)

At our June meeting and wine tasting in lovely weather in a member's delightful garden in East Beach in Selsey, a competitive battle was joined between the wines of France (2 whites and 2 reds) and the wines (2 whites and 2 reds) of the Rest of the World.

We started with the two Chardonnays. The Barossa Valley in South East Australia provided our first contender. Labelled as 'Extra Special', (2022, 13.5%), this vibrantly appealing wine with fruit aromas and creamy cashew nut flavours has been fermented in French oak barriques. This delightful wine would normally accompany light fish and poultry dishes.

Its very worthy opponent was a 2016 Macon-Villages Chardonnay (13%). Delicious and charming, this wine offers aromas of peaches and apricots, with flavours of citrus fruits and white flowers. Also recommended with grilled white fish, chicken dishes or cheeses, it may also be drunk by itself perhaps with pre-dinner nibbles.

With 8 out of 10, unsurprisingly, the French Chardonnay won Round 1, hands down.

Moving right along, next up was a Reserve Sauvignon Blanc (13%), from Hawkes Bay, New Zealand. Notes of passion fruit, citrus and floral notes combine in an intriguing nose and a fresh, slight acidity on the palate. The 'Reserve' designation can only be used for those wines where the Winemaker's skills in the art of blending produce a wine of exceptional quality and complexity. This 2020 vintage was the result of a perfect long, dry season resulting in exquisitely ripe grapes. This Sauvignon Blanc may be enjoyed as an aperitif or with seafood or hard cheeses.

Its worthy rival was a 2021 Villebois Sauvignon Blanc (12.5%), a delicious wine combining crisp elegance with the fruitiness of gooseberries, mangos and passion fruit. It is highly recommended to be enjoyed with oysters, fish and goats cheese. Villebois, in the Ain department of Eastern France, is regarded as the exotic home of Sauvignon Blanc in France.

In this Round 2, with 8 out of 10 votes, the N. Z. Sauvignon Blanc was the winner.

Now for the reds, starting with two Malbecs. The 2021 La Moneda (13.5%), from the celebrated Valle Central in Chile is described as a 'dark and brooding Malbec with delicious flavours of blackberries and plum fruit with some peppery spice notes'.

Up against it was the 'Original' Malbec from the Comte Tolosan Rigal vineyard, founded in 1755, in Cahors in the South west of

France, where due to their sunny slopes and limited rainfall, its rolling hills are ideal for growing concentrated and aromatic grapes. Rigal has invested its long accumulated expertise into the production of this stunning Malbec, with its firm, fruity and well balanced structure with red fruit flavours and elegant pepper spice aromas and a long and charming finish.



A split decision resulted in a 50/50 dead heat score between these two excellent red wines.

For our final head to head of the evening, we compared two Merlots. Turning again to the Valle Central in Chile, the 2021 'Patriots' Merlot (13%) is dedicated to those who fought so courageously and fell in the Chilean War of Independence which started in 1810 and was waged until a Declaration of Independence was officially issued in Chile in 1818. This successful conclusion was mostly due to the heroism of General Bernardo O'Higgins, one of Chile's founding fathers, and who became the first Chilean Head of State.

These Merlot grapes are harvested in the Valle Central in the foothills of the Andes where the volcanic soils and the wide range of daily temperatures produce wonderfully ripe grapes. It is recommended to enjoy this expressive, complex red wine with its juicy red fruits and floral notes, - complemented with a hint of vanilla from partial ageing in French oak, with roasted meats and tomato based pasta dishes and of course with a selection of cheeses.

Its rival was a 2019 Cave Saint-Dézéry Cuvée Nuria Rouge (14.5%) from the Cévennes region, which is renowned as much for its high quality wines as its natural rugged beauty. The innovation and passion of the dedicated Winemaker, Nuria Morales, at the Cave Saint-Dézéry shine through in this world class wine, with its explosion of blackberries and blueberries on both the nose and in its soft, silky palate.

Would you believe that the Patriot Merlot from Chile was the winner in Round 4 by six votes to only four for the French Merlot?

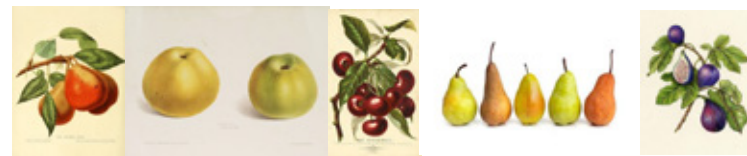
At our next meeting and tasting in July our theme is Summer Wines. We meet regularly for wine tasting each month in Selsey. If you would like to join us, please email me at lunn.peter@gmail.com

Abundance Fruit Project

Do you or your neighbours have any fruit trees in your garden which you are unable to harvest?

If so, we can help you harvest them, leave you some of the fruit and distribute the rest across Selsey to people who will enjoy it

Please tell us about any Apple, Pear, Plum, Cherry, Damson, Fig or other fruit you think could be harvested and shared. We would also like to know if you would like to plant a new fruit tree in your garden or local neighbourhood.



Please contact Paul at 07815790770 or at paul@selseycommunityforum.uk



Photo of 3 baby seagulls in camouflage resting in the stones in my front garden!

I couldn't resist taking a photo of them but it had to be through the window otherwise I would have disturbed them.

In the Garden

our monthly guide to gardening - In memory of Giles Peare

Jobs for August

If the flowering performance of Perennials such as Campanular, Delphiniums, Sedum or Cardoon is somewhat declining it is best to lift and divide them. Re-plant in soil with some added compost and make sure it is well watered. Plant in groups of 3, 5 or 7 rather than dotting them around. They will provide an impressive display next year.

Keep grapevines well watered and ventilated - thin out some leaves if necessary. Nip out all unwanted shoots after they have produced one leaf to concentrate the efforts of the plant into producing grapes and replacement shoots for next year's harvest.

Pinch out any sideshoots on Tomatoes. Tap the flowers regularly and mist-spray in the mornings to encourage fruit set. Give regular feeds using a high potash Tomato food, preferably with added calcium. Never allow plants to wilt or blossom, end rot will result. Support the plants securely, tying as necessary. Remove lower leaves gradually as they start yellowing but do not expose fruit to strong sunlight. Make sure the Tomatoes in greenhouses are well ventilated or mildew will be a problem.

Tip Top Tips

- Chopped up Banana skins spread around Rose bushes make good fertiliser and help discourage Greenfly.
- To prevent birds from pecking fruit on trees tie a bag of moth balls to the lowest branch.
- This is the time to cut down old Raspberry canes and thin out new.
- Continue to cut Sweet Peas and cut and dis-bud Roses to extend the flowering season.
- Cut out stems that have fruited on Blackcurrant bushes to give more room for the young stems that will fruit next year.
- Reduce lawn mowing in hot, dry weather and raise the height of cut. Irrigate the lawn in the evening and give a thorough soak once a week.
- Keep flies away by placing fresh Mint on the kitchen window sill.

Thank You!

The Selsey Open Gardens team and the chosen charities would like to say a HUGE thank you for being part of and supporting our Open Gardens event on the 11th June.

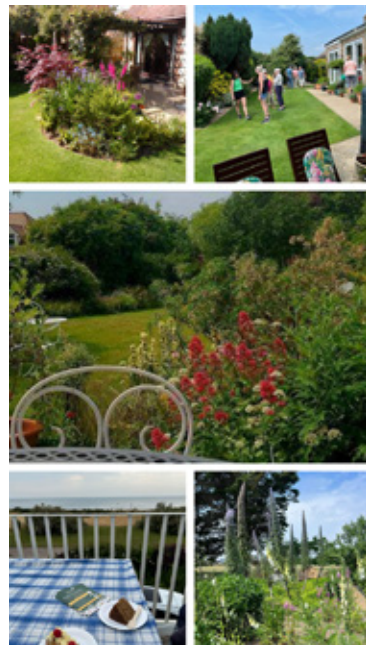
All our collective efforts have raised a considerable sum of money for several local charities and good causes.

The amount raised by the event was over **£6000**. Our primary charity Selsey Community First Responders will receive a cheque for **£3100** and the remainder will be shared with the following charities and good causes:

Selsey Community Forum, Cystic Fibrosis, Parkinson UK, Chestnut Tree House, Snowdrop Trust, St Peter's Church Roof fund, Wetwheels Solent, Selsey Youth Dream and Selsey Men in Sheds.

What a fantastic amount raised, our charities are only able to make a difference thanks to the fundraising and support of people like you.

Thankyou!



The Hidden Garden

a Selsey Community Garden for all to enjoy. Come and join us and meet other passionate gardeners, learn seasonal gardening ideas, swap seeds & plants and help grow fresh vegetables and flowers to take home.

we meet Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 10-4pm

at The Bridge Support Centre
behind Selsey Library, PO20 9EH

contact Paul on 07815 790770 for more information

organised by

41) In which 1952 film did Robert Taylor play a medieval knight?

42) Who played the title role in Scott of the Antarctic?

43) What is the traditional dessert on Thanksgiving Day?

44) The artist Roy Lichtenstein was from what country?

45) George Balanchine was famous in which field of the arts?

46) The gas firedamp is found where?

47) What do the initials stand for in the name of P L Travers?

48) Who wrote The Return of the Native?

49) Which Belushi brother died of a drugs overdose in 1982?

50) What does impecunious mean?



RNLI SELSEY LIFEBOAT SHOP

The RNLI Shop is open
Tuesday – Sunday
10:30-16:00

Come and have a browse through the shop where you will find lots of lovely things to buy from Food, Clothing, Souvenirs and Toys

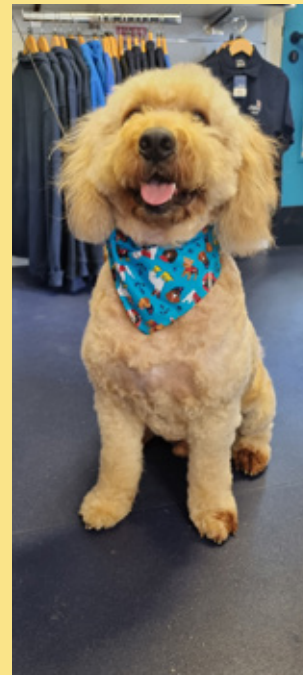
Don't forget when you come into the shop to have a browse to remember your little furry friends too. We have a great selection of Doggie items, as Pudsey here is modelling.

We would love to see you.

For up to date information please check:-

Face Book- RNLI Selsey Lifeboat station

Website- www.selserylifboats.co.uk



10 July 2023

Selsey RNLI tows broken down vessel clear of moorings



The Selsey all-weather lifeboat was requested to launch on Monday 10th July after the 25ft motor boat had machinery failure and drifted into the moorings just off the lifeboat station.

The crew on the boat attempted to anchor but with the flooding tide this started dragging and the vessel collided with another boat on its moorings, soon their anchor snagged on the moorings. The all-weather lifeboat (ALB) launched at 10.42am and was quickly on scene and after a quick assessment the coxswain decided to tow the vessel away from danger using a bow to bow. At the time the vessel collided the moored vessel had someone on board who was able to assist the casualty vessel crew in recovering their anchor and attach the lifeboat's tow line.

Once the casualty vessel was in open water the tow was switched to the conventional stern to bow and a course was set for Chichester Harbour. The Harbour entrance was reached at 12.30pm and once inside the vessel was brought to an alongside tow for the passage to Sparkes marina. The motor boat and two crew were safely berthed alongside in Sparkes with the assistance of marina staff and the Hayling Island coastguard Rescue Team at 12.55pm. The ALB was released at 1.12pm to return to station.



The lifeboat arrived back at Selsey at 2.00pm and was recovered straight away. The crew today were Coxswain Rob Archibald, Mechanic Phil Pitham, James Albrey, Craig Sergeant, Sam Corcoran-Smith, Neil Martin.

BORDERLANDS – Probing the Sussex Perimeter (stage 10)

New Lifeboat station Selsey is a modern work of art Replacement for its ancient rusting off shore counterpart For those in peril finding precious life hangs by a thread Speeds steel nerve through trough and crest their rescue to spearhead

Tough Seal Island smuggling men held sway in days of old With much of their illicit trade completely uncontrolled The captured few were hanged and left for other rogues to see A warning near the water's edge to shake complacency

Summer's emergence made its mark hot grasslands turn to gold Rain free days becoming weeks farmer's livelihoods on hold Tinder bleached the pale backdrop, the once lush verdant Downs Dusty dry slow sleepy streets in villages and towns

When Patrick Moore to Selsey came night skies were always dark Today the glow of Chichester creates an orange arc So he took flight some time ago to live among the stars Far out across the sky at night to the east of planet Mars

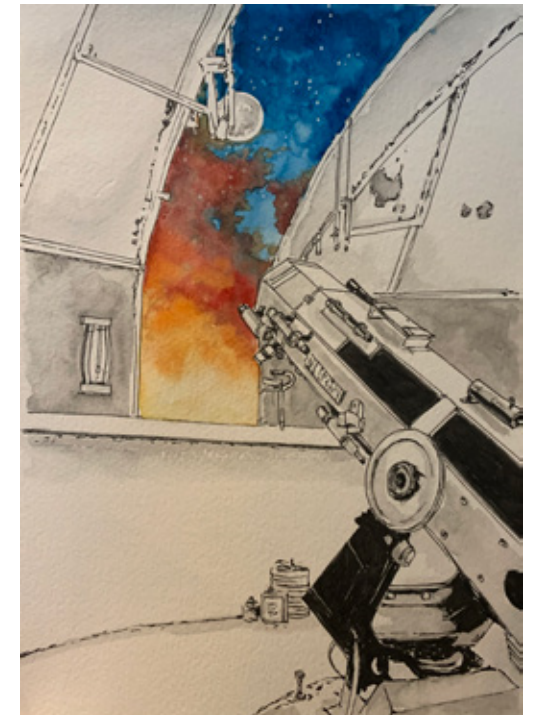
Astronomers probe the sky at night they feed the cat by day One even played his xylophone across the Milky Way Then push-biked down the local shops on pinhead planet Earth He speaks rapidly to Newton now for all that he is worth

Selsey Life the area's community magazine Records most village happenings from health to Halloween Informing and reflecting here since 1998 The furtherance of local things its aim to instigate

Mouse trap inventor Pullinger once worked in Selsey town His humane traps were kind to mice and cost just half-a-crown The wooden box held twenty five and all were then set free A good half mile away from home his thinking plain to see

The southern-most point of Sussex now belongs to Selsey Bill Just further south than Beachy Head the leading role to fill Faltering chalk cliff to the east meant Selsey snatched the lead Scant meters separate the two and neither will concede

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August's Update ... Focus on ...

Way back in 2016 I emailed Selsey Town Council Chair at the time Mike Beal, explaining my role in developing Dementia Friendly Communities within West Sussex. My email was forwarded onto Mike Nicholls, Chair of **Selsey Community Forum** (SCF), who explained the amazing work that was going on within Selsey to support our older folk. He encouraged a further discussion, and I thought "great, this isn't a no!" I was invited to a meeting with some of the forum at the Selsey Fire Station to explain more. I was pleased to say that the vision was received positively, and the rest is history.

I went onto meet with Ronelle Juleff at the Penny Lane Office, where her **Good Morning Selsey** (GMS) took place. She had a very small office, but boy was it a hive of activity. Volunteers would come into make those calls, (25-30 a week at that point) vital lifeline conversations to people listed on her books every day. The calls provide a break in the monotony of feeling isolated and home due to various medical issues. Most living on their own. Ronelle coordinated befriending visits too, providing shopping and wellbeing checks on people. Ronelle probably had about 40 people on her books then. Unfortunately, many now not with us any longer.

Fast forward to 2023, and the befriending services have expanded exponentially. The charity has developed 9 additional services, and **Selsey Befriending Services** heads up one of them. Within that now there is a range of activities under that banner and coordinated by Ronelle. **Morning Live, Movies for Memories, Together Time, Respite Teas**, and **Befriending** calls. Ronelle went onto also co-ordinated the set up a similar GM service in Bracklesham which is supported by partners including Bracklesham Parish Council.

From 2021 the **Good Morning Call Services**, Amanda Daniels now manages the calls. Amanda has an army of volunteers who make calls to 115 people registered. On average 400 calls are made weekly. Amanda says, "Alongside welfare and loneliness calls, we continue to support service users who need extra calls because of family being on holiday, coming home from a stay in hospital and those who have gone from a weekly call, to now having daily calls".

Amanda joined SCF in October 2020 as a volunteer making the **Good Morning Calls**. Amanda had moved to Selsey from West London to be near her parents in 1996. She had been visiting her aunt since 1966 and when her grandmother later moved so did Amanda. She worked at Hoopers Department Store in Chichester, having been a manager at Russell and Bromley's in London. On her days, Amanda volunteered to help in the Special Needs Department at the college and eventually took a job as a Learning Support Assistant. Amanda took a break from working when in 2004 she had twins, Matthew, and Natasha. Amanda has recently, taken up residence with her mum Kate Grant and dog Lexie, to be closer to mum. Whilst Amanda's own health has been affected by a slipped disc, you may see her whizzing around on her mum's scooter, and never without a smile!

Amanda has gone on to establish and facilitate the **Wednesday Friendship Group** at the Methodist Church at 10.00am-11.30am. This group has flourished, and many people come to have conversation, share news, play quizzes and games. There is always some kind of celebration and birthdays are not forgotten. The Coronation of the King gave another wonderful opportunity to celebrate and reflect together. (Oh, and eat cake!)



About 18 months ago, Amanda identified a need for people with Parkinson's Disease to come together. Amanda set up and facilitates the **Parkinson's Group** which takes place in The Shop (next to TrueVision) the first and third Wednesday of the month from 2pm until 3.30pm. Amanda tells me that "Sometimes guests chat about Parkinson's and sometimes guests talk about other aspects of life that still carry on despite their illness. Often drawing strength from each other. I try to ensure that the latest information about Parkinson's is available to share and discuss. One of the ladies has even taken up boxing!"

You will also see that Amanda covers the **Selsey Care Shop** on a Sunday morning (10am-1pm), enabling the charity to run services every day. This gives people who may work all week or can only get out on a Sunday opportunity to pop in. Amanda also works alongside colleagues in the **Care Shop** during the week. Often focusing on people and families because of their declining health, safeguarding issues, and requiring information or referrals to our other services, **Selsey Money Support, BATS, Selsey Employment Services** to prevent a crisis.

Selsey Community Forum - responding to various needs locally

*If you want to know more of the work of **Selsey Community Forum** in the community or are interested in volunteering, bringing your skills to help develop the groups, or simply donate to our community organisation that we will no doubt all benefit from in the future, if not now, then please contact us at The Care Shop.*

Selsey Community Forum

Registered Charity 1156460

Telephone: 01243 201616

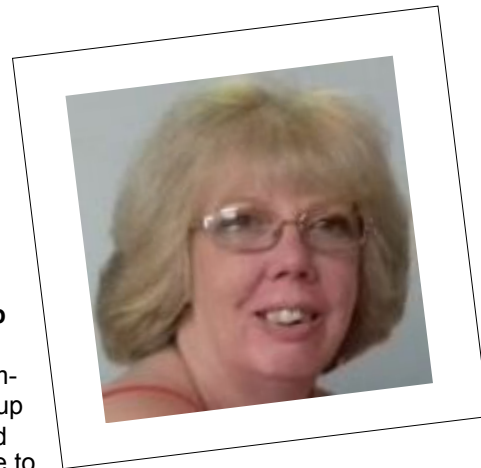
Email: mail@selseycommunityforum.uk

Website: www.selseycommunityforum.uk

Address: Selsey Care Shop, 121 High Street, Selsey, PO20 0QB

**Opening Hours: Mon – Fri: 9am – 4pm
Sat: 9am – 1pm Sun: 10am – 1pm**

Forum Supporters, please pop in or check the website www.selseycommunityforum.uk



Several public conveniences in Chichester District set to be refurbished

Councillors have given the green light for several blocks of public conveniences in the Chichester District to be refurbished over the coming months.

The decision was made at a meeting of Chichester District Council's Full Council on Tuesday 18 July 2023. The facilities that are due to be refurbished are: Priory Park, Chichester; **East Beach, Selsey**; Bosham Lane, Bosham; and, Market Road, Chichester. These sites were chosen based on a variety of information, including how often they are used and feedback from public and partners.

Work was also carried out to look at refurbishing the public conveniences in Tower Street, Chichester, but investigations found that there were severe structural and subsidence issues that would require extensive and costly work. It was decided to progress options for the Tower Street site, including for its demolition and the provision of a modern modular toilet and the reuse of the remainder of the site. A further report will be brought back to Cabinet.

"Having high quality, accessible public conveniences is extremely important especially for visitors to our district, people with health conditions and those who are pregnant, and we want to ensure that the facilities we provide are of the highest standards, which is why we are carrying out this much-needed work", explains Councillor Harsha Desai, the council's Cabinet Member for Growth and Place.

"All the sites will have new disabled facilities which meet modern legislation, while other work will include providing new flooring, tiling, and sanitary ware. Some of the sites will also be suitable for solar panels and we'll be installing LED lights which are much more efficient and better for the environment.

"Unfortunately, the significant amount of work that would be needed to resolve issues at the Tower Street site in Chichester were too costly, and as a council we have to consider the best use of limited budgets. This will be further considered as we evaluate options for this site in more detail. I know that some people may be disappointed about this, and I completely understand, but I would like to reassure residents and visitors that we do still have our public conveniences in Little London, which is right in the centre of Chichester and there are also facilities in our Novium Museum, as well as facilities in the Avenue de Chartres, Cattle Market and Northgate car parks, along with those provided in Priory Park. There are also toilet facilities provided by surrounding business and visitor attractions.

"This work is the first part of a wider project to upgrade public conveniences across the district and we hope to start work later this year. Although councils don't have a legal duty to provide public conveniences, our council feels that having up-to-date, modern and accessible facilities is crucial to the district's success as a visitor destination and gives a positive impression to both residents and visitors."

- 51) Where is France's tomb of the unknown soldier?
- 52) Gregorian chanting was named after which Pope?
- 53) What is the world's biggest selling single malt whiskey?
- 54) Which metal is made of bauxite?

I asked the IT guy, "How do you make a Motherboard?" He said, "I tell her about my job."

Why was Cinderella dropped from the soccer team? She kept running away from the ball.



Sportive Cycle event launched from Sage House in Tangmere.

Local charity Dementia Support has teamed up with The Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham to launch their very first Cycle event from the charity's hub, Sage House in Tangmere.



The sportive will take place on Sunday 24th September, offering two wonderful scenic routes across the South Downs, along quiet roads in West Sussex with a 50 mile route or a 25 mile route option. Something for a variety of abilities and ages to get involved and both pedal bikes and electric bikes are welcome.

Cyclists will set off from Sage House - located just on the edge of the South Downs, and acting as the ideal base offering full facilities for participants.

The routes will be signposted, and there will be available a downloadable map in both Garmin and GPX format, and a medal for all finishers.

Daisy's Café at Sage House will be open during the event, where all entrants will be offered a complimentary hot drink, prior to the start. There will be cakes, drinks and meals for those who want some calorie replacement after the cycle, or maybe for friends and family while waiting to cheer cyclists as they return.



Karen Holman, keen cyclist and President of The Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham, Said, "This is a great opportunity for all cycling enthusiasts, with easy access from Sage House to some wonderful cycle routes, and the ideal base with all the facilities that Sage House has to offer for participants"

The Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham are organizing this event with considerable help from Dementia Support, from the team at the specialist dementia hub at Sage House in Tangmere. Any surplus generated by this event will be donated by the Club to the charity.

If you are interested in taking part, please visit <https://www.dementiasupport.org.uk/spinathon> for further details on how to register.

Sage House Sportive
In aid of Sage House Dementia Support

Sunday 24th September 2023 | 8am - 3pm

Come and join our first fundraising CYCLING EVENT* at Dementia Support's Sage House hub in Tangmere!
Choose from two cycle routes through the beautiful South Downs
*Manual & electric bikes accepted, this is not a race!

SIGN UP TODAY!

50 Miles £25	25 Miles £20	Under 16's £10
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Sign Up & Joining Link:
www.eventrac.co.uk/e/sage-house-sportive-9646
We hope that in addition to entering you will consider raising sponsorship for Dementia Support

Ticket price includes:

- Route Plan (GPX)
- Refreshment Stops
- On Road Recovery
- Bike for Return & Cuts
- Rider Number

Contact: info@housedementia.org.uk
Selsey House, 121 High Street, Selsey, PO20 0QB

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The Juniors are playing in the West Sussex League gain this year. They have played three matches so far. The first was held at home, where they came second. They then played at the West Sussex and finished first and at Goodwood where they finished second again. This means that they are currently at the top of the the on 13points, being 4 points ahead of their closest rival. The team is made up of Tom Ford, Luca Alonso, Reggie Lee and Osca Lee. Well done boys.

During the summer school holidays there will be some junior coaching sessions run by a PGA Professional. If any boys and girls would like to attend theses sessions please ring the Pro Shop to book. As has been written before in the Golf Club article in Selsey Life, golf is a wonderful sport to play, it is a sport you can play throughout your whole life, it gives the chance to make lifelong friends and provides good exercise. It can lead to careers in all areas of golf. As again mentioned in previous articles, quite a number of Selsey Junions have gone on to be professional golfers both in this country and abroad, groundsmen and various other jobs associated with golf.

The Ladies, once again, had a busy month. The first competition was held on 5th June, The Bronze and Rabbits cups. The Bronze Cup is for players with handicaps of 34 and under and the Rabbits is for players with handicaps of 35 and over. The winner of the Rabbits Cup was Samantha Dowsett with a score of net 75. Samantha also scored the lowest gross score of 120. Caroline Simpson came second with a net 77. The winner of the Bronze Cup was Alison Weller with a net score of 66. Gillian Chapman was the runner-up with a net score of 68, however Gillian had the lowest gross score of 95. 6 ladies played the 9 hole competition and the winner was Carole Redman with 19points and second was Caroline Newton with 12 points.

On May 12th the Margaret Bond Cup was played. Margaret Bond was Lady Captain in 1980/1981 and presented this magnificent trophy to the Ladies Section. This Stableford competition is played every year and this year's winner was Alison Weller who scored 37points and Jacqui Towns came second also with 37 points; Alison beating her on countback. Only 2 ladies played the 9 hole competition this week, Barbara Winter and Teddy Senft. Barbara won.

On the 19th June the final Grandmother competition was played. This is a competition that was set up by Meg Mearns 25 years ago in honour of the birth of her first grandchild and was only for grandmothers. As the Ladies section has now many members who are not grandmothers, this is no longer appropriate. However this year's competition was played and the winner was Kathy Croxford and this was so appropriate as it was Kathy's grandson's first birthday on that day. Sheila Watmore came second.



Kathy Croxford being presented with Grandmother's trophy by Vice Captain Jillie Ranscombe.



On the 23rd June the most important event of the Lady Captain's year is her Lady Captains Day. The sun was shining and Jacqui Towns embraced her special day. She had decorated one of the course's Buggies with flowers, some real, some silk and they looked very pretty. All players taking part in the competition were to have their photograph taken with Jacqui in the buggy before they went out to play the course. The 'photo shoot' started just before 9.30 and there will be a photo at the end of this part of the article of Jacqui with the winner and her playing partner. Having gotten the competition underway, an 18 hole Stableford, Jacqui busied herself setting out the raffle table, checking all was on time for refreshment that were offered to the players after 9 holes and setting out the prizes for the winners. There were 4 nearest the pin prizes on the 7th and 12th holes, and the longest drive on the 15th. On the 18th there was a prize for the lady who got nearest the pin on her second shot. As well as the 18 hole competition a 9 hole competition was played.

Lunch was served as soon as the last pair had finished their round. Everybody changed for lunch and took their places at the beautifully laid tables that included a gift from Jacqui for each player. Salmon, Chicken and Ham was served accompanied by various delicious salads, this was followed by fruit salad and cream. Everybody enjoyed their meal and eagerly awaited the prize-giving. The winner of the Lady Captains Cup was Carol Smith with an amazing score of 42 points. Carol also won the 2 nearest the pin prizes on the 7th and 12th and the longest drive. Well done Carol, Gilly Chapman was the runner-up. Kathy Croxford won the nearest the pin on the 18th. The winner of the 9 hole competition was Gillian Flack and the runner up was Kristen Shepherd.

Finally the raffle was held and yet another Lady Captain had enjoyed her special day. The proceeds from the raffle went to Lady Captain's charity The Aldingbourne Trust.



Carol Smith, Jacqui Towns Lady Captain and Trudy Hynes who played with Carol.

Finally this month on 26th June the Buxton Knight Trophy was played. This competition is the Ladies Club Championship competition and was first played in 1937. The trophy had been presented by Mrs Buxton Knight and her husband. This year's champion is Gillian Hill who has been a member of Selsey Golf Club for many years. Gillian finished the round with a net score of 74. She also achieved the lowest gross score of 98. Sheila Watmore was second and scored a net 76. Carol Redman won the 9 hole competition with and Teddy Senft came in second.

Sea Bathing In Selsey: A Historical Overview

Nestled on the southern coast of England, this charming seaside town of ours called Selsey, has a rich history that stretches back centuries. Little known, yet one of the most enduring traditions it has, is sea bathing: a practice that has evolved from ancient rituals to the popular leisure activity we know today. Here, we take you on a short overview of an 800-year journey through the history of sea bathing in Selsey, from its humble beginnings to its significant role in the town's cultural identity.

Ancient Origins and Early Traditions

The story of sea bathing in Selsey begins in antiquity. The town's proximity to the sea and its abundant natural beauty attracted early inhabitants who recognized the therapeutic properties of the saltwater. Archaeological evidence suggests that even during the Roman occupation of Britain, Selsey's coastline was frequented by bathers seeking the healing benefits of the sea. Romans believed in the medicinal qualities of seawater for various ailments, and they constructed rudimentary bathing facilities to enjoy these benefits.

The Medieval Era: Spiritual Significance

During the medieval period, sea bathing in Selsey took on a spiritual dimension. The town's close association with Christianity, dating back to the arrival of Saint Wilfrid in the 7th century, added a religious element to the practice of sea bathing. Pilgrims would visit Selsey to experience the holy waters, which were believed to possess curative powers. The pilgrimage to Selsey became a popular tradition, and the act of sea bathing took on a more ceremonial and ritualistic significance.

The Victorian Influence

The 19th century marked a significant turning point in the history of sea bathing in Selsey, when the Victorian era saw a renewed interest in the benefits of sea air and seawater, believing it to be an antidote to the rapidly industrializing and urbanized world. Selsey's pristine coastline, untouched by the modernisation seen in other areas of the country, became a magnet for tourists and holidaymakers seeking rejuvenation and relaxation by the sea.

As the popularity of sea bathing grew, so did the infrastructure to accommodate visitors. Bathing machines were introduced, providing modesty and privacy to those venturing into the water. These horse-drawn carts allowed bathers, particularly women, to change into their swimwear away from prying eyes before being wheeled into the water. The introduction of the railway in the mid-19th century further boosted Selsey's accessibility, bringing even more visitors to enjoy the benefits of sea bathing.

Changing Attitudes in the 20th Century

The 20th century brought about changes in attitudes toward sea

bathing, influenced by advancements in medicine and a greater understanding of hygiene. The focus shifted from sea bathing solely for therapeutic purposes to a recreational activity. People came to the coast not just to improve their health but also for leisure and enjoyment.

Improved transportation links, such as the expansion of road networks and the increasing affordability of people owning cars, made Selsey even more accessible to day-trippers and holiday-makers from neighbouring towns and cities. The town's appeal as a holiday destination grew, leading to the opening of guesthouses, hotels, and holiday parks to accommodate the influx of tourists.

Contemporary Sea Bathing Culture

We'd like to think that sea bathing remains an integral part of Selsey's identity and of course, The Selsey Sea Bathing Society has helped contribute to this immensely in the past four years, as well as some of the smaller groups who have gathered in the past and continue to do so. And whilst the old Victorian bathing machines may be a thing of the past, the spirit of those times lives on as we gather at the water's edge to enjoy the healing power of the sea and each other's company. From its ancient origins as a spiritual practice to its transformation into a popular Victorian pastime and a cherished contemporary tradition, sea bathing in Selsey has endured the test of time. It has evolved from a perceived cure for ailments to a recreational activity that enriches the lives of locals and visitors alike. As long as the waves continue to kiss the shore and the sun graces the horizon, Selsey's connection to sea bathing will ensure, intertwining the town's history with the timeless allure of the ocean.

Written by Justine Clement

If you'd like to join the Selsey Sea Bathing Society for one of their free monthly events please go to <https://www.selseyseabathingsociety.com/>



My friend Jack says he can communicate with vegetables. Jack and the beans talk.

Why are art collectors such big fans of gasoline? Because it makes their Van Gogh.

Did you hear about the perfume that smells of nothing? I think it's total non-scents.

On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.

Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

The "dot" over the letter "i" is called a tittle.

Spiral staircases in medieval castles run clockwise. This is because all knights used to be right-handed. When the intruding army would climb the stairs, they would not be able to use their right hand, which was holding the sword, because of the difficulties of climbing the stairs

SELSEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Times for bowling are as follows :-

Sunday 10am -11.30am

Wednesday & Thursday evenings 7pm until 8.30pm

We are a very friendly club & welcome new members, all equipment is provided.

Come along & give it a try at Medmerry School,(entrance opposite the Library) you won't be disappointed.

Contact Annette on 606227 or Marcus on 607347

email: info@selseycarpetbowls.co.uk

www.selseycarpetbowls.co.uk

Dogs can't see your bones. But CAT scan.

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There is Pay Bar in the Club House open all day until late, open to the public, offering cheap alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks.

As in previous years, we are looking for people and organisations, who would like to put stalls or attractions on the field.

Note all food & drink stalls already let out.

Confirmed attractions this year include

Bungee trampolines

Chaplins Little shake shop

Ice cream, slush puppies and crepes.

Pegasus Pizzas

Burger van

Fresh hot donuts

Inflatable mega slide

Penalty shootout

Basketball shootout Bouncy castle Charity stall, teddy Tombola

Friends of Selsey Medical Centre Tombola

Selsey First Responders

Tombola

Find the Wine

Sir Patrick Moore 3D exhibition in the Pavilion

We expect to have over 15 attractions including food stalls.

We are getting ever closer to the return of Selsey Cricket & Social Club's famous Beer Rounders and Family day, which will be on the Recreation Ground, on Sunday August 13th 2023.



We hope that people will share this event, to get as many people in our community to take part as teams or spectators.

If you are interested, please contact us on info@selseycc.co.uk

So come along whether you are local, or visiting Selsey, everyone is welcome, and have a fantastic day out.

Further information about entering teams in this years event, can be had by emailing us at info@selseycc.co.uk or phoning the Club President John Reeve on 01243 604924.

Every team will get a minimum of two games. Make up a team (7 persons) book a team or Turn up on the day, or just come along to watch and enjoy the day.

Selsey Cricket Club is located at The Sir Patrick Moore Pavilion, Recreation Ground, High Street, Selsey, PO20 9BB, car parking in the new Co-Op behind the fire station, or at Selsey Medical Centre.

It promises to be a fantastic day out for all the family, with lots of things to see and do, so come along and enjoy the fun.



Ground open from 10:30, matches start at 11:00 am.

Green Bowls

16th June The Ladies Green team played Arundel at home in the GSM League, they won on one rink but lost on the other gaining 2 league points. There was no friendly rink.

17th June The men were away to Maltravers in a WSBL Division 2 game where they and gained 8 points.

20th June Crablands hosted the SCRIBO touring team in a 5-rink friendly. Crablands won 2 but lost on 3 rinks. SCRIBO originated as the London Bowling Secretaries Association- their members come from several different clubs and meet up to go on tours. They have come to Crablands bi-annually for a number of years but they like us so much they want to come again next year! A lovely afternoon was had by all and we look forwards to playing them again next time.

23rd June Crablands Ladies Red team played Norfolk away in the GSM league. Crablands won on one rink but lost on the other gaining 4 league points. The friendly rink won 20-12

24th June The men were at home to Middleton in a top of the table clash, where they won 85-70.

25th June In a BML Division 2 game Crablands hosted Aldingbourne and won 36-27 (4 points)

28th June Crablands Ladies Green team played Pagham at home in the GSM League. They won on one rink and lost on the other but won overall so gaining 4 league points.

2nd July The club 2 wood competition was held on Sunday 2nd July only as the ladies needed the green for a county competition on Saturday 1st July.

5th July In the Men's WSBL Division 2, Crablands lost at home to Pagham 79-96 but Dave Evans, Albert Humphreys, Lew Lewendon and Ian Ford gained a "hotshot" - all 8 shots in one end.

5th July Crablands Ladies Red team played Middleton away and won on both rinks and overall, so gaining 6 league points. Middleton were unable to field a friendly rink.

9th July Crablands were away to Pagham in the BML League. Crablands won on both rinks and overall taking 6 league points. There was also a friendly game in which Crablands were the winners. Well done everyone.

12th July On a very windy afternoon Crablands took two league teams and a friendly to play Norfolk away. Crablands won on one rink but not on the other. 2 league points gained. The friendly won by 2 shots.

Ladies' County Pairs competition

Crablands had 2 teams in this competition. Sadly Sheila Jones & Carol Bowles lost their 1st round match against Norfolk by 1 point on an extra end.

Debs Hogg and Sue Blyth have progressed to the semi-finals to be held at Preston (Brighton) in July. They won away at Maltravers, and at home to Petworth, Norfolk and Pagham. Good luck ladies

Sussex Ladies County Seven ladies from Crablands represented Sussex in a county game at Lee on Solent where they had a narrow win.



Ladies County unbadged singles.

Lesley Duff won the Area Final and progresses to the County semis later this month

24th June Ladies County Top Rink

Crablands ladies played the second round of the county top rink competition at home to Horsham. They won on two rinks, drew on one and lost on the other but won overall and go through to the next round on points.



1st July The ladies played this game against Southwick Park at home and won in all four disciplines going forward to the semi-finals on 16th July.

25th June Pulborough Ladies Open competition.

Crablands took two teams to this competition and after a lovely day of bowling the team of Chris Lewendon, Carole Cornwell and Val Foyle won this competition. Big congratulations to them.



29th June Ladies County Double rink



The ladies played in the County Double Rink competition against Southwick Park. This is one rink at home



and one rink away. They were narrowly defeated overall by one point.



Ian Ford receiving a flash for playing the required number of Home Counties games. Well done, Ian



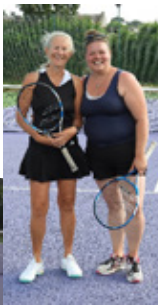
Hotshot winners – Lew Lewendon, Ian Ford, Albert Humphreys and Dave Evans

Tennis

1st July - Ladies Doubles

- Crablands Tournament: Players: Charlie Bray, Cheryl Yeoman, Carol Gilmour, Cathryn Hall, Jess Ackerman, Liz Bosson, Marjie Ridley, Jill Hilliard. This was a nail-biting competition, with the closest of results - overall winners - congratulations to Charlie and Cheryl - with 19

games. Thank you to all who took part and provided an entertaining afternoon with excellent cakes. And thank you Viv for organising another fun event for Crablands Tennis.



9th July - Men's 2s home to Slinfold 4:0 win to Crablands – Charlie Merrett, Mark Maidment, Dom Lines, Andy Jenkins. An exciting afternoon of tennis with Crablands Men's 2s playing some great tennis to entertain the spectators.



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Last Month's Answers

- 1) Shakin' Stevens
- 2) Five
- 3) Barry Manilow
- 4) Premature end of the race
- 5) Chris de Burgh
- 6) Stirling Moss
- 7) Blur
- 8) Gilles Villeneuve
- 9) Snoop Doggy Dogg
- 10) Dan Wheldon
- 11) Cliff Richard
- 12) Sebring, Florida
- 13) Tina Turner
- 14) Kimi Raikkonen
- 15) Meat Loaf
- 16) Chicane
- 17) Marty Wylde
- 18) Nelson Piquet
- 19) Cat Stevens (then he became Yusef Islam)
- 20) Hockenheim
- 21) Procul Harum
- 22) Alberto Ascari
- 23) Adam Faith
- 24) June
- 25) Chaka Khan
- 26) Australia
- 27) Fatboy Slim
- 28) Jack Brabham
- 29) Tom Jones
- 30) Turkish
- 31) David Bowie
- 32) Renault
- 33) Lulu
- 34) Chris Amon
- 35) France
- 36) Jerry Lewis
- 37) Sculptor
- 38) Broom
- 39) Stella Gibbons
- 40) Five
- 41) Dove
- 42) Leprechaun
- 43) Jean-Claude Van Damme
- 44) William Walton
- 45) Mast
- 46) Jennie Lee
- 47) Witham
- 48) Genesis
- 49) Morph

How did you do?



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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Tel: 01243 967111 Reg. Charity no. 1010000

Email: info@crrc.co.uk www.crrc.co.uk



Hello everybody! It's me Markus the office cat bringing you all the latest news from The Cat and Rabbit Rescue.

Last month's pets of the month, the rabbits Yo! Sushi and Itsu, are sadly still here at The Centre, waiting to find their forever home.

A few weeks ago, we had an arrival of four very cute but scared little 5 week old kittens. Luckily for these

four kittens, they were rescued from a shed that was moments away from being destroyed. These poor little kittens had been living in the shed without anyone realising! The kittens were in good health so my staff are sure their mum had been looking after them. Sadly, because of all the commotion, the mum was nowhere to be found. We do have people keeping an eye out for her but we do not hold much hope in her returning now.

From the moment these kittens arrived, it was very clear that they were feral; they had probably never had any human contact before. Since they have been with us, they have been hiding away and have been showing my staff their little hisses when they visit. Luckily, after dealing with hundreds of ferals over the years, my staff are used to working with them. My staff and volunteers are now working hard to bring them round and show them that the humans are not so bad. I hope that by the time they're old enough to leave here they will have become lovely people loving cats which will only help them to find their forever homes sooner.

Even though it is a lot of hard work to bring these kittens round, I am so happy we could save them and give them the chance at the life they deserve. Thank you to everyone who supports the work of CRRC and allows us to continue helping animals like these.

Lovely to chat to you all again, see you next month.
Love Markus x

P.S. Please check our website www.crrc.co.uk to see how we are now rehoming and for the animals available for adoption.



The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre

Giving the living a chance at life



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

Have you visited the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre Charity Shop at 9 The Parade, Selsey?

It is full of fantastic bric-a-brac, including antiques, pictures, jewellery, as well as clothes for every occasion, beautiful bedding, curtains, craft items, and good quality furniture.

If you have time to spare, why not become a volunteer, just visit Bev or Sharon in the shop.

I can always tell when my wife is lying just by looking at her.
I can also tell when she's standing.

Misty (Kf02-22)

This month we would love to introduce you to Misty who was welcomed into The Centre as a kitten in 2022 after her previous owner had too many cats to cope. When she was with us previously, she found her new home very quickly but sadly, she was returned in January after the neighbourhood cats were bullying her. Sadly, for Misty she has suffered with some problems with her bottom, which caused her to have a prolapse. After several surgeries, Misty is finally better and ready to find her forever home. Misty is only 18 months old and a big kitten at heart! She is a very sweet natured cat who loves to be made a fuss of. She also loves to play and will spend hours batting her toys around. Misty is such a lovely cat who could be rehomed with children or dogs but sadly no cats, as she is scared of them now.

If you think you may be able to offer Misty a loving home please give the centre a call on 01243 967111 or visit our website www.crrc.co.uk.



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Also find us on facebook
www.facebook.com/catandrabbitrescuecentre





SELSEY YOUTH CLUB

Age 9-12

Every Thursday 4:30pm-5:30pm

£1.50 entry fee

Selsey Football and Social Club
(next to CO-OP)
High Street
Selsey, PO20 0QG

01243 608943



Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital
Summer Wildlife Briefings



INSIDE THE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL IN AUGUST

We have a variety of wildlife receiving treatment and care in Brent Lodge, including hedgehogs, reptiles, foxes and many garden birds. We have noticed a considerable rise in ringworm cases across species, as well as dehydrated animals that've struggled to find water sources in this heat. Our new Admissions Building is set to open in September! This carbon-neutral and environmentally-friendly building has a 'green roof' and another with solar panels, and will include improved quarantine facilities, spaces for veterinary services and new patient triage, as well as improving our environmental performance!

AVIAN FLU: Please call us on 01243 641672 (option 1) BEFORE picking up any birds so we can ask vital questions about the bird before taking action. We are still restricted regarding high-risk water birds but still please give us a call if you come across ANY sick/injured bird.

PATIENT STORIES

Two house martins arrived to us as nestlings but have now grown into healthy juveniles. Following a few weeks in our care, learning how to fly and self-feed in our purpose-built aviaries, they have been released ready for their migration to Africa in late summer. Their numbers have decreased massively in the last 50 years and they are now a 'Red List Threatened Species' (IUCN). It was a real pleasure to treat and successfully release these wonderful birds back into the wild, contributing towards the UK's conservation efforts to increase their populations. As they are facing increasing habitat loss, encouraging them to nest in your eaves or putting up artificial nests would help their species greatly!



HELPING BRENT LODGE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

We are in desperate need of all types of wet pet food, particularly kitten and puppy food for our younger patients (non-fish flavoured, as this can upset tummies!) We are so grateful for any and all donations to help the animals in our care.



If you belong to a school, extra-curricular club or community group (of all ages) and may be interested in organising a talk/workshop from our Education Outreach Coordinator about Brent Lodge and what we do, the importance of helping our local wildlife and/or specific topics (e.g. habitats, conservation, hedgehogs,

etc.) – please get in contact with enquiries@brentlodge.org and we'd be delighted to arrange something to suit!

Please always feel free to call us if you need any advice/assistance with wildlife enquiries or how to support us.

By Alex Foster, Education Outreach Coordinator

For more information and tips, please visit our website or contact us on the details below.

Web: www.brentlodge.org
Tel: 01243 641672
Email: enquiries@brentlodge.org

Address: Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital, Cow Lane,
Sidlesham, PO20 7LN.



JOIN IN THE FAMILY FUN & HELP US CONTINUE TO HELP ANIMALS IN NEED

The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre's

Summer Fayre

Sunday August 13th 2023 11AM - 4PM

GAMES STALLS FOOD RAFFLE

SILENT AUCTION FACE PAINTING BOUNCY CASTLE PET VIEWING

August 13th, 11am - 4pm
The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, Holborow Lodge, Chalder Lane, Sidlesham, West Sussex PO20 7RJ

Entry £3 Per Person
Free Entry for Under 16's

Visit our Summer Fayre event to help us raise funds to continue to rescue and rehome animals that need us!

Enjoy plenty of games, activities, good food and browse our many stalls selling new and used goods, our own merchandise and stalls of lots of small, local businesses!

www.crrc.co.uk 01243 967 111 info@crrc.co.uk [f](https://www.facebook.com/crrc) [i](https://www.instagram.com/crrc)

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8 letters:

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SEND FOR
SPIRITS
TEETERS
TOP HATS
TOWNIES
VIEWING
WASHTUB

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Can you spot the unique arrow?

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☐ COMEBACK

☐ COMPOSERS

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☐ MAGNETIZING

☐ MEDIANS

☐ MICROSURGERY

☐ MOCKERS

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

No 22842

Across:

2. Whale relative.

6. "Alice in Wonderland" party drink.

9. Like sides of pyramids.

11. Don't include.

12. Dad's nephew.

14. Insignificant.

15. Not false.

17. Many Nobel Prize winners.

19. Take in food.

20. Adjusted to fit.

Down:

1. Cat or dog.

3. "Squashed circle" shape.

4. Bird that loves statues.

5. Clarify with examples.

7. ___ intelligence.

8. Gutenberg was one.

10. Be an owner.

13. Fortune.

16. Finally edible.

18. Not just think.

SELSEY CANCER RELIEF FUND

DATES TO REMEMBER

Methodist Church Hall 10am

Saturday August 5th Jumble Sale 9.30am

Saturday September 2nd Jumble Sale 9.30am

Saturday October 7th Jumble Sale 9.30am

There is ample parking behind the Fire Station.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings In Selsey

The Methodist Church High Street

Fridays at 1:30 pm

Sundays at 6:30 pm

Selsey Camera Club

A friendly and informal club for all photographers. Whether you have a DSLR or a camera phone, we will be very happy to see you. Please visit our website www.selseycameraclub.co.uk for more information on our programme and how to join.

Visually Impaired Club

Meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month

2-4 PM

Hanover Close

Details from Judy on [01243 606995](tel:01243606995)

THE WRITERS CIRCLE

meets on the first Tuesday of every month in The Methodist Hall, High Street, from 2.00pm 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 £12 per year and £2.00 per session. Tea or Coffee included.

For more information contact Pat Read Tel: 07946707708

1st SELSEY SCOUTS Charity Shop

Scout HQ, School Lane ~ every Saturday

between 10 am -12 noon

Bric-a-brac ~ Clothes ~ Et al

Selsey Bridge Club

All welcome

Friendly group of mixed ability

Thursday afternoons

2pm - 5pm

Selsey Centre Manor Road

call Graham or Christine 01243 602612 for information

SELSEY MAH JONG GROUP

ALL WELCOME

FRIENDLY GROUP ON TUESDAY

AFTERNOONS

2 PM TILL 5 PM AT THE SELSEY CENTRE

PHONE SUE ON [07710 658 331](tel:07710658331)

Selsey Model Boat Club

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

Times: 10.00am until noon on Sundays and Wednesdays

The first Sunday of each month is Race Day

New members welcome

or just pop along to have a look and a chat

contact Richard on [07798786076](tel:07798786076)

SELSEY CANASTA GROUP

ALL WELCOME

ALSO SCRABBLE

FRIENDLY GROUP ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

2 PM TILL 5PM AT THE SELSEY CENTRE

PHONE PAMELA ON [01243 604720](tel:01243604720)

Selsey Men in Sheds

A non-profit making organisation

Open Tuesday & Thursday 10 - 4

Saturdays 10 - 2

Membership £10.00 per month or £100 per year

Complete your own wood / metal projects or be involved in group activities

If you are interested in joining contact Mick Webb 07939 880029

email m.c.webb46@gmail.com

Selsey Royal British Legion Fishing Club

New Members Welcome.

For details ring Brendon 01243 601009

WHAT DO YOU CALL A PAPER AIRPLANE THAT CAN'T FLY? STATIONARY.

Logic puzzles with matches

Add 2 matchsticks to make 8 triangles.

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Well, August has arrived, Lifeboat week is well underway, the schools have finished for the summer, GCSE and A-Level results are being waited for, Selsey is busy with holiday makers enjoying the wonderful seaside town we are so fortunate to live in all year round.



Naturally, many people's attention is well and truly on their holidays. Not everyone is going away, of course, but most of us can hopefully slow down a little bit at some point over the next few weeks. For parents there is the annual challenge of finding things for the children to do and, often, that means extra work for grandparents and friends as parents can be juggling work commitments too.

Perhaps this month as an idea, say a short prayer each week for those who are away on holiday, at home, but on holiday, or visiting Selsey. Let's pray too for our young people as they rest at the end of their school year. We pray they stay safe and have fun, as too for their families and carers. We pray for all who struggle with their health, or those they care for. Most of all, let's pray that we can all find ways to rest and recharge ourselves this summer so that we are ready for what September brings.

This is a great simple summer holiday prayer I found that you too might appreciate:

Thank you, God, for holidays
In the lovely summers days,
For our picnics, for our fun,
For our playing in the sun.
Make us good with smiling faces,
So our homes are friendly places,
And the helpful things we do
Make all of us happy too.
Amen

We all at **Beacon Church** do wish you a relaxing and joyful summer whatever you are up to.



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West Sussex PO20 0PD
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W: beaconchurchselsey.org.uk

Beacon Church Selsey, are a group of ordinary people who believe that church is a great place to make friends and experience God together. We are a family who believe that church should not only be a great time, but also a place where lives are radically transformed. We value being a part of the Selsey Community and of the many community activities and support groups. Rest assured, you can always be sure of a warm welcome, friendly faces, Bible teaching, and even a cup of tea. If you have not been here before, why not give us a try - we would love to meet you.

Regular Weekly Church Events

Below are our regular activities and services together with the specials below for the month.

Sunday	10.00am		MORNING WORSHIP (1 st Sunday of month, family style service)
Tuesday	2.00pm - 3.00pm		Pantry Plus 'Community Food Hub'
Wednesday	2.00pm - 3.30pm		Tea and Chat at the church building <i>Not in August</i>
Friday	10.00am		Sunbeams for pre-school children and carers <i>Term-time only</i>
Friday	5.00pm		Bright Sparks for school Yrs R to 4 <i>Term-time only</i>
Friday	6.15pm		Lighthouse for school Yrs 5+ <i>Term-time only</i>

Beacon Church continues all through the summer of course, but most weekday activities are taking a break.

August Diary

Sat 5 th	9am	Men's Breakfast		The Boulevard
Sun 6 th	10am	Morning Worship with Baptisms – Do join us, particularly if you have not seen a baptism by immersion before.		
	5pm	Songs of Praise		
Sun 20 th	3pm	ResBite Tea		

September Diary

Sat 2 nd	9am	Men's Breakfast		The Boulevard
Mon 11 th	2pm	Inspire Group - Open to all adults - Art, craft and a Christian "thought for the day"		

More details of all our services and activities can be found on our website

Selsey Methodist Church

Summer Holidays

By the time you read this the schools will have broken up and the holiday season will be well and truly with us. I have wonderful memories of my Dad expertly packing all of our holiday gear – suitcases, fishing nets, buckets and spades, etc and so on - into the boot of our car before we headed off for two weeks by the sea courtesy of my Grandparents who had, rather conveniently, retired to Devon.

Possibly it's reflective of the length of time that has passed but I only have good memories of those holidays. As I remember them the sun shone, the sand was warm and golden, the sea was fun (if bracing – it was the English Channel!) and the fortnight always flew by. As well as mornings on the beach, in the afternoons we'd go to the big park or up to the Commons that sat behind the town and then we'd have at least one big day out where we'd visit somewhere really special. As I reminisce, I wonder whether the reason I remember them as good times was the fact that we always went in *expecting* them to be good. All through the Bible we are encouraged to be positive in our expectations - to have hope. There's a lovely verse in Romans which says this:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 NIV UK

I sincerely hope that you have a good summer full of joy and peace.



With all good wishes

Tim ☺

Tim Cooper

Local Lay Pastor, Selsey Methodist Church

PS If you fancy a really good sing, do come to our **Songs of Praise** on the morning of **Sunday 27th August**.

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday August 6 th	10.30 am	Revs. Richard and Janet Tanner
Sunday August 13 th	10.30 am	Dr Mike Nicholls
Sunday August 20 th	10.30 am	Revd John Jennings <i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday August 27 th	10.30 am	Mr Tim Cooper <i>Songs of Praise</i> <i>Tea for those living alone</i>

Our Lay Pastor is Tim Cooper 07920 567764

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

For enquiries about hiring the hall please email

d.dixon808@btinternet.com



I tried to start a professional hide and seek team, but it didn't work out. Turns out, good players are hard to find.



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

The church is open daily for prayer and visits.

Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday	7.00 pm	Holy Communion
Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Sung Eucharist

Please check our noticeboard and website for service times

All are welcome to attend,
we look forward to seeing you.

Our Church Halls with Kitchen and Car Park are available to hire for your meetings and celebrations please contact our Hall Manager Sue Ripley on 01243 948501 or stpetershallbookings@outlook.com

Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Wilfrid

Masses held on Wednesdays at 10am and Sundays at 11am

12 Church Road, Selsey, PO20 0LS
(Plenty of parking available)



For more details go to:

www.saintsofsussex.com

Sign up for weekly newsletter:

www.saintsofsussex.com/newsletter

Part of the Parish of Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex (with the churches of the Witterings, Chichester and Bosham)

Readers' Gallery

by Alan Ede



Would you like to see your photo on here?

Email it to

selseylife@btinternet.com

and you could be on the next back cover.
(Put Readers' Gallery in the title)



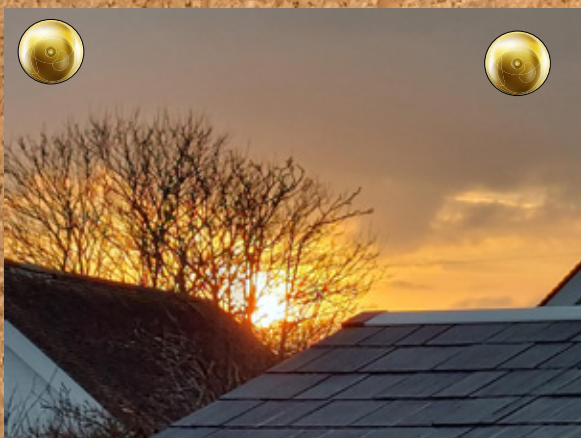
This little piggy stayed at home and fell asleep in the Selsey sun by Sam Craig

Watching me eat cake - oh what a pity, nothing left for the seagulls by Amanda Bridger



Butterfly by Annette Hoskins

Swans by Angelina Tofi



By Dennis Wheeler

Berries on tap Lockgate Lane Sidlesham by Elizabeth Ward

