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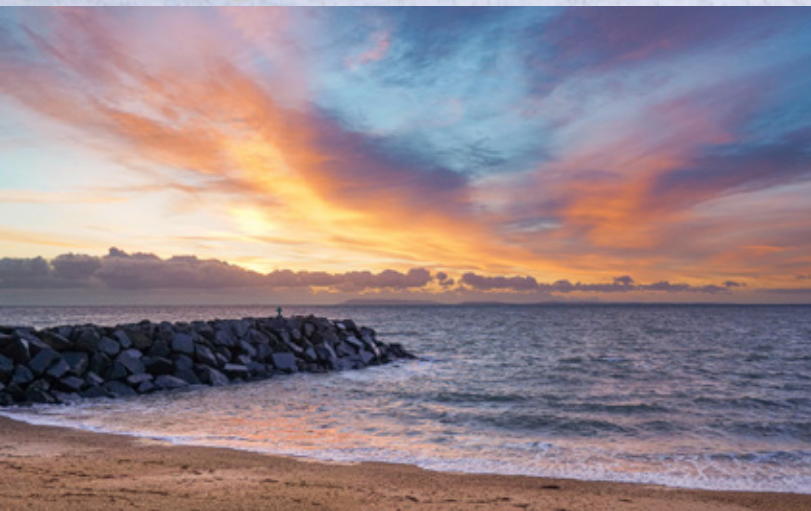
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Lions Santa Routes

The 2022 Routes in December will be:

Sunday 4th: 5.00pm – Manor Road, Mountwood Road, Broomfield Road, Manor Road, Grafton Road, (up to Grove Road) James Street, Chayle Gardens, Western Road

Monday 5th: 5.30pm Mundham and Runcton area

Tuesday 6th: 5.30pm Beach Road, Marrisfield Place, Kingsway, Albion Road, Sunnymead Drive and Close

Wednesday 7th: 5pm Marine Drive, Broad View, Eastway Bank, Fontwell Road, Gill Way, Chichester Way

Thursday 8th: 5.30pm Merryfield Drive, Burlington Gardens, Tretawn Gardens, Constable Drive, Gainsborough Drive, Landseer Drive, Hannover Close, Lingfield Way, Littlefield Close

Friday 9th: 5.30pm Manor Farm Close, Chichester Road, Hunisett Close, Millington Drive, Fidler Close, Petts Close, Robinson Close

Sunday 11th: 5.30pm Church Road, St. Peters Crescent, Wellington Gardens, Malthouse Road (plus cul de sacs), High Street, East Street

Monday 12th: 5.30pm Hunston: Foxbridge Drive, St Leodegars Way, Orchard Side, Westlands Road, Little Boultons. (For Safety Reasons there will be no collections on the B2145 main road)

Wednesday 14th: 5.30pm Ursula Square & Avenue, Seal Road & Square, Marine Gardens, Hillfield Road, Bridge Way, Peachy Road, Green Lane, Meadowlands, Latham Road, Langton Close, High Street, Bridleway, Croft Way

Thursday 15th: 5.30pm Grafton Road (from Grove Road), Lifeboat Way, Coxswain Way, Wight Way, Barnes Close, Canadian Crescent, Pacific Way, Jones Square, Beacon Drive, Lawrence Close, Mixon Close, Sparshott Road, Pennycord Close

Friday 16th: 5.30pm East Beach Road, Drift Road, Solar Drive, Tranquillity Way, Lunar Crescent, Orbit, Wheatfield Road, Manor Lane Gardens, Halley View, Jodrell Place

Sunday 18th: 5.00pm Sidlesham area

Monday 19th: 5.30pm West Street (plus cul de sacs) Bonnar Road, Clayton Road, Sea Grove, Vincent Road, Coxes Road, Warner Road

Tuesday 20th: 5.30pm Bill House, Byways, Solent Way, Seal Road, York Road, Tythe Barn Road, Green Lane, Windsor Road, Grove Road, Orchard Avenue, Southern Road, Longacre (Beaufield) Woodlands Road, Beach Gardens, Cherry Gardens, Ursula/St. Itha Road

Wednesday 21st: 5.30pm Old Farm Road, Spinney Close, Granary Lane, McNair Close, Honeysuckle Lane, Blackberry Lane, Donaldson Close, Colt Street, Acorn Close, Horsefield Road, Coppice Lane, Saddle Lane, Paddock Lane, Horseshoe, Large Acres, Crablands

Static Collections: **Saturday 3th** ASDA **Saturday 10th** East Beach, **Saturday 17th** CO-OP **Friday 24th** John's Veg Shop

(Please note: The Santa Routes maybe subject to change due to weather conditions or in cul de sacs/ roads that are restricted in width, changes will be posted on the Selsey Lions webpage and facebook page)

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



FRIENDS SUPPORT WELLBEING SERVICES IN SELSEY

The Friends of Selsey Medical Practice have undertaken to pay the salary of the Community Support Manager for the coming year. This arrangement links the emotional and mental health services of the Care Shop (run by the Community Forum) and the Medical Practice, further developing the availability of community services in Selsey.

On Mondays two counsellors will be at the Practice offering up to six free sessions. On Thursdays the Community Support Manager or Parenting Coach will be present at the Medical Practice offering support to patients. Appointments for these services can be made through the Care Shop or Medical Practice Receptionists.

This is an example of the way the Friends assist the Practice to maintain the best service for their patients and our community. By collecting contributions in the form of Membership fees (upwards from £5 per annum) from our patient community, together with income from activities such as the summer Tombola, the Friends can purchase equipment and services not normally provided by the NHS.

Please consider becoming a Friend of the Selsey Medical Centre. If you would like to do so, phone **01243 607869** and talk to our Membership Secretary, who will welcome your call!

TLH 11/22

Please remember that all members can use the bus on the regular trips to shopping in Selsey on a Tuesday and Friday and also to Chichester and Bognor on alternative Thursday's. The bus leaves the club premises at 8.30 for all trips to pick you up from your own front door but do please remember that depending on how many are to be picked up and which route the driver takes round Selsey depends on the time you are picked up, maybe just after 8.30 or sometime after this. You will of course will be returned to your home.

In October Derek passed away after over 20 years of service to the club working in the garage with the bric a brac and furniture. He will be sadly missed and our condolences go out to his family.

We have two of our lady volunteers which will shortly be 90 years and yes they are still working every Saturday. June, I feel positive, is our longest serving volunteer with over 30 years working in the garage with the bric a brac and has a wealth of knowledge. Lily has worked in the ladies clothing department for more than 15 years and I feel sure many of you have encountered her cheerfulness and her friendly conversation. We would like to thank them both for all the work that they have undertaken for the club and the monies that they have helped to raise to keep the buses running for you the members.

The committee wish to send season greetings to all our members



editorial

We have arrived at the annual December/January issue (yes, I know, each issue is the annual edition, but it sounds a bit special doesn't it?) This is a truly bursting issue, there are items I regret I have had to omit due to lack of space, including the Reader's Gallery page, but I trust you forgive me with all the other pieces that are included. (Please still send in your photos for the Reader's Gallery, I will do my best to use them.)

The boss has work commitments in February '23, so I will be distributing the February Selsey Life by myself, possibly by handcart or something. For this reason I regret I may not be able to distribute it to all of the normal outlets, but please be assured it will be out there, definitely in East Beach and the Co-Ops and Country Gardens in the High Street. Apologies for this.

At the present it does not seem it is going to be a white Christmas, (typing this while it is bucketing down - same as last month), but we all live in hope, and if it does snow I look forward to any photos you may care to send in to the Selsey Life.

I hope you all have a Happy Christmas and a good New Year, and that Santa is still able to bring you what you wish for on the 25th.

Take care, everyone, and I look forward to speaking (via the editorial) to you all in February. (Next issue due 3rd February '23).



Two people were walking past a church, and started to read the gravestones. One exclaimed "This man was 182!"
His friend said "What was his name?"
The other said "Miles, from London".

Would you like to sponsor the Selsey Life magazine? If not the full magazine, how about sponsoring a page for a month for £20.00? We may not be able to guarantee what page, it would be on a first come basis, but we would try to match you if possible. Is this of interest? Please email the Selsey Life in the usual way, selseylife@btinternet.com.

We offer a six month subscription for the magazine for £18.00, including postage. Is it something you would like?

Please, wherever possible, do your best to support any of the local shops and venues that you can - you will miss them all when they are gone, and please mention Selsey Life when responding to anything in the magazine..

Thank you to all of you who are purchasing and reading the magazine, we are always happy to receive feedback. As always, if you have just picked the magazine up whilst in a queue or something and are not going to take it, please still consider a donation in the yellow pots, thank you

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We are happy to receive any feedback, good or bad, along with any articles and/or photos for inclusion. Tell us what you want to see.

As ever, thank you to all of our contributors and advertisers in these difficult times, and our printers for always producing a good magazine for us.



Why not give a gift this Christmas that shows you really care?

Or if not, why not give one of the fabulous, hand crafted by machine, Selsey Mementos? Despite the rising costs going on everywhere, we are still able to offer these for only £1.00 each - this includes the snow globes, mugs and genuine Olde English plastic shoe horn / backscratcher.

(Please note, the mugs are now in limited supply).

If you are in the mood for purchasing any of these please contact the Selsey Life on **07534 364943** for further enquiries.

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This month we have been kindly donated the 2023 calender by CoastalJJ as a prize. This is sold out on their website so this is your last chance to get one.



For a chance to win this prize, you have to find the Selsey Seagull who is hidden somewhere in this magazine (NOT this page) and then complete the coupon below.

Coupons are to be posted in one of the two competition boxes, either at Raycrafts, 119 High Street, or Pretty's Newsagents at 4 Orchard Parade. One entry per coupon, copies not accepted. Comprtition closes Friday 23rd December. (We regret this prize cannot be posted). You can enter the competiton multiple times, but you will need a seperate coupon for each entry.

Good luck with your entries.

Last month, the seagull was on the Cat and Rabbit ad on page 20, and the winner of the two tickets kindly donated by Cloud 9 was Kay Bridger, drawn by Harry Green.

Congratulations, and we hope you enjoy your prize. (If you did not win, there is still time to purchase tickets to see this fun event, see the advert on page 7).



Name :

Contact phone number and full address:

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Selsey Schools



Year 4's Arundel castle visit

As part of Year 4's topic work, the whole class visited Arundel castle, the day included indoor and outdoor activities, looking at the different features of the castle and imagining life throughout the different ages at the Castle. Victoria, from Year 4, has shared more about the day.

The Trip To Arundel Castle

On the 18th October, we went on a trip to Arundel Castle. We went to Arundel because our termly topic was castles. At 9:00, we got on the coach and started the journey ahead. It took about 45 minutes to get there; throughout the coach journey, everyone was very excited. As we entered the castle, everyone's excitement grew because the castle was amazing! The turrets were very tall like a giant; the bricks were modern but not all of them, some were made of flint! First, we went to the dress up room where our tour guides told the story behind Arundel Castle. When we finished we went to the keep it was amazing to think how high up we were! Next, we had a picnic lunch on the castle lawns. Then we went to explore the dry moat but the proper word for this was Foss. Finally, we got on the coach and came back to school. The day was an amazing experience, a highlight of Year 4 so far.



Self-Portrait Sketching in Year One

This term, Year One has been developing different sketching techniques with a pencil. They have practiced stippling, circling, scribbling, and cross-hatching. They then used these skills to experiment with creating different marks and tones to create a self-portrait.

Cruz and Maria were have shared some feedback from their artistic sketching afternoons.

"I like art because it is fun. You can do cross hatching and scribbling but circling is the best" Cruz

"I like art because we colour with pencil and pastels. My favourite is cross hatching. I'm proud of myself because my work is good." Maria



Medmerry loves reading.

Our weekly 'We Love Reading' club enjoyed visiting the public library to share stories and explore the wide range of books that they have to offer. We can't wait to visit again soon with our library cards.



YEAR 11'S REVISION TOOLS

Year 11 have made an excellent start to the Year as they prepare for their GCSE examinations in the Summer. We know from experience just how quickly the year speeds by, we're a fifth of the way through for them already!

This Year 11 cohort have the potential to achieve truly outstanding results and we have been clear from their first assembly that they will be urged, nudged, supported and encouraged every step of the way as the expectations ramp up.

There are many events coming up for Year 11 including guest speakers, mock exams and results, prom planning and lots more. And finally **#BeKeen** is our motto for this Year 11. They will be used to seeing **#BeKeen** around the Academy at every opportunity as we remind them of the importance of staying focused, working hard, and of course that Mrs Keen is behind them every step of the way to keep them on track when things are difficult.

Great start Year 11 - keep it up!

YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL

As we move back to more usual times, we are able to reinstate some of the additional aspects of our curriculum that were lost during and around the periods of lockdown.

One of the most exciting elements is the introduction of the Year 7 Residential and this year we are planning to visit the stunning PGL site, Osmington Bay, near Weymouth. Residential visits are an incredible opportunity for young people to develop crucial skills in independence, teamwork and character that cannot be created in the classroom. Osmington Bay sits on the water and offers an 'Adrenaline Packed Package' including Coasteering, High Ropes, Climbing, Abseiling, Giant Swings and so much more. The intention is to visit from Friday to Monday in late June/early July. Parents in Year 7 should look out for a letter at the start of the next term with further details and we really hope that we have a high response rate to make the trip viable.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

The Top 10 students in each year group, based on reward points, were invited in the final week to have a Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher to celebrate their achievements. These students had received the most reward points over the last term. Congratulations to them all.

Selsey Schools



Year 7: Bodhi Orrell, Phoebe Pledger, Matilda Banks, Ellie Jenkins, Byron Jenkins, Evie Saunders, Riley Aldred-Ellis, Jessica Thompson, Bella Bolt, Clara Prochazka



Year 8: Charlie Ross, Becci Muller, Julia Stfanska, Torryn Whitfield, Alfie Weller, Leah Harper, Jack Taylor, Darcey Ford, Ria Byrd, Aiden-Jake Mason



Year 9: Naomi Urraco Spencer, Gabby Mears, Max Game, Bradley Harper, Jack Hyde, Oscar Wood, Jessica Wragg, Evie Gray, Charlie McQueen, Noah Littlechild



Year 10: Emily Snow, Lyala Cawte-Peck, Rayna Doherty-Morgan, Cara Pocock, Harriet Parker, Lilly Fauguel, Faith Littlechild, Stanley Bottomley, Stasiia Kuchmenko, Olivia Mott



Year 11: Katelyn Hagel, Emily Rey-Barreiro, Zoe-Ann Davey, Conor Clarke, Ryan Muller, Luke Cabrera, Oscar Lee, Helen Kirazyan, Ben Andrews, Alfie Lee

SPARX MATHS

A massive congratulations to students who have regularly completed their homework so far this year on Sparx. You are on a journey to fully prepare you for any upcoming assessments and to meet the demands of GCSE. A few special mentions below for those students who have excelled in Sparx by not only completing the compulsory homework, but also completing the extra XP and boost XP.

Year 7

Award	Name	XP
Gold	Phoebe Pledger	6049
Silver	Kayla Alves	5818
Bronze	Esme Legge	4898

Year 8

Award	Name	XP
Gold	Pablo Alves	6275
Silver	Simona Treplak	5557
Bronze	Lewis Hogan	5157

Year 9

Award	Name	XP
Gold	Jessica Dobson	12909
Silver	Evie Gray	11277
Bronze	Filip Nowacki	8734

Year 10

Award	Name	XP
Gold	Sophie Rowland	4108
Silver	Stasia Kuchmenko	3643
Bronze	Emma Owens	3240

Year 11

Award	Name	XP
Gold	Grace Younger	6281
Silver	Zoe-Ann Davey	4841
Bronze	Ben Andrews	4411

Well done and keep it up!

THE TAS OPEN EVENING

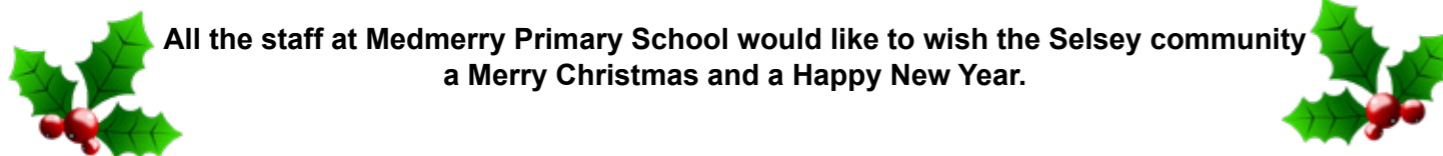
Thursday 29th October saw the annual Open Evening for The Academy, Selsey. Over 100 young students and their families came to visit the school and a wide range of activities were hosted to highlight the incredible work and effort of everything that takes place in our school.

Vaping in school

As a school we have seen a massive decrease in smoking among our community, but this has been replaced by an increase in students using vapes. While vapes are seen to be a safer alternative to smoking, they still classify as illegal for people to purchase if under the age of 18 and are, therefore, banned in school as an illicit item.

A message from Sussex Police....

It is illegal to use a privately owned e-scooter on pavements, cycle paths or roads at present. Under current UK law, e-scooters are classed as 'powered transporters', which means they are treated in the same way as motor vehicles, so pavements and cycle paths are strictly off limits. If you are considering buying an e-scooter as a Christmas present, West Sussex Police have asked us to remind you of the law and that e-scooters can be seized by Police.



I can not believe that we are at the end of the Autumn term already! The time has flown by, but we have had a really exciting term, with new school trips, the return of our school discos and our Christmas celebrations.



Thank you so much to the Selsey Community for all your support, and good wishes over the term and throughout 2022. From all of the staff at Seal Primary Academy, we hope you all have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to the start of 2023 and the exciting learning to come!

Christmas Events and Gift Ideas at 4Sight Vision Support

4Sight Vision Support is getting ready for Christmas with its annual Christmas Concert and Grand Draw, as well as providing its supporters with card and gift ideas. Proceeds will help the charity in its work supporting blind and sight impaired residents of all ages throughout West Sussex.

The Christmas Concert with Seaford College Chapel Choir will be held on Monday 12th December at St Mary de Haura Church in Shoreham from 1 - 2pm. This year is particularly special as the event was cancelled due to the pandemic for the last two years. Tickets are just £5pp including festive refreshments, and can be pre-booked or bought at the door, first come first served.

The Grand Draw has a number of fabulous prizes, including £250 cash, and two Ruby High Definition Electronic Magnifiers worth £355 each, kindly donated by Optelec. Tickets cost just £1 each.

Christmas cards are available with a variety of seasonal and fun designs, and there are gift ideas for those living with sight loss including large print playing cards, large print Scrabble, large print calendars and diaries, as well as equipment such as talking kitchen scales. For those who enjoy walking, a book of 35 'Short Rambles in the Sussex Countryside And Days Out' by volunteer Jane Aston features walks carefully designed to be suitable for everyone including those with sight loss or vision impairment.

For further information about the Concert and Prize Draw and to purchase tickets, and to enquire about Christmas gifts, please call 01243 828555 or email fundraising@4sight.org.uk

The image shows some of 4Sight Vision Support's Christmas Gift ideas.



JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY

Membership is £5 per year and jigsaws can be borrowed for £1 each, with over 400 to choose from. Please contact Sandy on 605942 for more information or to come and choose your jigsaws.

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- 1) In Friends, what is Monica's surname?
- 2) What headgear did Lt. Col Blake in M*A*S*H usually wear?
- 3) Which comedy duo sang "On The Trail Of The Lonesome Pine"?
- 4) In which series was Rik Mayall one Alan B'Stard?
- 5) Whose jazz band makes an unlikely appearance in Blazing Saddles?
- 6) Whose catchphrase was "Don't Panic"?

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We would love to hear from potential candidates. Please email with your details or send a CV to aiste.laurinaityte@dometic.com or call 07885411439 for more information. We aim to respond to all applications within 24 hours of receipt.

We look forward to hearing from you!

theWI INSPIRING WOMEN SELSEY WI

Ladies of Selsey, come and join us at our next two events.

The first will be our Christmas Party on Wednesday 14th December at 1.45pm in the Town Hall. We will be entertained by Katharine Collett "Anything Goes"



Our second event will be on Wednesday 11th January at 1.45pm in the Town Hall. Our speaker will be Keith Batchelor on "Selsey Heritage".

If you would like more information, please contact
Ann Jones 01243 607736 or
Heather Coleman 01243 604603

**SELSEY COMMUNITY CHOIR
CONCERT PARTY**

- It's Beginning to Look a Lot like --- Selsey Community CHOIR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!
- Come and join us at our Christmas concert – quirkier than usual as we combine some well-loved carols with some well-loved pop songs like Downtown and Fields of Gold, together with the cutting-edge Shallow from A Star is Born, and our own stunning version of Titanium. And much more! Our secret ingredient, Mike Bing Crosby Gennings, will be leading us all in singing White Christmas so plenty to listen to and lots to join in with.
- The Selsey Centre, Manor Road Selsey PO200SE
- Saturday December 10th at 7.30. Doors open at 7 pm for free high-class nibbles! Pay Bar, Designer Raffle!
- Tickets £5 for sale at the Brent Lodge Charity Shop, 8 New Parade Selsey, from choir members or on [ticketsource.com/Arts Dream Selsey](https://ticketsource.com/Arts-Dream-Selsey)

- 7) Who plays Billy Mack in the film Love Actually?
- 8) Who is Danny DeVito's character in Taxi? (give yourself two points if you get this).
- 9) Who played mute for Dame Edna Everage?
- 10) What is the name of the Addams Family butler?
- 11) Who was the wife in The Dick Van Dyke Show?
- 12) Who collaborated with Ricky Gervais on The Office?
- 13) Whose husband leaves her in dinnerladies?
- 14) Larry David wrote and starred in which comedy series?
- 15) Which comedian shared the screen with his dog Schnorbitz?

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Neil Sadler

**Stories from
the Clink**

at our next

Open Meeting
Friday 27th January 2023

1.30 for 200pm.

at the Selsey Centre, Manor Road

Refreshments - Admission ticket prize - Quiz - Raffle

Non-members – admission £3.00

We now have a new Prime Minister. Last month [October] Rishi Sunak was asked to form a Government by His Majesty the King. As a country, we face many challenges –most pressing is managing and stabilising the economy, which is under global pressure as we recover from the pandemic and suffer the consequences of Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine. This is not unique to the UK, around the world countries are working to manage rising inflation and low growth.

I know Rishi has the skills, experience, and good judgment to tackle inflation, help people with the cost of living, and then stimulate growth in the economy. Rishi is more than a safe pair of hands. He steered us through the most economically turbulent times since the second world war during Covid, with his interventions held up by many, such as the CBI and IMF, as world-leading. It is exactly this sort of innovative leadership we need to recover and grow our economy.



In his speech on the steps of Downing Street, Rishi outlined his ambition to support businesses to innovate and grow right across the country. His speech was serious, recognising the tough decisions ahead, but also full of hope and aspiration.

It is a huge honour to have been appointed as Secretary of State for Education. I passionately believe that talent is equally spread across the country, yet opportunities are often not. I will work to ensure life-long access to good quality education is available to everyone. I loved moving towards this goal when I served in the Department as the Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills where I introduced T Levels, new Institutes of Technology, and many more new apprenticeship standards leading to exciting careers from health to space.

Education changes lives – my career started with an apprenticeship, and it led me to an international business career. For many of my friends who also attended the failing comprehensive I did in Knowsley, the education system failed them. It shouldn't matter where you live, or how old you are – everyone deserves opportunity.

I am extremely grateful to the Prime Minister for entrusting me with such an important job, and I am excited to get started.

Gillian Keegan MP

A mother and baby camel are talking one day when the baby camel asks "Mum, why have I got these huge three-toed feet?" The mother replies "Well, son, when we trek across the desert your toes will help you stay on top of the soft sand". "Okay", says the boy, then a few minutes later asks "Mum, why have I got these great long eyelashes?" "They're there to keep the sand out of your eyes on the trips through the desert." "Thanks mum", says the boy, then a few minutes later asks "Mum, why have I got these huge humps on my back?", to which the mum, now getting a bit annoyed, says "They're there to help us store water for our long treks across the desert, so we can go without water for long periods." "Thanks mum" says the boy. He then asks "So what are we doing in Whipsnade?"

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JAMES SMEATON 1908 – 1972

As this is the festive time of year, it seems appropriate to write about someone who was closely linked to it! Some of you may remember James Smeaton and the off-licence in the High Street which is now Country Gardens – a greengrocers. Younger inhabitants may remember it as Clarksons.



James was born on 1 December in 1908 in Brockley, Lewisham, younger son of John and Emily Smeaton. John was a Stockbrokers Clerk employed by Limoden & Co. Stock Brokers of 29 Cornhill, London. In 1911 they, along with John, Emily (junior) and James lived at 29 Minard Road, Catford in South East London.

By 1921 The family had grown considerably although they were still living in Minard Road with Nellie, Ronald Walford and new arrival, Leslie.

On 30 April 1938 James Smeaton married Winifred Grace Guest at St Peter’s Church in Selsey and it was reported in the Portsmouth Evening News of 2 May 1938: Henceforth we will be referring to her as Wendy which is the name by which she preferred to be known.

PRETTY SELSEY WEDDING

Smeaton—Guest

A choral wedding was solemnized at the Selsey Parish Church on Saturday when Mr. James Smeaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smeaton, of 29, Minard Road, Catford, was married to Miss Winifred Grace Guest, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Guest, of Lagoon Cottage, Selsey.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. Franklin, and in addition to the chosen hymns, "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," and "O Perfect Love," the solo "Ave Maria" was sung by Miss Grace Bodey.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming dress of white satin cloque, with train, and carried a sheaf of Madonna lilies.

The bridal party included Miss Joyce Inglis and Miss Emily Smeaton (who wore dresses of green taffeta cut ankle length in the Medici style), and two child bridesmaids, Miss Patricia Morphett and Miss Irma Moulds, who wore ankle length dresses of pink taffeta. The bridesmaids carried sheaves of pink tulips and posies. Mr. Ronald Smeaton carried out the duties of best man.

The reception was held at the home of the bride, and later the happy couple left for a honeymoon tour, the bride travelling in a blue two-piece suit.

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Smeaton – Guest

A choral wedding was solemnised at the Selsey parish Church on Saturday when Mr. James Smeaton, son of Mr and Mrs John Smeaton, of 29, Minard Road, Catford, was married to Miss Winifred Grace Guest, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Guest, of Lagoon Cottage, Selsey.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. Franklin, and in addition to the chosen hymns, ‘The Voice that Breathed O’er Eden’ and ‘O Perfect Love’, the solo ‘Ave Maria’ was sung by Miss Grace Bodey.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming dress of white satin cloque, with train, and carried a sheaf of Madonna lilies.

The bridal party included Miss Joyce Inglis and Miss Emily Smeaton (who wore dresses of green taffeta cut ankle length in the Medici style), and two child bridesmaids, Miss Patricia Morphett and Miss Irma Moulds, who wore ankle length dresses of pink taffeta. The bridesmaids carried sheaves of pink tulips and posies. Mr Ronald Smeaton carried out the duties of best man.

The reception was held at the home of the bride, and later the happy couple left for a honeymoon tour, the bride travelling in a blue two-piece suit.’

For the uninitiated, of whom I am one, ‘cloqué’ is ‘a double fabric with a jacquard effect, produced using yarns of different characters or twists, and often blended with silk/wool or silk/cotton.’

Rather more entertaining was the article in the Chichester Observer of the 7 May which described how the happy couple ‘left for their honeymoon in a motor boat, to the great amusement of the party.’ This, of course, allowed them to avoid the wedding guests tying tin cans to the car exhaust or filling the suitcases with confetti! Their daughter, Liz, told me that the confetti the guests did throw blew back all over them rather than the happy couple.

On Thursday 12th May 1938 a fire at the Off Licence could have been a lot worse. This report was in the ‘West Sussex Gazette of 19th May:

‘The Fire Brigade was called out about 9 pm on Thursday to the off-licence premises in Hillfield-road. Though it was only a chimney fire, it was ‘terrifying’ states an eye-witness, and even the firemen admit it was the worst of its kind that they had ever had to tackle. The thatch caught alight, and it was but a question of seconds whether the outbreak could be got under control or would demolish the whole structure. The customary promptitude of the brigade saved the situation.’

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On 9 March 1940, James Smeaton applied for an off wine licence which was granted and in December 1940 the licence was transferred to Wendy This was normal in those days as the men went off to war. James joined Bomber Command and here is a photo of him in uniform.



He was stationed in Lincolnshire and, according to Liz, he was a wireless operator on Lancaster bombers when they were bombing Berlin. In 1944 he told Liz that he was returning to Lincolnshire the following day to take part in ‘The Big One’. We know now that this action would eventually bring World War II to an end. I’m still researching James as the AG and the wing in his photo would indicate that he was an Air Gunner. Watch this space!

James Smeaton of 33 James Street, Selsey died on 21 November 1972 and was interred at Church Norton on 2 December 1972 in E14 in the old plot on the left, nearest to the lychgate.

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December's Update

...and reflection over the past year

You will be reading this article as Christmas approaches and the **Selsey Community Forum** look forward to delivering another **Community Christmas Lunch** to 100+ people.

This wouldn't happen if it wasn't for the kindness and generosity of the people in the community of Selsey. Behind the scenes donations of gifts, money and time are offered to fund the event. Partner organisations, local businesses, and individuals, work together to organise, refine plans, develop and deliver, to enable our older residents to enjoy and participate in Christmas Celebrations with others. Volunteers are recruited to prepare, serve and deliver meals to those at the event and to those unable to join us at The Beacon Church. We will remember those who are no longer with us having passed away during the year.



Aware of the struggles of individuals and families right now with the worry of the cost of living, for one day of the year we will bring people together to enjoy a traditional meal, warmth, joy and love.

This year at **Selsey Community Forum** has been extremely busy. All our areas of the charity have developed massively as statutory services continue to struggle in responding to need. Whether growing the services or in developing new elements of them has only been possible due to the support of our amazing volunteers, staff and Trustees. It has also been due to the generosity of local businesses at a time that they too are responding to increased financial operating pressures. The activities **SCF** are not funded by local authorities, but via donations, legacies and writing many funding bids.

Three course cooked meals have been provided to 30+ **Thursday's Together Time** guests at the Methodist Church by our local pubs, restaurants and café's over the last few months and will continue to do so thanks to their ongoing generosity. Guests at these activities are busy knitting warm blankets to provide some protection for people from the cold.



Mobilising Mindfully has been a hit at the same event- Sarah Palmer offers chair exercises that enables flexibility, mindfulness and improvement in cognition to 20 people over two sessions. This is in addition to the various activities that are offered to guests on a Thursday.

The Friendship Group on a Wednesday goes from strength to strength. It has welcomed visitors attending to discuss either their work in the community or some interesting topic.

Sing Your Heart Out Friday Club has taken off and will continue in the New Year. This is an inclusive music workshop for people with cognitive impairment and their carers to join us in making some amazing sounds together, as well as providing friendship and support. This is led by Be-linda Gannon who is a skilled practitioner offering a relaxed version of her **Sing Your Heart Out** group on a Monday (an Arts Dream activity).

The Games at the Rookery has grown rapidly since starting in the spring, and those living at The Rookery join others to enjoy a variety of traditional and new games led by Paul Everett.

The **Hidden Garden** has seen many visitors during the year and will continue to offer opportunities for people to find a quiet space to reflect, volunteer, or to join activities. Some of our young people who have accessed the **Selsey Employment Service** are now volunteering at the **Hidden Garden**. There will be lots of exciting plans in place for 2023 to continue to develop the **Hidden Garden** for the wider community. We are also grateful for the support of the neighbouring **Men in Sheds**, which provides mentoring, friendship and development of skills for many.

Our mental health and wellbeing services include individual counselling sessions, and group activities as well as bereavement support. The partnership in this connection with **Selsey Medical Practice** is proving fruitful.

Likewise, the **Selsey Money Support** has become a strong element of the charity providing various activities including debt management, completing DWP forms, LPOA and housing guidance. Given the growth in this area, we have appointed Janet Sorrell who will manage and coordinate the services.



We have focused above on certain aspects of **SCF** support services, but it is important to acknowledge the other regular activities: Carers Teas, MS/Parkinsons/Thursday's Dementia Group/Say Aphasia/Resbite Teas/Menopause Group/Morning Live/Shop Talk. For more information check the website or ask to subscribe to the Selsey Community News.

As I have said before, if you are struggling with cost of living, remember we have the **Pop-Up Pantry** at the Beacon Church (Tuesdays), **Victory Club Food Supply** (Mondays and Thursdays) and **Warm Spaces** dotted around Selsey. **Foodbank** vouchers are also available at the **Selsey Care Shop**.

Selsey Community Forum are proud to work in partnership with a range of commissioned services and other voluntary agencies: Carers Support West Sussex, Citizen's Advice, Frontline, Alzheimer's Society, Clarion, Selsey Medical Practice, Sussex Police, UK Harvest, Community Warden, WS Fire and Rescue, My Sisters House, Chichester District Council.

Watch this Space for 2023

We continue to develop our services as needs change. We will be offering a training programme for care providers, whether a care home, a private carer or care-at-home. Discussions are underway to develop a coffin club/death café also. Growing our **My Future Care Handbook** offer is important too, with the help of our Later Life Buddies. This is a great tool to use and plan future needs, wants and wishes as these are all noted in the book for the future.

Mobilising Mindfully will also be running on the alternate Tuesdays at The Rookery and is open to residents of The Rookery and the wider Selsey Community.

Drumming Workshops are due to start in February 2023. These are inclusive workshops to encourage wellbeing and cognitive exercise.

If you want to know more, want to join us as a volunteer bringing your skills to develop the groups, or simply make a donation 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**.

We wish you all a very happy and restful Christmas and New Year,

Karen Pirks

Volunteer Operations Lead and Deputy Chair of the Selsey Community Forum.

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Update from the Chichester Neighbourhood Policing Team



Throughout December, we will be launching our Christmas crackdown on drink and drug driving.

Sussex Police will be working with the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership to provide motorists with thought provoking information and statistics on the risk and impact of driving when under the influence whilst also preventing and detecting incidents of drink and/or drug driving. This will be in addition to the routine work that our Roads Policing unit carry out every day.

At Sussex Police we are committed to improving the safety of all road users and reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured (KSIs) on the roads of Sussex.

Sadly drink and drug driving is one of the most common causes of collisions resulting in death or serious injury on our roads. Hundreds of drivers are arrested each month – many of those believe that they are fit to drive the morning after a night out. Others give the excuse that they felt "fine to drive".

By raising awareness of this serious issue, we hope to discourage people from getting behind the wheel once they have consumed drink or drugs. The smallest amount of drugs or alcohol can impair your judgement and ability to drive safely.

This festive season many people are likely to go out socialising with colleagues, friends and family. Our message is to make sure that if you do, please make alternative plans to get home safely afterwards.

Don't make a choice that puts your life and that of others at risk.

We are always very grateful to the local community for reporting those who drive whilst under the influence. If you suspect someone is driving under the influence of drink and /or drugs, please call us straight away on **999**.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas

Front office opening hours

Chichester:

Chichester Police Station,
Kingsham Road, Chichester, PO19 8AD

Open: Monday - Saturday 9am -8pm.

You can contact your local team in the following ways:

Call us: on **101** to report a crime or **999** if it's an emergency.

Email: Chichester@sussex.police.uk

Midhurst:

Midhurst police Station,
Bepton Road, Midhurst, GU29 9NB.

Open: Monday - Friday 10am – 2pm.

You can contact your local team in the following ways:

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BORDERLANDS – Probing the Sussex Perimeter (Stage 6)

A Union Flag at half mast hangs limp distinctly still
The passing of a treasured Queen her long reign to fulfill
The very thought surreal just one monarch have I known
But further flags along the way endorse the message shown

When James Joyce came to Bognor town the Regis wasn't born
A term bestowed by Fifth King George when curing airs were drawn
Yet inspiration plenty here to fuel his FINNEGANS WAKE
And well of Hotham's mild resort the lauded author spake

Suddenly less popular the offshore windfarm scheme
Phase Two's proposed expansion west has hurt the great Green dream
To sink high voltage cable deep within pure South Downs chalk
Is causing folk their minds to vent with disbelieving talk

On Bognor Pier where gravity was switched off for the day
A flock of feathered 'Birdmen' came their silly games to play
Sir Isaac were he still around might well have gone insane
To find his prized discovery being treated with disdain

At a thousand feet in length the pier has shortened over time
Today the landward third remains no longer in its prime
Storm damage down the decades served to clip its wings in stages
Yet Grade Two listed it remains on English Heritage pages

Though Bognor Regis station was set well back from the sea
Come future times it could grow closer in proximity
The threat of rising tides might mean an outlook verging bleak
The mountain to Muhammed – a reversal so to speak!

A slowly setting solstice sun was swallowed by the sea
Extinguished were its glowing embers quite remorselessly
Eighteen long hours from dusk till dawn on this grey winter day
'tween Autumn and Spring equinox the equal point midway

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On 28th October, members gathered at the Selsey Football Club for a celebration of not just ten years since the inauguration of Selsey u3a, but also 40 years of the u3a Movement nationally. It was a 'Magical Hog Roast', with delicious food, anniversary cake, and entertainment provided by David Croucher, a magician who not only amazed us with his skills and tricks, but also made us laugh with his witticisms and quips. The event was well attended by members new and old. It was good to meet up again with members who were there at the very first meeting back in October 2012 as well as get to know others who have found us more recently.







For more information about joining Selsey u3a, please telephone 07783 040407

- 16) Who was the woman inside Mrs. Merton?
17) Who was William Shakespeare's wife?
18) Who is warned "Beware the ides of March"?
19) On which Shakespeare play is the musical Kiss Me Kate based?
20) To what family do cabbages and cauliflowers belong?
21) What is a beaver's home called?
22) The kiwi uses which sense to hunt for food?
23) What is the medical term for drilling a hole in the skull?
24) Becquerels are a unit of what?
25) Which salad item in Nasturtium officinale?

FAR THINGS

*The cricket ball, he watched it rise
High into Selsey summer skies
On applied force its flight relies
Just physics in another guise
An observation of the wise
His keen senses to mesmerise*

*With intrigue so much more than slight
He gazed out deep into the night
At stars long dead still burning bright
How slow it seemed the speed of light
How fast time's journey left to right
Across black heavens out of sight*

*He watched the ice ball comet glow
Like Edmund Halley long ago
Bewitched by that celestial show
Near motionless its passage slow
Fine detail only he could know
Through telescope he watched it go*


*Too late for him its next encore
Like Galileo way before
Questions questions ever more
Why is it there? What is it for?
Yet still no key the tight locked door
Saluting you
SIR PATRICK MOORE*

JOHN BYRNE AUGUST 22
ARTWORK JASON BETON



A man visits his lawyer to help settle his divorce proceeding.
"It says here she is divorcing you because you threw a trifle at her" says the solicitor.
"Yes" the man said, "and now she's claiming custody!"

WEST SUSSEX FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



I wanted to let you know about a free service that West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service offer our vulnerable residents called a Safe and Well visit. This is an opportunity for us to visit you in your homes and ensure that you have working smoke detection, are fire safe at home and have support with your health and wellbeing if requested.

All the equipment provided is free such as smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms, blankets with retardant spray that can keep you safe if you are smoking in your homes and have dexterity issues that are causing you to drop your cigarettes/ash onto your clothing or furniture/flooring. If you live alone and cannot hear your smoke detectors and do not have a care linked alarm we can also install deaf alarms for you.

We can discuss how to reduce the risk of fire in your home and support you with your health and wellbeing by referring or signposting you on to our partner agencies for further advice.

With the increase of heating/fuel prices we can advise with regard to heating your home safely and the dangers of using old heaters and candles etc.

If you'd like more information on this service, to see if you are eligible and how to refer in for a Safe and Well visit please visit our site at www.safeandwell@westsussex.gov.uk or telephone us on 0345 8729 719 and make a referral for either yourself, a relative, friend or neighbour (please note that if the referral is not for yourself then you will need consent from the person you are referring).

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Fox

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Christmas is almost here folks and it'll soon be time for that fella in the red coat to come sneaking around. Yep, your neighbourhood Fox is on the prowl and shortly after Santa has finished pulling presents out of his sack, your local Fox will be busy trying to pull half a turkey out of your bin bag.

Foxes have lived among us for centuries and, just like Christmas, they're celebrated in folklore and myths all around the world. Whether the story belongs to the Greeks, Japanese, Celts, Native Americans, Disney or Roald Dahl it is always the same – the Fox is portrayed as cunning, slippery and devious. I prefer intelligent, adaptable and resourceful – and it's these traits that have helped the Fox to survive in the modern world. It was the modern world that transformed the Fox's wild woods into endless



*Fox c Elliot Neep
Sussex Wildlife Trust*

agricultural fields, towns, cities, tower blocks and cul-de-sacs. Traditionally, in the face of development Britain's wildlife has silently been displaced and died. But where others fled destruction the Fox, like any shrewd opportunist, saw a brave new world of golden opportunities where the dustbins overfloweth and where the streets are paved with cast away kebabs and finger-lickin' chicken.

And for me this is the chapter in the Fox's story that does indeed seem mythical: that in urban Britain there are wild dogs living among us. I can look out my bedroom window and see a relative of the Wolf, Dingo, Jackal and Coyote casually sauntering across my lawn. It's a touch of the Serengeti in suburban Sussex. Studies undertaken by the University of Brighton have estimated that there are 20 Foxes per square kilometre in the city. Of course, tradition dictates that some people do not like Foxes. As a child I always viewed the Boxing Day hunt as the antithesis to Christmas; a reminder that amidst this season of goodwill there are still people who are proud to dress up in costumes in a public celebration of their cruelty.

It's in the bleak midwinter that Foxes are at their most vocal. The blood-curdling, human-like scream of the vixen sounds like something from a Hammer Horror film. This foxy lady is only fertile for a few days and her scream advertises her availability and sparks bow-wows, barks and bickering from amorous dog Foxes. Her cubs will be born about fifty-two days after mating and emerge from their earths in April.

So this Christmas if you've had it with the plastic snowmen, the fake tree and the fake sentiments take a short walk away from it all and out into the darkness. Listen for the sound of wild dogs howling at the moon, the sound of survival. Let it stir something wild in your heart. Merry Christmas everybody and best wishes for 2023.



*Fox c Elliot Neep
Sussex Wildlife Trust*

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



RSPB Events for January 2023

Zoom Meeting

Thursday 26 January

Chris Collins – 'Birds of Arctic Russia' at 7.00 pm

Zoom talks are free to all RSPB Chichester Local Group members and £4 each to non-members. Places are limited, so please book your place in advance by contacting Rob Yarham - email: chichesterbirds@gmail.com, tel: 07545 376074

No events scheduled for December 2022

Chichester Natural History Society Events for January 2023

Chichester

Wednesday 4 January

Illustrated Talk by Tony Wooton, amateur wildlife photographer on 'The Wonderful Wildlife of Namibia' to the Chichester Natural History Society at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1SY at 7.15 pm.

Entrance members free/visitors £3 wheelchair access

SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST December 2022 / January 2023

No planned events for the Chichester area at present

Chichester Conservancy Volunteers December 2022 / January 2023 No events scheduled at present

- 26) The word vaccination comes from the Latin name for which animal?
- 27) What are the three main types of golf clubs?
- 28) What is an "eagle" in golf?
- 29) British and US women golfers compete for which trophy?
- 30) What is the diameter of a golf hole?
- 31) Who was the first left-hander to win a major golf championship?
- 32) Who did Zinedine Zidane head butt in the 2006 World Cup final?
- 33) At which club did the Eric Cantona "kung-fu" incident occur?



Wild Winter Wonderland!

Rob Yarham

Father Christmas isn't our only visitor from the far north this season – many water birds, ducks and geese have flown thousands of miles from the Arctic to be here. But why have they come all that way? Well, it might seem a bit chilly to you and me, but compared to the winter conditions in the Arctic, it seems positively Mediterranean to these visitors from the cold and, at this time of year, continuous darkness of the polar north. And our reserves are packed with lots of the special types of food these birds like to eat. So what might you find at our RSPB reserves over Christmas and the New Year?

Let's start with two of the wader species you're most likely to see. Black-tailed godwits are large wading birds, rather plain grey above and pale below at this time of year, with long legs and long, straight bills, which they use to fish in the pools of water and mud for invertebrates, including worms and snails. The black-tailed godwits you see here now will have come from the land of ice and fire – Iceland!

At the other end of the wader scale are the dunlin. These common, small waders are about the size of starlings and are short and round, with brown-grey backs and pale bellies, and short, slightly down-curved bills. You'll see them flying or running around in large flocks, digging their little beaks in the mud, looking for molluscs, worms and small crustaceans. Our winter-visiting dunnies will have flown all the way here from Scandinavia and Russia.

Then we have the many wintering ducks and geese. RSPB Pagham Harbour and Medmerry reserves are nationally important sanctuaries for these birds at this time of year. They are also drawn to our food-rich wet fields, saltmarshes and muddy harbours and estuaries. The ducks include wigeon, teal and a nationally important number of the rather smart-looking northern pintail duck. The sound of hundreds of ducks whistling at dusk on the marshes is one of the most atmospheric sounds of the winter.

Finally, this month is a great time to look for the brent geese for which our reserves are famous at this time of year. Our smallest goose – about the size of a mallard duck – they nest on the boggy tundra in the Arctic during the very short summer in the far north, and begin to arrive on our coasts in large flocks from early October onwards. In East Anglia and here on the south coast, we see flocks of the dark-bellied brent geese, which nest in eastern Siberia and fly about 3,000 miles each year to spend the winter with us. When here, they divide their time between feeding on eelgrass in estuaries and the Solent at low tide and feeding and roosting in nearby fields at high tide. Look up to see flocks of these small, dark geese fly out to sea and back again, calling softly to each other.



Now is a great time to wrap up warm and go for a walk at one of our coastal reserves to look for wintering flocks of brent geese, which have come here to enjoy our comparatively warmer weather, before they return to breed in the Arctic in spring. [Credit: Andy Hay (rspb-images.com)]

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the team at RSPB Pagham Harbour! Join us on one of our guided walks this month to learn all about our wonderful wintering waders and wildfowl! Find out more by visiting our website

<https://events.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour> or call 01243 641508.

And support the RSPB's conservation work by joining or donating at: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/join-and-donate/join-us/>

Events

To book an event go to events.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour

Saturday 03 December, Bird Watch - Wintering Waders and Wildfowl

Would you like help finding and identifying the birds of RSPB Pagham Harbour? Join our friendly guides on the reserve as we look for our wintering birds, including waders, geese and ducks. We'll also be on the lookout for birds of prey and maybe even some rarer species! Our guides will be where the action is, so ask for directions at the Visitor Centre.

10am – 1pm. Free event

Saturday 10 December, Guided Walk - A Medmerry Christmas!

Come and see some of our wintering visitors, including waders, ducks and geese, which have come from the far north, and maybe some spectacular birds of prey!

Join our guides for this wildlife walk around the west side of our wonderful Medmerry reserve, a haven for wintering birds with its fields, mudflats, inlets, pools, beach and big skies! We'll be helping you find and identify our visiting waders, ducks and geese, and perhaps we'll spot some birds of prey, too!

10am (duration 3 hours), meet at RSPB Earnley Car Park at 9.45am £7.50 per person / £4.50 members

Wednesday 14 December, Midweek Guided Walk - Wild Winter Wonderland!

Come and see some of our wintering visitors, including waders, ducks and geese, which have come from the far north, and maybe some spectacular birds of prey!

Join our guides for a walk along the west side of Pagham Harbour towards Church Norton. Along the way, we'll be showing you how to find and identify some of our wintering birds, including waders, ducks and geese, some of which have come all the way from the Arctic! We'll also be on the look-out for birds of prey!

10am (duration 3 hours) £7.50 per person / £4.50 members

Saturday 17 December, Midweek Guided Walk - Wild Winter Wonderland!

Come and see some of our wintering visitors, including waders, ducks and geese, which have come from the far north, and maybe some spectacular birds of prey!

Join our guides for a walk along the west side of Pagham Harbour towards Church Norton. Along the way, we'll be showing you how to find and identify some of our wintering birds, including waders, ducks and geese, some of which have come all the way from the Arctic! We'll also be on the look-out for birds of prey!

10am (duration 3 hours) £7.50 per person / £4.50 members

Monday 2 January 2023, New Year Guided Walk - Wild Winter Wonderland!

Come and see some of our wintering visitors, including waders, ducks and geese, which have come from the far north, and maybe some spectacular birds of prey!

Join our guides for a walk along the west side of Pagham Harbour towards Church Norton. Along the way, we'll be showing you how to find and identify some of our wintering birds, including waders, ducks and geese, some of which have come all the way from the Arctic! We'll also be on the look-out for birds of prey!

10am (duration 3 hours) £7.50 per person / £4.50 members

DONNA'S DELIBERATIONS

Happy December everyone.....and, I have to say it.....'It's Christmasss.....' Obviously the immortal words of the great Noddy Holder have to be repeated at this time of the year! It just wouldn't be Christmas without it, would it? Yes, I admit it - I am of the Slade generation and that song is firmly embedded in my memory, evoking slightly embarrassing memories of my teenage years. Music can really resonate, can't it? Immediately, we are propelled back to significant times in our lives, accessing those memories we have long since 'filed' in the 'back folder!' More than any other way, music can bring back images and feelings we thought we had long since forgotten. Infact, some people think music might predate language, and when you think about it, tone can be just as important when we speak with someone as the actual words we use.



It's important because it's the one thing that really does cross nationality, culture and race. It seeks out our emotions and feelings, in a way that language cannot always do - it 'transcends' language, in my view. Composers who really know their 'art' can manipulate emotions and control when their audience experiences specific feelings. Psychologists call this a 'synesthetic' experience: a sort of 'blending' of the senses; it can certainly trigger some pretty intense memories. Infact, often when we are going through a tough time, we seek solace in listening to music we associate with a happy time (like my association with Slade's Christmas song.) According to scientists, songs can trigger emotions which are the same as the emotions felt at the time we first heard it. When you think about it, the brain is truly amazing and iconic songs are practically guaranteed to transport us back to times which may now seem so distant. Like many things, though, over analysing the 'whys and wherefores' may not achieve very much, so perhaps we should just sit back and enjoy the music!

As we enter the winter months, how do we think the weather will be? I never fail to be puzzled by the fact that we can land a man on the moon, break the sound barrier, and cure all manner of diseases, but we can't accurately predict the weather twenty four hours in advance! The reality is that weather has a mind of its own and computer predictions just won't catch it out. My dad was pretty good with weird and wonderful weather predictions; back in the day, whenever we passed a herd of cows, he would always remark on what they were doing. Apparently, if they were just hanging about, it was probably going to be okay, but if they were sitting down, often under a tree, the outlook wasn't so good. Another one was if you can smell the ground in the morning, it means that it'll soon rain - the same follows if the flowers have a stronger than normal smell. If birds seem to be flying high, that's a good sign, but if you see spiders' webs devoid of spiders, it means they've taken shelter and rain is on its way! (I know, seems bonkers, but there we go - must have come from somewhere!) One of the more weird ones was smoke from a chimney - if the smoke went straight up, the weather would be good, but if it curled around, rain would be on its way. I'm presuming that there is a fragment of credibility in these completely unscientific methods, or they wouldn't have been passed down through the generations. Seems very strange these days, but maybe, despite all our expensive technology, we could learn something from 'weather lore'.

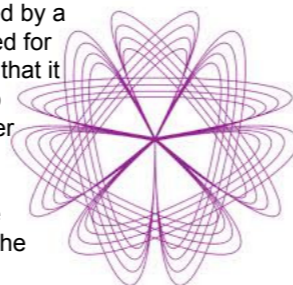
Anyway, more importantly, are you ready for the 'big day?' As usual I'm not - haven't been the last 40 odd years so I don't know why this year should be any different! I always start well, but somehow it all tails off, and I have to push myself to get to the finish line! We tend to have the proverbial 'quiet' Christmas, at home, which is good because no one will have any unrealistic expectations! Lunch will be planned for two o'clock, but as usual probably won't appear until about four, by which time everyone will have been 'snacking'

and the impact of a three course meal will have diminished somewhat. I have never been able to get my head around the fact that a meal which takes literally hours to prepare, generates ridiculous amounts of washing up and debris, is consumed within about thirty minutes. Nothing really changes, does it?



Truth to tell, Christmas is really my favourite holiday time. It's the only time of the year when I can safely pack away the laptops and the dining room is once again used for its original purpose - eating - rather than our 'office area'. I can be reasonably sure that nothing of note is likely to happen between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day and I don't need to be constantly 'logging in' to see what's going on. My phone, of course, still ensures 24 hours a day contactability, but, as a rule, those few days are uneventful and quiet. Let's face it, we all need to re-charge sometimes.

I recently discovered that 'You Tube' has lots of videos about Christmases past. In the way that music can transport us back to a distant time, television and radio can also have their own defining moments - the old adverts are particularly evocative. My parents bought me a 'Spirograph' one Christmas, and I remember spending hours creating so many different patterns. I became quite adept at producing complex designs which I would then carefully colour in with new felt tipped pens, which had also arrived on Christmas morning. You Tube has videos of the original television adverts for the Spirograph and although they're fifty odd years old, I found myself immediately propelled back to our kitchen table, making patterns while my mum was cooking. All these memories are 'filed' away somewhere, they just need something to trigger them. Fun Fact for anyone who remembers playing with the Spirograph: an instrument called a 'Spirograph' was invented by a mathematician in the late 1800's. It was used for drawing spirals, but it wasn't until the 1960s that it was adapted as a creative toy for children to use. Surprisingly, the Spirograph I remember so well is still available, although it's been updated so you no longer have to use pins (thankfully, because they always left horrible holes in the paper!) The principle is exactly the same, though.



Fuzzyfelt was another one - for anyone who doesn't know, Fuzzyfelt was a felt covered board with lots of different shapes which you could 'stick' onto the board to create pictures. It was 'themed' so you could have a farmyard, hospital or school Fuzzyfelt, for example. That was brilliant - absolutely no mess whatsoever and it would keep me occupied for ages. That's another 'retro' toy you can still buy. I wonder just how many of the toys which are invented today will still be around in fifty years time?

So, there we have it, my fellow Selsonians, another year gone, yet another Prime Minister and a new Monarch at their respective helms. I, for one, would like a relatively uneventful 2023. Someone once said that we should let the last year go, and 'drop it into the silent limbo of the past' because it was imperfect. That's very true, but nothing is ever, really 'perfect' is it? With the coming of a new year, the best we can do is to see it as an opportunity to be a better version of what we were last year, be honest with ourselves about our resolutions, and embrace the opportunities a new year always brings.

Let 2022 end with good memories, but let's welcome 2023 with the best of aspirations and a clear pathway to our own unique destination.

Take care all. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. See you on the other side....

Donna

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John Byrne and Jason Beton would like to wish all the readers of the Selsey Life a Happy Christmas and a good New Year.



Selsey Folk & Music Club wish all our performers and supporters a Very Happy Christmas and a Musical New Year,
From Julian and John



SELSEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Wishing our past, present and future members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



St Wilfrid's Hospice
Making a difference to local lives

St Wilfrid's Hospice wishes all our patients, families, supporters, donors and community a peaceful Christmas and a festive season full of moments of joy.



Francis & Sons Butchers East Beach



We wish all our valuable customers Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

Bob Lin Ian



GAINSBOROUGH SINGERS

Wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and look forward to entertaining you again in 2023.



We wish A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our customers

Prettys Candy Box East Beach

May I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Thank you to all that have helped with the Selsey Cancer Relief Fund sales and all the people that have supported us through the year.
Many thanks Sue Truss



Amanda and Steve would like to wish all of their readers, contributors, distributors and our printers a very Happy Christmas and a good New Year.

We cannot do it without you - Thank you



Best wishes and good health to everyone this Christmas from all at
Sussex Grange Home Care
&
Sussex Grange Care Home

"Wishing you a very moo-ey Christmas from Eileen the cow."

Come and see me and my friends in Cloud Nine's pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk at The Academy, Selsey between 27th-29th December."

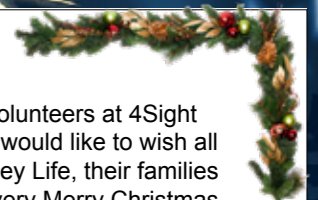


May we wish all of our customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Country Gardens 165 High Street



The staff and volunteers at 4Sight Vision Support would like to wish all readers of Selsey Life, their families and friends, a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year.



Selsey Writers' Circle

Selsey Writers' Circle would like to wish all readers of Selsey Life, who have kindly published our stories and articles over the years, and all our members past and present, a happy and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming new members to our Circle in the coming year who are established writers or just want to have a go at writing.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Selsey residents with my thanks for their continued interest in and contributions to my articles. It is much appreciated.

Ruth

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!

To the wonderful residents of Selsey, my good friends and neighbours, the many hard-working business owners, and the team at Selsey Life, have a very merry and peaceful festive season.

Tara - The Write Zone



We would like to wish all our customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Nice Plaiice Fish Bar East Beach



Merry CHRISTMAS

Dear Selsey people, well christmas is upon us and we at Mind would like to thank you for your continuous support through the year.

We've been out and about raising funds doing car boots at Hunston, and table tops at our friends the Methodist church.

Also attending fetes and fairs that have welcomed us. During Christmas we shall have a stall at Cove (Bunn).

They have kindly asked us to attend their Xmas market, so pop along and say hello, we have lots of new Christmas stocking fillers.

It leaves me to wish you all a safe and happy christmas
love Paul and team xx

Some important numbers : Helpline Mind 03001233393
Sane Line 03003047000 Samaritans 116123
Emergency 999



At The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre our Christmas wish is that every animal finds their forever home and that with your support we can continue to care for the animals that need us.

Thank you for your support this year and we hope you have a lovely Christmas and New Year.



2nd December – 1st January 2023
Have a magical day out at Seal Bay, Selsey

Join Santa in his grotto
Have fun on the Ice Rink
Aladdin Pantomime
Christmas Market
Donkey Rides for under 10's

The Christmas Village is free to enter, pre-booking is essential for activities within the village, charges will apply.

Book online now:

<https://cove.co.uk/sealbayresort/christmas-at-seal-bay/>



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022



May I firstly thank you all for your amazing support with this year's Selsey Poppy Appeal; you have raised **£6,386** so far with more donations still to come in!

I officially took over the role as Selsey's Poppy Appeal Organiser just the week before this year's Poppy Appeal started; not giving me much time to get things organised and ordered, or even to contact the list of the valuable volunteers that have helped in the past, so I do apologise for this. On top of this I moved house the same week. Please don't think that you're not needed or not wanted - **we really do need you**, and rely on you for your continued support to raise much needed funds for this very worthwhile cause!

I will be writing a letter to everyone that I have details for very soon - however, the list I have been given may be slightly out of date as it's from 2019 - so apologies once again!

If you would be interested in volunteering for next year with House-to-House collections or static collections at Supermarkets selling poppies etc. please do contact me by email asap. Any help and support would be very much appreciated and we are definitely in need of more volunteers next year to make next year's appeal even more successful.

Thank you to everyone at the Victory Club for organising the Remembrance Service at The Academy and for organising such a lovely spread of food at the club afterwards as well as donating an official Queens Diamond Jubilee Steiff Teddy Bear with all its official paperwork and certificates to the Poppy Appeal, which was auctioned off and made **£200**.

Thank you to Selsey RNA for organising the parade, and everyone that attended, showed their respects and supported this year's Poppy Appeal and remembrance service.

If you or your group/club/school/business or organisation would like to order a poppy wreath to lay at the war memorial next year, please do contact me. Everyone is welcome to lay a wreath at the war memorial to show /mark their respect.

Many Thanks

Ashley Pledger
RBL Selsey Poppy Appeal Organiser
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RNLI SELSEY LIFEBOAT SHOP

Time is ticking and Christmas is fast approaching

So why not pop in to the shop and pick up

Your Christmas cards, Calendar's and Gifts.

You will get a warm welcome and

Help save lives at sea by supporting the shop.

Shop open Tuesday to Sunday 10.30 till 16.00

For up to date information please check:-

Facebook -RNLI Selsey Lifeboat station

Website – www.Selsey.lifeboats.co.uk

SANTA IS COMING



Selsey and District Lions are preparing their float which will soon be out visiting residents young and old. The routes are on page two, and a leaflet will be coming through your doors shortly with more information. With Covid still around we will not be knocking on doors but hopefully you will hear us when we are in your area and come out and say hello. The Selsey Lions are also getting a little older and any extra collectors would be much appreciated. If you can help or would like to talk about joining Selsey Lions and putting a little back into the community please contact Lion Colin on 0345 833 9895 or email colin.rickman2@gmail.com.



Selsey Lions have also been very busy over the past few months. We held a very successful Charity Golf Day in September and raised £2500 for St Wilfrid's Hospice.

Below is a picture of Victoria receiving the cheque from Lion President Luci Salisbury at our Business Meeting earlier in the month. Many thanks to all our generous sponsors and golfers who helped to make our Golf Day such a success. The competition was won by The Almost Theres who received their trophy from LP Luci. We have booked next year's Charity Golf Day at Selsey Golf Club on 15th July so we look forward to your continued support.

Picture of Lion President Luci doing the presentation with all the Lions and guests present.



Picture of Almost Theres receiving their trophy



Selsey Lions have also been busy helping various good causes within our Community.

For example, we have been helping needy families with food parcels, provided a small computer tablet to a school child, and helped Ukrainian families locating to Selsey with essential supplies. We have set up an emergency fund with Selsey Care Shop so anyone in need can receive speedy help. Selsey Lions also assisted with RNLI Day, Selsey Fireworks and Remembrance Sunday. It has been a busy but enjoyable time.

We are also continuing to supply **mobility scooters** into the community either by selling at a very attractive price or a low cost rental. We are always looking for spare scooters for this programme, so please contact Lion Colin on 0345 833 9895 and we will arrange to collect it and find a new home within Selsey.

Selsey Lions, with Santa and his helpers, look forward to meeting you this Christmas. We thank you for your generosity during these difficult times and, unlike some other charities, every penny donated counts as no expenses are deducted.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy New Year from Selsey Lions, who are celebrating their 46th year supporting the local community.

The Write Zone with Tara Lennon



Lists. I've recently been up to my eyeballs in them. Of late, life seems to have become one enormous timetable, stripped bare of spontaneity. It causes me a fair amount of frustration if I'm pinned down by too much detailed planning. For the past few weeks, I've been trying to finalise a holiday in New York. I'd like to get



there and let the mood, weather and fate

take care of my itinerary. Sadly, it's

not to be and it would seem that

everything needs to be booked

in advance, or you risk trying

to book on the day and find

that you can't book at all. The

need to plan ahead in so much detail to such an extent has left my blood pressure rising and my brain-cells dissolving. And yet I know that it will all be worthwhile when I arrive in NYC and the Christmas

vibe hits my veins. No pain, as they say, no gain.

Closer to home, the navigation of the political minefield that is how and where and with whom Christmas is spent has begun. In truth, it

started a few weeks back when my daughter and I discussed how to spend Christmas. It was a simple conversation without ambiguity or debate: the ideal way to spend Christmas was in our pyjamas

with no agenda. That said, I already know that if the day follows form, it will probably start (for me, at any rate) with the fire lit, Frank Sinatra, and

more than one glass of Prosecco. My daughter will probably emerge late morning for a cuppa and a chit-chat in the kitchen and we'll tuck into

the first of the mince pies. Then, pressies: first for our dog, then for us. After a drinks top-up and the first round of

party food, we'll crack into back-to-back Christmas movies, feet well and truly up. The motion was carried, but then my partner asked if I would spend Christmas with him and his family, something he



enjoys every year. On probing this suggestion, he disclosed that there would be a certain degree of formality including dressing up. I immediately experienced a brain-freeze. This sounded ominously like a day that prohibited pyjamas and putting my feet on the sofa. He noted my ill-disguised chagrin and observed that I could sit around in my pyjamas and do nothing at any other time of year and that Christmas was special. My counter view was that Christmas is only special because it has no expectations and ideally avoids making small-talk with remote family or people you don't know. While I was addressing some feelings of guilt about my intractability, there followed an invitation from my brother to his house. My brother and his wife are two of my favourite people in the world. They are



good natured and generous, and Christmas would likely as not be a lively, informal affair, full of cheating at party games, and excellent food to boot. If there was any invitation that was going to tempt my daughter and I to set aside our pyjamas, it would be

this one. But with all good ointment there comes a fly. The invitation included other family members who remain fanatical in their theory that Covid has been

one giant social experiment and will waste no time ramming that down everyone's throat. The threat of spending Christmas Day grinding my teeth meant that the choice was

incontestable: pyjamas and lazy-fest won.

I have known several people who are resolute in their refusal to travel anywhere at Christmas, claiming that friends and family

'know where we are if they want to see us.' And so now you know where I shall be and what I'll be doing: sitting in my pyjamas, idly

flicking through the movie selection, and working my way through enough mince-pies to sink a small boat. And there will not be one

single plan to do anything apart from that.

Wishing you a festive season beyond compare,

Tara

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7 August 2022

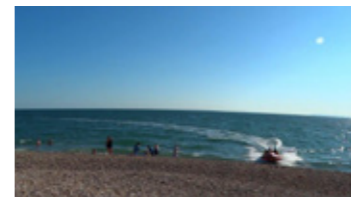
Selsey RNLI assists with casualty evacuation



The D class inshore lifeboat (ILB) launched at 5.44pm on Sunday 7 August at the request of the UK Coastguard, they had received a 999-emergency call saying a casualty had been pulled from the water after sustaining a back injury whilst swimming at West Beach, Selsey.

The casualty was in severe pain and had loss of feeling in one leg and pins and needles in the other. When the ILB arrived on scene at 5.58pm the casualty was close to the water's edge with an incoming tide. Selsey and Hayling Coastguard Rescue Teams, The Coastguard Rescue Helicopter (Rescue 175) and South East Coast Ambulance service also attended the incident.

The paramedics from the SECAmbulance and Rescue 175 assessed the casualty and gave



pain relief before transferring to the Coastguard stretcher. All the crews worked together to slowly move the casualty up the beach to the ambulance for transfer to Hospital.

The ILB returned to station at 7.35pm and was recovered straight away. The crew tonight were Helmsman Sam Corcoran-Smith, Will Moir, and Harry Emmence.

Monday evening, we received news from the man's wife that after spending time in hospital recovering, he is now at home, so good news and we wish him well in his recovery.



The Selsey Shantymen Newsletter

If you have passed the Selsey RNLI station this summer and have been met by the sight – and -sound of a group of men in striped shirts singing sea shanties you might be excused for wondering what is going on.

If you stopped for a few minutes and listened to a song or two then thank you. If you put a coin or a note into one of the buckets strategically placed by the path then thank you all the more!

The Selsey Shantymen are a group of ,, lets say "mature" lads who like to sing shanties and work songs. We also like to raise funds for our lifeboat station and the RNLI which is such an important part of Selsey.

This year, with the help and generosity of those passers-by and those who stayed a while, we raised a decent **£1,647.61** to help support this vital service.

Of course, we sing elsewhere too – Tuesday night is rehearsal night (which is just another excuse for an informal singalong and a pint or two) and we are often to be found at the Lifeboat Inn, just a stones throw from the lifeboat station.

We don't restrict ourselves to the lifeboat station though, we sing at parties, events and community occasions.....in fact we tend to sing at the drop of a hat.

Next year's diary is already filling up, with an early highlight being a trip to Ostend, Belgium for their four day Ostend At Anchor Boat Festival, and of course we will be back on the beach during the spring and summer.

If you would like to talk to us about your event, please ring Brian Sullivan on [07546 591471](tel:07546591471).

Remembrance Day

The Selsey Shantymen were delighted to have been invited once again to join the Remembrance Day commemoration. It was very moving to join in the lovely service together with our friends the Selsey Molls. It was a proud and humbling moment to then march to the War Memorial for the wreath laying and the two minutes silence.

All the Shantymen wish to thank everyone for their support this past year and to wish you all a Merry, Happy and Safe Christmas

The Selsey Private Club, Coxes Road PO20 9AN 01243 606015 New members welcome.

Beat the winter blues

The Selsey Private Club are offering a warm safe place this winter where you can have tea / coffee, food or soft drinks at very reasonable prices between 12 and 3pm Mon to Fri.

For example: cup of tea 75p, cup of coffee £1.00, 1 Egg on 2 toast @ £1.95 or 2 Sausage and chips @ £2.25 or 1 Sausage egg & chips £2.25. Plain jacket potato @ £1.95 with extra fillings @ £1.00 each and lots more to choose from.

So come and stay warm, meet new friends and maybe even have a sing song, happy days.

Our fund raising efforts for our Selsey Community Lunch here at the Club so far have raised a total of **£1100.00**. A massive thank you to everyone who helped and supported us over the last few years, you have all helped to make Selsey the wonderful place it is.

Thank You from all here at the club. Have a wonderful Christmas.

(Also see our advert on page 31)



**Selsey FC Christmas
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TUES 13TH DECEMBER 2022

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**DOORS OPEN 6.30PM
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CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Tuesday, 6th December 2022
at 2.00 pm**

St Peter's Church Hall, Selsey

**Come and join us for a sing-along of
all your Christmas favourites, and a cuppa**

Admission £3, payable on the door

There will also be a raffle

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

What do you give a man who has everything?
Penicillin.

The Olympic Committee have just announced that Origami is to be introduced at the next Olympics. Unfortunately it will only be available on paper view.

I needed a new gas cannister for camping, and asked a local if there was a B and Q in Chichester.
"No", he said, "But there are two Es in Leeds.

LNWR CARRIAGE 155

In 2017 I was asked if I was interested in scrapping the old railway carriage that had been converted into a toilet and shower block by John Bunn at the North Common Farm caravan site.

This will be recognised by those that stayed

and worked there, the carriage was in a poor state and considered beyond repair even before it went to Bunns in late 80s/90s, I have several old vehicles that I am restoring but decided to put them on the back burner to concentrate on the carriage

I asked if I could bring it back to my property and restore it, the Bunn family kindly agreed and I set about trying to get it moved - it was sitting on a lorry trailer that had not been moved or MOT'd for 30 years when the carriage was moved there in the late 1980s.

I found someone who would risk bringing it the 3.2 miles to my home at Sidlesham, and since then myself, and helpers when available, have spent about four years restoring it and have another year to go. I have a few other inside restoration projects to work on whilst waiting for the good weather to return.

The Vintage Carriage Trust responded to an email with "The carriage body is known to the Society as LNWR 155, built in 1888, it is an early sleeper carriage, later converted to a 'Picnic Saloon', and would have been used for hire by groups or families where it would be attached to service trains for days out to North Wales Coast or Blackpool etc. Quite a large number of these were built but very few survive. They began to be phased out as the motor car and motor bus became more available in the 1920's and 1930's."

They list the carriage as historically very important and unique. In 1917 the carriage and thirteen others were converted by LNWR for use in France in WW1 as General Haig's Headquarters train.

In 1927 Captain Charles Vale bought several carriages, some at "£25 each delivered to your nearest railway station", to Elmer to be converted into homes, at this time there were only 2 houses in Elmer, Farmer Brown and his pigman.

From there it seems to have gone to the Lavender Line who mailed me "We sold it as restoration was beyond our means (I recall serious suggestions that it should be burnt to get rid of it!) and I am quite surprised it survives."

I am putting up a website soon about the carriage and if anyone has any info about its life at Selsey or elsewhere or about Captain Charles Vale whose wife came from Chichester or about General Haig's use of his train whilst in France, please get in touch by email

tonytrude@gmail.com



Update from the Chichester Neighbourhood Policing Team

One Police resource that we are often asked about is the Police helicopter.



Our helicopter is provided by NPAS – National Police Air Service. NPAS have 15 bases across England and Wales supplying 19 helicopters and 4 planes.

Arun and Chichester is mostly served from the Redhill base which has officers from Surrey, Sussex and Kent Police working on the helicopter as Tactical Flight Officers (TFOs) alongside pilots who are directly employed by NPAS.

The helicopter is an EC135T2+ which has a standard set up of 4 seats. One TFO sits in the front with the pilot and their main role is to operate the cameras. All the aircraft are fitted with daylight cameras capable of reading number plates or seeing a suspect's clothing. They are also equipped with a thermal camera which can search large areas for suspects, or a missing or vulnerable person.

The second TFO sits behind the pilot and operates the mapping computer software, the radios to communicate with control room, officers on the ground or other police aircraft, the public address system and the "Nightsun" a large search light that can illuminate an area the size of a football pitch or be focussed into a thin pencil beam to identify a particular point or individual to officers on the ground.

Using the helicopter to search for missing or vulnerable people means that large open areas can be covered in a short space of time, saving ground officers having to spend hundreds of hours searching those same areas on foot. In the event of the helicopter crew locating a person who appears to be in need of medical attention, they are able to land (if it's safe to do so) and deploy from the aircraft with a defib machine and first aid kit if they assess that the location is very remote or if the nearest ambulance is a long way off.

Last year NPAS flew 220 hours and attended 225 incidents for Sussex. During that time they found 16 vulnerable people, 23 missing people, 62 suspects and 17 stolen vehicles.

5 September 2022

Selsey RNLI all-weather lifeboat joins search for yacht



The UK Coastguard had received a Mayday form a yacht with two persons aboard saying they required immediate assistance.

The Selsey Shannon class all-weather lifeboat (ALB) launched at 11.50pm on Monday 5 September and proceeded to a position given by Coastguard 22nm southwest of Selsey Bill. At 12.58am the ALB arrived on scene and the Coastguards asked the lifeboat to commence a parallel track search with leg lengths of ten miles and track spacings of two miles. Bembridge ALB was also launched and was conducting a similar search pattern further to the west. Two Coastguard helicopters Rescue 175, and Rescue 163 were also tasked with an area to search.

The weather on scene was wind northeast 2-3 sea state slight although less than two hours after a violent thunderstorm crossed the area. At 3.28am at the end of the third leg the Coastguards requested the Selsey ALB stopped the parallel track search and return to station conducting a line ahead search back to Selsey. The ALB arrived back at Station at 5.10am and was recovered straight away. The crew today were Coxswain Rob Archibald, Mechanic Phil Pitham, Sam Corcoran-Smith, Pip Skeet, Neil Hopcraft, and Jake Harnett

Jobs for December

Hard prune late-flowering Clematis. Cut back to near ground level, above a strong pair of buds on each stem and dispose of all the old growth above. Don't prune Spring-flowering Clematis however, or you'll lose next year's flowers.

Prune Apple and Pear trees (but not Plums and Cherries which are susceptible to disease when pruned in Winter). Pruning at this time of year encourages strong new growth. Cut this year's whippy stem back to leave about five buds on each and take out all crossing or damaged branches. Apply some slow-release general fertiliser to the ground around the root area.

Prune Grape vines now while they are dormant. If left until late Winter the sap will be rising and will bleed copiously from every cut. Prune back this year's lateral stems to leave one strong bud on each. Renew ties on the framework.

Tip Top Tips

- Reputable garden centres can be worth a visit for seasonal gifts and pot plants.
- Cut some Holly for Christmas in the middle of the month and keep it in a bucket of water in greenhouse or garage to avoid birds stripping the berries.
- Plants can make excellent Christmas gifts. Keep Cyclamen and Azaleas cool and Poinsettias warm.
- Have a rest, take a glass of Christmas sherry and browse through the latest seed catalogues to plan the flowers and vegetables that will fill your garden in 2019.
- Remember to keep bird feeders well filled-up so our feathered friends can also have a good Christmas.
- Dress-up drain pipes for Christmas with clip-on post holders and pots of colourful Winter flowers

Grow Selsey Projects in 2023

Grow Selsey looks after **The Hidden Garden**, a community gardening project based at The Bridge Support Centre, behind Selsey Library.

We welcome anyone to visit and join our growing team of volunteers who look after this wonderful space growing fresh organic fruit, herbs and vegetables as well as creating habitats for wildlife to thrive.

In 2023 we are hoping you can help with both some ongoing projects and a new project we are starting this year to collect local fruit called Abundance Selsey.

In March we are running the 5th **Selsey Seed and Plant Swap** event. Please come to this on Sunday 5th March between 11am and 3pm but in advance if you have any spare packets of seeds or plants you do not want please bring them to The Bridge and we will share them with other local people who may like to grow them. We are happy to receive vegetable, herb, flowers or fruit seeds and plants, but it would be fantastic to see you at the event and for you to have the opportunity to look around The Hidden Garden.

Alongside this there is now a new **Selsey Tree Nursery** growing seeds collected locally to then plant on sites across Selsey. If you have any tree seeds you have collected this year or trees growing in pots you would like us to look after please get in touch and let us know.

Finally, we are starting a new project in 2023 called **Selsey Abundance**. For this we want to know where there are any type of fruit trees, soft fruit bushes, nut trees, rhubarb and figs in Selsey. The project is going to map where these are and start to collect fruit which does not get used to be distributed to local organisations who can use the fruit and help provide produce to local people. If you have fruit in your garden, please let us know and if you know the varieties even better. If you would like to help with developing this project, please also get in touch with Paul on 07815790770 or paul@selseycommunityforum.uk

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the National Garden Scheme. Thank you to all the Selsey Life readers who have visited our beautiful West Sussex National Garden Scheme gardens and to the wonderful garden owners and volunteers who do so much to support the scheme.



Originally set up in 1927 to support district nurses, the National Garden Scheme now raises millions of pounds for nursing and health charities each year. Beneficiaries include Macmillan Cancer

Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and Parkinson's. They also support charities doing amazing work in gardens and health and grant bursaries to help community gardening projects, such as **The Hidden Garden in Selsey**.

Links to National Garden Scheme gardens opening in West Sussex will be available on the **Selsey Life Website** in January. Look out too for the National Garden Scheme Booklet which will be available from February 2023.

Thank you to Steve and Amanda at Selsey Life for your support.



The new London sperm bank had a disappointing opening.

Only two donors attended, the first came on the bus and the second missed the tube.



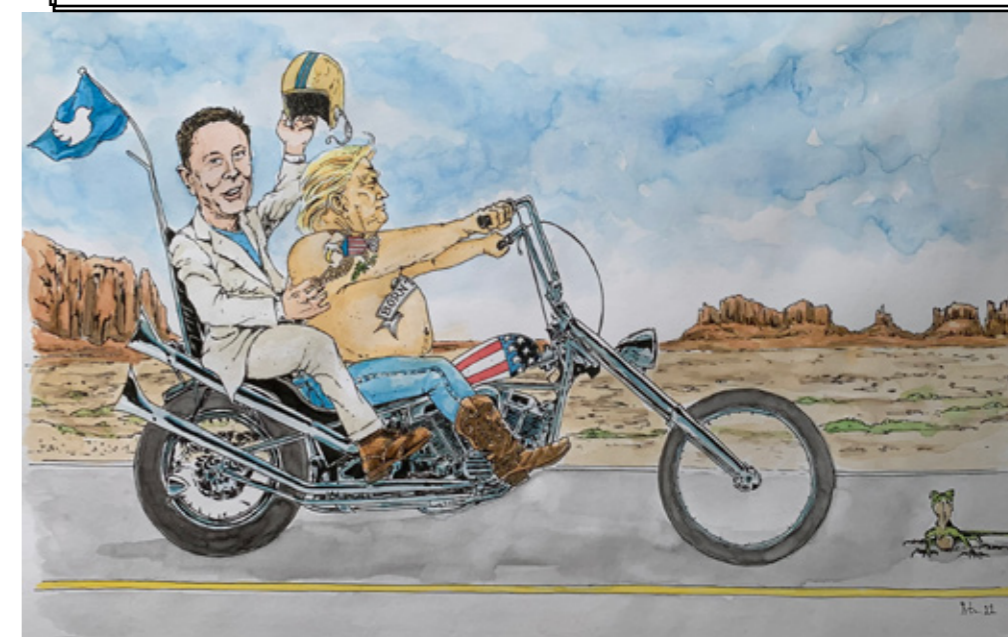
DOUBLE TROUBLE

The deal's on the deal's off someone's got his eye on Twitter the deal's back on but don't dare scoff he's a very big financial hitter forty four billion so they say the asking price in dollar bills but cheap or dear his vast outlay there's no more running for the hills

Twitter's the largest electoral roll an almost priceless list of names the longest file through which to scroll prepare to witness fun and games wade through and through to letter T the one with the frozen account who rubs his hands in childish glee the one who'll gain a huge amount

Now watch him run for President his Twitter jail door unlocked straight to the platform's residents his stream of tweets no longer blocked companions on the motorbike both feathering each other's nest if you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours some day we'll see who comes off best!

JOHN BYRNE OCTOBER 22
ARTWORK: JASON BETON



All things Snowdrop!!!

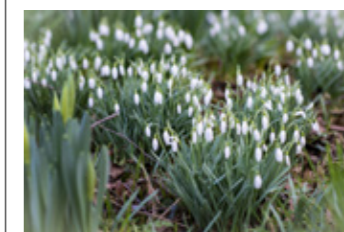
Saturday 18th February – 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Denmans Gardens, BN18 0SU. FREE event 'Spot the Snowdrop' – A chance to spot snowdrops in the garden and attend a photography exhibition and winner announcements to mark 30 years of care from the Sussex Snowdrop Trust and the significance of the snowdrop as a symbol of hope. To enter the competition and to see full details, visit www.thesussexsnowdroptrust.com. Donations welcome. Midpines café will be open until 3.45pm for tea/coffee & cake.



Monday 20th February – 2.00pm – 4.00pm – Garden visit & Talk, Denmans Gardens, BN18 0SU – 'Promise of Snowdrop' - A talk on winter interest for garden lovers by Gwendolyn van Paasschen, owner of Denmans Garden in aid of the children's charity, The Sussex Snowdrop Trust. Limited places – Booking essential.



www.thesussexsnowdroptrust.com £15 includes garden entry from 11am - 4pm with the talk at 2pm. Midpines café will be open until 3.30pm to purchase food and refreshments.

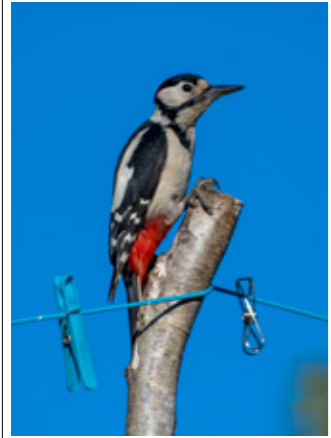




Great Spotted Woodpecker

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

My New Year's resolution is to try and be more positive about the future - but I already feel like banging my head repeatedly against a tree. Standing out in the street this morning, I heard a noise that reassured me that I'm not alone.

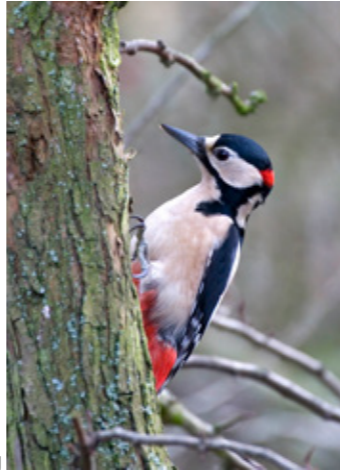


Great Spotted Woodpecker
c Barry Cook Sussex Wildlife Trust

The drumming of the Great Spotted Woodpecker is a familiar sound throughout February, surely earning this striking black and white bird the reputation as one of Britain's most famous drummers along with Ringo Starr and Phil Collins. The bird's drumming serves an important function because the Great Spotted Woodpecker realises it can't sing and doesn't attempt to. Sadly, the same can't be said for Ringo Starr and Phil Collins. Instead, its drumroll is a percussive proclamation that hammers home the message to other male woodpeckers to stay away from its territory in the treetops. It also serves to drum up support from female woodpeckers in the vicinity who may be looking for a pied partner.

This 'song' may not be as sweet as the melodies sung by the Robin or Blackbird but it still gets its message across. Indeed, the drumming can carry the bird's message across half a mile of countryside, with a male broadcasting up to 600 drumrolls a day. Each drumroll consists of up to 10-16 beats, typically in a one second burst. Of course, if I did attempt to take my frustrations out on a tree in a similar way, I'd suffer some form of concussion - but woodpeckers are specially designed to avoid this by having shock absorbent tissue between the base of their bill and their strengthened skulls to cushion the impact.

Their incredible beak is more than just a drumstick, it's also a pickaxe which allows them to chip away at trunks to excavate their own nest hole; and a chisel with which the woodpecker prises open tree bark to find food. That mighty beak is a formidable weapon too, which sends other birds on the peanut feeder scarpering pretty sharpish. And Great Spotted Woodpeckers are becoming more greatly spotted, as it is a British bird which is actually increasing in numbers. The pecker's population leapt in the seventies and nineties, with some estimates stating they have increased by 300% over the past five decades. The availability of dead wood thanks to Dutch Elm Disease and the availability of peanuts thanks to British bird lovers being among of the reasons for this increase. See, I ended the article on a positive note, maybe I won't break my New Year's resolution after all. Well done to me, I'm feeling upbeat about the future. Now to put the kettle on, put my feet up, and turn on the news...



Great Spotted Woodpecker
c Darin Smith Sussex Wildlife Trust

Selsey Methodist Church

By the time you read this we will probably be into Advent and looking towards Christmas. I love this time of year – I love the decorations, the carols, the chance to meet up with friends and family for presents and special meals. I also love the fact that this whole season celebrates a God who didn't remain remote and aloof but came to earth and lived as a human being. We sing carols like 'Away in a Manger' and set up our Nativity scenes but do we really recognise what it means that God was born as one of us?



And the reason God chose to come to earth as a helpless baby in a remote corner of the Roman empire all those years ago? I think the main reason is love - love for you and me and for everybody. Jesus' birth had been long-promised and he uniquely showed us who God is and re-invited us to be in a living, loving God-person relationship. Christina Rossetti wrote a carol that isn't sung as often as some of the others but picks up this theme beautifully:



Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
star and angels gave the sign.

Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)

All through Advent this year, the Methodist Church is celebrating the fact that the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus means that each and every person is invited and welcome to be a part of God's family, the Church. Where the innkeeper famously told Mary and Joseph that there was no room for them, we want to let everybody know that there is room, for each of us. To this end, I would like to invite you to any or all of our - or any of the other Selsey Church's - services over Christmas. If Sunday mornings don't work for you, maybe you could join us for **carols on Christmas Eve at 6pm** – we're there on the High Street opposite the Town Hall and you will be most welcome.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a peace-filled New Year

Tim ☺

Tim Cooper
Local Lay Pastor, Selsey Methodist Church



Alan Ede



St Wilfrid's Hospice
Making a difference to local lives

Latest News from St Wilfrid's Hospice

Christmas Tree recycling service available again this year

Would you like to have your Christmas tree collected and recycled by our kindly volunteer elves after Christmas? No hassle for you, no needles in your car, St Wilfrid's volunteers collect your tree from your front garden in early January and take it away to be recycled into chippings and mulch! All you need to do is make a donation to support people with a life limiting illness in your community.



Book now for this popular fundraiser!

stwh.co.uk/christmastrees

Christmas Cards Now Available

St Wilfrid's has 18 Christmas Card designs available this year. To keep our cards sustainable, we now use card wallet-style packaging and have no foil or plastic on them to make them better for the environment.

Last year we raised over £37,000 from selling our Christmas Cards, which is an incredible amount. In fact, it could help to pay for the running costs of the Hospice for almost two days! Shop for your Christmas cards and 2023 diaries in our 12 charity shops or online

stwh.co.uk/online-shop

Could you be a Trustee?

We are looking for Trustees to join our Board. This voluntary role is rewarding and interesting, and allows you to use your skills to support our local charity. To find out more, visit stwh.co.uk/vacancies/trustee/

Coming soon from St Wilfrid's...

Make a Will Fortnight returns early in 2023. Local solicitors will generously donate their time for appointments to make your Will. In return we hope you'll be inspired to make a donation to fund hospice care in your community.



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A Christmas fundraising appeal with a difference – where One DONATION can have DOUBLE the IMPACT for families living with dementia.

Your donation makes it possible for Dementia Support to deliver essential personalised services to those living with dementia, their loved ones, and their carers throughout their whole dementia journey from their unique hub, Sage House, in Tangmere. As an independent charity, they rely entirely on the kind generosity of the public to provide life changing services including, emotional, social, legal, and financial advice, help to navigate the complex health and social care system, respite care, dementia friendly hairdressing, assisted bathing, wellbeing activities, and courses for carers.

Holly, who's parents have been supported by Sage House said "Until you know someone with dementia and the impact that it has you don't realise the help that is needed. I was blown away by all the facilities and everything that was on offer. I know Mum and Dad really loved coming here and Mum still loves coming here."

To gift families the help to live well with dementia this Christmas and have your donation DOUBLED, please visit: www.dementiasupport.org.uk/donate or, donations can be accepted by post or in person at Sage House.

If you, or someone you know is affected by dementia, and you would like support or more information on any of their services offered at Sage House, please call 01243 888691 or visit www.dementiasupport.org.uk

Gift families the help to live well with dementia this Christmas and your donation will be doubled!

Sage House Tangmere
One Donation, Double the Impact
29th November - 13th December 2022
Support our appeal between these dates to make DOUBLE the difference to families living with dementia

"I mean this hand on heart, I would not have got through the last 8 months without their support"
- Fiona (carer for her mum)

HOW YOU CAN HELP
Donate online today at www.dementiasupport.org.uk/donate
Send cheque or cash donations to Sage House, Dementia Support
City Fields Way, Chichester, West Sussex, PO20 2FP
Call us on 01243 888691

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Dementia affects the whole family; partners, children, and even close friends of someone with dementia can find themselves in new roles as carers, alongside the huge emotional impact of a diagnosis.

Through donations from public support, local charity Dementia Support is making a difference to families living with dementia. This Christmas there is a wonderful opportunity to make your support and impact go even further.

Diagnoses of dementia are on the rise, with now over 944,000 people living with dementia in the UK, and this figure is due to surpass 1 million by 2025, which puts health and social care services under increasing pressure. The total number of people living with dementia per population in the Chichester constituency and Bognor Regis & Littlehampton constituency puts them both in the top 2.5% nationally for dementia prevalence- meaning the need for Dementia Support's services is growing year on year.

James Lovell, Head of Fundraising and Communications at Dementia Support, said, "We're delighted to launch our Christmas Double Up appeal to help more families, where **every DONATION made to Dementia Support from Tuesday 29th November until Tuesday 13th December will be DOUBLED** by our kind match funding champions, which this Christmas with the challenging economic climate means your donation can have double the impact for families who depend on our services."

A SUSSEX CATHEDRAL AND A CHRISTMAS STORY

Church Norton is a sleepy hamlet on the west side of Pagham Harbour easily by-passed by the B2145 road across the Manhood Peninsula to Selsey. Today it's most revered building is the de-consecrated chapel of St. Wilfrid's now in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust and maintained by local volunteers. Centuries ago, it was the cradle of Christianity in West Sussex and hundreds of years after that the inspiration for a famous British writer.



1066 prompted the rapid decline of the Selsey Diocese. In 1070, King William gave his chaplain, Stigand, the bishopric of the South Saxons and the See was transferred to Chichester. However, it is unlikely that the buildings at Church Norton were immediately abandoned and were used in some capacity until Chichester Cathedral was consecrated and fully functioning.

After the Romans left Britain in the forth century, the then West Sussex area became isolated and cut off by densely wooded hills and forests. Around Britian, the sea became the main highway and in the fifth century, Saxon tribes invaded to found the pagan kingdom of the South Saxons, although the Saxon King Ethelwald converted to Christianity in 648 AD influenced by his Christian wife, a Mercian princess.

The focal point of the development of Church Norton was the arrival of St. Wilfrid, Bishop of Ripon in the Kingdom of Northumbria. Wilfrid had a reputation for “being difficult” and , after a spectacular quarrel with the King, fled Northumbria eventually landing at Selsey in 680 AD with a party of monks, clerics and lay personnel. Here, according to the Venerable Bede, they “administered to them the word of the Faith and Salvation” - helped by a few miracles, charitable deeds and advice on improving the fishing! As a result, King Ethelwald gave Wilfrid land on which to build a cathedral in 681AD; tradition claims it was at Church Norton and became Selsey Cathedral. After five years, Wilfrid was able to return to Northumbria but he was then succeeded at Selsey by a long line of Saxon bishops until the Norman Conquest.

A Saxon cathedral would have been a comparatively modest building from which clergy and monks travelled out into the countryside to minister to the population. The Normans had a different concept of cathedrals regarding them as seats of religious power alongside, but usually subordinate to, the secular power of the monarchy. Thus the Norman invasion of

With the eventual demise of the Cathedral at Church Norton, much of the remaning stonework and artifacts were used locally in the construction of buildings,walls and as garden furniture. Yet, in later centuries, prominent local Christians requested to be buried at Church Norton describing the site as the “former cathedral”. St.Wilfrid’s Church. as it became. was re-dedicated as the parish church for Selsey but it gradually became too distant to serve as such. In 1864, it was decided to move it stone by stone to build the present parish church of St Peter’s in Selsey just leaving the chancel (St. Wilfrid's Chapel) at Church Norton intact.

However, for the writer, Rudyard Kipling, the site at Church Norton inspired literary connections. In 1910, in his book for children “Rewards and Fairies”, Kipling made the chapel the subject of a poem “Eddi’s Service”. It describes how, on a very stormy Christmas Eve, Eddi, the priest, was determined to celebrate Midnight Mass. Despite no parishioners arriving, an old donkey and a weary oxen turned up for the service. The story is apocryphal but may be based on a local traditional especially as St. Wilfrid's chaplain during his time at Selsey was Eddeus Stephanus or Stephen of Ripon and this could have inspired the tale.

Both St. Wilfred and Kipling's poem are associated with myths and legends relating to the first cathedral in West Sussex but possibly also contining elements of truth. St Wilfrid’s Chapel, Church Norton is now a peaceful and charming, small, ancient ecclesiastical building well worth a visit, whilst also being adjacent to the RSPB Pagham Harbour site.
Helena Millen

14 August 2022
The Selsey RNLI lifeboats were tasked to four separate incidents on Saturday 13th



1st ILB launched at 10.44am to a report of a paddleboard with two people in the water holding on to it off Aldwick. The Inshore lifeboat (ILB) was stood down on route as the two persons in the water were free divers using the board as a SMB (Surface marker buoy) The crew were Helmsman Sam Corcoran-Smith, Craig Sergeant, and Jake Harnett

2nd ILB launched at 12.30pm to conduct a search for an elderly woman missing from a nursing home in Bognor Regis. An extensive searsh was completed by the ILB with nothing found before the UK Coastguard released the ILB to return to Station. The crew were Helmsman James Albrey, Will Moir, and Craig Sergeant. The ILB was close to Bognor Pier when they were stood down and the crew had exhausted their water supply in the extremely hot conditions, so Craig was put ashore to get some drinks on BNPL, but the Bognor Rock Shop donated 3 cans of drink and 3 Vanilla cones to the crew so thank you very much to them.

3rd ILB launched 4.28pm to a report of a paddleboarder possibly in trouble after being observed from the shore not moving for 20 mins the ILB was stood down on route after the paddleboarder started to make for the shore. The crew were Helmsman Harry Emmence, James Albrey, and Neil Hopcraft.

4th ILB launched at 8.47pm to a report of a paddleboarder falling off the board and not seen to get back on in a position approximately one mile offshore from the beach by the Windmill Selsey. Once on scene the ILB found a paddleboarder who said he had not been in the water but had seen another boarder further out. With this information and darkness looming the ILB requested the ALB be launched to assist with the search. Once the ALB was on

scene parachute flares were fired by the lifeboats to illuminate the area, but nothing was seen. The ILB spoke to several people on the beach to the west of Selsey and all had seen different paddleboarders and confirmed they had all made it back to shore safely. With this information the UK Coastguards stood the lifeboats down to return to station. The crews tonight were ILB Helmsman Sam Corcoran-Smith, Dan Langford, and Tim Scott. ALB Coxswain Rob Archibald, Colin Pullenger, Mechanic Andy Lee, Will Moir, Craig Sergeant, and Neil Hopcraft.

1 November 2022

Selsey RNLI launch to person in the water at Bognor Regis



At 5.00pm on Tuesday 1 November the UK Coastguards requested the immediate launch of the Selsey all-weather lifeboat (ALB), after receiving reports of a person in the sea off Bognor Regis sea front.

The ALB launched at 5.10pm and made best speed to the area around the Pier. The ALB arrived on scene at 5.22pm and the Coastguards had just received a call from the Ambulance service that the person was out of the water. The weather on scene was wind south westerly force 7-8 sea state rough in heavy rain. The Littlehampton and Selsey Coastguards Rescue Teams (CRT) were also tasked to the incident and the lifeboat was requested to stand by until they teams arrived to confirm the person was safe.

At 5.41pm the UK Coastguard released the Selsey ALB from the incident. The ALB arrived back at Selsey at 6.08pm and recovered straight away. The crews today were

ALB Rob Archibald (Coxswain), Phil Pitham (Mechanic), Colin Pullenger, James Albrey, Neil Hopcraft, and Tim Scott (trainee) Shore crew Richard Wiseman (slars driver) Frank Corby (head launcher), Chris Bowling, Mark Penny, Richard Brady.

The Selsey Pavilion Trust is proud to announce the appointment of experienced theatre and cinema architects Foster Wilson Size following the award of a Project Development Grant from the Architects Heritage Fund last month (October).

Foster Wilson Size has an impressive track record for creating and refurbishing live performance spaces, including the Mayflower Theatre, Hoxton Hall and Brixton House. Their recent work to the Polka Children’s Theatre in Wimbledon demonstrates how imaginative public use of a community arts building can lead to the local area’s social and economic regeneration



Mayflower

Selsey Pavilion Trust chairman Christian Skelton said:

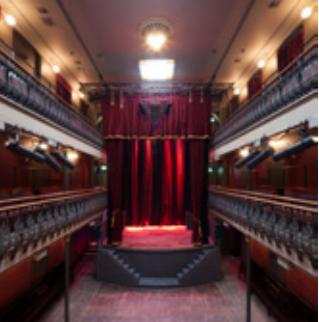
“Foster Wilson Size are one of the country’s leading live performance and cinema architects. Having them onboard at this early stage with their knowledge and experience is tremendous, and a testament to the potential of the long-term benefits the Pavilion can bring to Selsey and the wider Manhood Peninsular. We can’t wait to start working with them!”

Jonathan Size of Foster Wilson Size added:

“We are incredibly excited to have the opportunity to work with the Selsey Pavilion Trust on the Pavilion. Given its long history and prominent position on the High Street, it has an amazing potential to become a new cultural arts destination and a catalyst for positive change and further cultural development in the local area.

We share a love the arts, music, theatre and related venue design and look forward to the process of bringing the Pavilion back to life.”

The next step for the Trust is to apply to the Government’s Community Ownership Fund in mid-December which will support up to 50% of the Pavilion’s purchase costs if successful.



Hoxton Hall



Polka Theatre Wimbledon



The Selsey Private Club, Coxes Road

PO20 9AN 01243 606015

New members welcome.

What's on for December



Friday 2nd. A Ladies' party night with Dixie, Drag Artist and Disco
BOOKING ONLY

Saturday 3rd.
Sean Ward as Elvis
Always a sell out.

Friday 9th. Christmas Party Night with Cloud 9 with two course Christmas Dinner
Pre Booking only



Saturday 10th.
The versatile fabulous singer Kelly Lorraine

Saturday 17th. Tubbs's Christmas Party Night



Friday 23rd. The fabulous Colin Gold as Billy Fury

Sunday 25th. Traditional Christmas Lunch, **booking with deposit only**



Saturday 31st. Dance the Old Year out and the New Year in with DJ Tubbs and his amazing L.E.D. dance floor.



What's on for January

Sat 7th January Open Mike Karaoke with Desperation

Sat 14th to be announced



Sat 21st DJ Tubbs Party nite with all your favourite tunes

Friday 27th DJ Tubbs Ska to Northern Soul Motown and a Sprinkle of Reggae



Please check out our Facebook page for updates..



Wishing you all a very Merry and Christmas and a healthy happy prosperous New Year from all at the Selsey Club



And dont forget we do the best Roast on the South Coast

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 Wednesday Julie's Art Club 3pm Every Wednesday Bar Billiards League

Every Monday Darts League Every Friday Snooker League

Every Tuesday Bingo Bonanza Every Thursday Quiz is the Biz

Check us out throughout December for Christmas lunches and evening dinners.

We will also take bookings for lunch/dinner parties and afternoon tea parties through November and December.



We are host to the RNA and the Selsey Lions



Crablands Green Bowls

Crablands club member John Ballinger took to the skies recently in a dare devil wing walk in aid of charity. He raised £1000 for St Wilfrid's Hospice.



Here are some photos of this crazy stunt! Apparently next year, John would like to try a wing walk whilst the plane is looping the loop!



Crablands Short Mat

Internal Leagues are well under way. Triples are played on Monday afternoon, Australian Pairs on Wednesday evening and Triples on Friday afternoon. Some changes have been made to the original teams due to ill health and work commitments but all is progressing along well now.

October 15th

Avocet Wings were at home to **Cormorants** in the triples league. Avocet Wings lost on both league mats and the friendly. Cormorants won overall taking 6 points from the game. Teas were reinstated the first time after Covid and everyone agreed it was lovely to be able to socialize once more.

October 16th

Avocets were at home to Midhurst Eagles in the Rinks league. They won on one mat and lost on the other. Unfortunately, they did not win overall so gained 2 league points.

October 20th

Bitterns were at home to **Avocet Wings** in the Triples league. Bitterns won on both mats and overall, so gaining 6 league points. There was also a friendly mat which Bitterns also won.

October 23rd

Crablands were at home to Horley Rum in the Knock Out cup. Crablands won on both rinks and overall, so go through to the next round.

October 27th

Cormorants were at home to East Preston Blue in the Triples league. Cormorants won one mat and lost the other but won overall so gained 4 league points.

November 3rd

Cormorants were at home to **Avocet Wings** in the Triples league. Cormorants won on one mat and Avocets won the other. Avocets won overall so Cormorants took 2 league points and Avocets 4. There was also a friendly which was won by Cormorants 33-10.

November 5th

Avocet Wings were at home to East Preston Blue in the Triples league. Wings won on both rinks and overall taking 6 league points.

November 6th

The first day of the drawn mixed pairs took place in a competition lasting all day. Each pair played four games in their pool, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. The top five pairs in each pool going through to the next round in a fortnights time. Club funds were boosted with a raffle and the sale of filled rolls. It was a hectic day enjoyed by all.

November 12th

Avocets were at home to Fittleworth Foxes in the Rinks league. Avocets won on one mat, lost on the other but won overall so took 4 league points.

If you are interested in trying Short Mat Bowls, please get in contact with either
Julia McLaren our Short Mat Secretary on 01243 276489 - julia.mclaren@outlook.com

or **Alex Ainge** our Fixture Secretary on 01243 605918 - alex.ainge@btinternet.com

Crablands Tennis

The **Junior Coaching** sessions on Saturday mornings continue to thrive, with sessions running between 09:15 and 12:15, run by the Club's LTA Level 4 coach Dena Nelson Smith and her assistant coach Carl Spencer and apprentice coaches.



The **Mixed doubles tournament** took place on 30th October. Congratulations to the winners **Ali Merrett** and **Michael Ackerman** and the runners up **Jess Ackerman** and **Nigel Allfrey**. It was a great day, and we were delighted to play on the new court. A big thank you to Viv for running the event.



For Crablands Tennis details please contact either patsy.malta57@hotmail.co.uk or chris.webdale@hotmail.co.uk

Club Socials

The darts evening was a great success with darts flying all over the place. Many thanks to those who oversaw the boards and kept the scores, also to those preparing and serving the Ploughman's.

The next social event was a Casino Night with buffet on Friday November 18th where we were looking forward to playing with "funny money" throughout the evening.

Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 10th December.

The Crablands Club AGM will be held on Sunday 4th December.



Everyone here at Crablands BTC would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and All the Best for 2023



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Selsey Juniors

The Juniors played their Championship competition on 26th October. The competition was played over 36 holes and the gross score winner and therefore the Champion was Tom Ford, pictured left. The Handicap winner was Bobby Lee, pictured right.



(the photos are of Tom Ford and Bobby Lee with Club Captain Simon Aspital)

Also, during the summer, 9 hole competitions were played and the overall winner was Reggie Lee.

Selsey Ladies

Now the season has finally ended all Cups and Trophies have been played for and new names will be going up on the Boards that surround the Club House walls. All friendly matches have been played and the Ladies are now playing 9 holes on their Monday Club Days. Some ladies play at other times during the week in small groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays and of course can play any time during the week if they are five day members or, if 7 day members, they can also play at the weekends.

During October the Ladies play their Christmas Competitions. Unfortunately some of these had to be postponed due to heavy rain, so therefore the results of these completions will not be known in time for the December issue of Selsey Life.

The Ladies will play 9 hole competitions during the winter months from November until beginning of March. If the weather permits, Ladies do have an option to play another 9 holes. However just because there is not so much golf to play for the ladies in the winter months there is still the social side of the Club and Ladies meet up for a coffee and a chat if the weather is too bad to play. They have their AGM with coffee and mince pies, and their Christmas Lunch in December which is always a highlight of the year. Also in February,



the new Lady Captain holds her Coffee Morning. This usually consists of coffee and cakes, a raffle, bric-a-brac stall etc. the money raised from this event goes to the Lady Captain's charity.

The beginning of March will see every golfer in the club, men women and juniors raring to get started on all the annual competitions, mixed matches, friendly matches with other clubs, league matches etc. etc. and will be looking forward to the social side of the golf club, meeting up with friends and having a meal in the Club Restaurant, a drink in the bar or sitting out side on the terrace overlooking the 9th/18th hole with the wonderful view of the 1st and 18th holes and the south downs in the distance.

If there are any ladies who would like to play golf or at least have a go at hitting that little ball up the fairway, the Ladies Section would love to hear from you. There is to be an Open Day next year where you can come along have a coffee, a cake and a chat, (the post Christmas diets will long have been forgotten by the end of March), and hit some balls on the Practice Range. The date of the Open Day is **Saturday 25th March**. More information of this event will be available next year and will appear in the February 2023 of Selsey Life. If however any lady would like more information about the Ladies club before February, please contact Alison Weller, Club Secretary on **01243 602165**.



some of the ladies playing a mixed match with the Veterans.



Selsey Ladies Golf Club would like to take this opportunity to wish all their readers a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. Golf is a very healthy Sport!!!



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 Karen on **607169**

email: info@selseycarpetbowls.co.uk

www.selseycarpetbowls.co.uk

Please note we will have a break in play over the Christmas period finishing on Thursday 15th December returning on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Handy Larry Selsey Services

Local, reliable handy-men at your service.



Flooring - Tiling - Doors
Handles - Insulation - Shelving
Furniture assembly
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Painting

All jobs considered, large and small

Check out our fb page at:
Handy-Larry@manlywork
or call us on 07380 165744

PLEASE NOTE LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR ENTRY INTO NEXT SELSEY LIFE IS 16TH JANUARY



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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.

I am pleased to let my readers know that last month's pet of the month the gorgeous guinea pig Galaxy has now found his forever home.

My staff at The Centre are all very excited because finally the barn up-grades have been completed! Thank you to everyone who has supported this project over the years, I am so happy to hear that the cats staying with us have such a nice area that will ensure they are kept happy and healthy.

The barn work was completed just in time as only last week we had a large group of cats arrive from a home where the owner had got overwhelmed. We took in 22 cats and kittens that are now the first cats staying in our new barn. My staff had been in contact with their owner for a few weeks before hand to arrange them coming into us when we had the pens available and the barn was finished. However, it quickly became an emergency as there was sadly a house fire at the property and all the cats had to be taken out for their safety. A few of the cats were treated at a local vet for smoke inhalation but thankfully they were all fine. All the cats are settling in well at The Centre, they will all need to be neutered and spayed, vaccinated and microchipped which will be quite expensive. After speaking to my staff they have told me that all the cats are sweet and once they have completed their procedures they hope they will find homes quickly.

If you would like to support the animals this Christmas why not visit our amazon wish list through our website, where you can gift us food, toys and other items that benefit the animals. I hope all of my lovely readers have a joyful and relaxing festive period, thank you to everyone who has supported us this last year; we couldn't do it without you.

Lovely to chat to you all again, see you in February

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.

Lawson



This month we would love to introduce you to a handsome male cat called Lawson. Lawson has been at the rescue since May as he was not getting on with the other cats living in his neighbourhood. Lawson is 2 years old and is now looking to find a home where there are not many other cats in his local area. He is a very friendly boy who loves lots of fuss, he also enjoys playing with his toys and will follow you around to get more attention. As long as Lawson is happy he is a lovely boy but occasionally if he gets upset by something, mainly other cats he can give little nips. Lawson needs to go to a home where he is the only cat and only older or no children.

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



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

Holborow Lodge, Chalder Lane, Sidlesham, W. Sussex PO20 7RJ

Tel: 01243 967111 Reg. Charity no. 1010000

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

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

Winter Wildlife Briefings

INSIDE THE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL IN DECEMBER

Very worryingly, the UK is currently in the midst of an unprecedented **Avian Influenza (AI) outbreak**, or 'bird flu'. Due to this, it is after much deliberation and with very heavy hearts, that the team at Brent Lodge have made the difficult decision to **temporarily suspend the admission of any new birds** to the hospital until further notice. We kindly ask that if anybody comes across a wild bird in need, that they do not bring the bird on-site, but instead call us on **01243 641672 (ext. 1)** for advice.

This decision has been very upsetting for our team to make, but the risk to our current patients and possibly having to shut down is currently too great. We ask that people are kind and respectful towards our staff during this difficult time as we try to manage the situation as best as we can. In hopeful news, construction of our Admissions and Isolation blocks are well underway and due to be completed in the new year. Once complete, we hope to be able to admit certain low-risk avian species again.

PATIENT STORIES

We have seen a rise in hedgehogs being admitted with heavy worm burdens that then require faecal samples for diagnosis and specialist treatments. Hedgehogs are at risk of becoming overweight over winter (our smallest is only 102g!), but we do ask that members of the public do not unnecessarily pick up hedgehogs for weighing without real cause for concern. If a hedgehog is spotted during the daytime, this is always a warning sign and we recommend phoning immediately for advice. However, if it is the evening, it is less likely to be quite so urgent and again phoning is recommended before acting.



HELPING BRENT LODGE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL & LOCAL WILDLIFE

Winter remains one of our busiest seasons assisting the hundreds of animals in our care. If you would like to help, we are **desperately need items** such as **wet cat/dog food (non-fish)** and **newspapers** for bedding (*we cannot use glossy magazines, office paper or newspapers with staples*) and would be incredibly grateful for any possible donations. We are also selling Christmas cards on-site to raise funds for the animals.

To help your local wildlife, we encourage putting out **bird food** (e.g. fat balls / suet pellets) as often as possible. Also leaving **low dishes of clean water** to prevent dehydration and **low dishes of wet cat/dog food (non-fish)** overnight to feed small mammals such as hedgehogs. These measures will significantly help local wildlife build up their fat reserves and resilience for the brutal winter months ahead and ultimately improve their chances of survival!

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

The team and animals at Brent Lodge wish you all a very warm and merry Christmas!



Web: www.brentlodge.org **Tel:** 01243 641672
Email: enquiries@brentlodge.org
Address: Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital, Cow Lane, Sidlesham, PO20 7LN.



St. Peter's Church News

The most evident new thing about St Peter's this autumn is that on these dark afternoons and evenings the building is enhanced by new LED lighting to cheer you as you pass by. This kind of flood lighting is a much more economical and environmentally friendly replacement for what we had before.

By the time you read this we shall be into Advent, preparing for Christmas. Father Andy says "I am delighted that we shall again be hosting all our usual services this Christmas, leaving behind the restrictions of recent years. It will also be wonderful to welcome Seal and Medmerry Schools for their Christmas celebrations." Our Sunday services take place as usual at 8 and 10 am, including Christmas Day and there are three others you may like to attend.

On Sunday, 18th December at 3pm we host a traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols; and on Christmas Eve there are two very special services. At 4pm there will be a children's Nativity Service and Blessing of the Crib. Children are invited to dress up as any of the following: stars, animals, angels, shepherds, kings, Mary and Joseph – so there is plenty of scope for you to choose. Then at 11.30 there will be the Midnight Mass of Christmas. As you come in and the service begins the church will be beautifully lit with tea lights on the pillars and on the windowsills (newly decorated by groups associated with the church). These are all lovely occasions, and we do hope that in spite of all the rush and pressure this time of year brings you will find an hour or two to join us in celebrating the wonderful birth of Jesus Christ.

Are you interested in meeting new friends, having a good chat and sharing your love of books and reading in the heart of your local

READING FRIENDS



1st Friday of the month 10.30-11.30am.

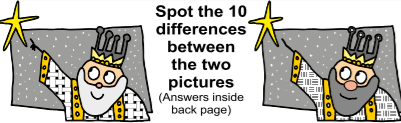
Selsey Library

Everyone welcome.

Steve's Puzzle Page

Advent Calendar

1. The name of the mother of Jesus was: • Martha • Mary • Eve • Deborah	2. Jesus was born in which town? • Jerusalem • Nazareth • Bethlehem • Dudley	3. Joseph was a: • Carpenter • Doctor • Engineer • Fisherman	4. Who told them to go to Bethlehem? • An angel • Caesar • Herod • No one	5. Why didn't they stay at the inn? • Too costly • No inn • No room • None of these	6. How did they get to Bethlehem? • Camel • Donkey • Wagon • We don't know	7. After being born, Jesus was put in: • In a basket • In a manger • On some hay • On a donkey	8. Where was he born? • In a stable • In a house • In a cave • We don't know
9. Which animals were at the birth? • Cows, sheep • Lions, tigers • Goats, sheep • Unknown	10. What sign was for the shepherds? • Lion & sheep • Tree & star • Star & cloud • Baby & manger	11. What did the angels do? • Praise God • Vanish • Clap • Dance	12. Which angel visited Mary? • Michael • Christmas past • Gabriel • No name	13. How many angels did the shepherds see? • 1 • 12 • 50 • Lots	14. Who else came to see Jesus? • Kings • Wise Men • Both • Neither	15. Where were the wise men from? • The West • The East • The Orient • Don't know	16. The wise men met Jesus in a: • Manger • Igloo • Stable • House
17. Why was Jesus taken to Egypt? • To visit Pharaoh • For a holiday • To be safe • To avoid famine	18. The little drummer boy met Jesus: • In the manger • At a house • At age two • None of above	19. Which books describe Jesus' birth? • Matthew • John • Mark • Luke	20. Jesus was born on: • Christmas Day • December 25th • In December • We don't know	21. What gifts did the wise men bring? • Gold • Myrrh • Frankincense • All of above	22. How many wise men came? • One • Two • Three • Unknown	23. How many other children did Mary have? • None • One • Several • Twenty	24. The book that foretells Jesus birth is: • Isaiah • Esther • Job • Ruth
25. Who gave Jesus his name? • Mary and Joseph • The Kings • The shepherds • God							



CLUES-IN-SQUARES CROSSWORD PUZZLE
(else known as arrowword, or scandinavian)

Sights at Dover					Coon's kin		Early space-man
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	Affects	Mails	Weather, in verse	Vocalize	Dust-mover	Like a gnat	
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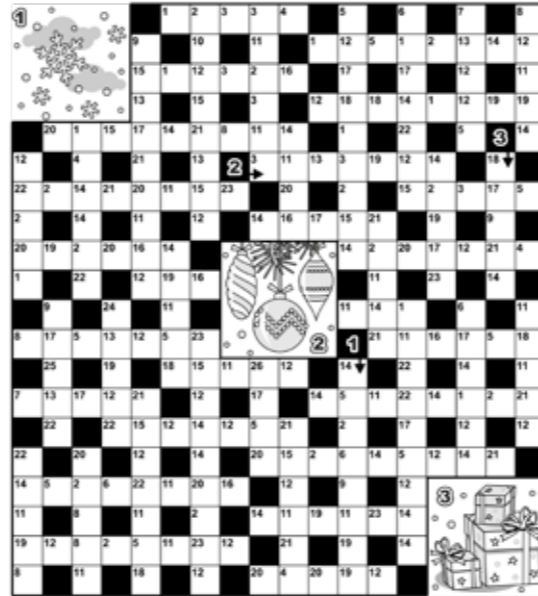
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Find 10 Differences



The same number represents the same letter. Crack the code and fill the grid. To help you get started some word entries have picture clues.



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FRIENDLY GROUP ON TUESDAY
AFTERNOONS
2 PM TILL 5 PM AT THE SELSEY CENTRE
PHONE SUE ON 07710 658 331



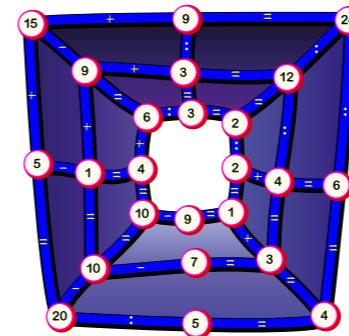
SELSEY CANASTA GROUP
ALL WELCOME
ALSO SCRABBLE
FRIENDLY GROUP ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS
2 PM TILL 5PM AT THE SELSEY CENTRE
PHONE PAMELA ON 01243 604720

1st SELSEY SCOUTS Charity Shop
Scout HQ, School Lane ~ every Saturday
between 10 am -12 noon
Bric-a-brac ~ Clothes ~ Et al

Last Month's Answers

Autumn Crossword

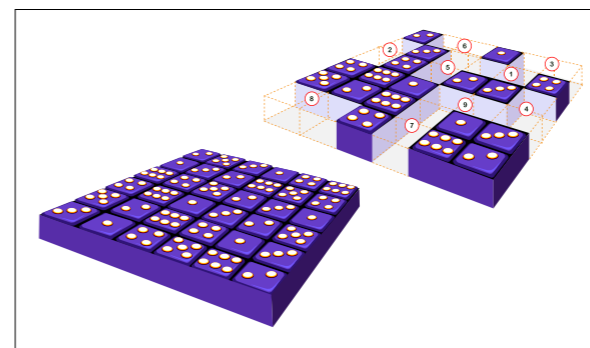
Key: 1 mushroom; 2 sunflower; 3 harvest; 4 acorn; 5 leaf; 6 pie; 7 wheat; 8 rowan; 9 marshmallow; 10 apple; 11 pumpkin; 12 basket.



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SELSEY CANCER RELIEF FUND
DATES TO REMEMBER
Methodist Church Hall 9.30am

Saturday December 3rd
Christmas Bits and Bobs 9.30am
Saturday January 7th Jumble Sale 9.30am
Saturday February 4th Jumble Sale 9.30am
There is ample parking behind the Fire Station.



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

Visually Impaired Club

Meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month

2-4 PM

Hanover Close

Details from Judy on 01243 606995

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

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 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



Our theme for this year at Beacon Church has been **‘Let your light shine’** and at Christmas particularly, don’t we all just feel so much better seeing the Christmas Lights shining like a message of **‘hope’** out of the darkness of the night.

Darkness for many people represents a fearful thing. Our imaginations run free when we cannot see our surroundings. To be plunged into total darkness is a terrifying experience. It has often been used in interrogation and solitary confinement to disorientate and break people down. Last month after yet another wave of Russian attacks on Ukraine’s Electricity supply, President Volodymyr Zelensky was defiant on social media, writing: "Light always prevails over darkness." He said the enemy occupiers would never understand this, "existing for a long time in an impenetrable darkness themselves".

With shorter days, longer nights, and bad weather leading to the winter blues for many, and for some the more severe Seasonal Affective Disorder, it is recognised that light can help. In fact, there are specially designed lights that can help improve how we feel.

It is fact though, that we all need light, not just to make plants grow and to see where we are, but on a deeper level we seem to need it to feel safe and secure. It seems that more and more people are decorating their houses with creative festive light displays! There is something in us that wants to make this world lighter. The warmth, the brightness, the glow in the blackness, the direction it brings.....we all are drawn to light.

The theme of light and dark runs right through the Bible as well. In writing about the birth and life of Jesus Christ an Old Testament prophet wrote: *‘The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of darkness a light has dawned.’* Elsewhere an Old Testament writer says: *‘Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.’* Jesus Christ himself says: *‘I am the light of the world.’* Another Bible writer says: *‘God is light, in Him there is no darkness’*

It’s truly a dark world still today. Not just because it’s winter and the nights have been drawing in, but much more than that. Watch the news at night and you will see the spiritual darkness that surrounds us as we stumble around in this world. It hasn’t changed at all since that writer said *‘the people walking in great darkness...’* There is still great darkness today, but it need not be that way with us stumbling around. The blacker the darkness, the more powerful the effect of the light. Jesus said *‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life’* (John 8:12). As the nights do draw in and inevitably the Christmas lights come out, ask yourself if you really know where you are going. Can you really see clearly? Can you see the path to follow in your life? Or is it all darkness and stumbling in the night? Are you sure that you are even on the right path at all? The invitation of Jesus still stands... *‘Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness’*. His promise is still true, and at Christmas, we celebrate Jesus’s arrival here on earth, coming as a human, bringing God’s open-armed message of hope. There is no need to be without Jesus as your friend, and Christmas offers no better time to find out more about Him. To this end, on **Monday 19th December at 7pm**, we are screening the new docudrama film released only this month, **‘Why the Nativity?’** In our culture today, it is common for people to forget the true meaning of Christmas—and its significance. The occasion has become less spiritual and more materialistic over the years, and many might not even fully know the original story of Christmas. But this celebration is much



bigger than a secularized holiday. Christmas is about God’s plan of salvation, which He set in motion before time began. In **‘Why the Nativity?’**, the film looks in detail at the people and events that surround the Christmas story and why each of them was chosen for their specific purpose. Why not come along and watch the Docudrama film. It is free as too are the refreshments!

Regular Weekly Church Events

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

Sunday	10.00am		MORNING WORSHIP (1 st Sunday of month, family style service)
Tuesday	1.00pm - 5.00pm		Pantry Plus: ‘Warm Space’ with the ‘Community Food Hub’ at 2pm
Wednesday	2.00pm - 3.30pm		Tea and Chat at the church building
Friday	10.00am		Sunbeams for pre-school children and carers Term-time only
Friday	5.00pm		Bright Sparks for school Yrs R to 4 Term-time only
Friday	6.15pm		Lighthouse for school Yrs 5+ Term-time only

December Diary

Sat 3 rd	9am	Men’s Breakfast at the Boulevard
Sun 4 th	10am	All-age Service
	3.30pm	ResBite Tea with Christmas Songs of Praise and Return to Sunday School
Sun 11 th	10am	Morning Worship and Christmas Buffet Lunch
Mon 12 th	2pm	Inspire Group – Crafts and Party
Sun 18 th	10am	All-Age Christmas Celebration
	6pm	Christmas Carols
Mon 19 th	7pm	Film "Why the Nativity?"
Sun 25 th	9.30am	Christmas Morning Worship

For January events, please refer to our website



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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

Advent Services for 2022

Sunday	4 th December	3 pm	Christingle Service.
Sunday	18 th December	3 pm	Carols and Nine Lessons.
Saturday	24 th December	4pm	Nativity and Crib Service.
		11.30pm	Candlelit Midnight Mass.
Sunday	25 th December	10am	Christmas Day Family Service.

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

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

For enquiries about hiring the hall please email

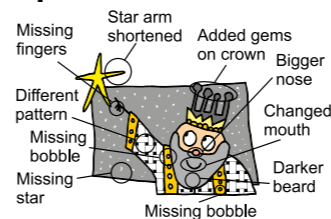
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Advent Calendar Quiz Answers

1. Mary. Matthew 1:18
2. Bethlehem. Matthew 2:1
3. A Carpenter. Matthew 13:55
4. Caesar. Luke 2:1-3
5. There was no room. Luke 2:7
6. We don't know. The Bible doesn't say. We assume not walking as Mary was pregnant.
7. A manger. Luke 2:16
8. We don't know. We assume a stable as Jesus was put in a manger, an animal's eating trough.
9. The Bible doesn't say.
10. A baby in a manger. Luke 2:12
11. Praise God. Luke 2:14
12. Gabriel. Luke 1:26
13. Lots! Luke 2:13
14. Wise men. Matthew 2:1
15. The East. Matthew 2:1
16. House. Matthew 2:11
17. To be safe. Matthew 2:13
18. None of the above! The Drummer Boy is not mentioned in the Bible!
19. Matthew and Luke.
20. We don't know for sure but we celebrate his birth on 25th December.
21. All of the above. Matthew 2:11
22. Unknown. Three is assumed because of three gifts. Matthew 2:11
23. Several. Matthew 13:55,56
24. Isaiah 9:6
25. God. The angel told Mary the name God had chosen. Luke 1:31

Spot the Difference



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Sunday	December 4 th	10.30 am	Revd. Rosemarie Clarke Holy Communion
Sunday	December 11 th	10.30 am	Revd. Mike Nicholls
Sunday	December 18 th	10.30 am	Mr Malcolm Lindo
Saturday	December 24 th	6.00 pm	Mr Tim Cooper Christmas Eve Carol service
Sunday	December 25 th	10.00am	Mr Tim Cooper Christmas Day service
Sunday	January 1 st	10.30 am	Mrs Elizabeth Bates
Sunday	January 8 th	10.30 am	Revd. Mike Nicholls
Sunday	January 15 th	10.30 am	Revd Tony Brazier Holy Communion - Covenant service
Sunday	January 22 nd	10.30 am	Mr David Parr Tea for those living alone
Sunday	January 29 th	10.30 am	Mr Tim Cooper

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Last month's quiz questions answers

1) Leith 2) Simonstown 3) Denmark 4) Colon 5) Mobile 6) Sydney 7) Lorient 8) Ecuador 9) Barents 10) Hampton Roads 11) Dunedin 12) Felixstowe 13) San Diego 14) Suez 15) Canada 16) Ouistreham 17) Chittagong 18) Areas of land reclaimed from the sea 19) Austria 20) Everglades, Florida 21) Argentina 22) Three 23) Jordan 24) Lake Constance 25) Napa Valley 26) Pakistan 27) Iceland 28) 3pm 29) Whirlpool 30) Glasgow 31) The Long Good Friday 32) Lucy Lawless 33) Kim Basinger and Alec Baldwin 34) David Fincher 35) Basil Brush 36) Sean Connery 37) Judi Dench's in Shakespeare in Love 38) Man about the House 39) Carry on Sergeant 40) Palme d'Or 41) The Stig (Top Gear) 42) Viggo Mortensen 43) This Wheel's On Fire 44) Julia Child 45) Bunny Lake is Missing 46) Kenneth Kendall 47) Elizabeth Beresford



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