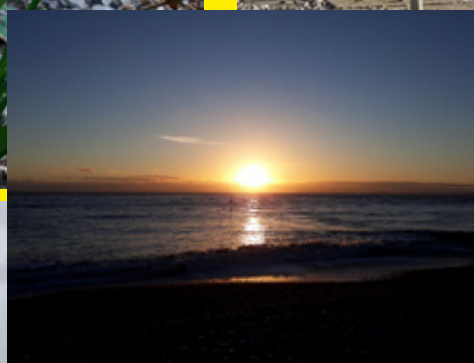


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Editorial

Welcome to the March issue of the Selsey Life magazine.

As you will have noticed, this month we have introduced a cover price for the magazine. Our loyal readers have all been helping by donating when they pick up the magazine, and of course our advertisers, to all of whom we are grateful, but we hope the cover price will help to avoid some confusions that exist.

We still hope you find the magazine interesting and enjoyable enough to pay the cover price, and we personally like to think it is a fair price. We do, of course, welcome your comments.

Again, to any potential advertisers, we feel the donations that have already been made prove that people want to, and do, read this magazine, and that they will see your advert, so why not give us a try?

We are still prepared to offer a 5% commission of the first month's advertising revenue, once the funds are received, for any new advertiser you can introduce - if you are aware of anybody that has a product or service that you feel would benefit from advertising in the Selsey Life, please urge them to contact us.

As always, may we please ask you to support our advertisers whenever you can, and, of course, a big big thank you to all of our advertisers for supporting the Selsey Life.

May we thank Mrs L Packman for her contribution this month, and thank her for the kind comments made.

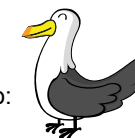
Thank you for taking the time to read this, and we trust you enjoy the rest of the magazine. Hope to see you in April.

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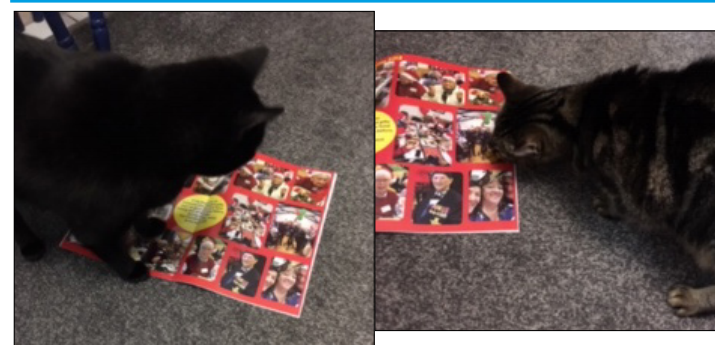
This month we have two passes to give away for the West Sands funfair, kindly donated for the competition.

To enter, simply find the seagull hidden in the magazine, and send your answer, by March 27th to:
selseylife@btinternet.com OR Call
01243 602 729 Or Post to
42 Beach Road Selsey PO20 OLU

Please give contact details if phoning or writing. Good luck.



Following from last month with the revelation of the Selsey Life going to Wales, we thought we would have a fun, no prize just glory, competition over the next few months. Where is the most exotic or far away location you have read the Selsey Life? Email in a photo of you with the Selsey Life, or you with it on your tablet or phone screen, giving details of the location you are in. We would be pleased to publish them in the Selsey Life.



If you find Selsey Life interesting, informative, helpful or just enjoy it, perhaps you would consider contributing to the running costs? Any donations to our account would be appreciated.

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Thank you for all the photos on front cover taken by Meryn Woodland Jane Moodie and Anne Jones

Dear Selsey Life

I noticed in Selsey Life [February issue] an image of a milepost. It was made by the brilliant sculptor, Jon Mills who lives in Brighton

<http://www.metaljon.com/>

This is from the sustrans website :
sustrans.org.uk

"To celebrate the National Cycle Network at the turn of the century, Sustrans commissioned four artists from the four countries of the United Kingdom to design cast iron 'Millennium Mileposts'.

1,000 mileposts were created and installed across all the regions, stretching to all corners, some as far north as the Shetland Islands. You'll find them in rural locations along our routes, at train stations and other key locations where the network runs through villages, towns and cities.

The first post to be commissioned was designed by Brighton based Jon Mills, entitled "The Fossil Tree". The post takes the form of an abstract tree with relief imagery of fossils depicting the passage of time from early primitive creatures to the ultimate demise of fossil fuel driven technology."

Love the magazine ! Keep up the good work! [Thank you]
Sarah Chrisp



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Visitors to Medmerry

We have had lots of visitors into Medmerry School this half term. The infants had visits from two special guests: children in Reception had a guest called Leslie Bromley who came in and talked about penguins, which she was very knowledgeable about as she had been to Antarctica herself. She talked about Chinstrap Penguins and Emperor Penguins. The children in Reception learned that penguins do not have teeth, but that chinstrap penguins look like they're wearing a helmet. They also learned that they eat squid and fish.

Year 1 and 2 had a man called Kevin from Hawking Around come in and talk about a mixed range of birds of prey including an eagle owl, a barn owl, a kestrel, a peregrine falcon and more. He brought along his own birds, and the children were able to see their giant wingspans and watch them fly around in the hall. Some of the children also got to have a bird land on their arm.



Children in the junior school also received a visit from author Julia Golding. Julia has written lots of books for children and young adults. She spoke to children in Years 4, 5 and 6 about her work and her writing. She also got the children to think about designing their own characters for stories, including animals, and linked them to elements. Lots of children decided to buy some of Julia Golding's books, and she signed copies for everyone before she left.



Another visitor to the school has been Mr Wilkins, who has come in every week to teach children in Years 3 and 4 how to play

the cornet. The children had begun to learn a little bit about playing music on the recorder, but now they are learning the cornet which needs some extra skills. They have been learning some fun songs including 'Tony Chestnut' and have starting learning a few notes on the cornet to play along with tunes. They'll be learning cornets for the rest of the year.

Lastly, on the 14th February the school hosted a disco for Valentine's Day. The Friends of Medmerry organised the event and also sold light-up accessories including heart necklaces for the children to enjoy. During the night, the children also enjoyed drinks and biscuits kindly provided by Friends of Medmerry. The whole event has helped to raise some money for the school.



This beautiful boy appeared on the shed around lunchtime. Even after I inadvertently scared it away it returned. Later in the afternoon I saw two cock pheasants in the school field – one was apparently interested in the other. Whether it was this one or the other I couldn't say, but one has a damaged foot – he can't put it to the ground so, from a distance, he looks as though he is doing entrechats (ballet term – can be Googled) He later appeared in the garden feeding on the fat the birds drop when gorging on the fat block hanging in the May Tree.

Of course, it helped that it was a lovely sunny day.

Ruth Mariner

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Dear Editors,

I bought a lovely watercolour on eBay. It is such a sweet little thing, and so easily could have been thrown away. Readers might like to see this image of Medmerry Mill before the area was developed. Although it is a very long time ago, I wonder if anyone here has any associations with the Corrie family?



The eBay seller wrote:
"The painter is Katherine Corrie. I obtained a large folio of her drawings from the estate of Sir Owen Cecil Kirkpatrick Corrie.

She was an aunt of Sir Owen Cecil Kirkpatrick Corrie and I think they were a minor aristocratic family, fairly well connected.

She will be one of the young women in the photographs."



Best wishes, Sarah Chrisp

Does anybody have any associations with the Corrie family?
Please let Selsey Life know.
The Editors

My boyfriend has a mobile phone
He cannot leave the thing alone
I wish he'd leave the blinking thing at home
When we're up at Goodwood for a ramble and a roam
Out comes his wretched mobile phone
And if we stop for a cup of tea
He never says a word to me!
No matter how much I sigh and moan
He's nattering on his mobile phone
I'm ditchng him, quick as I can
and getting a more courteous man!

Charles Peters
14th February 2019



SELSEY VENTURE CLUB NEWS

The year commenced with four full buses and cars converging on the Chichester Park Hotel with sixty Club members thoroughly enjoying annual Club lunch on Monday 21st January. After eating the delicious food a quiz was held to get the brain cells going. The quiz was based upon different Chocolate products, involving a bit of lateral thinking and sorting out the chocoholics in the group. Once again members praised the venue and service to such an extent that a return visit has been suggested for 2020.



The Club has reserved 30 tickets for the Alexandra Theatre and the afternoon production titled "Sentimental Journey", a Neil Sands musical production. This production is for one day only on Tuesday April 30th with tickets priced at £11.50. Numbers are strictly limited so book early by phoning the Club on [605115](tel:01243605115), (members only please). We will be collecting monies for non-refundable prepayment to secure tickets during early March on Tuesday 5th and Friday 8th between 09.30 and 11.00am. The performance is at 2.00pm and we therefore will be commencing pick-ups at 12.00 noon.

Our next planned outing is to Garsons Garden Centre near Titchfield in Hampshire on Monday 18th March. This may be good timing for members to stock their gardens with plants and seeds. The Garden Centre has disabled facilities and access with a large restaurant allowing those attending to take refreshments and lunch whilst there. We will commence our pick-ups from members' homes at 09.00 and depart the Garden Centre at 2.30pm. Please phone the Clubhouse to book a place.

It is the aim of Selsey Venture Club to arrange regular trips to places within a reasonable distance. Many of the outings are entirely free and it is only those costs over and above the transportation that have to be met by individual members.

The Club, a Registered Charity, is run entirely by volunteers and most urgently needs drivers or we will have to look seriously at reducing some of our journeys. Why not put your self forward; we will be so glad of any help we can get?

To arrange to go on any outings, become a member or volunteer driver call into the Club in Elm Grove Selsey or phone the office on [605115](tel:01243605115).

Nigel & Alison Cooper
SVC Social Committee.

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Recent Callouts

18/1/19 10:47

Team paged to reports of a kite surfer in possible trouble off East Head, West Wittering.

Chichester Harbour Patrol also attended this incident. There were no signs of any kite surfers in difficulty; however a vessel which was in the same area as the reported kite surfer had confirmed they were flying a kite and it had come down in the water. Thankfully a false alarm this time but the call had been made with good intent.

21/1/19 10:26

Team paged alongside Portsmouth Coastguard Rescue Team to reports of 4 boys cut off by the tide, and possibly in the water at Tipner Firing Range.

Portsmouth Lifeboat was launched to help locate the children and confirmed that all children were out of the water. A member of our team checked on all the casualties to make sure they were ok and had no injuries etc. Thankfully all 4 casualties were safe and well and no medical attention was needed and the children were left with Police and all units were stood down.

25/1/19 12:07

Team paged to reports of ordnance at Medmerry Beach. The ordnance was located and photos were sent to our Operations Room and the beach was closed.

Unfortunately due to the incoming tide the ordnance was covered by water by the time E.O.D. (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team) would have arrived. Once the ordnance was covered by water the team were stood down to return at the next low tide.

26/1/19 08:43

Team re tasked to the ordnance on Medmerry Beach, once it had been located again E.O.D. were informed and a controlled explosion was carried out around 09.36am.

The beach was then reopened and the team were stood down to return to station.

Ordnance comes in all shapes and sizes and previous ordnance found on this beach has been found to be highly explosive so please do not touch it and dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard straight away!



28/1/19 13:13

Team paged to reports of more ordnance at Medmerry Beach.

The ordnance was located, photos were sent to our Operations Room and the beach was closed.

The Royal Navy E.O.D. (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team) arrived and a controlled explosion was carried out.

The beach was then reopened and the team were stood down to return to station.

30/1/19 14:39

Team paged to reports of possible ordnance on Medmerry Beach. The team met up with the first informant who showed us what he had found. Thankfully this time what was found wasn't ordnance and the team were stood down to return to station.



Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team



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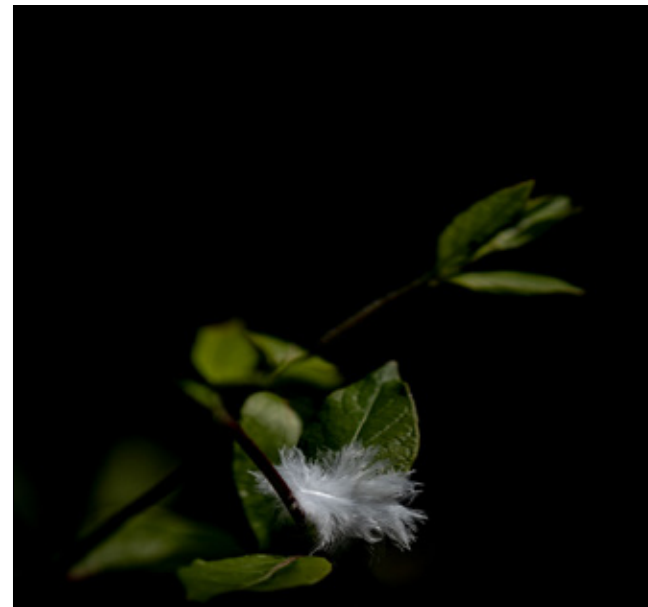


Selsey Camera Club

During recent months the club has had a very busy time with a number of events including 4 club competitions judged by independent judges, 1 club competition judged by club members, 3 inter-club competitions, 2 presentations, a portraiture workshop and a photo shoot in Brighton.

Here are some of the winning images from the season so far.

1) A digital competition for the Paul Ubsdell Wildlife Trophy judged by Walter Benzie ARPS



The winning image – WHITE FEATHER by Bob Hoare

2) A monochrome print competition for the Selsey Camera Club Trophy judged by Peter Rocchiccioli ARPS



The winning image – TEXTBOOK KICK by David M Moore LRPS

3) A digital competition for the John Sayers Landscape Cup judged by Jon Mitchell



The winning image – DONE FOR THE DAY by Dave Johnson

4) A panel competition for the Abel and Peter Clark Trophies judged by Tim West FRPS



The winning digital image FISHING AROUND THE WORLD by Dave Johnson / the winning print image SALSIFY by Dave Johnson

5) Portraiture Workshop



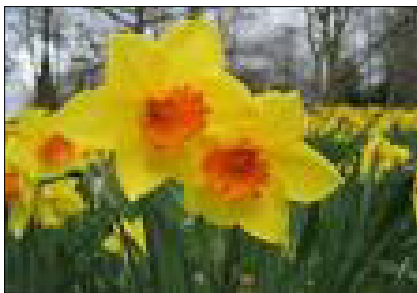
Over the next few months our programme includes further competitions (both club and inter-club), a presentation entitled "The story behind every image" by Tracey McEachran and a photo shoot at Langstone Harbour.

Visitors are very welcome to join us for club meetings (for a £2 admittance charge) which are held at 7.30pm on the following Monday evenings – March 4th, 18th and 25th, April 8th and 29th, May 20th and June 3rd, 17th and 24th.

There are many more images and further information (including our programme of events) on our website www.selseycameraclub.co.uk

SELSEY WI

Ladies come and join us at our next meeting on Wednesday 13th March at 2.15pm. Selsey Town Hall.
Our Speaker will be Lesley Chamberlain



"The Language of Flowers"

If you would like more information about our activities for the coming year flyers will be available at the Town Hall, Selsey Library, Selsey Centre and the Selsey Information Exchange.

For more information about joining us, please contact Stella Crist [01243 603221](tel:01243 603221) or Heather Coleman [01243 604603](tel:01243 604603).

L.I.N.C Ladies in Contact



Our Spring Time Meeting will take place on Thursday 21st March in St. Peter's Church Hall at 7.15 p.m. when back by popular request, Dr Lesley Bromley will be returning with her talk entitled

"Journey to the Antarctic to meet the Penguin's"

Cost for the evening is £3 which does include a welcome cuppa and biscuits on arrival together with a free raffle ticket.

The Venture Bus is available to members remember to book your seat directly with them on [605115](tel:605115).

Any further information can always be obtained from either Beryl Fletcher on [603750](tel:603750) or Mary Grantham on [604718](tel:604718).

Look forward to you coming along on the 21st.



Our next meeting on March 22nd sees the return of Mark Stilman who will be talking about experiences in code breaking with the Special Operations Executive.

As usual the meeting will be at the Selsey Centre and will start at 2.30 p.m. Doors will open at 2.00

If you want to know more then please call Sue our Membership Secretary on 07710 658331

Any enquiries can be made through our website.
We can be emailed at info@selsey3a.org.uk

SEAL ISLAND WI

At our February meeting our speaker was Rachel Aslet-Clark who told us all about The Apuldram Centre and their work providing horticultural and craft training for adults with learning disabilities. The activities include cooking, drama, art and craft, gardening, life skills and travel training and they are always looking for volunteers to help with this valuable work. The Centre is open to the public Monday to Friday, 9.00 am to 4.15 pm and visitors can enjoy the shop full of local produce, indulge in tea and home made cakes in the cafe and stroll around the sensory garden. Rachel brought along a range of home made goodies for us to try - the jams, marmalades and biscuits are all thoroughly recommended by our members.



At our next meeting on 7th March we will be making a daffodil tree with careful instruction from Chris Mander, one of our own members. Why not come and join us? We are a friendly bunch of ladies of all ages and visitors and new members are warmly welcomed. We meet at 7.30 pm in The Selsey Centre on the first Thursday of the month - first meeting is free. Our 2019 programme can be picked up at The Selsey Centre and we also organise regular lunches, walks and outings. For more information ring Jane on [01243 605649](tel:01243 605649).

**Selsey Gardening Club**

(previously Selsey Horticultural Society)

Our March meeting will be on Friday 8th March

Gloria Robinson from Tawny Nursery



who will be giving a practical demonstration on spring planting and shrubs

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The Write Zone with Tara Wright

Well done again to the talented winner of the

Selsey Life 2018 Christmas Short Story competition, Amy Russell.

Grab a cuppa, settle back, and enjoy ...

**The Gift
By Amy Russell**

It was the worst day of my life. I was 13 and had just lost my mother. All I remember was my father walking out the hospital room, wrapping his arms around me and holding my head into his chest, telling me everything would be ok. At that moment I knew she was gone. The days after seemed to drag by so slowly especially leading up to the funeral. I miss her every day.

Life continued in a blur and suddenly it was the week before Christmas. It was my mother's favourite time of year so, it was very upsetting for us all. Even more so because she was Christmas shopping the day of her car accident.

My mother loved angels – she wore a glass angel brooch every day. Since she passed, I've always worn the brooch to remember her.

Christmas morning came even if we wanted it to or not. As soon as I woke, I felt for the brooch like I did every morning. Our house felt warm and safe just as if mother was here.

I rubbed my eyes and saw my stocking at the foot of my bed. I reached for it. When I looked inside, I recognised the gifts that I got every year: chocolates, socks, new toothbrush. I felt all the way down to the bottom and pulled out a small red box with a big gold ribbon wrapped around it with a name tag that said: Delilah. It was my mother's handwriting. I recognised it straight away. The tears came into my eyes 'til I could hardly see. My heart tightened up. I really didn't want to see what was inside, but I slowly undid the ribbon and lifted the lid. Inside, there was a beautiful, rounded glass bauble. As I lifted it up, I noticed that the bottom was white-frosted with snowflakes coming down. Inside, there was a stunning glass angel. I put my hand over my mouth and felt

the tears run down my face. The angel was exactly the same as mother's brooch.

At that moment, Dad put his head around the door. I held up the bauble and said, 'thank you, Dad – it means so much to me, and I'm so grateful.' He looked at me, then at the bauble with a confused look and said, 'Delilah I've never seen that before in my life.'

Later, as we both stared at it hanging from the top of the tree, I realised mother had come home for Christmas.

The End

Fancy your hand at writing a short story as intriguing as Amy's? Watch **The Write Zone** for more chances to enter and win!

Tara Wright is a Selsey resident and the author of The Yum Yum Bazaar, a collection of magical tales about love, loss and second chances. Available on Amazon, Kobo and Nook e-books.

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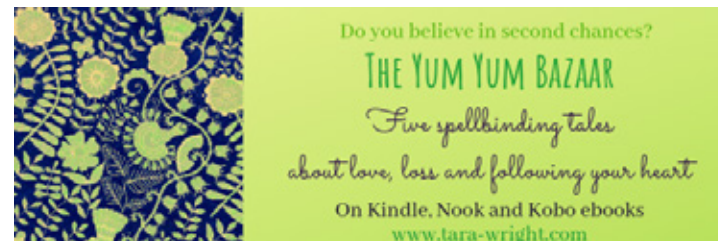
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MEDMERRY MILL, SELSEY
PART 1

The connection with this edifice and the preceding articles is that Henry Robinson Arnell was our Miller (and Farmer) and retired to West Street House. He will have his own article soon.

The Tower Mill we see today is not the one we started out with. Our original mill was Tidal and I am indebted to the Rev. John Cavis-Brown for this description included in his 'Maps of Selsey in the County of Sussex in the years 1672 and 1901' a copy of which may be found in the Reference Library in Selsey:

‘...the Water Mill...had flood-gates at each end. At high tide the western gate was closed and the other opened, so that the water flowed through the mill and out through the harbour to the sea on the east.’ He includes the Mill on his 1672 map.

Picture courtesy of The Mills Archives Trust – millsarchive.org



The Water Mill disappeared into the sea through coastal erosion and a windmill was built further inshore, well above the high water mark. It was well placed for the wind but was a timber structure and it took the full force of the elements. There is some suggestion that it was a Post Mill, the body of which was constructed to pivot on a central post. This is a picture of Fishbourne’s Post Mill so perhaps Selsey Mill was built on similar lines. Milling was done using pairs of stones.

But, actually, we can take the Mill back even further to 1641 when Thomas Wetheor was the Miller of Selsey. I was fortunate to find his will in the National Archives which was written on 30 December 1640 and proved on 3 July 1641. From this Will we know Thomas had a wife named Anne, who he has named as ‘whole and sole Executrix’, a son named William and a daughter named Marie.

This Will contains a rather wry comment inasmuch as Thomas left some lands in Bognor which his daughter and her heirs could have, once the lease ended, and that John Bridger ‘who now occupies it’, should stay on the property until he had ‘worn out’ the money I owe him’. A rather different slant on a ‘sitting tenant’.

There is also a Burial recorded of one Thomas Withier in the Parish of St Peter, Selsey with a date of 6 January 1641. Spelling was a lot more fluid in the 17th Century!

Next, we have a record dating from 1730 when John Reeves, Miller, married Mary Perrin(g). The difficulty with this chap is that he had a brother called William, a son called John and another son called William. John senior wrote his Will on 13 April 1744 and it is lodged in the West Sussex Record Office. He left everything to his wife Mary, with a bequest to son John who was to own the Mill and house with the proviso that he paid £50 to his brother, William, once he reached the age of 24. However, there was a catch. Mary could only have the bequest if she didn’t remarry. If she did, then her portion was to pass to John his brother William who would bring up the children as he saw fit and administer the estate for their benefit. By 3 March 1764 John senior had died.

At that time, John junior, who married Margaret, signed a conveyance and indenture over to his uncle William. This was to be the first of many such transactions related to what is, at this time, called Selsey Mill.

On 3 December 1782 a fire insurance schedule reads as follows:

‘Mr William Reeves of Selsea, in Sussex, Miller.

On his windmill with going gears situated as aforesaid, timber: £200
On his dwelling house only, distant, brick & tiled: £200’.

This rather scuttles the assertion from some sources that the current brick Tower Mill was built in 1750. The key word in the schedule is ‘timber’.

In 1783 William Reeves was Selsey’s Miller but he died in 1791 leaving a Will in which he bequeathed £200 and interest money from outstanding loans to his brother John. His mother, Mary, was granted an annuity of £20 free of all taxes but this was to be paid out of lands in East Wittering. There is a codicil to this Will dated 8 June 1791 so I think we can assume William died after that date!

Rev. James Dallaway, writing his County History of the Western Part of Sussex in 1815, made no mention of a Mill in Selsey. We are indebted to the Hampshire Telegraph of 2 June 1888 for their retrospective article which tells us of *‘the man who was lifted up by the arm of a windmill at Selsey, in 1803, and shaken out of recognition.’* Many such accidents were reported by the Press and not only at Medmerry Mill. It seems a Miller’s life, and that of his family, was fraught with danger.

By 24 March 1813 William, late of the Parish of Selsey, Miller had died and nephew John was the Selsey Miller. The document concerned was an Indenture of 5/- (5 shillings) which was a lease for one year from John Guy and John Reeves to Charles Boniface.

The following day John Reeves received from Charles Boniface the sum of £800 and the above three gentlemen signed a Mortgage on the windmill and other premises. At the same time, John Reeves paid a Bond on the Mortgage to Charles Boniface who came from Bosham.

Although no documentary evidence has come to light, it is likely that we acquired our current Selsey Mill, erected by and at the charge of Thomas Colebrook perhaps ca. 1805. By 1820 a brick tower Windmill was built using local red bricks. The bricks were laid upon the header’s course principle. I am reliably informed that all the bricks are laid with the headers facing the outside which, of course,

creates a solid wall, as thick as the brick is long, to support the heavy internal machinery. The Mill had *‘a white beehive cap around which was built a gallery. It was the only example of its kind in Sussex, and its purpose was to enable the miller easy access when furling or unfurling the four common, or canvas rigged sails.’* The mill had a weekly grinding capacity of some 10–12 loads of wheat.

Certainly, a lease for one year dated 29 July 1825 mentions the fact with the Mill being ‘as heretofore erected’. It also mentions that prior to that we had a Water Mill also known as Selsey Mill. The following day John Reeves and George Copis made a release and conveyance worth £300 to one George Goldring of West Dean and, on the same day, John Reeves and George Goldring signed a bond to Goldring with a penal sum of £700 and with 6 months in which to pay £350. Four wrought-iron salt pans were in place by 1827, each 9 ft. square. This fact is at odds with Wikipedia which states that our Mill was built ca. 1827.

An Indenture and Conveyance and Covenant were issued on 28 June 1827. The Conveyance covered a Freehold Mill and premises and the Covenant to surrender a certain messuage, garden and premises. Signatories were John Reeves, Miller, George Goldring, George Copis, William Cobden Rhoades and Richard Lee. Goldring wanted to sell the windmill without asking John Reeves by public auction or private sale. John Reeves had to relinquish all his holdings to the Lord of the Manor and he surrendered on 31 August 1825. Whereas George Copis was originally associated with John Reeves, he seems to have ‘changed sides’. George Copis gave Richard Lee £1616.10s.9d and George Goldring £381.10s.0d plus £35. 6s.5d. John Reeves only received £16. 5s.10d from George Copis.

In 1828 the mill was seized to cover rent arrears and was sold by auction, lock, stock and barrel.

The first Miller listed on Wikipedia is Thomas Faith – his son, Owen, was born in Selsey in 1830 while his daughter, Sarah, followed along in 1833 and another son, Alfred, in 1836. Despite the fact that Rev. Thomas Walker Horsfield made no mention of a Mill when he wrote his History of Sussex in 1835/6, the 1841 Census has Thomas Faith at the Mill, implying that the Mill was still in operation. This is confirmed by Kelly’s Directory for 1841 when Thomas is listed as being there too. Thomas died in 1846. He was gone but not forgotten because he was mentioned in a newspaper article in the Hampshire Telegraph of 7 September 1928 when his great-grandson, Owen Thomas Faith, celebrated his silver wedding.

In 1845, Henry Robinson Arnell married Mary Farne. We have already heard the name Farne because it was the middle name of Fanny Farne Arnell (Benstead) and it is worth bearing in mind for later in this story. Henry continued his occupancy through to about 1871 by which time he was a Miller and Farmer of 160 acres. Sometime between then and 1878 Henry retired, dying in 1879. This is reflected in Kelly’s Directory because Henry moved from the Commercial section of the directory to the Gentry portion and the same directory showed Sampson Copstake/Copestake as the new Miller. Sampson is a tricky customer to get hold of as there is also a Sampson Copestake who was a Barrister-at-Law and it is this Sampson who crops up in all the websites, genealogical and otherwise.

By 1881 Sampson was not living in Mill House as this was occupied by a gentleman called Frederick G Sharp and Wikipedia lists Frederick W Sharpe as the Miller in 1882 (son and father, respectively). By 1883 Frederick G began to manage his father’s farm although Frederick W was still listed as the Miller. This state of affairs appeared to continue through 1884 to 1889. Frederick W died in April 1890 and the tower mill fell into disrepair. The 1891 census showed Frederick G was still a farmer and, in that same year, he was declared bankrupt. The Sussex Agricultural Express of 11 April of that year contained the report:

‘He managed the farm for his father for about seven years, and then took it over for himself at a valuation of £450. He never paid his parent that amount, in fact he subsequently borrowed £400 off him... he expected that his share of his father’s estate would amount to £1,000. He admitted drinking freely and losing money at ‘nap’, but denied that intemperance or gambling had brought about his failure. He was involved in a great loss by an inundation of the sea.’

‘Nap’ is a trick taking card game, originally called ‘Napoleon’ which arrived in England in the 1880’s. I can find no inundation within the relevant timeframe.

No further mention of a mill is made until 1908 when Sampson Copestake was responsible for some repairs to the mill which put paid to the milling of flour at Selsey. And, here, the sources disagree as to the exact dates. Wikiepedia asserts that between 1905 and the 1920s the mill was taken over by Farne & Co. If that were the case then why was Sampson Copestake responsible for the works? On the other hand, it makes sense as the Farne were a milling family and ran the mills at Birdham and Fishbourne and one of them married the Selsey miller.



Courtesy of The Mills Archives Trust – millsarchive.org

Be that as it may, the mill was refitted by Holloway’s of Shoreham who completely gutted the five-floor tower in 1907/8, rebuilding it as a four-floor grist mill. They dismantled the old sweeps, refitted a new windshaft and rebuilt the cap and fanstage. They also renewed the gallery. The old machinery and stones were removed and replaced with the most modern equipment for cracking beans and rolling oats.

This photograph was taken after the refit and you can see some of Holloway’s men standing on the cap.

The works were completed just before the outbreak of WW1.

On 11 July 1917 Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley auctioned Medmerry Farm (aka Medmeny Farm) with Mill House and Windmill *‘By Direction of the Executors of Sampson Copestake, deceased’.* The Windmill is described as grinding corn. The property embraced 185 acres. Mill House was a ‘Superior Residence’ containing two sitting rooms, each with Bay window, four bedrooms, apartment suitable for bathroom, WC, Kitchen, Scullery and Pantry. Water was supplied by the local services.

The postcard on the right was written on 13 September 1921 at 2 Station Road, Selsey and if anyone can enlighten me about 'Miss E's 'Sun' plate... made of lead' I would be delighted. The sweeps are looking pristine and the gallery and fan are still in place but...another word of caution...this picture could be much earlier than the date it was written!

But was it really the end of the road for the Mill's working life? Look out for Part 2 in next month's Selsey Life.

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Register your bike

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Changes on the wing at Pagham Harbour & Medmerry

March signals the start of spring and the promise of warmer days. Plants start to emerge from their slumber. Slowly, sleepily at first, the sunshine persuades the lesser celandine to emerge in bright yellow splashes, while in the shade primroses reveal themselves with a subtler hue. As the temperature rises, the pace quickens, gathering momentum and urgency. Blackthorn bushes burst alive with white blossom and the air around the pussy willow reverberates with the hum of bees and other insects taking advantage of this early offering of pollen and nectar.



Brimstone

Yellow brimstone and ragged orange comma butterflies, woken from their hibernation flit along the hedgerows looking for a mate and in the green fields hares start to chase and box. Overhead our winter visitors are leaving, heading north as the ice retreats from their breeding grounds. The constant honking dialogue of brent geese and whistling of wigeon ducks fades and the silence across the saltmarsh is broken by the alarm calls of curlew and redshank. However, the harbour won't be quiet for long as a new cast of characters is on its way to our shores. Wheatears are the normally the first to arrive and can be found along our shingle beaches and in open farmland across Pagham Harbour and Medmerry. The smart little males have a grey crown and back, black wings and an orange flush to the breast. Sporting a black patch through its eye and a white stripe above, it flashes its white rump as it flies ahead. It is this flash of white that gave rise to its name, the Old English for 'white' being 'wheat' and 'arse' being 'ear'.



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Wheatear

The smallest of our swallows and martins, the sand martin, is close behind and like the wheatear has spent the winter in Africa. Its upperparts are a uniform brown and underparts white, with a distinct brown band across the chest. They zoom through the skies, fast and agile on pointed wings, catching insects over open fields and water. The sand martin gets its name from its nesting habit of digging burrows in steep sandy cliffs usually along rivers and over water courses. They nest in colonies and the tunnels can be up to a metre in length.

Spring is here and soon the air will be filled with the sound of birdsong, but that is another story...

RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry

March

Sunday 10 March, Discover Pagham Harbour (west) Guided Walk. Our own 'West Side' story with winter leavers vs spring arrivals! Join us for this gentle 4 mile walk combining wildlife with the Harbours historic past while looking out for the last of our winter visitors such as pintail ducks and brent geese and the wheatear, first of our summer migrants.

10am (duration 3½ hours)

Booking essential, £7 per person / £4 members

Sunday 24 March, Someone to Guide You.

Unsure of what that bird is? Our friendly guides will be at our brand new **Ferry Pool Hide, RSPB Pagham Harbour** to help you spot and identify the wildlife that you see.

10am – 1.30pm Drop-in. Free

Saturday 30 March, Great British Spring Clean. Join us and the Friends of Pagham Harbour for The Great British Spring Clean, clearing our beaches of litter and making a difference whilst in good company. **Meet 10am at Church Norton car park PO20 9DT. Free**

Check out our website www.rspb.org/paghamharbour for full events program.

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What do you call a frenchman wearing sandals? Phillipe Phillope.

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Dawn chorus

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

The soundtrack to our lives

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Imagine if we had to do it. Imagine that first thing every morning we had to stake a claim to our property by pulling on our dressing gowns, marching out onto our front lawns, taking a deep breath and singing a song. Sussex would awaken to an a cappella cacophony of show tunes, power ballads and rock anthems

pouring from porches and patios, backyards and balconies. And if you weren't out there, patrolling your property with a raspy rendition of 'Hey Jude', your neighbours would assume you'd gone and they'd muscle in. If you overslept you'd wake to find Jeanette from two doors down screeching 'I Dreamed a Dream' on your doorstep and you'd have to see her off with your version of 'River Deep, Mountain High'.



wren©Derek Middleton

Throughout March male birds are aggressively establishing their breeding territories. In the absence of bricks and barbed wire, their songs build the boundaries around their little bits of Sussex. It's vital they sing every morning. After a day dodging cats, cars, windowpanes and sparrowhawks their defiant songs (think 'I will survive' meets 'My way') inform their neighbours that they're still alive and they're still king of the hill. Top of the heap. To our ears this warzone of warbles and whistles is a stirring celebration of the passing of winter and the arrival of spring, which fills our hearts with the promise of the summer to come. Bernstein, Britten, Beethoven and Brian Wilson rolled into one.

robin singing© Neil Fletcher



At the first hint of dawn, in the still, silent air, this free music festival begins. And what a line-up! Local duo Robin and Blackbird open the show with their laid-back, soulful crooning. Then that little bird with the big attitude, The Wren, cranks it up

with his rockin', rollin' rattle. The symphony builds as the sun rises. We're joined by a supergroup; CSD&G (Chaffinch, Song Thrush, Dunnock & Great Tit). For our headliners, international singing sensations The Warblers (ft. Blackcap & Chiff-chaff) will be flying in from Africa to add their voices to this avian opera.

There's another reason for this performance. Because if you've got enough spare time to stand around and sing then you must be good at finding food. So females flock to the lead singer – a familiar phenomenon (let's face it, Jagger wouldn't have charmed all those women if he'd been a dentist). So take a morning stroll in your local woodlands in March and enjoy this free performance.

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RSPB Events for March 2019

NUTBOURNE

Tuesday 15 March

Morning Bird Walk on Nutbourne Marsh with Carole Griffiths of the RSPB. Meet end of Farm Lane, Map Ref: SU775054 at 10.00 am. 01243 262833

ARUNDEL

Sunday 24 March

Morning Bird Walk around The Dover with David Hart of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet at far end of the lane, Map Ref: SU061064 at 9.30 am 01243 262833

CHICHESTER

Thursday 28 March

Illustrated Talk by Ashley Grove on 'Trinidad and Tobago – Home of the Humming Bird' to the RSPB Chichester Local Group at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester at 7.30 pm.

Entrance members £2-50/visitors £5-00 01243 262833
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CHICHESTER

Tuesday 26 March

Illustrated Talks by Clare Blencowe on the 'Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre' to the Sussex Wildlife Trust, Friends Meeting House, Priory Road, Chichester at 7.30 pm

Entrance members £3-00/visitors £4 01243 262833
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Chichester Conservancy Volunteers March 2019

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Sunday 3 March

Conservation - Downland Management on The Furze with Alan Walker of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers.

Meet at 10.00 am

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Sunday 17 March

Conservation – Wetland Management with Scott Robertson of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers on The Manhood Peninsular. Meet at 10.00 am 01243 552113 or 07815 021331

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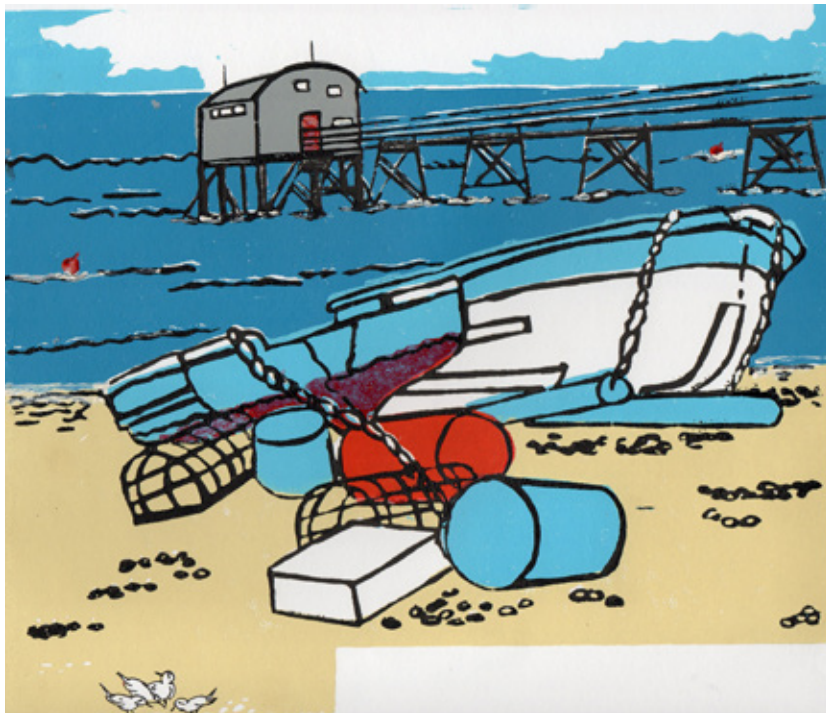
Sunday 31 March

Conservation – Heathland Management with Richard Wilson of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers on Lavington Common. Meet at 10.00 am. 01243 528056

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Today at the bank, an old lady asked me to help check her balance. So I pushed her over.



- 1) What southern US city has a dance named after it?
- 2) How is the British bird Troglodytes troglodytes better known?
- 3) In which year did William Shakespeare die?
- 4) What supplies central Australia with water?
- 5) Which Greek god's temple was at Delphi?
- 6) Deimos and Phobos are the moons of which planet?
- 7) What in mathematics is a googol?
- 8) What function does an alternator have in a motor vehicle?
- 9) What was the name of George Stephenson's first locomotive?
- 10) Catalytic converters can only work with which kind of fuel?



I am a painter/printmaker working mostly in linocut. I have had success in local and national competitions and enter in the annual Selsey exhibition as well as those with Chichester and Bognor Regis of which I am a member.

These images and others appear on greetings cards sold by Raycrafts of Selsey.

My original linocuts are available at the Oxmarket Gallery, Chichester

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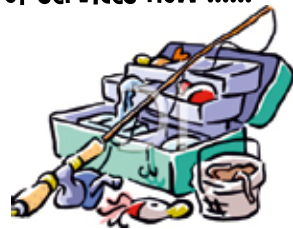


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Not only was this a most welcome donation but, of course, it took our Poppy Appeal here in Selsey past £11,000 for the first time ever.

WE'VE DONE IT!

I am, as the saying goes "over the moon". Shortly after that donation I received another from the Selsey Scouts for £40 and so our total as at 16th February is an astonishing

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Once again I send my heart felt thanks to all you lovely people out there in Selseyland. Bless you all.

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Welcome to March, traditional month of winds, and threats of winter still with us, but thankfully we escaped the worst of the snow, my family other side of the hill, not amused they had 8 inches of it and power cuts.

We hope you all stayed safe indoors on the worst days. Selsey Carers and the Care Shop are here for these times, so you can call with your problem and we will be there to find help and hopefully sort it out. If you have recently become a carer at home for a loved one, or you are new to the area in this position, please come and join us and find out how we can help and support you.

We have our usual plans and ideas for Fund Raising this coming year, most popular Car Boot Sales commence Easter Bank Holiday Monday APRIL 22nd. Hopefully the weather will be kind encouraging people to support us, as we hold them through the season. Dates of future ones will be available on flyers at the Carers own stall on the day. We are also still continuing with our Coffee Mornings at the Methodist Church Hall on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Everyone is welcome and it's an informal way of getting better acquainted with members or anyone just in need of a coffee and conversation.

Lastly can we remind all Members we are holding a MEMBERS MEETING on **FRIDAY MARCH 22nd at 10.30 at Selsey Methodist Church?**

We would ask as many of you as possible to attend, as your ideas for future outings, events, Afternoon teas, Lunches etc., would be very welcome. We look forward to seeing you there and discussing your suggestions.

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The *Ellen Essberger* had a crew member who required evacuation from the ship to a hospital. The ship had been in contact with a doctor via the UK Coastguard who advised evacuation by lifeboat as the patient had been suffering chest pains for several hours.

The Shannon class lifeboat *Denise and Eric* launched at 6.40pm on Saturday 16 February and made best speed to the south east of Selsey and rendezvoused approximately 10 miles off the coast at 7.07pm. The weather on scene was wind southerly force 3, sea state slight with a 2 metre swell. At 7.22pm two lifeboat crew members (one of which is a paramedic) were transferred to the ship to assess the casualty. After assessment the Paramedic advised he believed the Philipino crewman was possibly still having a heart attack and that a transfer to the lifeboat by stretcher would make his condition worse so requested a helicopter lift.

The helicopter Rescue 175 arrived on scene at 8.17pm. The helicopter tried unsuccessfully for 20 mins to winch his winchman/paramedic down before at 8.42pm this was completed using a hi line transfer. After using a lot of fuel winching Rescue 175 returned to base to refuel while another assessment was made. Shortly after the winchman/paramedic joined the casualty he suffered a violent fit and became unresponsive. The helicopter returned at 9.50pm but the winchman instructed the pilot that the casualty was now in a critical state and very agitated so would not be suitable for airlifting off. Both paramedics suspected the man had suffered a neurological event. The helicopter returned to base leaving his winchman aboard the ship.

A decision was made for the ship to head for the pilot station at the entrance to the Solent where a pilot was taken aboard the ship. The ship then proceeded into the Solent to a position south of Portsmouth Harbour where the ship came to a stop. The lifeboat came alongside the *Ellen Essberger* and at 1150pm took off the helicopter winchman, two lifeboat crew members and the casualty in a stretcher using the ships companion ladder



A course was set for the Camber docks in Portsmouth Harbour where an ambulance was waiting with local CG officers the casualty was handed over to the ambulance crew at 12.15am Sunday. The winchman was taken back to his base by the local CG team. The lifeboat departed the Camber dock at 12.41am to return to Selsey arriving back at 1.53am. The lifeboat was washed down refuelled and made ready for service by 2.50am. The crew tonight were Coxswain Martin Rudwick, Mechanic Geoff Mellett, Max Gilligan, Will Moir, James Albrey and Terry Healey (trainee).

Recently the Council have been given some grief online over a rogue apostrophe on a sign for Beach Gardens. We have been informed the sign with the apostrophe error was not supplied by the Council, and the Council said that as it is a private road it must have been privately installed.



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR ST WILFRID'S

St Wilfrid's Hospice DREAMBUILDING Quiz

2 March 2019 - Join a fun night of quizzing on Saturday 2 March at 7.30pm in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice. Teams of six, tickets £10 per person. Bring your own drink and nibbles and enter the grand raffle. Held at Eastergate Parish Hall, in conjunction with the Hospice's BEADY's Supporter Group.

St Wilfrid's Hospice Wine Tasting Evening – Chile v Argentina!

22 March 2019 - Hennings Wine Merchants are hosting a fun Chile v Argentina wine tasting evening in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice on Friday 22 March 7-9.30pm. Tickets £30 each and include fizz, supper and raffle. Tickets available from 'Boxies' in Boxgrove Village, or Mia Tod on 07775 697463.

11th Moonlight Walk set for 11th May

A walk to remember a loved one, a walk for fun with family and friends and a walk to show you care. Starting at Westgate Leisure Centre, you can take a 5 or 10-mile route which includes the specially lit Bishops Palace Gardens. The early bird price of £16 per adult and £13 per child (10-17yr olds) is available only until March 17.



For the first time St Wilfrid's are offering individual fundraisers the opportunity to earn 'Super star walker' status to receive a special hoodie if they can raise over £250 each. Further prizes are on offer for the top 3 teams and the top 3 best individual fundraisers. Every penny counts as St Wilfrid's completes it's £16.2 million move to Bosham in late Spring.

For more information visit stwh.co.uk/moonlightwalk or you can call 01243 755827 or email fundraising@stwh.co.uk to volunteer for the night.

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Join our 'Dream Wheelers' team for a 100 mile bike ride around Normandy on 2-5 May. Open to cyclists of all abilities, you may cycle at your own pace and enjoy the evenings at your leisure in this beautiful French region.



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Transportation to and from all these events is also available, allowing for a hassle free ride. Call 01243 755827 to enquire about our exclusive places.

Sky's the limit with St Wilfrid's

Want to learn how to fly? St Wilfrid's are looking for people to make a sponsored 10,000 feet freefall tandem parachute jump. There are now four opportunities to take the Leap4Love next year all taking place at GoSkyDive in Salisbury, the country's premier site for first time skydivers. The following dates are available - Saturday 8th June, 7th September and 16th November. If you raise enough sponsorship you can jump for free! If you're ready to take the leap visit St Wilfrid's GoSkyDive charity page at www.goskydive.com/st-wilfrids-hospice to sign up.

Fancy a walk instead? Soaring 170 metres above Portsmouth Harbour and the Solent, the Emirates Spinnaker Tower is taller than the London Eye. If you're brave enough to join #teamwilf and tackle the 100 meter abseil, there are two summer dates to choose from with Saturday 29th June or Saturday 20th July.

For more details of all these exciting events visit stwh.co.uk/support-us/events or contact the St Wilfrid's Hospice fundraising office on 01243 755827.

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DONNA'S DELIBERATIONS

OK, so I must, without any ado, apologise for last month's Deliberation.... that was seriously small text! I have no idea why I droned on so much that it was probably necessary to have to use a magnifying glass to read it. My only mitigation is that I must have, briefly, entered a time warp and been hurtled backwards to my journalistic days when I was practically paid per word. My editor would ask for 1000 words on something or other or just leave the subject up to me and I'd get on with it. I learnt the knack of 'padding' things out a bit, quite quickly! So again, apologies to anyone who struggled with last month – if you didn't manage to get through it, don't stress, you didn't miss anything earth shattering.

Before I completely forget, 'your starter for ten' (in the words of the inimitable Bamber Gascoigne) what have I not mentioned for a couple of months? Don't all shout at once, I'll give you a clue.... I have gone on about it at length and it is extremely important to the future of our little town at the bottom of the long and winding road.... Yes, right! I'm referring, of course, to the Selsey Vision. First tranche of ideas and views are in and we've been doing a bit of number crunching – well, when I say 'we' I don't actually mean 'me' - I'm not taking any credit for that at all, thanks must go to Selsey Town Council Officers who've been sorting through the postcards, beer mats and other pieces of paper which residents took the time to pop into the Selsey Vision boxes around town. There is a definite theme which is coming up quite a bit. Any ideas? Actually, it mirrors what around 40 Selsey Life readers told me right at the beginning of the Vision process – it's health and well-being. Clearly, our community considers that Selsey is a healthy place to live and I couldn't agree more; the air here is second to none; when we moved from Brighton, my asthma improved enormously. It was a benefit I had never anticipated but remain very grateful for. My mum, who lived with us, was already over 80 and couldn't walk very far so used a wheelchair and unlike Brighton, Selsey has no hills, so we were able to push her all around the town, into the cafes and along the seafront. Did her quality of life improve when we moved here? Absolutely it did. She managed to get out and about much, much more which cheered her up immensely. So, when fellow Selsonians say they consider Selsey to be a town which contributes to their health and wellbeing, I totally agree.



Infact, I think we all need to recognise the importance of protecting and improving our own wellbeing and that of the people around us – our families, friends and community in general. Research shows that good emotional health promotes our overall health and supports our ability to recover if we do fall ill; positive mental

wellbeing is absolutely critical to our overall health. I recently found out that '5 Ways to Wellbeing' have been identified: we need to connect, be active, keep learning, take notice and give. We are very fortunate here – there are clubs, societies and groups which means 'connecting' with each other needn't be so difficult, if we just make the effort. Infact just going for a walk can connect us. I spent quite a few weeks accosting people along the seafront about the Vision and I'm pleased to say that if I bump into any of them again, we always stop and have a chat. Selsey is an amazing place with friendly, helpful people and plenty of space to just be able to sit for a while and breathe. I'm not at all surprised that my fellow residents see our town as being important for their health and wellbeing. Long may it continue.

So, you lovely people – how did February treat you? Were you deluged with Valentine cards? No? – me neither! I did, however, get a very nice bunch of roses from this 'Mystery Man' who has

been sending flowers to me on February 14th for the last 20 odd years.... I have no idea who they're from – of course!! I must say though, the bunches have become bigger over time but perhaps a bit less personal. Gone are the days when just a few flowers would be left by the front door accompanied by a poem or letter. Fact was, my other half had decided to go back to university, so we were living on just my income for quite a bit. Flowers were really an extravagance we couldn't afford. It wasn't the easiest of times, but one I look back upon with fondness – triumphing through adversity and all that!

There were no chocolates this year either, something I was annoyed and pleased about in equal measure. As my regular two readers will know, I enjoy a very close relationship with chocolate but, maybe it's a little too close and it's in danger of becoming not really good for me. Infact, frankly, I'm still eating it as though it were Christmas. What's that saying: 'My heart says chocolate and wine, but my jeans say, for the love of God, woman, eat a salad?' – yup, that's me at the moment! Although, it's not just chocolate, I'm afraid to say. My daughter has actually taken over the family cooking, so concerned has she become at the veritable river of custard which was finding it's way to the dining table every night. Seriously though, I have no issue whatsoever with my daughter taking over the cooking, I've been waiting years for someone to do that! I'm not remotely precious about the kitchen – women belong in the kitchen, men belong in the kitchen – we all belong in the kitchen because the kitchen is where the food is!

The gentleman I look after is now 95 and enjoys a very simple diet, very much meat and two veg but is quite partial to spam, corned beef sandwiches and pork pies. Overall, his diet probably isn't that healthy but, as he says, "I need all the preservatives I can get" which is probably fair enough. He has the sort of sense of humour which is really only amusing because he is, indeed, 95 years old. We've heard all the sayings: "If I'd known I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself", "The only thing that keeps me going is knowing that I won't be around much longer", "I'll have to get better to die", the list goes on and truthfully, at 95 he's probably earned the right to say whatever he wants! Actually, truth be told, sometimes he thinks he speaks a totally different language. He uses words and phrases which for our young people, seem very strange. Any of these ring a bell? 'Haven't got the foggiest', 'Back in my day,' 'I left a message on the answerphone,' 'Can we video that?' and probably the best one: 'Can I give you a cheque?' Strange how language changes to reflect the time. My friend is an excellent wordsmith and yet he feels the English language has totally left him behind. He was quite an influential journalist in his day and spent many an afternoon at the Savoy hosting extremely large lunches which lasted all afternoon. Nutritionists and dieticians nowadays would probably faint if they knew what he ate in one week and yet, here he is, 95 years old. Mind you, he would be the first person to say that one of the 'secrets' to his longevity is his ability to connect to others and keep busy. He wrote a column in the Daily Telegraph until he was well into retirement and until a few years ago, he was often to be seen in his buggy going to the High Street "taking in the air" as he would say. Maybe that's the future for Selsey – becoming a town which promotes health and wellbeing, helping its residents to live happily and independently. Maybe that's what all communities should aspire to. I'd appreciate hearing your thoughts.

Take care all and have a healthy March.....I seem to remember we had snow in March last year....!

Donna
(donnajohnson279@gmail.com)

My friend says to me: "What rhymes with orange" I said: "No it doesn't"

March is known to "come in like a lion and go out like a lamb" but who knows what to expect after this year's weather so far! The sap is starting to flow and the scented buds on many trees are starting to burst open with the first splash of green leaves. Towards the end of the month Blackthorn flosses can suddenly appear in a snowy profusion just like confetti. The first beautiful butterflies and a few bees will appear attracted by the many and varied flowers. The bare boughs of White Poplars have now become densely packed with catkins alive with movement in the passing breeze. Thrushes and Blackbirds are some of the earliest birds to build their nests and and lay eggs. Frogs are drawn to the waters for spawning time. Toads waddle laboriously towards water one foot after another as if too heavily burdened by their own bulk. Watch out for those when driving on country roads. "Spring has arrived - now we come alive."

Jobs for March

Tender young shoots of perennials will now start pushing up from below soil level once the weather warms up so get ready to protect from slugs and snails. Surround with barriers and apply organic wildlife friendly products. Apply salt to paths, drives and gravel areas before weeds start developing. This is safer than using weedkiller.

Prune bush roses (Hybrid Teas & Floribundas), remove all damaged or diseased stems, cut away any thin or spindly growth, and cut back weak shoots hard.

Towards the end of the month - remove old flower heads from Hydrangeas and cut back each stem above a strong pair of buds to the required height.

Clean up any decaying vegetation in ponds, part drain and refill. Give fish an occasional feed and a regular feeding next month. Check and start water pumps.

Plant out Narcissi, Daffodil and Hyacinths that have finished flowering indoors and apply 'Maxicrop' or tomato fertilizer.

Continuously dead head Narcissi and Daffodils to lengthen flowering periods and keep strength in bulbs.

Tip Top Tips

- **Plant Gladioli corms at fortnightly intervals from the middle of the month**
- **Deadhead Pansies, Violas and Primroses.**
- **Use clear plastic egg boxes as mini propagators for seeds - put in compost and seeds and keep moist - pierce lids and open later to harden off.**
- **Put in a teaspoon of camphor or a lump of charcoal in a vase of water for Narcissi and Daffodils, they will last a lot longer.**
- **Never leave your linseed bottle empty - garden tools will complain.**
- **Hoe weeds regularly now, it will pay great dividends later on.**
- **For the best crop of onions - sow on St Gregory's Day (March 12th).**
- **Chew a sprig of parsley after eating garlic or curry, it will freshen your breath and get rid of the aroma.**
- **People in Ireland sow peas on St Patrick's Day - may be it would work over here!**
- **Give a posy of wild scented Primroses and Violets for Mother's Day and enjoy Simmel Cake**

As I suspected, someone has been adding soil to my garden. The plot thickens.

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Tennis members - a date coming up very soon and not to be missed is - **16TH MARCH the annual tennis supper:** do let Jo know if you are coming and make your choice of the meals shown in the invitations sent to you, this is always a good evening and a chance for all members to meet and greet other members with whom you may not have ever had the chance to play a game.



Other dates to make a note about are **18th – 23rd MARCH** when the club will be closed for it's annual “Spruce-up” do not turn up to play as you will be turned away.

For all enquiries Bowls ring Chris on **601859**: for Tennis ring Jo on **606890**: and Short Mat Bowls ring Jim on **606172**.

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This way and that, lemon daffodil cluster
Nature cajoles each and every to trust her
Come mild come mellow from cold winter spike

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BIG NEWS!!

After 4 months of extreme worry and anguish, bereaved Selsey families who own memorial benches and plaques for their lost loved ones on our sea wall, can at last feel a huge sense of relief as they hear that the Council have agreed to climb down on their position of stripping ownership from these people and re-selling the space to other families.

This news has reduced some of the bereaved to tears of joy, now they know their benches can remain safe and untouched. One lady told us, "I can't even begin to explain what a state of nerves I have been in since I was told the Council were taking my parent's bench away, Christmas was ruined for me".

Following a post by The Grapevine back in December, several of the families got together to fight the Council's new Memorial Bench policy which claimed back ownership of all benches purchased, and deemed them as being taken out under the new revised Policy of March 2018, even though some are over 30 years old. The new Policy brought in a ten year lease scheme, whereby families retain the bench for only 10 years and then give them back or pay again, which was nothing like the agreement the existing benches were purchased under.

Working as a collective, they were able to get the Council to offer to discuss the matter at the Assets & Amenities meeting in January, and a spokesperson for the group gave a heartfelt speech on their behalf. The Council agreed to suspend all action of removing the existing plaques, and agreed to form a small committee to work with the families. The collective continued their campaign, and under the Freedom of Information Act, requested a copy of the Memorial Policy that was in place when they all purchased their benches. The Council have now responded saying "For clarity, we confirm there was no policy in place prior to 2010 and that being the case we accept that the retrospective application of the 2018 policy terms to the dedications in situ pre 1st January 2010 caused confusion and concern." They have now promised to write to all the existing bench holders individually, and have said "we hope that we can now bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion for all".

I would like to add here, that I think we are very fortunate to have such an accessible, approachable Town Council, who have been prepared to listen to these bereaved families. The group, who have allowed us access to their story all the way through, would like to say an enormous thank you to the Councillors involved, from the bottom of their hearts.

Great news isn't it?

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With only a few weeks now to the start of the 2019 Cricket Season, and hopefully by the time this issue of Selsey Life goes the press, the feel of spring will be in the air.

The first weekend of the new Season Starts on Saturday 6th April, when we welcome Oakfield Warriors from Kent for 13:00 Start, and on Sunday 7th April we welcome Bognor Regis Rebels for a 13:00 Start.

At the end are the first fixtures for 2019, or it can be downloaded from our Website, <http://www.selseycc.co.uk/fixtures-2019/>

New members both playing and social are very welcome, also we welcome people may be able to help Umpiring or scoring.

This year Selsey Cricket Club running All Stars Cricket this is the England and Wales Cricket Board's entry level participation programme, aimed at providing children aged five to eight with a great first experience in cricket.

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We will be back in 2019 for another summer of Big Moments! Pre-register below for next year, and we will contact you when registration opens.

In the meantime check out our brilliant games for you and your All Star to try, as well as videos and photos of Big Moments on our dedicated parents page!

Register here or email us info@selseycc.co.uk for further information

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars/register-interest-for-2019>

On Sunday 26th May at 2 pm we will be holding a Women's Softball Cricket Festival .

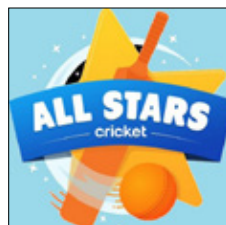
It is an opportunity for women who have never played cricket, to be able to give it a go, and last summer over 700 women in Sussex tried cricket for the first time.

It is played with specially designed full size plastic bat and incrediball, with multiple pairs cricket games and teams of 6 or 8.

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The First big event of the Season is the Sir Patrick Moore Cup Celebrity Cricket Match and Family day out.

Once again Selsey Cricket Club welcomes the Thespian Thunderer's to Selsey Cricket Club, playing



for the Sir Patrick Moore cup on Sunday 12th May 12:30 pm for a 1.00 pm start

Loads of attractions on the Field, so a fun day out for all the Family, we will over the next few months, make many exciting announcements about the day.

The Thespian Thunderer's are a team of players from the World of Show Business, and the Worlds Premier Actors cricket team.

The Thespian Thunderer's with actors and directors involved in a dozen West End shows: The Woman In Black, Pygmalion, The 39 Steps, Yes Prime Minister, the mousetrap, and Buckley amongst them; not to mention productions at The Donmar, The Old Vic, The National, Chichester and nationwide.

A Thunderer won Best Newcomer in the Edinburgh Festival Comedy Awards, others were longlisted. Thunderers won BAFTAs and starred in hit television series for The BBC, ITV and Sky: Spooks, Horrible Histories, Spy, New Tricks, also from Game of thrones, Harry Potter, Eastenders.

This will be another great Family Day out at Selsey Cricket Club, and everyone is welcome.

Attractions on the ground include the following, with loads more to be confirmed.

Embroidered gifts; Dream catchers; hook a duck; tin can alley; lucky dips; build a furry friend; Lozs crafty corner; Glitter Tattoos; Key Rings; BBQ with Burgers and more by the Whole Hog catering company; Hand Made Handbags; ARO kickboxing Kickboxing display; Football shoot out; Kids' assault course; Bouncy castles; Face painting; Teas and Coffees in the Pavilion

Lots more will have been confirmed by the time this issue has been printed.

Check here for the latest news.

<http://www.selseycc.co.uk/sir-patrick-moore-match/>

In the Cricket Club Pavilion is a Pay bar, with a wide selection of cheap drinks, alcoholic and non alcoholic, open and licensed for the Public all day, until late.

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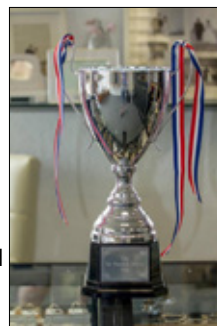
Within the Cricket Club pavilion, is the Sir Patrick Moore 3D exhibition, which will be open to visitors on the day, this recreates Sir Patrick's study at his home "Farthings" with original items on show owned by Sir Patrick.

This will be a day out for all the Family.

Please share this information with all your Family, Friends, colleagues please to make this another day to remember.

Selsey Cricket Club is located at.

The Sir Patrick Moore Pavilion,
The Recreation Ground,
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Selsey, Chichester,
West Sussex,
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Free public parking is available in the Co-Op , behind the Fire Station, High Street, Selsey, also paid cheap parking is available in East Street.

Car Parking at the back of the Club is reserved for players and officials only.

The Stagecoach Gold 51 service runs on Sunday from Chichester Bus Station

Later in the year the next big day is Beer & Rounders and Family day out

This year Selsey Cricket & Social Clubs famous Beer, Rounders and Family day will be on the Recreation Ground, as part of Selsey Festival 2018 on Sunday August 11th 2019.

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

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

The Pay Bar in the Club House will again be open all day until late, open to the public, offering cheap alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks. There will also be many Attractions on the Field.

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

Further information can be had by emailing us at info@selseycc.co.uk or phoning the President John Reeve on 01243 604924

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

We are trying to raise money to create a joint clubhouse for the Selsey Cricket Club and Selsey Football Club, there are two way you can help.

Sports Dream charity 1142665 has been encouraging sporting activity in Selsey for the past eight years.

During this time we have also been fundraising to create a joint clubhouse for the cricket and football clubs.

Selsey Cricket Club Fixtures 2019 Season		Sussex League Division 7 West	
Date	Home Team	Away Team	Fixture Start
06/04/19	Selsey Friendly XI	Oakfield Warriors (Kent)	Friendly 13:00
07/04/19	Sunday 1st XI	Bognor Regis CC - Regis Rebels Sunday XI	Friendly 13:00
13/04/19	Selsey Friendly XI	RAM CC 1 st / 2 nd XI	
14/04/19	TBA		
20/04/19	Friendly XI	Crawley Eagles CC - Crawley Eagles 1st XI	Friendly 13:00
21/04/19	Sunday 1st XI	Lavant CC - Friendly XI	Friendly 13:00
22/04/19	Selsey Carers Car Boot Sale		
27/04/19	Horsham CC - 3rd XI	1st XI	League 13:00
28/04/19	Sunday 1st XI	Yellow Stump CC - Friendly XI	Friendly 13:00
04/05/19	1st XI	Crawley CC, Sussex - 2nd XI	League 13:00
05/05/19	Sunday 1st XI	Singleton CC - Friendly XI	Friendly 14:00
06/05/19	Selsey Carers Car Boot Sale		
11/05/19	Himani CC - 1st XI	1st XI	League 13:00
12/05/19	Sunday 1st XI	Thespian Thunderers CC - 1st XI	Friendly 12:00
18/05/19	1st XI	Bognor Regis CC - 2nd XI	League 13:00
19/05/19	Sunday 1st XI	Southampton University CC - Friendly XI	Friendly 14:00
25/05/19	Henfield CC - 2nd XI	1st XI	League 13:00
26/05/19	Ladies Softball Tournament		14:00
27/05/19	Selsey Carers Car Boot Sale		
01/06/19	1st XI	Slinfold CC - 2nd XI	League 13:00
02/06/19	Sunday 1st XI	Ram CC - 4 th XI	Friendly 14:00
08/06/19	1st XI	Ram CC - 2nd XI	League 13:00
09/06/19	Sunday 1st XI	Westbourne CC, Sussex - 1st XI	Friendly 14:00
15/06/19	Crawley Eagles CC - Crawley Eagles 3rd XI	1st XI	League 13:00
16/06/19	Selsey Carers Car Boot Sale		
16/06/19	Boxgrove CC - Boxgrove Friendly XI	Sunday 1st XI	Friendly 13:30
22/06/19	1st XI	Horsham CC - 3rd XI	League 13:00
23/06/19	West Wittering CC - Academy XI	Sunday 1st XI	Friendly 13:00
29/06/19	Littlehampton, Clapham & Patching CC - 2nd XI	1st XI	League 13:00
30/06/19	Sunday 1st XI	Allstars CC - Friendly XI	Friendly 14:00
06/07/19	Crawley CC, Sussex - 2nd XI	1st XI	League 13:00

The facility will also have a strong community use for young and old alike. All necessary permissions are in place and we aim to start building in May.

So far we have raised 80% of the costs.

Will you help us reach our target please?

If you would like to make a donation our bank details are

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For further details or gift aid please call 07508716037

Thank you

Mike Nicholls Fundraiser, Andy Horner, David Lee Chairmen

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The Club bar is due to reopen after the Winter Closure, more details on dates will be published on our Website.

www.selseycc.co.uk

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Selsey Cricket Club
07968 961323

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Don't forget the clocks go forward



**one hour at
1 am on Sunday 31st
March**



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

Tel: 01243 641409 Reg. Charity no. 1010000
Email: info@crcc.co.uk www.crcc.co.uk

Hello everybody! It's that time again, time for me to bring you my monthly update from The Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre!

Well, we have had the most wonderful few months here at The Centre, our rehoming have been incredible – so amazing in fact, that I have been having lots and lots of fuss from all of my staff here – which I do love! They are all still working very hard too though, giving The Centre a good spring clean before we get into our much busier spring season.



We have a few fun events coming up to help raise funds in April and May, on Sunday the 28th April, we will be hosting a 9 hole golf tournament on Chichester Golf Club's famous and prestigious par 3 course with several prizes awarded to the lowest scorer – this promises to be a fun day out for all ages!

Then on Sunday the 12th May we will be holding a quiz evening here at The Centre at 4pm, hosted by our CRRC President Susan Jameson. Tickets are £8 per person and include food and a hot/cold drink, teams can comprise of 4 or 5 people and you may bring your own alcohol/drink if you want to. You may be even get a guest appearance from me – if you're super lucky!

Please email info@crcc.co.uk for more information, or call The Centre between 9-4pm Monday to Friday to book.

Well, that's all from me for now, I shall be back with you in April with my next monthly report!
Love Markus x

If you are interested in adopting a cat, kitten, rabbit or guinea pig then please call us here at the centre on 01243 641409 between 9-4pm during the week.

PS: We have a Viewing Day Saturday 23rd of March from 12-2pm. Viewing days are non-appointment days so people thinking of adopting a cat can pop along. Otherwise we rehome 7 days a week by appointment only.



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.



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Pet of the Month Tommy & Tash (KF54 & KM56-17) 2019

This month allow us to introduce Tommy and Tash (KF54 & KM56-17). A brother and sister aged 1 year 8 months. Originally they came to The Centre in 2017 when they were found as stray kittens with their Mum. They found a home were unfortunately they didn't settle. They loved going outside and playing in the garden but as they were nervous they didn't want to be stroked or cuddled. They came back here in October last year and are now looking for their forever home.



We are looking for confident owners who would have plenty of time to spend with them while understanding they will take time to trust humans. They both love to play and will let you stroke their heads, they can be scared and hiss a little. As they are nervous we feel a home without children would make it easier for them to settle. They love running around outside we would love to find a home with a garden for them. If you think you may be able to give Tommy and Tash the new home they deserve please give The Centre a call Monday to Friday from 9am-4pm.

THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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



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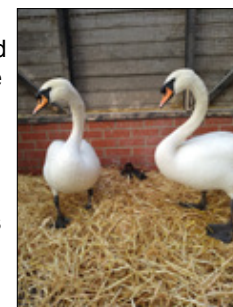
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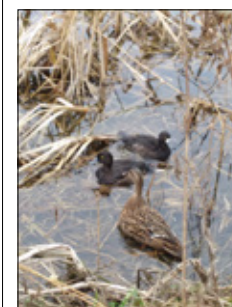
Brent Lodge Briefings – Problem Plastic

It is no secret that plastic waste is harming our local wildlife. Plastic bags and bottles are one of the most common polluters of land and sea, with microplastics (tiny bits of plastic less than 5mm in size) becoming a very big problem. It's estimated that around 90% of seabirds have consumed microplastics at some stage in their lives. Plastic consumption can have detrimental effects on their feeding leaving no space for food, or toxins building up making them very sick. It's not just birds that plastic causes harm to, wildlife on land can also get trapped in plastic bags or various plastic waste whom then sometimes are unable to set themselves free causing unnecessary suffering.

A full plan to ban avoidable single-use plastics by 2025 – such as plastic cups and cutlery – could make the real difference we need to protect our wildlife habitats. In the meantime as individuals, we can also help by making lifestyle changes, like recycling more or drinking from reusable water bottles. You might think your contribution is small, but together doing one thing our collective action is extremely powerful.



Wildlife frequently find themselves in our care due to casualties caused by litter or plastic pollution. The most common problems are when seabirds such as gulls, swans or ducks ingest these objects obstructing their airway or filling their stomachs. If undiscovered for days their chances of survival become very slim and sadly be a very slow painful end to their lives.



Thanks to the help of staff, volunteers and Supporters, this week we released seven of our rehabilitated ducks. All were brought to us for a number of circumstances. Some found grounded, another with leg injuries, respiratory infections, and chest wounds. We are so grateful to everyone for helping to make their release happen and finally get wildlife back to the wild. Let's hope that they thrive in the wild once again with a second chance and not find themselves back in our care with plastic waste related injuries.

We are also grateful for the support we receive from the local community either by volunteering or by making a generous donation. If you would like to help us to secure the future of wildlife in our care there are many ways you can support us by visiting our website, www.brentlodge.org.

We look forward to updating you on more Brent Lodge news next time!

photo by Kim Goddard



My wife accused me of being immature. I told her to get out of my fort.



Good Morning Selsey has proved very successful, not only in offering the opportunity for a friendly chat each day, but also in alerting to the need for help and assistance. Good Morning Selsey is in its fifth year and it offers a daily phone call to over 25 older people in Selsey, many who are frail or housebound. The service has been running for five years, it is free and open to any older person who would benefit from having someone to chat to. The telephone service operates seven days a week, even on Christmas day.

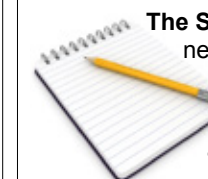


If you think you might benefit from a friendly daily call, or you know someone who we can help please give us a ring. It is free and open to any older person living at home perhaps isolated due to mobility issues, or struggling with memory loss. We can improve the quality of their life just by having a chat.

Find out more about Good Morning Selsey by calling us on:

01243 201616

The Selsey Care Shop has taken delivery of some new booklets which has lots of interesting and useful information for older, disabled people and carers.



- Caring for someone – How to get the support you need
- Dealing with Depression
- Home Safety
- Coping with bereavement
- Moneywise
- How to find the right Care home
- Paying for Care
- If you're feeling lonely
- Home security

We also have leaflets on wellbeing and how to remain healthy, well and stay independent.

We have information on a range of subjects and topics, and all our information is available for free.

We also have information about who is eligible for services, and where to get help and support locally. We can signpost and direct you to where to go to get financial support and services in the local area. We work in partnership with other agencies, Carers West Sussex, Crossroads South Central and the Alzheimer's Society and we have information on the services they provide.

Why not pop in and see what is available at the **Selsey Care Shop**, 121 High Street, Selsey (Next to Raycrafts) or call **01243 201616**



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- 11) Which WW2 heroine did Anna Neagle portray on film?
12) Whose last words were "That was a great game of golf, fellas"?
13) Who was the novelist wife of Kingsey Amis?
14) Who is the patron saint of cooks?

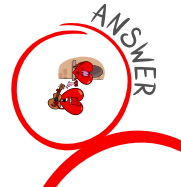
- 15) How many more wives than Henry VIII has Mickey Rooney had?
16) What is the name of the Toreador in the opera Carmen?
17) What was the name of Paul McCartney's first classical album?
18) In which Richard Gere film was Blondie's "Call Me" featured?
19) Which European country gave women the right to vote in 1971?
20) What Scottish hero became king in 1309 and ruled for 20 years?
21) In which country was Rosa Luxemburg a communist revolutionary?

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

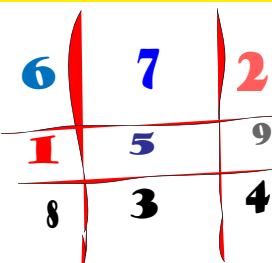
LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS

- 1) Balfour declaration 2) The Boers 3) Albert Bridge 4) Charles Foster Kane in Citizen Kane 5) 15 6) The Atlantic 7) Peace Corps
8) Tony McCoy 9) Ear 10) Peter Scott 11) On the branches of trees
12) Buttercup 13) Multiply by 8 and divide by 5 14) 3 15) Blood pressure 16) Charles Mackintosh's 17) 122 18) Britt Ekland 19) East 20) Sitting Bull 21) Lithuania
22) Popeye Doyle 23) Tuberculosis 24) 70 25) 133 26) Austria 27) Calf (Not George)
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30) Kidneys 31) In the summer
32) Joseph

One of a kind



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Did you hear about the Italian chef that died? He pasta way.



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 Chris on Selsey 601550

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Darby & Joan Club Selsey

The club meets every Friday between 2.00 & 4.00 at St. Peter's church hall
for a game of prize bingo and raffles
and of course a nice cup of tea and chat.
Also during the year we have subsidised days out to garden centres for cream teas and a bit of shopping.
Transport to the hall is supplied by Selsey Venture bus, if you are a member of this great service they offer.
We are a club are affiliated to the R.V.S
For more information please call Kim or Graham on 01243 937 730 or 07838 549 034

SELSEY CANCER RELIEF FUND DATES TO REMEMBER Methodist Church Hall 10am
Saturday 2nd March - Mad March Fayre 10am
Saturday 6th April - Jumble Sale 10am
Saturday 4th May - AGM All welcome table sales after
There is ample parking behind the Fire Station.

Carers' Support, Selsey Community
Forum Registered Charity Number: 1146560
CAR BOOT SALES 2019
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 22nd APRIL
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6th MAY
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 27th MAY
SUNDAY 16th JUNE
SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER
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To be held on
The Recreation Ground, School Lane, Selsey
(Weather permitting)
From 7.30am to 1.00pm



Selsey Methodist Church
Table Top Sale on
Saturday 30th March 2019
from 9.00am.
Bric-a-brac & Craft tables to browse through and the usual yummy refreshments to enjoy.
Free entry.

Selsey Baking Club meets on 3rd Wednesday of each month at St Wilfrids Church Hall, Church Road, Selsey at 7.30pm. Please find us on Facebook to find out this month's theme or email us at selsybakingclub@hotmail.com

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

Crafty Natter Club

Selsey Methodist Church
1st and 3rd Wednesday ~ 2-4pm (in the large hall)
For more information contact Lisa Allinson on 601032

churches

Bits of Bruce: “Mad as a March hare” that is how I feel about spring, clocks go forward and I want to runaround saying “yay winter is over, what can I plant in the garden pots this year. We feasted on lettuce, beans,potatoes, and even Brussels, at Christmas! Gone a bit mad about vegetables, I am trying to not eat any sort of flesh, it’s not easy and I have slipped from time to time, especially when my Church in Pagham, has “fish and chip fellowship” or the “The Dinner Service” on the fifth Sunday in the month. But I try. Surprisingly mostly I succeed.

Having to learn how to live and cook “just veg” has been a chal-enge, but with the help of Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall’s two books: River Cottage Veg every day and much more veg. I have eaten my way through the year happily,healthily and full. Nourished by glori-ous veg some I grew and some was given to me by others and of course I bought some. I would not say I am a vegetarian, but I love eating vegetables, they are so versatile and quick to cook with.

It’s been a year since I gave up eating meat for Lent, I lasted the 6 weeks with no problems, and as I have said I have managed most of the year doing well and eating well. Lent starts again on 10th March, might I suggest you give it ago,giving up meat. I not saying going “the whole hog” so to speak but perhaps make a few days during the week “ just veg days”. Give it ago, eat more veg, go to the library and borrow some books or go and buy some, there is lots out there, in the charity shops.

If you feel adventurous turn a bit of your garden over to growing your own veg. Haven’t got a garden use some pots and potting compost. You can even grow some lettuce on the window sill by the sink.

I never thought I would be saying this, “Veg is The greatest” Go on take the Challenge, eat more veg, try it for Lent. Try it for a couple of days. Just give it ago “EAT MORE VEG “ but as I said I’m as “Mad as a March Hare” so I would say that wouldn’t I, Carrots! I love them, and so could you.

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Bruce Allinson


SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	3 rd March	10.30 am	Mr Adam Cook
Sunday	10 th March	10.30 am	Revd. Bruce Allinson
			<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday	17 th March	10.30am	Mr Jeffrey Caghill
Sunday	24 th March	10.30 am	Revd. Bruce Allinson
Sunday	31 st March	10.30 am	Revd. Dan Balsdon
			<i>Mothering Sunday</i>

Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 01243 601032

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

Rooms in our premises including kitchen facilities, are available for hire.Please phone 01243 601439 for details.
Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 601032



**Selsey men in Sheds**

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We are open every Tuesday 10am till 4pm. Fancy making something out of wood ? How about helping someone make something. Share and learn skills with others, or drop in for a cuppa.

Call Bill on 01243 605770

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Weekly Services held at the Parish Church of St. Peter's, Selsey
Rector: Fr Andy Wilkes
Tel: 01243 601984 Email: rector.selsey@gmail.com

Sunday	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Sung Eucharist
Sunday	Messy Church at 12 noon in hall on last Sunday of the month
Tuesday	9.30am Said Eucharist
Wednesday	9.30am Said Eucharist
Thursday	7pm Said Eucharist

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

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

Young Church meets in the Church Hall on the first three Sundays of the month at 10am throughout the year - every-one welcome - the followed by the section regarding Messy Church

We have now re-started a new Remembrance Book which will be open at the relevant page each day to mark the anniversary of those special to you the cost of an entry is £25 please contact Sally on 01243 604104 to discuss further.

Lent and Easter Service Dates and Times at St. Peter's

Ash Wednesday	6th March	9.30am and 7pm
		Holy Communion with Ashing
Mothering Sunday	31st March	10am All Age Sung Eucharist followed by distribution of Mothering Posies plus Simnel Cake and Coffee
Palm Sunday	14th April	10am Sung Eucharist with procession and donkey
Maundy Thursday	18th April	7pm Eucharist with foot washing and Watch in the Peace Garden
Good Friday	19th April	12 noon Stations of the Cross followed by hot cross buns in the hall. 2pm The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with veneration of the Cross
Easter Eve	20th April	7pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter
Easter Day	21st April	8am BCP followed at 10am with Sung Eucharist and distribution of Easter Eggs

MENS' NIGHT

**SATURDAY 16TH MARCH - 7PM**
EAST BEACH CHURCH
Marisfield Place PO20 0PD
Tel: 01243 607741

The Catholic Parish of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Wilfrid
Church Road, Selsey, PO20 0LS
Tel: 01243 602312

Mass Times
Saturday: 5.30 pm
Sunday: 10.00 am
Monday & Friday 10.00 am*

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm
Parish Priest: Fr John Healy

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compete to win

THE GENERATION GAME

FREE **Everyone Welcome** **Refreshments Provided**

Saturday 6th April 5-7pm
East Beach Church, Marisfield Place, PO20 0PD
01243 607741 **office@ebec.org.uk**

Teams can be any size and make-up, however, up to 6 will comfortably fit around a table and a spread of ages will be an advantage.
Come as a team or just come on your own and join a team.
Book a table for a team or just come on the night.

I ate a clock yesterday, it was very time consuming.

When a deaf person sees someone yawn do they think it's a scream?

Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure? Because he was a little shellfish.

**East Beach Church**

MARCH + EVENTS

Friday 1st March
World Day of Prayer
2pm St Wilfrid's Church, Church Road
Open to Men & Women

Saturday 2nd March
5-7pm EBC's Got Talent
Contact church for details

Sunday 3rd March
10.00am - All-age Service

Thursday 14th March
2.30pm - Tea & Chat

Saturday 16th March
7.00pm - Men's Games Night
(separate advert)

Sunday 17th March
3.00pm - 4.30pm - ResBite Tea
(Aimed at those who might not see other people over the course of a normal weekend ~ Lifts available)

Thursday 21st March
12.30pm - Lunch Club

Saturday 6th April
5pm - 7pm - The Generation Game
(separate advert)

Sunday 7th April
10.00am - All-age Service

15th - 18th April
Easter Extravaganza Holiday Club
(see separate advert for details)

See separate Selsey Life adverts & our website for our Youth & Children's Clubs
For information on our regular weekly activities
www.ebecselsey.org.uk or call 607741
Marisfield Place - opposite East Beach Shops
Pastor: Phil Harding - 01243 607741 or office@ebec.org.uk

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entry
& parking

★ the sizzler ★

★ the waltzer ★

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