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Cloud Nine Musical Theatre Group Presents  
A Family Pantomime by Rebecca Townsend

# Jack and the Beanstalk



**Selsey launches new online shopping service with support from Chichester District Council**



Residents and visitors to Selsey will be able to browse, book and buy products online, from local businesses and shops, thanks to a new online platform provided by ShopAppy. More than 30 Selsey businesses have already signed up for the service and more are expected to join over the coming months.

Chichester District Council has partnered with ShopAppy to support local businesses and encourage people to shop locally and is paying for local businesses to join the platform until March 2023, using a government grant. ShopAppy has already launched in Chichester and East Wittering and in future will also be launching in Midhurst and Petworth. Businesses across the district are being actively encouraged to join the free scheme.

The ShopAppy platform gives local shops and businesses the chance to be part of a local business community, establish an online presence if they don't already have one and offer a range of services including 'click and collect' and home deliveries.

Dawn Alvarez, owner of Village Flowers which has been trading in Selsey for the past 40 years says: "Over the years we've diversified from just flowers, to balloons, cards and gifts, to offer a wider range of products to attract more customers. Business is quiet now, as people have less money to spend, and we are mainly reliant on locals and holidaymakers visiting the shop. We hope being part of ShopAppy will help us with the technology aspects of running a business and increase the numbers of online orders which currently make up less than 10% of our sales".

Councillor Tony Dignum, Cabinet Member for Growth, Place and Regeneration at Chichester District Council, said, "We all know how important local businesses and shops are to our communities. As we emerge from the pandemic and businesses start to pick up, we hope that this platform will provide Selsey shops and businesses with another outlet to promote their goods and services.

"One of the key benefits of the ShopAppy scheme is that it allows businesses to set up a click and collect service where people can buy online and then collect their goods later on. This helps bring footfall to areas and encourages people to use local shops."

"Selsey is one of the few remaining towns in the south coast where you can see fishermen bringing in their daily catch. If you're visiting the beach to swim in the highly rated bathing waters, visiting the lifeboat station or enjoying one of Selsey's wonderful walks this autumn, it's well worth visiting some of the individual shops, cafes, restaurants, and pubs in the village. We hope this initiative will encourage both visitors to Selsey and residents to spend local and support the local economy."

To find out about shops and services in Selsey visit:

[www.shopappy.com/selsey/](http://www.shopappy.com/selsey/)

Businesses in the Chichester District interested in joining ShopAppy should contact the dedicated ShopAppy webpage for their nearest town:

- [ShopAppy - register a Chichester business](#)
- [ShopAppy - register a Selsey business](#)
- [ShopAppy - register a Midhurst business](#)
- [ShopAppy - register a Petworth business](#)
- [ShopAppy - register an East Wittering business](#)

- 1) What is the port of Edinburgh?
- 2) Which South African harbour was for many years a Royal Navy base?

**Claiming Government Benefits – How 4Sight Vision Support Can Help**



For people living with sight loss and those supporting them, the process of claiming Government benefits may seem a long and daunting one. Access to the correct financial help has never been more important as the cost of living crisis continues and the winter approaches.

4Sight Vision Support, which offers support to blind and sight impaired residents of all ages throughout West Sussex, provides specialist advisors who guide its clients through the process of identifying and accessing benefits and concessions to which they may be entitled. This can make a huge difference to quality of life, independent living and general wellbeing. Advisors will assist with completing forms, such as Personal Independence Payments (PIP), Attendance Allowance (AA), Blue Badge and other travel concessions, and obtaining a 50% discount on a TV licence.

In response to the rising cost of living, the Government has also set up several non-repayable payments to help those who are affected the most. These include a Winter Fuel Payment; Pensioner Cost of Living Payment; Disability Cost of Living Payment and an Energy Discount. Other available benefits include Low Income Benefits, Tax Credits; Universal Credit, Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit.

Service user Kathleen, who is partially sighted and lives with anxiety and has dyslexia, commented, "4Sight Vision Support's adviser Tara took the time to read and explain the form, wrote out the answers and read these back to check I was happy. It's enabled me to overcome the previous barriers I had trying to complete this form and means I now have access to financial support."

If you or someone you know needs support accessing benefits and concessions call 01243 828555 or visit [www.4sight.org.uk](http://www.4sight.org.uk)



The image shows Vision Support Advocate, Michelle, supporting with the completion of Blue Badge paper work forms.

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- 3) In which country is the port of Kalundborg?
- 4) Which port is on the Atlantic side of the Panama Canal?

(Can I check if people enjoy the quiz questions? Can you perhaps leave a quick bit of feedback on the email or put a little comment in the collection pots

Welcome to the Non-Nautical November issue of the Selsey Life. Did you all enjoy your extra hour at the end of October? It already does not seem as if it happened, the only reminder being it getting dark earlier. Don't let the dark nights get you down, though, you can always read your Selsey Life. (Okay, I do't know what you will do for three quarters of the month, but I am trying.)

Did you go and enjoy the (sadly) last Fireworks display? Another item that passes into history.

Sorry to harp on about the money, but it is the only thing that keeps the magazine going. We roughly calculated that about 200 magazines were not paid for in September, £200.00 of the print costs. Please, we know most of you pay for the magazine, and indeed many of you are generous towards us, but can the ones who do not pay please do so? If you take the magazine to read, it must be worth the £1.00, isn't it?

And, of course, our takings for November will be down because somebody decided to help themselves to one of our money pots at the Southern Co-Op together with items from the store. If anyone reading this knows who they are, can we at least have the pot back? They cost us money in the first place. (And again, we have received a generous donation towards the loss of the takings. We really do appreciate it, and thank all of our loyal readers).

As I am writing this it is raining outside (I think - it is difficult to tell through the thick roof of the bunker) and the dry sunny days seem a thing of the past, but it is still warm - I am still in shorts (not the same ones, obviously, I am instructed to change them daily) and it is nearly November at the time of writing. Very strange - it seems to be confusing the plants and wildlife as well.

Anyway, enough of my ramblings, I know you want to get on with enjoying the magazine, so it just remains for me to wish you well, and hope to see you all for the next issue. The next issue is due on Friday 2nd December, and please remember this will be a combined December/January issue, (I have some time off!) so if you want anything in for January we will need it this month, by 16th please.

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

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

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

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

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Our 5% offer for anybody who gets us new advertisers still stands.

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

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

Meryn Woodland



I regret that space constraints this month preclude the inclusion of a Reader's Galley page, but please do keep sending in your photos, I will endeavour to use them.

- 5) What is Alabama's only deep-water port?
- 6) In which city is Port Botany?
- 7) What is the second largest fishing port in France?
- 8) In which country is Puerto Bolivar?
- 9) On which sea is the port of Murmansk?
- 10) What is the name of Virginia's vast natural harbour?
- 11) Port Chalmers is in which New Zealand city?
- 12) What is the UK's largest container port?
- 13) Which Californian port is a US Naval base?

This month we are pleased to be able to offer two tickets to the Cloud 9 Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk, kindly donated by Cloud 9 (see their advert on page 22).

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

Coupons are to be posted in one of the two competition boxes, either at Raycrafts, 119 High Street, or Pretty's Newsagents at 4 Orchard Parade. One entry per coupon, copies not accepted. You have to be quick on this one, competition **ends Friday 18th November**. If you don't win, you can still order tickets for this enjoyable event.

(You can enter the competition multiple times, but you will need a separate coupon for each entry.)

Good luck with your entries.

Last month, the seagull was on the cartoon on page 23, and the winner of the selection of Selsey Goodies is Olivia Dainel. Congratulations, and we hope you enjoy your prize.



Name :

Contact phone number and full address:

I found the seagull on:

**One entry per coupon Copies not accepted**

# Selsey Schools



The school year kicked off with an active and exciting start for Year 6, with the annual Year 6 residential! Isabella has provided a write-up on the exhilarating week.

## Year 6 residential trip to Devon written by Isabella

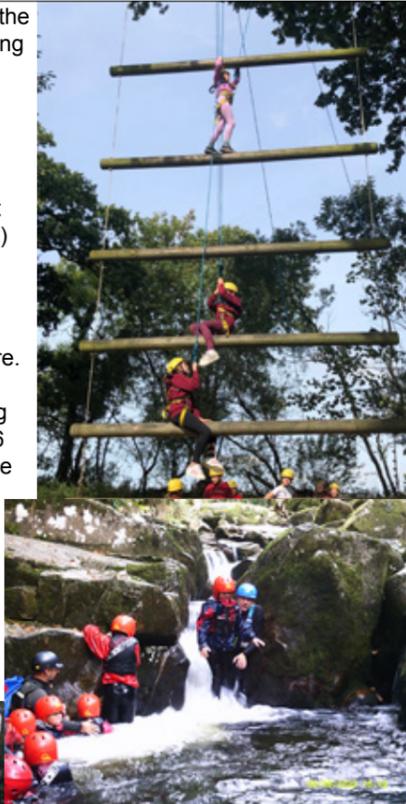
This year, Great Potheridge housed Medmerry Primary School's Year 6 residential. Potheridge, located on a beautiful hill in Devon, is hundreds of years old, and extremely historical. The home of George Monk, the ancient house, now features several exciting activities including an abseil tree (oak) and Jacob's ladder. As well as that, they are the only people allowed to use one of the lakes only a few minutes away.

Year 6 had access to all of these activities and many more. The girls were sleeping in the dorms up the stairs in the house, while the boys were staying in the smaller building by the side of the driveway. With various activities, Year 6 took part in things such as abseiling, crate stacking, gorge walking, rock scrambling, canoeing and raft building.

Contrary to many thoughts, the first night was not a quiet one. Year 6 took part in a night walk. Two miles long, with no teachers! Many may think that can't be that bad, yet many of the students had to navigate their way back!

On a happier note, the children got to prepare their own lunches everyday, learn how to support and trust each other, and had lots and lots of fun. The day before leaving, they had an indoor barbecue and a disco in the barn.

Potheridge will definitely be a highlight of the year!



# Selsey Schools

What a fantastic start to the school year we have had! Our children all came back to school looking smart and ready to learn. There have been some really exciting things going on already! Our new Reception children have started and after they completed their five sessions in the summer term, they have settled so well into school. Thanks to TKAT, our Reception children were able to take home a copy of 'How to catch a star' by Oliver Jeffers as a welcome to the start of their reading journey at Seal. We hope the children enjoy sharing the stories at home with their families.



## Seal's Harvest Festival 2022!

On Tuesday 11th October we had our school Harvest Festival celebration! Father Andy from St. Peter's Church, joined us to help us celebrate and took our assembly. He taught us all about where in the world our food comes from. The children sang the songs they had learned, including one of our favourites "Big Red Combine Harvester".

A huge thank you to all of our families for their generosity, we have a huge amount of donations to send to Stonepillow and the Selsey Foodbank. Well done Team Seal!



## Year 1/2 trip to Amberley Museum

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic trip to Amberley Museum. It was so exciting going on the coach - lots of us had never been on one before! When we got to the museum, we were greeted by Louisa

the Learning Officer who showed us where to put our lunch things, then took us to the museum station where a special train was waiting to take us on a ride. We all got given a train ticket then set off. It was very bumpy and loud but really good fun! After the train ride we had a go at assembling the wheel of a cart, then looked at the bicycle workshop and had a go at ringing lots of different bicycle bells. Next, it was time to ride on the vintage open top bus! We got to have two rides so that everyone had the chance to sit upstairs and downstairs on the bus. Upstairs was great fun but so breezy! The bus driver was very funny and made us all laugh. We explored different parts of the museum throughout the day, then all too soon it was time to get back on the coach. It was a lot quieter on the way back to school! Our teachers were very impressed with us on our first ever school trip out of Selsey, and we all had a great day.



## Chichester Book Fest 2022!

This October we have once again been invited to take part in the Chichester Book Fest! We have been lucky enough to have been visited by several authors. Mark Stratton and his daughter Amelie came in to share their books with the children. Amelie read the children her book 'Gorgeous Girl' which she wrote when she was just 6 years old! The children then had a chance to ask Mark and Amelie some questions before Mark then read his book 'Toadpig'.



Year 6 had a really inspiring author visit from Jason Rohan. He talked about the journey he has been on to become a published author. We were particularly impressed by finding out he spent a summer working as an intern at Marvel Comics in New York which was a big inspiration for him wanting to write stories!



## JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY

We are pleased to confirm we are selling the 2022 Sussex Snowdrop Christmas cards.

Show your friends you care with your cards this year.

Please contact Sandy on 605942 for more information or to come and choose your Christmas cards.

All proceeds in aid of The Sussex Snowdrop Trust (charity no. 1096622)



## Coffee Morning

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November

10.00am - 1.00pm

St. Peter's Church Hall, Selsey

(access via St. Peter's Crescent, with large car park)

Refreshments including delicious homemade cakes

Sales tables with Snowdrop gifts and Christmas cards

Gift Stalls, Books, Jigsaw Puzzles and Raffle

14) Name the port at the southern end of the Suez Canal.  
15) The port of Prince Rupert is in which country?



Amanda Ward



## Selsey Gardening Club

November is our end of year meeting for members only.

We will start again in February 2022.

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**The Selsey Shantymen – 2022 Autumn Roundup**

After a busy summer, October will see the end of our "Open Air" season. From March/April onwards we gave 25 performances ranging far and wide. We also sang every Tuesday evening at various venues in Selsey. Highlights of the year included:

- Our regular Sunday performances at the RNLI Selsey
- Main act on a cruise down Southampton Water aboard the classic steamship S.S. Shieldhall
- Selsey Lifeboat Week
- Portsmouth Gin and Chilli Festival at Fort Purbrook
- Both days of the Birdham Classic Boat Festival
- Selsey Queen's Jubilee celebrations including taking part in "Shifting Shingle"
- RNLI Littlehampton's Annual Event for crew and all members of the local RNLI family
- Numerous other open days, care home performances, private parties and at the Selsey Town Council annual meeting

Our main charity has again been the Selsey RNLI where throughout the summer (weather permitting) we have gathered on the apron outside the Boat House on two Sundays a month. The generosity of both visitors and residents has at times been overwhelming and we have exceeded our last year's four figure total by a considerable amount. We've also sang to raise funds for Selsey First Responders, Ukraine relief funds and Afghan refugees.

Our numbers have recovered after a shaky period in the New Year and now total 14. Unfortunately, during the summer we lost one of our stalwarts and founder members, Keith Freestone. Keith was our Welsh crooner and is sadly missed and never forgotten.

In an exciting development after our Birdham performance we have been invited to take part next June in "Oostende vor Anker" in Belgium, just about the biggest classic boat event in Europe. So, lots of practice required over winter – with a beer in hand no doubt! Watch this space!

Provided we make a good show of it, it should help to continue to put Selsey on the map!



**JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY**

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

We also have books available for 50p.

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**SELSEY LIONS CHARITY GOLF DAY  
17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 IN AID  
OF ST WILFRID'S HOSPICE**



Selsey and District Lions Club held their Charity Golf Day at Selsey Golf Club on Saturday 17th September. In bright sunshine, 48 golfers in teams of 4 played 18 holes on Selsey's brilliant golf course.

There was then a delicious meal for over 55 people, followed by an auction / raffle.

The winners on the day were The Almost Theres, involving Carol Smith, Alison Weller, Gordon Weller and Ann Croxford. Here they are receiving their prizes from Lions President Luci.



The Golf Day was also supported by a number of local businesses, a list of which can be found on our website.

Due to the generosity of the golfers and our sponsors, we have raised £2500 for St Wilfrid's Hospice. This will help this fantastic charity during these very difficult times.

Selsey Lions are also pleased to advise that this popular event has been confirmed for next year on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023. We will be deciding the charity we will be supporting nearer the date. In the meanwhile, Selsey Lions thank the golfers, our sponsors and Selsey Golf Club for their continued support.

The Lions are looking for new members who can give up a few hours of their time to support the less fortunate in our society. If you would like to know more, please contact Lion Colin Rickman on [0345 833 9895](tel:0345 833 9895) and have a chat.



Join us for our next event

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INSPIRING WOMEN **SELSEY WI**

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

It will be on Wednesday 9th November at 1.45pm in



the Town Hall. "Tea and Chat" followed by a game of Bingo" We will also be having a Sales Table.



If you would like more information, please contact Ann Jones 01243 607736

or Heather Coleman 01243 604603

## Miss Taylor's marathon and inspiring the next generation of runners.

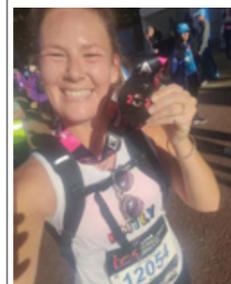


Miss Taylor completed the London Marathon in 5 hours and 46 minutes. With the help of Friends of Medmerry, her friends and family along with school children who helped fundraise in school and at a weekend bake sale, she raised almost **£1,600** for the school and school community.

We asked Miss Taylor for a few words about the day: 'It was such an inspiring and happy day, I had lots of friends and family supporting me on the day as well as colleagues, Friends of Medmerry, school children, and the community tracking me and sending me supportive messages and encouragement from Selsey. It was brilliant. I was spurred on by the support, it kept me going when the miles got tough!'



Since the marathon, Miss Taylor has proudly passed the running baton onto Max, in Year 3. He said he was so inspired by her assembly on the London marathon he wanted to take up running. He has since entered his first race and is looking forward to the experience and comparing his medal with Miss Taylor's!



A few final words from Miss Taylor now her marathon days are finished - 'I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported and sponsored me, it made a huge difference, thank you. And, to the next generation of runners like Max, or those who are tempted to give running

a try, just do it - you don't have to be the fastest or win every race, you just have to believe in yourself and recognise your own achievements.'

Photos featuring Miss Taylor at mile 25 and with her medal at the finish line and Max training for his 3.3km race.

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The Shop community cafe is in Selsey High Street, next to Truevision, and is a registered Warm Space during our opening hours, 10 - 1, Monday to Saturday.



It's a place for lively conversation, where you can take your time over a drink and catch up with the local news. We are also an outlet for local arts and crafts, including original greetings cards. Various groups



meet in our premises in the afternoons by arrangement with Selsey Community Forum. The Shop is a charity, run solely by volunteers, mainly from the local



churches, so we can provide drinks and snacks at very reasonable prices - tea goes up in November, but only to £1.20 a pot, and that includes unlimited top-ups. Do drop in and see us. You are most welcome to browse, buy or simply sit, keep warm and relax at The Shop.

16) Which port serves the French town of Caen?

17) What is the largest port in Bangladesh?

18) What in the Netherlands are polders?

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## Marjorie Graham

Every Day a Different One

at our next  
**Open Meeting**  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
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We look forward to hearing from you!

## LESLIE AUBREY GOLDING (born Goldstein) 27 August 1892 – 30 June 1970

This item is something of a disappointment to me as I had hoped to show you a beautiful For Sale advertisement for Birdham House, Selsey, Sussex in 1954. It contains fantastic pictures of the interior and the information that there was an entrance hall, main hall, dining room, spacious lounge, sun parlour, 5 bedrooms (3 facing sea), dressing room, 3 bathrooms, staff sitting room, downstairs cloakroom, 2 verandahs facing sea (leading off best bedrooms). Sadly this was not to be as it appeared in Country Life of 22 July 1954 and I could not afford the fee they wanted me to pay. Birdham House, at this time, was the property of the Goldings with whom many of you will be acquainted. Should any of you have a burning desire to see the advert in person, then please let me know. I'll be happy to oblige.



Leslie Aubrey Goldstein was born on 27 August 1892 in Hendon, Middlesex. His parents were Walter and Rosina (aka Rose) and in 1901, when Leslie was 9 years old, they lived at 37 Brondesbury Road, Willesden, London. It was a considerable family consisting of Ethel, Ruby, Hettie (aka Henrietta), Marguerite (aka Madge), Fannie and, finally, Leslie. There were also two servants – a cook and a general domestic. Walter was a Jeweller, Ethel was a dressmaker while both Ruby and Hettie were teachers and governesses.

On 9 September 1901, Leslie started school at St Augustine's Church of England School as a private pupil whose parents still lived in Brondesbury Road.

By 1911 they had moved to 8 Exeter Road, Brondesbury and Walter was a Jeweller with a shop where Madge and Leslie (now aged 18) worked. The electoral register for 1913 is more detailed than the others and Leslie was a lodger and had a furnished room, (first floor back) for which he was paying 7/6d per week. Mr W Goldstein (presumably his father) was at the same address. Hattie was a Governess while Madge and Leslie were jeweller's shop assistants.

Leslie joined up as a Corporal in the Royal Field Artillery, service no. 40192 and on 26 July 1915 he was sent to join the fighting in France. On 20 April 1916 he was promoted from NCO to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the 12<sup>th</sup> Divisional Trench

Mortar Battery. His War Medal Rolls Index card shows that his addresses were 130 Fordwych Road, Brondesbury and c/o The Regent Jewellery Co, 99 Regent Street, W1. A prestigious address if ever I saw one!

On 30 March 1917 he was admitted to Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital at Millbank suffering from gun shot wounds to right leg and hand.

Photo shows battery of British Royal Field Artillery 18 pounder field guns moving up: Battle of Le Cateau on 26th August 1914 in the First World War



He was then shipped back to France because on 30 November 1917 he was posted as missing. In fact he had been captured by the German Army. There is some difficulty with the records here. The record shows it was Boncrois and it is quite legible on the original document. It has been transcribed as Bonerois. Neither of these places appears to exist. I'm therefore going to hazard a guess that it should be Beauvois-en-Cambresis. This is based on the fact that the record shows his 'Previous Camp' as Le Cateau which is in the same region of France. The first battle of Le Cateau took place on 26 August 1914 which is too early for Lieut. Goldstein but a second battle occurred between 5 and 11 October 1918 which, of course, is too late. However, The British Expeditionary Force maintained a presence in the region between these dates.

Another theory is that these 'unknown' names could have been given by either the Germans or the British as the positions of the gun batteries, farms or other locations indicating the place where the troops were at the time of capture, which would help the Germans to pinpoint the enemy.

This picture is of English and French POWs boarding the train at Cambrai for onward shipment to Heidelberg in the region of Karlsruhe where there was a prison camp for officers. Records show that Leslie was at Karlsruhe on 17 December 1917.



[https://scholarworks.wmich.edu/wwi\\_pow\\_camps/1014/](https://scholarworks.wmich.edu/wwi_pow_camps/1014/) Creation Date 1915

'This is a general view of the four-storey prison facility for officers at Heidelberg. The photograph clearly shows the three tennis courts and exercise ground within the compound. A tennis match is underway in the centre court. German sentries guard the perimeter of the fence at the bottom of the photo.'

One month later, on 19 January 1918, he was moved from Karlsruhe to Heidelberg – a distance of approximately 56 kms further North up the River Rhine. He appears to have stayed there for about 8 months and was then taken to Stralsund, Danholm. Danholm is a small island in the Baltic Sea just off the coast of Northern Germany, near the island of Rugen. He remained there until his release on 18 December 1918.

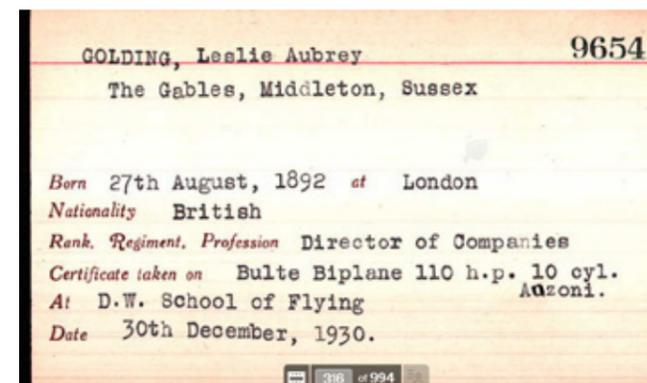
This imprisonment meant that Leslie's WW1 Medal Rolls Index Card describes him as an 'exonerated officer'. This was important as the explanation of what this means is 'An exonerated officer is one that was a prisoner of war and, on being released, was found not to have contributed to his capture'. This was a condition of being entitled to campaign war medals.

The London Gazette of 25 February 1919, Issue 31201, Page 2787 carried a rather emotional item in which both Leslie and his father changed their names; his father, Wolf Goldstein became Walter Golding while Leslie retained his first names but also adopted Golding as a surname. They were in good company as, in 1917, King George V, a cousin of Kaiser Wilhelm II, was compelled to change the British royal family name to Windsor from the historic but German name of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

At the beginning of 1921 Leslie married Beatrice Alice Birtwistle and in the census of that year (taken in June) the couple were to be found at a Brighton boarding house run by one Thomas Trattles.

Leslie applied for his war medals on 4 May 1921 and was awarded the Victory Medal, the British War Medal and the 1914/15 Star.

In 1922 Leslie and Beatrice lived at 130 Fordwych Road, Hampstead with their son Anthony G Golding who, sadly, did not live to see his 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. They then moved to Brydwestle, North Circular Road, Hendon where their second son John Winston Golding was born in 1925. Leslie and Beatrice separated in 1926 and divorced several years later.



On 30<sup>th</sup> December 1930 Leslie gained a Royal Aero Club Aviators' Certificate having flown a Bulte Biplane (of Belgian Manufacture) with 110 Hp and 10 cylinder Anzani Engine. This certificate records his address as 'the Gables, Middleton, Sussex.

By 1932, Leslie had moved again to 54-56 Jermyn St. in the City of Westminster. In 1936 he was living at 2 de Walden Court, New Cavendish Street, Marylebone and was still there in 1940. He continued moving house during the next few years.

In 1944 he married Betty Golding, in Hove, and their son, Stephen Robert Golding, was born there the following year. By July 1947 the Goldings were advertising in the Observer for staff – a resident or daily cook and a part-time gardener - as they had moved to Birdham House in Clayton Road, Selsey. In December 1947 they advertised:



The same advert appeared in January 1948.



Here is a picture of Betty with her great-grand-daughter Charlie taken in 1990.

Originally, Leslie had planned to have a house built on a plot of land he had bought at Birdham; however, he spotted Birdham House which was designated as Bomb Damaged and was, therefore, being sold for a good price and he changed his mind.

We learn from the Bognor Regis Observer of 28 August 1948 that Major L A Golding of Birdham House, Selsey took part in the first ever Small Crafts Rally at Itchenor which was given extensive coverage in the press.

The first paragraph is predictable (given that in this neck of the woods almost any regatta, rally or carnival is beset by storms almost every year). *'There is an old saying that a bad dress rehearsal means a good opening night. This is not a very good analogy with a small crafts rally at Itchenor where, after what might be termed a disastrous night, the rally was an undoubted success. Ideally suited for the purpose, Itchenor harbour was crowded with yachts and motor launches on Sunday afternoon, and many were dressed overall for the occasion.'*

The rally was organised by the Director of Small Crafts Disposals (Admiralty) and its object was *'to determine the most praiseworthy conversion to civilian use of a craft purchased from D.S.C.D.'*

During a sitting of the House of Commons questions were asked about the success of the DSCD scheme. A 75ft type cost £5000 while a 40ft type, with engines, cost £2,450. The craft were obviously 'left-overs' from WWII as they are described as having been idle for 2 years. It appears to have been a remarkably effective scheme as the total of small craft sold up to 26 June 1947 was 7,486 and they realised the sum of £3,298,402.

Leslie's contribution to the rally was a former 60 foot air sea rescue launch which he named 'Silver Ghost'. Light entertainment was provided not only by the rally but also by the *'DSCD office - a floating motor launch - sprang a leak Saturday night. This was the first time that the boat had let water in, and within a very short time the whole floor was under water and the boat was sinking fast. Due to wet sparking plugs, one pump could not be started, while the other had to be turned off because it got over-heated. As a finale, the local NFS (National Fire Service) had to be called in to pump the water out'*.

On Christmas Day 1948 the Goldings were again advertising for staff - a Chauffeur (Rolls experience) and a house parlourmaid, Own quarters. The chauffeur who responded to the advert. was Reg Summers - husband of Mollie and father of Malcolm.

Between 1951 and 1958 the Goldings travelled widely (Colombo, South Africa and Madeira to name but a few destinations) living first at Birdham House and subsequently at Gates Garth in Vincent Road. Betty entered enthusiastically into the social life of Selsey and is still remembered for her success at the Selsey Horticultural Shows. In 1959 she won 1<sup>st</sup> prize for decorative chrysanthemums and another for incurred chrysanthemums. Her roses also won 1<sup>st</sup> prize as did the leeks, celery and white potatoes along with the Christmas Table Decoration.

Also in 1959, Betty raised the alarm when Rock Bridge, a thatched house in Warner Road, caught fire.

Throughout the records, Leslie has been described as a Company Director but on 15 July 1966 the London Gazette published a notice regarding a company known as L A B Investments (Sussex) Limited (a property holding company registered in Regent Street, London). A further notice requested the Creditors to submit their names and addresses, with particulars of their debts or claims, to Leslie and a third notice reported an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above-named Company convened to pass a Special Resolution to voluntarily wind-up the company.

Sadly, Leslie and Betty's son Stephen Robert died on 20 December 1967 in London.

Leslie died on 20 June 1970 at Selsey, aged 77 and Betty died on 18 January 2002.

Leslie's son, John, was a chartered consulting electrical and mechanical engineer and farmer and he and his wife, Ann, lived in Africa for many years before returning to live in Selsey in 1975. John died on 5 May 2013. Ann still lives in the village.

PS: Tish Golding writes: *'This pic has made me realise (belatedly!) that there isn't anything here about Leslie's service during the WW2. He served in France, was evacuated after the fall of France (after the main evacuation from Dunkirk) and also served in the desert in North Africa. I believe he was at the Battle of El-Alamein as my brother has some mementos from a reunion in the 50s.'* and, indeed, I have found no evidence of it either so just watch this space. We could be producing Chapter 2! .

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Update from the Chichester Neighbourhood Policing Team



As we approach the time of year where the evenings are getting darker it is a good time to review your home security.

Most burglars are opportunists and will look for a soft target - a premises that appears unoccupied or one which is easy for them to break into or already insecure.

Before going out we recommend you do the following:

- \*Close and lock all doors and windows even if you will only be gone for a short amount of time.
- \*If you have an alarm, ensure it is set.
- \*Keep valuables out of sight.
- \*Don't leave car documents or ID on view.
- \*Keep handbags and keys away from letterboxes or cat flaps.
- \*During the hours of darkness, shut the curtains and leave a light on.
- \*If you are out all day, then consider a timer device to turn lights or a radio on.
- \*Ensure all side gates, sheds and garages are kept locked.
- \*Consider installing a video doorbell. This can act as a deterrent, keeping your property safe as well as helping to solve crimes.

We would always ask that should you spot something suspicious, please let us know at the time by calling 999. It could be nothing but it might well be something and this could help keep you, your neighbours and their property safe.

Front office opening hours

**Chichester:**  
Chichester Police Station,  
Kingsham Road, Chichester, PO19 8AD  
Open: Monday - Saturday 9am -8pm.  
You can contact your local team in the following ways:  
**Call us:** on 101 to report a crime or 999 if it's an emergency.  
Email: [Chichester@sussex.police.uk](mailto:Chichester@sussex.police.uk)

**Midhurst:**  
Midhurst police Station,  
Bepton Road, Midhurst, GU29 9NB.  
Open: Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm.  
You can contact your local team in the following ways:  
**Call us:** on 101 to report a crime or 999 if it's an emergency.  
Email: [Arun@sussex.police.uk](mailto:Arun@sussex.police.uk)

The Selsey Private Club  
Helping to beat the winter blues  
With our special deals on drinks and food  
Happy hours on Monday to Thursday 6pm to 8pm  
and Saturdays 3pm to 6pm  
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2 for 1 on selected spirits and mixers(excluding) bottles  
Cheers for Beers Save £1 per pint  
Free Draw for a meal for 2 Draw takes place 10pm  
Food served lunch times Monday to Friday  
Check us out for evening specials  
See menu on Bar or call 606015  
Sunday's are for Sunday Roast  
Also from 4pm music singalong in the Bar  
come and give us a tune or a song  
See our advert on page 15 for our events



St. Peter's Church News

The highlight of September's activities at St Peter's was the harvest celebration. The night before the harvest services there was a hearty supper of fish and chips, with desserts and a harvest quiz. For the big day the church had been beautifully decorated by groups associated with the church, ranging from pre-school to Mothers' Union. Each had been allocated a windowsill and their displays were so creative! More than two cars full of groceries were donated, and these were delivered to Stone Pillow, to help provide meals for homeless people. (Their supplies have been running low recently and you are always warmly welcomed to drop in contributions on your way to or from Chichester.)

That afternoon our annual Blessing of Animals took place in the church. Twenty people and their pets, all dogs this time, gathered to give thanks for all God's gifts in creation and we raised over £50 for Search Dogs Sussex.



Our Remembrance Day service will take place at 10am on 13th November, finishing in time for everyone to walk along the path to the war memorial for the silence and annual ceremony there.

The Summer Fair was very popular, so we have decided to follow up with a Winter Fair, which will be on 26th November. Details are yet to be finalised, so look out for them on social media and on posters around Selsey.

As the dark days before Christmas draw in the church will be lit by candlelight on Sunday 4th December, at the Christingle service. This is a lovely, short service for children - and to help other children by means of a collection for the work of the Children's Society. Each child who comes along receives a "christingle", which is a decorated orange with sweets and fruit, and which has a candle on top. As the candles are lit the dark afternoon is brightened up in a special way and we celebrate Christ as the Light of the World, before taking the oranges home and enjoying the sweets. This is a lovely service which children much enjoy, even if they have never been in a church before, and it will be the first time we have held it here since before covid. Please do come and join in. All children and grown-ups are welcome at 3pm, **Sunday 4th December.**

**Selsey Royal British Legion Fishing Club**

New Members Welcome

*coarsefishing* For details ring Brendon 01243 601009

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Chichester Community Choir  
with Upbeat Singers  
**Somewhere In My Memory**

Christmas Concert

In aid of Dementia Support

December 2nd - 7pm-9pm  
Boxgrove Village Hall



Carols & festive music: Raffle Refreshments  
All welcome: FREE admission with voluntary donations for Dementia Support

Dementia Support's mission is to help as many people as possible navigate the journey of dementia, both pre- and post-diagnosis, supporting family, friends, and carers.



Registered Charity 1158640

**The Walrus the Carpenter and a Bumblebee**

The Walrus and the Carpenter both lived down Eastbourne way  
I saw them drinking ginger beer while there the other day  
Please come and join us for a glass there's something we must say

So I pulled up a wonky chair and did as I was told  
The Walrus seemed quite young to me the Carpenter looked old  
I broke the ice with weather talk my arms to duly fold

The time has come the Walrus said to speak of spoons and slates  
Of lemon pie and toothpaste tubes of wigs and garden gates  
And why it is that Eng-er-land is in a parlous state

The sea is often joopearles wogue and far too cold for me  
Exclaimed the wimpish Walrus to a wingless bumblebee  
Who'd strolled across the table top to see what he could see

I spoke to them of gampse and gelts and something else and bleens  
I mentioned oaks and silly jokes and pearly kings and queens  
How Leather Baddikus and Spenge had lived beyond their means

Objection snapped the Carpenter let's talk of useless things  
Of parking fines and picket lines and long lost diamond rings  
He questioned why the sea was blue and about the stuff it brings

My musings fell on deafened ears they knew not what I spoke  
Connexis and Connartis hadn't grasped the feeble joke  
And more fool me to dare believe that they were simple folk

And so with that the Carpenter who'd spilt his ginger beer  
Strolled slowly down the sea frontage his new found vision clear  
To loudly sing at Christmas time, the high point of the year

JOHN BYRNE SEPTEMBER 2022. (With a nod to Lewis Carroll!)  
ARTWORK JASON BETON



19) The Hohe Tauern National Park is in which country?

October marks a year since my friend and colleague Sir David Amess MP was murdered whilst serving his community. I was thinking of him, as it is thanks to Sir David that last week, I had one



of the most incredible experiences when I had the opportunity to meet with his Holiness, Pope Francis at the Vatican. It was a huge honour to meet the Pope, and an experience that will stay with me forever. I am particularly grateful to his Holiness, as he also blessed a photograph of my nephew, Joseph, who's had some serious health concerns recently.



By now you may be aware that I have been appointed to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office as the Minister for Africa. My brief covers the whole continent, including North Africa, as well as other policy areas such as consular policy and protocol - the people who coordinated the Late Queen's funeral for example. I will also have oversight of the British Council and BBC World Service.

I feel very honoured to be asked to represent our country's interests abroad and am looking forward to getting stuck in. It is, of course, sad to leave behind the team at the Department for Health and Social Care, however, it has been brilliant to get the vital reforms to social care and mental health services underway. A personal highlight of that role will always be supporting the Down's Syndrome Act through Parliament. As an aunt to a boy with Down's syndrome, it was very special to support legislation that would have such a transformational impact on my own family's experience as well as so many others across the country.

You may have seen at the end of last month I held an online panel event that looked into sewage discharges, which included Southern Water, their regulators, and those leading environmental improvement work. In case you weren't able to tune in live a copy is available on my website [www.gilliankeegan.com](http://www.gilliankeegan.com).

Gillian Keegan MP

**The Selsey Private Club, Coxes Road**

**What's on for November**

**PO20 9AN 01243 606015**

**What's on for December**

Friday 4th. Battle of the Boozers Charity Quiz



Saturday 5th. Flash Company (Irish Band) for Danny's Birthday Bash (Please book)

Friday 11th. Ladies Nite **SOLD OUT**

Saturday 12th. Debbie Cobbett Great singer and entertainer, fun lady



Friday 18th. Tim Quinlan From theatre to the Selsey Club, after 15 years in the West End Jersey Boys and on Broadway fantastic singer

Saturday 19th. Charity Open Day for the Community Christmas Day Lunch fro 2pm. We will have a whole array of singers, a disco, raffle, auction and lots going on.

Friday 25th. Tubb's Ska, Motown, Reggae Northern Soul Feel The Love



Saturday 26th. The beautiful voice of Tania Honey

1st Wednesday in month Selsey Gramophone Society 2.30pm and Jamming at 7pm all welcome  
Every Sunday Music Club in the bar 4pm to 7pm Sing along.  
Folk and Music Club 3rd Wednesday of the month 7pm (fee)  
Every Wednesday Julie's Art Club 3pm Every Wednesday Bar Billiards League  
Every Monday Darts League Every Friday Snooker League  
Every Tuesday Bingo Bonanza Every Thursday Quiz is the Biz  
We are host to the RNA and the Selsey Lions

New members welcome.

Friday 2nd. A fun night of Drag and Burleaque with DJ Tubbs **BOOKING ONLY**



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



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



Saturday 10th. The versatile fabulous singer Kelly Lorraine



Saturday 17th. Tubbs's Christmas Party Night



Friday 23rd. The fabulous Colin Gold as Billy Fury



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

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



Check us out throughout December for Christmas lunches and evening dinners. We will also take bookings for lunch/dinner parties and afternoon tea parties through November and December.

Arts Dream Selsey presents

**Family Drumming Workshop**

tickets only **£5.00**

Children 8 years & over  
Adults any age!

November 26th 2-3PM  
The Academy SELSEY  
School Lane SELSEY PO209EH

A family Drumming workshop offered by the renowned company 'Drum with us'

This is a high energy, fun filled, family friendly fully inclusive interactive rhythm based activity  
All drums and percussion provided. For more details contact [www.drumwithus.com](http://www.drumwithus.com)

Tickets from Brent Lodge Charity book shop New Parade Selsey carb or card  
On line <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/artsdreamselsey>

Supported by SELSEY Community Forum



## The Eagle Has Landed

Rob Yarham

If you go out for a walk today, you may be in for a big surprise. These days, we're starting to see more white-tailed eagles over our RSPB reserves along the coast, and further inland in West Sussex. And that's thanks to the Isle of Wight White-tailed Eagle Project.

Each summer since 2019, a group of young eagles have been collected under licence from nests in Scotland and translocated to the Isle of Wight, where they're released when they're ready to fledge. This method of release ensures they stay fairly faithful to the area throughout their life. The aim of the reintroduction programme – which is being run by a partnership between Forestry England, the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation and other conservation and stakeholder bodies – is to release a total of 60 young white-tailed eagles over five years and establish an initial population of six to eight breeding pairs on the Isle of Wight and surrounding areas on the South coast of England.

But why here, you might ask? Don't these eagles belong instead to the rugged northern coasts of Scotland and Scandinavia? Well, from historical accounts, archaeology and palaeontology, we know they were here in southern England until the last birds bred, on Culver Cliff on the Isle of Wight, in 1780, and young white-tailed eagles were still visiting Sussex in the early 19th century. Even local place names provide evidence they were here – the village of Earnley which sits next to the RSPB Medmerry reserve is named after them. 'Erne' is the Old English for 'eagle' (and 'ley' means 'clearing'). And successful and growing populations in France, Denmark and the Netherlands show that there is plenty for them to eat – mainly fish and water birds – on similar lowland landscapes and coastlines to ours. Young eagles roam far and wide, but several of the released birds seem to be staying in the region, including settling on the Isle of Wight, in Sussex and in Dorset as well.

The eagles will take about five years to reach sexual maturity, when they will also acquire their full adult plumage – which includes the white tail of their names, together with a white head and a bright yellow beak – but then, you never know, perhaps before the end of this decade, we may even see breeding white-tailed eagles here in Sussex! It would certainly be wonderful to see these magnificent birds regularly in our skies again, back where they belong.

If you're lucky enough to see a white-tailed eagle, then please report your sighting to the Isle of Wight Reintroduction Project: [www.roydennis.org/report-white-tailed-eagle-sighting/](http://www.roydennis.org/report-white-tailed-eagle-sighting/)

And join our campaign to protect our safe havens for nature, including RSPB's Medmerry reserve. Visit our website to see how you can help: [www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/](http://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/)



The wingspan of an adult white-tailed eagle can reach 2.5m (8ft). Thanks to the Isle of Wight reintroduction programme these birds may soon be a regular sight over Sussex. [Credit: Ben Andrew (rspb-images.com)]

### RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry Events - November

#### Saturday 05 November, Bird Watch - Wintering Waders and Wildfowl

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

10am – 1pm. Free event

#### Wednesday 9 November, Midweek Guided Walk, Magical Medmerry in Winter

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

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

#### Saturday 12 November, Guided Walk, Magical Medmerry in Winter

Come and see some of our wintering visitors, including waders, ducks and geese, which have come from the far north. Join our guides for this wildlife walk around the west side of our wonderful Medmerry reserve, a haven for wintering birds with its fields,

mudflats, inlets, pools, beach and big skies! We'll be helping you find and identify our visiting waders, ducks and geese, and perhaps we'll spot some birds of prey, too!

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

#### Saturday 19 November, Bird Watch - Wintering Waders and Wildfowl

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

10am – 1pm. Free event

#### Saturday 26 November, Guided Walk, Magical Medmerry in Winter

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

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



## Polecat

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

For most of us, our only encounters with British mammals are spotting them on the roadside as we hurtle past at 55mph. I'm sure many people these days believe that lying motionless on a road verge with its feet in the air is natural behaviour for a Badger. Our road trips may be macabre safaris but roadkill can tell us a lot about the state of our island's mammalian fauna. Hedgehogs, a squashed staple on the roadkill menu a few decades ago, are now hard to find flattened on the highway, reflecting their dramatic fall in numbers in the wider countryside. And recently an unfamiliar corpse has appeared on the tarmac: the Polecat.



Polecat c Darren Trafford Sussex Wildlife Trust

Before being killed by cars, Polecats already had a long history of persecution in England – mainly for eating poultry and notoriously stinking to high heaven. To Shakespeare, and many others since, 'Polecat' was an insult. The species was exterminated from Sussex around 1890. Indeed, the entire English population was banished to the wilderness of Wales. Yet we were happy to welcome their watered-down, domesticated form – the Ferret – as cuddly pets and ruthless Rabbit hunters.



Polecat c Darin Smith Sussex Wildlife Trust



Polecat c Darin Smith Sussex Wildlife Trust

After a century in exile, purebred Polecats are making a comeback. This re-colonisation was the basis for a recent investigation by the Vincent Wildlife Trust who requested roadkill Polecat corpses for DNA testing to verify their pure Polecat lineage (as opposed to Polecat/Ferret hybrids). I was soon dodging traffic on the Steyning by-pass and excitedly picking up a dead Polecat. Being mustelids, Polecats naturally smell but, take my word for it, they smell a lot worse when they've been dead for a few days. Despite discharging a whole can of Glade, my wife smelt that something was up seconds after I set foot in the house.

Putting a dead Polecat in your freezer will test even the strongest of marriages.

Thankfully, after some smooth talking, my marriage is still intact but there are still some fish fingers that neither of us are brave enough to eat. Next morning a package arrived from the Vincent Wildlife Trust containing heavy duty bags, some cool BIOHAZARD stickers and printed instructions for posting Polecats.

After an interesting exchange at the post office counter, my roadkill casualty was posted. A few days later, it was declared 100% Polecat; further evidence that Polecats have returned to Sussex. It's great to have them back and many farmers are welcoming them too, as they do a great job of dispatching Rats and Rabbits. Look out for them in your headlights.

Sussex Wildlife Trust is an independent charity caring for wildlife and habitats throughout Sussex. Founded in 1961, we have worked with local people for over half a century to make Sussex richer in wildlife. We rely on the support of our members to help protect our rich natural heritage. Please consider supporting our work. As a member you will be invited to join Michael Blencowe on our regular wildlife walks and also enjoy free events, discounts on wildlife courses, Wildlife magazine and our Sussex guide book, Discovering Wildlife. It's easy to join online at [sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join](http://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join)



### RSPB Events for November 2022

#### CHICHESTER

Thursday 24 November

Illustrated Talk by Andrew Cleave, Author, Lecturer and Tour Leader on 'Birds and Wildlife of Lundy' to the Chichester Local Group at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1SY at 7.30 pm.

Entrance members £2-50/visitors £5  
07545 376074 wheelchair access

**SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST November 2022**  
No planned events for the Chichester area at present

Chichester Conservancy Volunteers  
November 2022  
No events scheduled this month



### RNLI SELSEY LIFEBOAT SHOP

Time is ticking and Christmas is fast approaching  
So why not pop in to the shop and pick up  
Your Christmas cards, Calendar's and Gifts.

You will get a warm welcome and  
Help save lives at sea by supporting the shop.

Shop open Tuesday to Sunday 10.30 till 16.00

For up to date information please check:-  
Facebook -RNLI Selsey Lifeboat station  
Website – [www.Selsey.lifeboats.co.uk](http://www.Selsey.lifeboats.co.uk)

The Write Zone with Tara Lennon



The two men stood at the edge of the field, collars turned up against the evening chill. In view, the bonfire and the funfair, but neither had come here for thrills.



'You say she's there? With that ... boy?' The older man was gruff, wounded in tone. Beside him, his son nodded in the dark. 'That's what Uncle told me.' The older man's mouth tightened. 'I hope you're wrong. If she's disgraced us...' He let the rest of his thoughts fall like autumn leaves. The two men set off at a pace, tracking through the rough grass, beckoned by the low thump of music and screams of delight.

At the furthest edge of the fair, in the House of Snakes, Naila shrieked as Scott tickled her. He swiftly overtook her, mounting to the next level of rickety boards burgeoned with jungle nets where he turned and pulled Naila after him. Landing awkwardly, she threw her arms around his neck and kissed him delightedly. Scott uttered a noise that sounded like astonishment. Even now he could hardly believe how much he loved her, and the risk of being separated from her chilled him. Naila turned away. Grasping the cool rail she surveyed the whirl of colours below. She immediately felt Scott's arms around her waist, the warmth of his body pressed to hers.



'Why won't you say yes?' Scott murmured. Naila turned her face so that her forehead was pressed beneath Scott's chin. 'We've been over this. Being with you has to be a secret. It will take time for me to talk my dad round. I have to do it my way. If they found out us it would be bad enough, but to elope...? You have no idea how bad things would be. The disgrace to my family.' He felt her shake her head slowly, as if in despair, her glossy hair roughing his neck.

'Your dad's never going to accept me.'

'He might if you converted.'

'I can't do that Naila. You know that. It would be like me asking you to become an atheist.'

'We're stuck then.'

'Not if we go to Scotland. We can marry there. We can settle there. My parents will understand. They like you.'

'But they won't be expecting you to run away to Scotland and marry me.'

'No, not ideal, but they'd understand why.'



Naila sighed despairingly. 'I wish my family was less traditional. They want me to marry a nice traditional boy when I finish traditional education and have nice traditional

babies. But if they found out about us, anything could happen. They may not even let me finish college.'

'But they can't do that,' Scott exclaimed.

'You don't know my dad,' Naila responded bitterly. Scott turned Naila around to face him. Behind them, a group of young children cannoned through the jungle maze. 'But what about what you want? Doesn't that count?' Naila sighed and shook her head. She was risking so much just by being here tonight. The lies. She shrank from telling them but there was no other way. Not if she wanted to see Scott. She had told her parents she was going to her friend's house tonight for college work. Her brother, Asif, had watched her go like he knew different. At home, she felt spied on. Being here with Scott was rebellion; it was making a stand against the parliament of traditions in which she was raised. Scott spoke. 'Say yes, Naila. Come to Scotland with me. Whatever follows we can deal with it, if we're together.'

As if in premature celebration, the fireworks display started. A rocket lit up the sky, a red shower of sparks. The irony of Scott's plot at a Guy Fawkes celebration was not lost on her. She dropped her forehead onto Scott's chest. To elope was as bad as anything she could think of. 'I'd never see my family again, Scott. Or if they caught us, well, probably I'd be sent away to marry some old man back home. My father would make it happen.' Scott cradled her, trying to think of something helpful to say. It was at precisely that moment that he looked down and found himself gazing directly into the eyes of Naila's father. Shoulder to shoulder with Naila's brother, he was standing next to the candy floss stall, devilishly illuminated by the bonfire, his mouth open in shock. Asif, Naila's brother raised his hand to point and, simultaneously, the two men started to run towards the House of Snakes. Horrified, Scott yanked Naila backwards into the shadows knowing that it was already too late. Later, he'd remember thinking, 'well, they'll have to let us marry now.' There was no point in running. His plan to elope with Naila to Scotland was over.



'Scott, what is it?' Naila demanded, unaware that her worst fears had been realised.

It was important not to panic her, he thought. This might be the last few minutes he had alone with her. Maybe the last few minutes he ever had with her, and he didn't want to spend it running. 'Look at the fireworks. Aren't they amazing?'

Naila grinned, unaware of the cold slick of sweat that had broken out over Scott's back.

'Can we have fireworks at our wedding, if we ever make it that far?' 'Uh-huh. You can have whatever you want. I love you. And whatever happens next, we're going to deal with it together.'

Pressed into his arms, Naila sighed. Out of the corner of his eye, Scott watched as a pair of hands came into view on the ladder, inching closer, rung over rung. He closed his eyes, trying to blot out the inevitable moment when this would all be over.

Overhead, the fireworks boomed and crackled and Naila emitted a cry of delight at the sight of them, drowning out the sound of his sob.

Tara

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We are pleased to include another entry in our series to show how widely travelled the Selsey Life is.

"Dear Selsey Life,

I'm enclosing a photo taken this month (October) whilst on holiday in Santorini, Greece, showing our proud copy of the Selsey Life.

The photo is of Josette (Coulston) and myself Hilary (Wright) and I'm hoping you can include it in next month's Selsey Life." (pleased to, ed.)



Would you like **your** picture in the Selsey Life showing our magazine on a journey or holiday with you? It does not have to be an exotic location, (although they are nice). Just email a picture into us at [selseylife@btinternet.com](mailto:selseylife@btinternet.com) with a brief bit of info and we will be pleased to include it.

20) What is the world's largest salt marsh?



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LEARNING TO FLY sees James tell the story of a remarkable friendship he made when he was a lonely, unhappy teenager with the scary old lady who lived in the spooky house on his street. Uplifting, big hearted and hilarious

- Learning to Fly Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November
- The Selsey Town Hall 55, High Street Selsey PO200RB
- Start time 3pm doors open 2.30pm. The show lasts approximately 1hr 15 minutes
- Ticket price £10 to include a glass of wine or a soft drink
- Tickets at Brent Lodge charity BOOK SHOP New Parade Selsey 10-4pm Monday to Saturday cash or card
- On line <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/artsdreamselsey>
- full details and reviews on: [www.artsdream2013selsey.weebly.com](http://www.artsdream2013selsey.weebly.com)

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**1<sup>st</sup> Selsey Scout Group**  
**Christmas Fayre**  
 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
 10.00 am – 2 pm

**Free Entry** **Everyone Welcome**

Gifts  
 Cards  
 Tombola's  
 Decorations  
 Jewellery  
 Toys & Books  
 Bric & Brac  
 Refreshments Available

1<sup>st</sup> Selsey Scout Hut,  
 School Lane, Selsey.

Rifle Range Open

**SELSEY FIRST RESPONDERS**

**Merry Christmas**

**CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
 COME AND BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

**SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**  
 10AM TO 1PM  
**SELSEY TOWN HALL**

**GIFTS AND CRAFTS, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE**  
**TEA AND CAKE**

**FREE ENTRY**

**Lifeboats**

**Christmas Market**

St. Peter's Church Hall  
 Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
 09:30 – 12:30

RNLI Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries & Gifts

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 & much more

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 Cakes & Warming Refreshments New & Preloved Goods  
 & So Much More!

At North Mundham Village Hall  
 School Lane, PO20 1LA  
**SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**  
 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM



**Lions Santa Routes**

It is that time of year again when the Lions Float will be out and about in Selsey bringing Santa to everyone, young and old. Below are the routes we will be taking together with four static collections around the Town.

However, to make it all possible we would like to hear from any resident who would like to help us this year. The Selsey Lions are all getting a little older and any younger pair of legs would be much appreciated. We are also looking for new members who would be made most welcome.

Please contact Lion Colin on 0345 833 9895 or email: [colin.rickman2@gmail.com](mailto:colin.rickman2@gmail.com)

**The 2022 Routes in December will be:**

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

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>:** 5.30pm Mundham and Runcton area

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>:** 5.30pm Beach Road, Marrisfield Place, Kingsway, Albion Road, Sunnymead Drive and Close

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>:** 5pm Marine Drive, Broad View, Eastway Bank, Fontwell Road, Gill Way, Chichester Way

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

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>:** 5.30pm Manor Farm Close, Chichester Road, Hunisett Close, Millington Drive, Fidler Close, Petts Close, Robinson Close

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

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

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

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

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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>:** 5.00pm Sidlesham area

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

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

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

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

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



Selsey and District Lions are always looking for new members, male, female, young and old, to join an active and enthusiastic team, who have a common interest in helping the community while at the same time enjoying a good social life. If you are interested in finding out more about our activities or are thinking of becoming a Lion we would love to meet you. So why not come along to one of our meetings at the Selsey Club in Coxes Road, which are held on the second Monday of each month. Please telephone Colin Rickman on **0345 833 9895** for further information or visit our website or find us on Facebook.

Lions Club are an international network of likeminded people who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities across the world. Lions are:

Members of the world's largest and most active service club organisation whose members believe that by working together they will accomplish far more than would be possible as individuals.

Members committed to solving worldwide health and social problems and who realise that solutions are possible when every Lion Club participates.

People who cherish the fellowship of their own Club, but who also feel a close kinship with Lions in over two hundred Countries throughout the world. Individuals dedicated to maintaining the highest ethical and moral standards in their Club as well as in their personal lives.

People who are serious about their commitment to humanitarian service but have fun along the way. We cover all costs from our own dues, ensuring that all donated funds go to good causes.

Transparency and accountability operate at every level; in fact, The

Financial Times has ranked Lions Clubs International Foundation "The best among non-government organisations worldwide with which to work"

We are proud of our organisation which is now over a century old and has a distinguished history of doing good works for the world. Local communities respect and trust their clubs, both because those clubs are made up of neighbours and friends who have a long record of support, and because of the Lions Clubs International name and legacy. We have fun in our clubs and when we meet fellow Lions for the first time, we treat them like old friends.

When you join the Lions, you join a global service network. So, at the same time you are helping your own community locally, you can also contribute to Lions community efforts in other countries.

For more information: <http://www.lionsmd105.org/> Lions Clubs International is the worlds largest service club organisation with 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in over 205 countries. Lions are men and women who volunteer their time for humanitarian causes. Founded in 1917 by Melvin Jones, our motto is "We Serve"

- Have you time to spare?
- Would you like to join Selsey and District Lions Club or help as a Friend of Lions with our events?
- Give service to the Community, Fundraising and Christmas collections or maybe join us for a social evening.
- Any help is gratefully received – and hopefully you will enjoy taking part!

Telephone **0345 833 9895** or Email: [colin.rickman2@gmail.com](mailto:colin.rickman2@gmail.com)

Cloud Nine Musical Theatre Group Presents  
A Family Pantomime by Rebecca Townsend

# Jack and the Beanstalk

**27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> December**  
**The Academy, School Lane,**  
**Selsey, PO20 9EH**

**Shows: 2.00pm & 7.00pm Daily**

**Tickets: £10 (adults) £8 (concs)**

Online via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cloud9](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cloud9)

Tickets on sale from 7<sup>th</sup> November



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**GAINSBOROUGH SINGERS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Tuesday, 6th December 2022**  
**at 2.00 pm**  
**St Peter's Church Hall, Selsey**

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

**Admission £3, payable on the door**

**There will also be a raffle**

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

- 21) Which country borders Chile to the east?
- 22) How many capital cities does South Africa have?
- 23) Where is the city of Petra?
- 24) Which lake do Austria, Germany and Switzerland border?
- 25) What is the wine-growing region of California?

Members of Chichester Festival Theatre's Youth Advisory Board and Learning, Education and Participation team host CFT's first Youth Conference on Saturday 26th November. It is a day led by, and for, a diverse collective of youth voices. It will bring together young people, education providers and arts organisations to discuss and explore the challenges, barriers and successes young people experience today. We will ask what we in the cultural sector can be doing to platform and empower these young voices, and spotlight examples of work that are already achieving this.

Tickets for the day cost £10 and include access to all morning presentations, two afternoon workshops and a light lunch. Online streaming of the morning presentations will be available live or to watch after the event for a reduced price of £5.

To find out more about the structure of the day, see the line-up and to book your tickets, visit [cft.org.uk/youthconference](http://cft.org.uk/youthconference) or email [leap@cft.org.uk](mailto:leap@cft.org.uk).



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



**WHAT DO 'THE FRIENDS' DO?**

Some readers may wonder who joins the 'Friends of Selsey Medical Centre' and why. So here's what we're about. We are a group of local people who care passionately about the health and well-being of our friends and neighbours in Selsey.

We collect contributions in the form of Membership fees (upwards from £5 per annum) from our local community, together with income from activities such as the recent Tombola. This income goes towards the purchase of equipment which is not normally provided by the NHS. In this way the Friends assist the Practice to maintain the best service for their patients and our community.

You may have noticed that the windows in the Medical Centre are now fitted with reflective solar film. This ensures privacy for patients visiting the consulting rooms. The "one-way" film has been fitted because the old blinds were removed to comply with clinical hygiene regulations. The film also helps to control heat levels (warmer in winter, cooler in summer) in the building. Be reassured that, although the windows look clear from inside, nobody can look in. If you need a full examination, the couches still have privacy curtains/screens.

Other recent news is that Dr Luke Randle has qualified as a GP and we are happy to announce he has joined the team at the Medical Centre.

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

TLH 11/22

- 26) Sheikh Zayed is an international airport in which country?
- 27) Europe's largest glacier is in which country?
- 28) When it's noon at GMT, what time is it in Qatar?
- 29) What, in a geographical context, is a maelstrom?
- 30) What was the first UK city to be a "Capital of Culture"?



**St Wilfrid's Hospice**  
Making a difference to local lives

**Latest News from St Wilfrid's Hospice**

**Free Will Writing Service**

Did you know that only 4 in 10 adults in the UK have a Will? Here at St Wilfrid's Hospice we believe that a Will is one of the most important documents you can write. We've teamed up with Guardian Angel, one of the leading Will writing services in the UK, to offer our supporters and community the chance to make or update a simple Will for free.

Go to [gawill.uk/stwh2022](http://gawill.uk/stwh2022) to claim your free Will.

If you've been inspired by or experienced any of the work that St Wilfrid's does we would be so grateful if you would consider leaving a gift in your Will to St Wilfrid's, after your family and friends are cared for.

**Christmas Tree recycling service available again this year**

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

Register your interest now and you'll be the first to know when the bookings open in November for this popular fundraiser!  
[stwh.co.uk/christmastrees](http://stwh.co.uk/christmastrees)

**Christmas Cards Now Available**

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

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

**Join St Wilfrid's at Chichester Cathedral for Light Up a Life service**

This December, St Wilfrid's Hospice popular service of remembrance and celebration of life will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We've had to have a 2-year break from joining together at the Cathedral due to COVID-19 restrictions, instead holding virtual online services, so we are looking forward to welcoming our community. Together we will remember loved ones, hear readings and music, and light candles.

If you'd like to book your free place, please visit [stwh.co.uk/lightupalife](http://stwh.co.uk/lightupalife) to register.



- 31) In which gangster film did Pierce Brosnan make his screen debut?
- 32) Who plays the title role in Xena: Warrior Princess?

**Selsey Wine Interest Group (SWIG)**

Our next SWIG Tasting Meeting in November (exact date and venue to be advised to Members) will concentrate on the best red wines of France, and will consist of two superb Bordeaux and two fine Burgundies, plus of course our regular feature of a well known "Mystery Wine" for the SWIG Members to try to identify in a blind tasting. All wine lovers are very welcome to join us by emailing me [lunn.peter@gmail.com](mailto:lunn.peter@gmail.com) or calling/texting me on **07771741383**



Bordeaux is the world's largest fine wine region. Some of its well known districts are Medoc and Graves where Cabernet Sauvignon is the main grape variety, and St. Emilion where Merlot dominates.

The red wines of Bordeaux, (or clarets as we have called them in Britain for over 4 centuries), have long been synonymous with the popular image of fine wine. Any major auction of vintage wines is likely to be dominated by aged bottles and cases of Bordeaux, since that is where most of the attention of investors tends to be concentrated. In this respect, the profile of Bordeaux has always been higher than that of France's other classic red wine region, Burgundy, partly because the finest clarets enjoy considerably longer life than most Burgundy wines, and partly because the annual production volume of the Bordeaux region is incomparably larger.

At their best the red wines of Bordeaux remain one of the most irresistibly succulent of red wines. When young, they tend to be strong in texture and tight with tannin. They can begin to soften up after 5 or 6 years, and then start more readily to display some of the blackcurrant or plum fruit flavours of the Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot grapes.

In the Bordeaux region there are well over 50 official Appellations, which is the official classification formulated for the Paris Exhibition in 1855, and which remains the principal determining factor in the pricing of these fine wines.

Burgundy's vinous history dates back for centuries, but the annual production volume of fine Burgundy is quite small compared with the output of Bordeaux. Its premium wines come almost entirely from the narrow limestone ridge of the Cote d'Or, measuring less than 30 miles from North to South and only 5 miles across at its widest. The region stretches southwards from Dijon to Lyon, and used to be dominated by large merchant houses called negociants who simply buy up from the growers lots of wine (or even just harvested Pinot Noir and /or Chardonnay grapes) and blend what they have bought to produce their own bottlings.

Now however, the smaller proprietaires-viticulteurs (or go it alone operators) who emerged after World War 2 make smaller quantities of the wine from their own vineyards and sell it independently. Whilst many of these are unquestionably excellent and can justifiably claim to be some of the region's best wines, others can be rather mediocre because of the lack of the up to date technology that the quality conscious negociants heavily invest in.

Trivia: Villages with double barrelled names are the key to some of Burgundy's best wines, simply because these villages hi-jacked the names of some of the most famous local vineyards so that humble village wines could be sold on the back of the finest grands crus. For example the village of Chevrey was the first to do this in 1848 when it took the name of the celebrated Chambertin vineyard to become Gevrey-Chambertin !

Another little piece of trivia is that the French love to cook eggs in Burgundy wine: oeufs en murette are eggs poached in a thick reduction of red burgundy, onion, garlic butter and salt pork.

Bon appetit !



# November's Update

## Selsey Community Christmas Lunch

It's that time of year that we are beginning to think about Christmas. Many people living in Selsey will be alone this year. However, so they don't miss out on the Christmas Celebrations with other's they can join us for Christmas lunch at The Beacon Church at 1pm. To book a space please contact the Selsey Care Shop via telephone 01243 201616 or email [mail@selseycommunityforum.uk](mailto:mail@selseycommunityforum.uk).

We are ever grateful for the ongoing support of individuals and local businesses. Without the support of these generous people, our older and lonely folk living in Selsey couldn't have a lovely Christmas meal, companionship, and gifts. If you know of anyone who may benefit from celebrating with us, please pass on this information. If people are unable to travel to the event, then a hot Christmas meal will be delivered to you.



## Warm Spaces

In addition to this there will be plans in place to provide a **Warm Space** for people who are really struggling with heating their home. Different venues are opening their doors to welcome people in for a few hours into their heated buildings from November through to the end of March. As we go to press, the list is looking to be:

**Sundays 3pm – 4.30pm** at the Church venue hosting ResBite Tea each week

**Mondays 10am – 1pm** at The SHOP, 89 High Street

**Tuesdays 1pm – 5pm** at Beacon Church, Marisfield Place (Pantry Plus including Community Food Hub)

**Tuesdays 3.30pm – 5pm** at The Academy, School Lane

**Wednesdays 10am – 12pm** at St Peters Church

**Thursdays 10am – 1pm** at The SHOP, 89 High Street

**Fridays 10am – 1pm** at The SHOP, 89 High Street

**Saturdays 10am – 12pm** at St Peters Church

The **Warm Spaces** information will be in the window of the Selsey Care Shop.

If you are struggling in any way as the darker evenings draw in, and the colder weather arrives, please don't struggle alone, please just contact Selsey Community Forum.

Karen Pirks

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

## Selsey Community Forum

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**Opening Hours: Mon – Fri: 9am – 4pm**

**Sat: 9am – 1pm Sun: 10am – 1pm**

**Forum Supporters**, please pop in or check the website [www.selseycommunityforum.uk](http://www.selseycommunityforum.uk)

## Cost of Living Crisis and local support

Selsey Money Support in partnership with Frontline Debt Advice and Citizen's Advice Bureau continue to provide practical and financial support to those feeling the squeeze. Prices of fuel and food provisions are going up and income is remaining static or reducing. This is creating hardship to many people and affecting their mental health. If this is the case for you, please call us or pop in.

## DONNA'S DELIBERATIONS

Hello all, and welcome to November's Selsey Life - and autumn! The leaves are definitely falling now and gardens are being carefully put to bed. Another growing cycle has been completed, and soon, summer will be a distant memory (unless, of course, you are reading this in Australia, in which case you will be heading into what I hope, for you, will be a wonderful spring!) I always find that hard to get my head around, to be honest, especially the idea that our friends in Australasia barbeque on the beach in December - very weird, but scientifically, perfectly normal, of course.



I hope some of you managed to attend what was the last Selsey Firework display last month; it was a seriously impressive finale to the last forty odd years. I sometimes think that it would be rather comforting to preserve Selsey in aspic, and homogeneously seal us from the outside world so everything stays the same - but, of course, we just can't do that. Everything changes, nothing stays the same. As my dad used to say 'everything has a season' - and I think he was right. Circumstances change, situations change, and we have to adapt and evolve with them, but for many of us the ending of the fireworks, such an iconic event for Selsey, was very sad. The contribution they have made, both financially, and to the community in general for literally decades, has been nothing short of incredible. I know, from experience, just how labour intensive organising events can be, and for an event like the fireworks, it was literally a labour of love. Thank you all - committee members and volunteers, past and present, for your invaluable contribution to the life of our little town at the bottom of the long and winding road. Many of us have laid down wonderful memories because of your work and it has been enormously appreciated.



The proceeds from the fireworks, of course, went to help some of our local Selsey charities and community groups. All of our groups work very hard for our little town/village and they are all to be applauded for the work they do. Often there is no financial reward, they just get on and 'do it'. Everyone has their own interest areas, of course, some work with the elderly, some our younger people, some with a mixture of both, but whatever they do, contributes to the resilience and compassion of our town/village. They are likely to feel the pinch this winter, however, as are the vast majority of us. I try to keep my monthly deliberations positive and this will be no different, but be aware that if you need help, it does exist, and the most difficult thing to do is to ask. The first step, as they say, is always the hardest because it's the one we fear most - it's the one that begins the process of change - and however difficult the current situation may be, change is always hard for us humans to embrace. Asking for help means stepping into the unknown, because we don't always know how it will turn out.

On the front of one of my notebooks are the words: 'The first step to success is always the hardest, and the first step to failure is always the easiest'. Sometimes, when I have to push myself through a difficult situation, I think of that saying and it spurs me on to do what I know I need to do, because it's the right thing to do. So, please don't hesitate, if you need help, just ask. A good starting point is the Supporting YOU Help with cost of living pressures You campaign

being run by Chichester District Council. It's in the process of being properly developed but already a wealth of information exists. [www.chichester.gov.uk/supportingyoucampaign](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/supportingyoucampaign) is the web address, but the Town Hall has leaflets. Another good resource is the Community Hub which is available 7 days a week, and is run by West Sussex County Council. If they can't help, they will be able to direct you to someone who can. Like Chichester, they work closely with more local groups who may be able to provide the help you need. Their phone number is **03302227980**. I've popped into Selsey's Foodbank a couple of times recently, and I've been very impressed, but not surprised, at the generosity of our community,

which means that Selsey's Foodbank is practically self sufficient. When supplies were running low, a shout out to local residents meant that things were back on track fairly quickly. Thank you to everyone who helped out, with food donations, fundraiser days or collections, it was appreciated by so many members of our community.

We talk a lot about 'resilience' these days: 'the ability for a community to still function, despite the disturbance, and sometimes chaos, which it may have to contend with'. Selsey, I think, is evolving into a very 'resilient' community. It's a compassionate community, which is adaptable to change. The challenges we have faced, particularly since Covid, are dynamic and our adaptation is still happening. Communities need courage to face up to the challenges which present themselves, particularly during times of upheaval, but Selsey always seems to find a way through. We harness resources and expertise, we learn how to cope, even thrive when times are testing. We do our best to help where we can.

## DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

As a joke (or was it?) someone once said to me that we should pull up the drawbridge at the Causeway and declare independence! It's a nice thought, but perhaps living in such isolation wouldn't be a good idea! Although, in 1970, the Isle of Dogs in London blockaded roads and announced that it was, in fact, actually unilaterally proclaiming independence. It was never going to happen of course, but it did highlight some of the problems the Isle of Dogs was experiencing at the time. I was reminded of this when driving through Cuckfield recently -they apparently declared themselves to be an Independent State in 1966 following issues with land on which to stage the annual Donkey Grand National. Being the radical community it is known to be, Cuckfield proclaimed itself independent and elected its first mayor. It is unashamedly corrupt, with candidates for the mayoralty blatantly 'buying' votes! The motive, of course, is a positive one - the point is that money raised goes to the various groups and organisations which work within Cuckfield to benefit the local community, and the local environment. Like us, Cuckfield is doing what it can to ensure its resilience and perhaps having a bit of fun on the way! I think there could be some merit to this idea.....

Moving on - my regular two readers will know that one of my favourite subjects is hedgehogs; I could quite happily talk about them all day. We are quite fortunate in that we have a fairly healthy population in Selsey if my area is anything to go by - hedgehog highways help. We have a hedgehog highway between my garden and that of my neighbours', enabling the hogs to travel between gardens during their overnight meanderings. This is always a difficult time for them, particularly as we have had a rise in later born hoglets who may struggle a bit over the winter. The rising temperatures are confusing the hogs' normal reproduction pattern and sometimes they don't have the time to put on enough weight to safely survive over the winter months. We can help a bit by leaving out some food (cat food is fine.) We have an upturned storage box with a small area cut into it meaning that only the hedgehogs can go in and feed - it also gives them a bit of protection from the bad weather. Our hedgehog house is often used, but also ignored in favour of sacks of garden leaves or, on one occasion, what remained of a sack of grass seed! Messy log or leaf piles may look unsightly to us, but are a veritable dream for a hedgehog! Even if they don't nest in them, they can gather some up and use them to form a nest elsewhere. They are prone to nesting in inconvenient places, though - so if you are tidying the garden this autumn, please keep an eye out for signs of hedgehog activity - or even a hoggie having a slumber!

Take care all, and remember, if you need help or advice, reach out - no judgement - we all need a helping hand sometimes.

Donna

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Autumn is fast approaching now and the fruits of the hedgerows are dying away and trees are changing colour. The parched fairways due to the heatwave during the summer are now lush green again and, of course, the putting greens are still in the excellent condition that they have been all summer, thanks to the grounds staff, Martin Kay and Roger Cawte who work tirelessly all year to keep the Selsey Golf Course in the magnificent condition it is in.

There have been two mixed competitions played in September/October. Also this year there have been several more mixed competitions that have been introduced and enjoyed by all the sections of the Club. Also a Friday Night Roll was played once a month followed by a BBQ. Non golfing family and friends were able to join in and enjoy the BBQ with the golfers. On one occasion the roll up was followed by a sausage and mash supper that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The first competition played in September took place on the 30th. This was one of the new events to the Golfing Year and was a mixed Texas Scramble. The teams comprised of two men and one lady. This is the format where every player drives off and then the best ball is chosen and is hit by all three players. This process is repeated until the ball is in the hole. Great fun, players can get into a bit of a muddle but that all adds to the enjoyment of the competition.

The winners of this event were Paul Hobson, Mark Simpson and Mary Carpenter with a score of 53 points. The runner-ups were Richard Jarvis, Vince Trump and Alison Weller.

The second mixed competition was the Clive Cockayne Memorial Trophy. Clive sadly passed away last November. He was a member of the Golf Club for many years having been Club Captain twice and President of The Club twice. It was requested by Adam Cockayne and his sister Lucy Ford that a Memorial Trophy be introduced to honour their father and they have donated the Trophy. Adam also donated all the prizes, a range of towels, socks, head-covers, visors caps and balls from his golf shop. I have mentioned before that some of the Club's juniors have gone on to be golf professionals and Adam is one of them, and now works in Germany. The first Memorial Trophy was played on 1st October. This will now be an annual event. The competition took the format of a Pairs Scramble. It was very well supported with 72 players taking part. It was a shotgun start, all players starting at the same time and the course was buzzing with activity. The day started with coffee and brandies for those who needed a bit of a boost and there was a Charcuterie after the competition.



After everyone had enjoyed the food, the winners were announced and the prizes awarded. The winners of the first Clive Cockayne Memorial Trophy were Ash Houghton and Matt Campbell with a net score of 60, the runner-ups were Billy Aspital and Tom Aspital with a net score of 61. A donation of £5.00 per player was paid to enter the competition and the proceeds from



this was split between the Mens' Charity, which this year is the Selsey Carers, and the RNLI. Clive had spent 51 years of his life working with and supporting the RNLI. (the photo shows the winners of the Trophy, and left to right Clive's wife Sue, daughter Lucy and Son Adam)

**Ladies**

On Friday the 2nd September Selsey Ladies hosted a home game against Chichester Ladies. Selsey had played at Chichester in May and this was the return fixture. A great day was had by all and Chichester won 2 1/2 to 1 1/2.

On Monday 5th September a Stableford Competition was played for those ladies who play 18 holes and those who just like to play 9 holes. Caroline Simpson won the 18 hole competition with a brilliant score of 40 points. Caroline has only been playing regularly with the club this year, her handicap will go down now. The runner-up was Jaqui Towns also with 40 points, just knocked into second place on countback. The 9 hole competition was won by Jillie Ranscombe and second was Barbara Winter.

On the 12th September Selsey Ladies played their Autumn Give and Take. This competition is always well supported and looked forward to. 17 Ladies took part. Every player brings a prize, wrapped, to the table and then every lady wins a prize, the lady winning the competition has first choice and so on. This is usually followed by a tea but this year it was decided that ladies could order their own food if they so wished. Unfortunately the competition had to finish after the first 9 holes due to urgent course work needing to be done. The winners were Jaqui Towns and Kathy Croxdord who both

scored 20 points the runner up was Rita Green with 19 points. But as already mentioned all the ladies were winners and went home with a prize.

On Monday 26th, three separate competitions were played, for those ladies who had either won or come second in a Medal or Boarded competition. (A Boarded competition is played annually and has a Board on the walls of the club house, the winner each year being added to the Board). Winners of all these competitions are then eligible to play for the McGlasham Cup. There were 3 ladies who came in with a winning score of net 71. However on countback Jaqui Towns was the winner, Trudy Hynes was second and third was Gillian Hill. For all ladies playing 18 holes who did not qualify for the McGlasham Cup, a Stableford competition was played and the winner of that competition was Kathy Croxford with yet another brilliant score of 44 points and Shirley Brown came second with 35 points. Again these two ladies have only been playing with the ladies club on Mondays this year. Handicaps will be cut! Then last but certainly not

least the 9 hole ladies played their competition; won by Barbara Winter with 16 points and Carole Redman came in with 15 points.

Finally on the 1st October the Presidents Cup was played. This is an eagerly awaited competition, usually played on a Friday in the second week of September, but this September's competition had to be cancelled due to heavy rain. The competition was postponed until the 1st October. Mr Peter Senth is the Club President now and he provided an excellent competition. There was a prize for nearest the line on the 1st hole (a line is put down the middle of the first fairway), a nearest the pin the 12th and nearest the pin with the second shot on the 18th. A delicious tea of various sandwiches accompanied by a very generous portion of chips was provided. After the tea the President, who had been joined by his wife Teddy, gave a short speech and presented the prizes. The nearest the line was won by Caroline Simpson, who landed her ball inches away from the line. Nearest the pins were won by Sheila Watmore and Alison Weller. Alison also won the overall competition with 37 points, thus winning the President's Prize.



The second prize went to Rita Green who scored 34 points. Sheila Watmore, Lady Captain, thanked Mr Senth and presented his wife with a beautiful bouquet of mixed roses. A lovey competition and golf day was enjoyed by all the ladies, who will no doubt be already looking forward to next year's Presidents Cup.



(Lady Captain and Club President)

**Juniors**

The juniors took part in the Junior West Sussex League this year and came first. They then went on to play the South East Regional qualifier at Hockley Golf Course and finished 3rd so unfortunately did not progress through.

On Sunday 9th October they played at The Dyke course This was the Langmead Cup. Unfortunately the Juniors did not win this competition; however they have had a tremendous first season in the West Sussex Junior League and are now looking forward to next year.

On the 27th October the Selsey Junior Club Championship will be played. This is a 36 hole competition. And will be quite a test to their skills and stamina. There are 2 coaching sessions being planned for October and November, details can be obtained from the golf shop at the Selsey Golf Club. If there are any young girls and boys who think they might like to play golf, please contact the Club Secretary Alison Weller on 01243 602165. There is a great future for young people in golf, whether it be a great hobby offering the opportunity to be out in fresh air and having the benefit of good exercise, a good social life, or even, perhaps, as some of the Club's former Juniors have, making a very worthwhile career in the game of golf.

**SELSEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

Times for bowling are as follows :-

Sunday 10am -11.30am  
Wednesday & Thursday evenings 7pm until 8.30pm

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

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

Contact Annette on 606227 or Karen on 607169

email: [info@selseycarpetbowls.co.uk](mailto:info@selseycarpetbowls.co.uk)

[www.selseycarpetbowls.co.uk](http://www.selseycarpetbowls.co.uk)



Dennis Wheeler

**SELSEY FOLK & MUSIC CLUB SUCCESS**



Selsey Folk & Music Club held an amazingly successful monthly session on October 19th.

Thirty seven music fans turned up, of which 20 were musicians/ singers or poets and several of those were professional performers who seem to just enjoy the unique atmosphere which has become the norm at this club.



John Bradley and Julian Lindsey Clark, who have jointly run the club for 8 years are bowled over by the way each session appears to be even better than the last and the club supporters rarely go home without big smiles on their faces.

Everyone from Selsey and anywhere else is always made very welcome and in fact musicians travel quite a distance to join in the unique feel within

*The photo is of a long term local Selsey resident, Colin Ireland who is a very talented singer/guitarist and has remained a staunch supporter of Selsey Folk & Music Club for the whole eight years of its existence and has developed his own performing skills with alacrity over that time span*

our club sessions. One great folk singer travels down every few weeks, books in at The Seal for a night or two, goes sea fishing and attends Selsey Folk & Music Club.

He stands up and sings lovely folk songs and enjoys a pint of beer with friends. What better!

In November, on Wednesday 16th at our new time of 6.30pm for 7pm start we will enjoy performances by many of our supporters followed by a second half gig by a truly wonderful folk duo called Phil and Jane. The venue is Selsey Club, Coxes Road, Selsey.. £4 entry. Raffle and pay bar.

New supporters/ Musicians/Singers and Poets all very welcome.

Your contact is Julian .....email [julian.lindseyclark@gmail.com](mailto:julian.lindseyclark@gmail.com) or tel 07721 532711

**Saturday 19 November**

**The Mulberries present a 60s – 70s Pop Party Night with The Minkees at the Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road, Pagham PO21 4NJ at 7.45 pm.**

**Wheelchair access**

**Tickets in advance £8-00 on 01243 266849/262833**

**Bring your own food and drink**

**Proceeds to local charities**



**33) Which husband and wife were in the 1994 remake of The Getaway?**

**34) Who directed The Curious Case of Benjamin Button?**

**35) Which foxy character went "Boom! Boom!?"**

**36) Which 007 once posed nude for an art class?**



**Green Bowls** – The green is now closed for the winter but that doesn't mean there is nothing to do. Many thanks to Tony Dade and his band of helpers for keeping the green up to standard throughout the winter so we will be ready for the 2023 season.

**Short Mat Bowls**

A Prize Roll Up is held most Sunday mornings throughout the season with your top 6 best scores going towards a prize at the end of the season. The more Roll Ups that are attended the more chance there is of winning a prize.

**24<sup>th</sup> September**

Crablands Avocets Wings played Crablands Bitterns in the first match of the season of the triples league. Avocets Wings won on both league mats and had an overall win. Avocets Wings 6 points Bitterns 0. Avocets also won the friendly.

**25<sup>th</sup> September**

Short mat opening day. Over 30 short mat members both new and old joined in an afternoon of fun where teams played two games in a format not used before. There was a break halfway through for delicious tea/coffee and cake supplied by the members. A special mention to Jacqui Mitchell who oversaw the tea and washing up as she was unable to play due to injury. The overall winning team was Lesley Duff, Ian Cooper, Chris Lewendon, John Lloyd & Lil Tuck. Sarah Fewster was awarded the only prize of the afternoon – a piece of cake – for hitting the block the most times!! The cakes/teas and a raffle raised £102 for club funds. A good start to the new season.

**6<sup>th</sup> October**

Crablands Cormorants played Crablands Bitterns in the triples league. Cormorants won one league mat, lost one league mat and had an overall win. Cormorants lost on the friendly mat. Cormorants 4 points and Bitterns 2.

**8<sup>th</sup> October**

Avocet Wings played Fittleworth in the triples league. Avocets had a very good win on both mats and took 6 points. Fittleworth were unable to bring enough players to use the friendly mat so there were just the two league mats.

**13<sup>th</sup> October**

Bitterns played Arundel in the triples league and there was no friendly mat. Bitterns won both mats and the overall game, so gaining 6 points

**If you are interested in trying Short Mat Bowls, please get in contact with either**  
**Julia McLaren** our Short Mat Secretary on 01243 276489 - [julia.mclaren@outlook.com](mailto:julia.mclaren@outlook.com)  
**or Alex Ainge** our Fixture Secretary on 01243 605918 - [alex.ainge@btinternet.com](mailto:alex.ainge@btinternet.com)

**Crablands Tennis**

It's been a busy time at Crablands Tennis Club. We enjoyed a fun **barbecue** in



September to help raise funds for our recently purchased defibrillator - a big thank you to all those who made the event happen.

The **Ladies doubles tournament** took place. Congratulations to the winners **Liz Bosson** and **Cheryl Yeoman** and the runners up **Chris Marsh** and **Claire Wright**. It was a great day, and we were delighted to have Desmond support the event.



The **Junior/Senior doubles tournament** took place. Congratulations to the following winners:

**Toby** and **Roy** for winning the Junior/Senior green ball event, **Katie** and **Martin** for winning the Junior/Senior yellow ball.



**Other Tennis News**

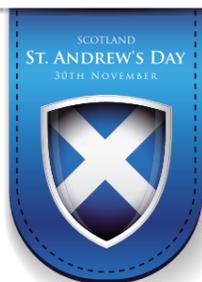
**AGM was held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**  
**Presentation Night Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
**For Crablands Tennis details please contact either**  
[patsy.malta57@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:patsy.malta57@hotmail.co.uk) or [chris.webdale@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris.webdale@hotmail.co.uk)

**Club Socials**

We have already held the first of the winter socials of the year where an exciting evening of Bingo was held. We are not sure that everyone knew what they were doing but there was a lot of laughter and prizes won. Baked potatoes with fillings were available halfway through the evening. Thanks to all who helped make the evening run so well. Our next social will be a Casino Evening with Buffet on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Crablands Bowls & Tennis Club joint website is [crablandsbtc.co.uk](http://crablandsbtc.co.uk)

Check it out for great updates on what is happening at Crablands



# In the Garden

our monthly guide to gardening - In memory of Giles Peare

## Jobs for November

Hard-prune overgrown deciduous Hedges using a pruning saw or loppers to cut through any thick stems. Extremely overgrown Hedges should be renovated:- to limit shock to the plants, cut the top and only one side hard, prune the other side next year. After trimming, feed with a slow-release, phosphorous rich fertiliser such as sterilised bone meal.

To save time in spring, sharpen up lawn edges now with a flat, half-moon iron designed for the job. Repair worn patches, laying new turfs as soon as they arrive: cut out the worn sections of turf, lightly fork over the soil underneath and add some sharp sand to help aerate the soil. Dress the soil surface with Blood, Fish and Bone mixture or a general slow-release fertiliser. Lay new turf, firming it down gently and ensuring the new surface is level with the old.

Take leaf cuttings of African Violets by using a sharp knife to cut off a healthy, full sized leaf as close to the stalk base as possible. Trim the leaf stalk to about 1½" (8cm) long and insert 1" (2.5cm) of it into ordinary potting compost mixed half-and-half with vermiculite to improve drainage.

## Tip Top Tips

Prune Blackcurrant bushes, taking out the oldest branches (those that are three years old or more) at the base. If you wish you can select a few healthy 10" (25cm) long shoots of this year's growth for hardwood cuttings.

Bury grass clippings, soft prunings and vegetable rubbish (but **not** weeds) around the garden. The worms will do the work, saving the need for an unsightly compost heap in smaller gardens.

When planning next year's garden don't place any plants or vegetables needing lots of attention far back in a border.

Don't lift Parsnips, leeks or pick Brussels Sprouts before frost has touched them - the flavour is better.

Don't forget Horseradish is good with beef - this is the time to plant some good roots.

Sow some early round varieties of Peas this month for a nice early crop next year, also Aquadulce Broad Beans.

November is the time to clear out your Summer garden beds and compost the remains or burn anything that is in any way diseased.

To keep Cacti dust-free, brush gently every week with a pastry brush.

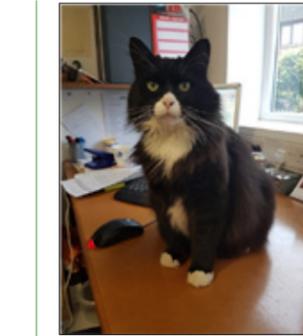
**The Hidden Garden**  
 a Selsey Community Garden for all to enjoy. Come and join us and meet other passionate gardeners, learn seasonal gardening ideas, swap seeds & plants and help grow fresh vegetables and flowers to take home.  
 Open every Saturday 10-4pm  
 at The Bridge Support Centre  
 behind Selsey Library, PO20 9EH  
 Contact Paul on 07815 790770 for more information  
 organised by Youth Dream



**J.W Smith**  
**CHIMNEY & LOG BURNER SWEEP**  
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- 37) Whose eight minutes on screen were enough for an Oscar in 1998?
- 38) Which British sitcom was remade in the US as Three's Company?
- 39) What was the first "Carry On" film?
- 40) What is the top prize at the Cannes Film Festival?
- 41) On TV, which man behind the wheel prefers to remain anonymous?
- 42) Who plays Aragorn in The Lord of the Rings?
- 43) What is the theme song in Absolutely Fabulous?
- 44) Julie and Julia ia about which TV chef?
- 45) In which 1965 film does Laurence Olivier play a police detective?

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

Sadly, last month's pet of the month the lovely cat Everleigh is still here waiting to find her forever home.

This month I wanted to tell you about a very gorgeous cat that was brought into The Centre called Hawaii. Hawaii arrived here a few months ago as part of a family of animals that arrived from

one home, including her two kittens. Quite quickly, my staff noticed she had a lump on the side of her face and she was seen by our vet who discovered it was an abscess, possibly caused by another cat or her own kittens. Luckily, it was easily treatable and after a course of antibiotics and lots of time spent by my staff keeping it clean, it did heal well. Hawaii was now ready to be spayed and to find her new home but when the vet checked her over they realised she was pregnant, again! My staff kept a close eye on her while she grew her kittens, but they could not help but notice how huge Hawaii got, it looked like she was carrying a watermelon inside of her! Finally, she gave birth to eight beautiful, healthy kittens all by herself. The average number of kittens a cat will usually have is around 4-6, so eight is a big litter and one of the biggest we have had at The Centre. A cats gestation period is around 2 months so my staff were able to work back to see when she would get pregnant, which would have been when her previous kittens were about 10 weeks old. This is just another reason why it is so important to get your cats spayed, female cats can come into heat and get pregnant again when their previous litter are as young as 8 weeks old.

Hawaii's eight kittens are all growing well, with such a big litter it is a lot of work for her to keep their bellies full so my staff have been helping to top them up with kitten milk. I can't wait to see this lovely family all find their forever homes in the future.

Lovely to chat to you all again, see you next month.

Love Markus x

**P.S. Please check our website [www.crcc.co.uk](http://www.crcc.co.uk) to see how we are now rehoming and for the animals available for adoption.**



**THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE**

Have you visited the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre Charity Shop at 9 The Parade, Selsey? It is full of fantastic bric-a-brac, including antiques, pictures, jewellery, as well as clothes for every occasion, beautiful bedding, curtains, craft items, and good quality furniture.

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

**Galaxy**

This month we would love to introduce you to a very handsome male guinea pig called Galaxy. Galaxy has been with us at The Centre since April 2022 after his previous owners were moving abroad. He has been here at for so long because he has suffered with some issues with his stools but now we have found the right environment and diet for him he is doing much better. As our vet is unsure whether his issue was something that could be spread to other animals it has been decided he would be best suited to a home where he is the only pet. Galaxy is just over a year old now and he would love to find an indoor home where he gets lots of attention from his humans. He is such a sweet little boy who loves human company and enjoys sitting on a lap.

If you think you may be able to offer Galaxy a loving home please give the centre a call on 01243 967111 or visit our website [www.crcc.co.uk](http://www.crcc.co.uk).

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**SELSEY YOUTH CLUB**

Age 9-12

Every Thursday 4:30pm-5:30pm

£1.50 entry fee

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

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**Winter Wildlife**

**Inside the wildlife hospital in November**

The hospital team are now caring for a ward full of hedgehogs, extra staff and volunteers are recruited to help feed and clean hundreds of these hedgehogs and hoglets. Many are too small, ill or injured to survive the winter without support. We will also be admitting a variety of birds, as the harsh weather can take its toll on them. Many will be undergoing their summer to winter moult and as a result could be admitted into our care due to being out of condition. Moulting can be a drain on a bird's resources which can leave them weak and vulnerable to predator attacks. It takes energy to grow new feathers, there may also be heat loss when feathers are shed, leaving birds exposed to strong winds or rain. As a result, birds can be found weak, malnourished or injured which can lead to them being susceptible to infections and respiratory issues. Once in our care birds will need vet treatment, food, medicines and a place to rest and recuperate in before being fit for release.

**Patient Story**

We recently admitted an adult female buzzard who was found very submissive and unresponsive. On arrival she was found to be incredibly thin and had white plaques on her tongue, which is a symptom of Frounce (Trichomoniasis). This is a nasty disease of the upper digestive tract found in birds of prey, causing accumulation of necrotic material in the mouth. On further inspection we also found that she was heavily burdened with roundworm.

Following a few weeks in our care and receiving a combination of medications to treat the two conditions, she started to show positive signs of improvement. Once the team were happy with her condition, flight strength and all signs of the diseases had cleared she was released to a suitable location.

**Helping Brent Lodge**

With so many hedgehogs in our care we will need a regular supply of newspapers this winter. If you would like to help by donating newspapers or tearing your papers into 1-2 inch strips before donating, then this will be very helpful. We kindly ask that you **do not** donate office paper, glossy magazines, and newspapers with staples. Please **do not** shred them using a cross cutter. Thank you in advance. If you would like to find out more about our work or for other ways to donate please visit [www.brentodge.org](http://www.brentodge.org). T:01243 641672.

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**Big boost to Selsey Pavilion Trust**

A big boost to the Selsey Pavilion Trust has been given by the Architectural Heritage Fund, which has just confirmed its Project Development Grant award of over £35,000.

The grant is a significant step forward on the road to restoring the former theatre and cinema in the heart of Selsey High Street. It will enable fundraising support and further development of the Trusts' plans, building on the successes of last year's project viability study.

In recent years, dozens of historic buildings have been successfully adapted into economically sustainable entertainment hubs for the 2020s and beyond. With the vision and determination of the very committed Trustees, this is precisely what's in store for Selsey!

SPT chairman Christian Skelton stresses the significance of this latest AHF grant for the long-term aspirations of the Trust and the benefits the Pavilion can bring to Selsey:

"The AHF has been instrumental in saving hundreds of community projects like ours from the brink. To receive their continued support demonstrates the incredible potential that a restored Selsey Pavilion can bring to the community and our High Street. There is much to do with considerable fundraising, but this is the start of the Selsey Pavilion revival.

Having a vibrant entertainment venue in the heart of Selsey can only bring positive benefits to the town. It will encourage locals and tourists back into the High Street during the day and extend business hours in the evenings while cutting car journeys on the B2145 to Chichester.

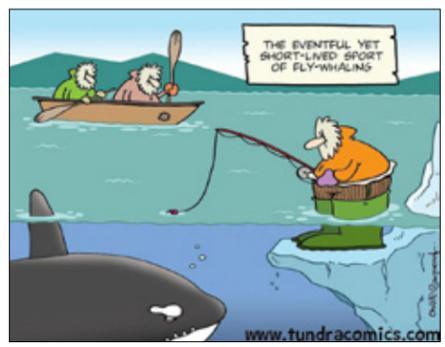
And how many towns can boast a hundred-year-old art deco theatre on their doorstep? Once restored, the Pavilion will be one of only a handful of pre-Great War cinemas still in cultural use throughout the UK."

Gavin Richards, Programme Manager, Architectural Heritage Fund, added:

"The Selsey Pavilion is exactly the sort of project that the Architectural Heritage Fund's [Transforming Places through Heritage](#) programme was designed to support. We have been impressed with the work Selsey Pavilion Trust has done with the help of our project viability grant, and this second grant award will enable the Trust to develop its exciting plans for the building. We hope this will lead to a successful bid to the Community Ownership Fund. Bringing this wonderful old building back into use and community ownership will have a hugely positive impact on Selsey's High Street."

The next step for the Trust is to apply for the Government's Community Ownership Fund (COF) at the end of this year following a successful pre-application in June. The COF will support 50% of the purchase price of the Pavilion if successful giving the Trust a fantastic opportunity to purchase the Pavilion.

Please visit our website [selseypavilion.org](http://selseypavilion.org) or subscribe to our newsletter to follow our progress.





# Beacon Church Selsey

Formerly known as East Beach Evangelical Church

At Beacon Church Selsey, we are a group of ordinary people who believe that church is a great place to make friends and experience God together. We are a family who believe that church should not only be a great time, but also a place where lives are radically transformed. We value being a part of the Selsey Community and of the many community activities and support groups.

You can always be sure of a warm welcome, friendly faces, Bible teaching, and even a cup of tea. If you have not been here before, why not give us a try - we would love to meet you.

## Regular Weekly Church Events

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

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

## November Diary

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Men's breakfast at the Boulevard
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am	All-age Service
	5pm	New Songs
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Care Home Praise – The Old Malthouse
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Remembrance Sunday Worship
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Inspire Group – Bottle Craft
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	ResBite Tea
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Inspire Group – Christmas Cards

## December Diary

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am	Men's Breakfast at the Boulevard
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	10am	All-age Service
	3.30pm	ResBite Tea with Christmas Songs of Praise and Return to Sunday School
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Care Home Praise – The Conifers
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Morning Worship followed by Christmas Buffet Lunch
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Care Home Carols – The Old Malthouse
	2pm	Inspire Group – Crafts and Party
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	10am	All-Age Christmas Celebration
	5pm	Christmas Carols
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Christmas Morning Worship
	1pm	Community Christmas Dinner



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## SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 am Mr Adam Cook  
 Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 am Mr Tim Cooper  
*Remembrance Sunday*  
 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 am Dr Mike Nicholls  
*Holy Communion*  
 Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 am Mr Tim Cooper  
*Toy Service Advent Cafe*  
*Tea for those living alone*  
 Our Pastor is Mr Tim Cooper 07920 567764

## SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

For enquiries about hiring the hall please email  
**[d.dixon808@btinternet.com](mailto:d.dixon808@btinternet.com)**



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



## 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](mailto:rector.selsey@gmail.com)

The church is open daily for prayer and visits.

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

Please check our noticeboard and website for service times

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

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

## The Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid, Selsey



Masses held on weekdays at 10am, Saturdays at 5pm & Sundays at 10am

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

For more details go to: [www.saintsofsussex.com](http://www.saintsofsussex.com)

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



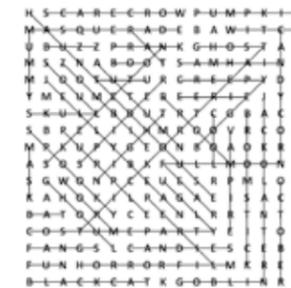
46) Which former newsreader presided over Treasure Hunt?  
 47) Who created The Wombles?

- 1) The Grumbleweeds 2) Fred Trueman 3) Perambulator
- 4) Westerns 5) Pont Alexandre III 6) Debra Veal 7) LOT
- 8) Formic acid 9) Turandot 10) Antelope 11) Adit 12) Jessica
- 13) Beetle 14) Heart of Midlothian 15) Dust and smoke particles
- 16) Chicago 17) Black eagle 18) Red, white, blue
- 19) Lord Chancellor 20) Kieren Prendiville 21) A popular milkshake
- 22) Needles 23) Fluke 24) Jewish mystics
- 25) Nagoya Grampus Eight 26) Wendy Richard
- 27) Ambrige (The Archers) 28) Pecking order 29) Rainbow Bridge
- 30) Hecuba 31) Amber 32) Nicholas Nickleby 33) Bob Dylan
- 34) Apple 35) 8 36) Korean War 37) Battle of Little Bighorn
- 38) Britain and Spain 39) War of American Independence
- 40) France 41) 1746 42) Iran-Iraq 43) 116 years
- 44) War of the Spanish Succession 45) American Civil War
- 46) Athens and Sparta 47) Treaty of Versailles
- 48) Malayan Emergency 49) Crimean War 50) Battle of Midway
- 51) English Civil War

## CODEBREAKER WORD PUZZLE

ANSWER: 1=V, 2=A, 3=M, 4=B, 5=P, 6=S, 7=E, 8=N, 9=I, 10=L, 11=O, 12=G, 13=R, 14=H, 15=C, 16=J, 17=T, 18=K, 19=W, 20=D, 21=X, 22=Z, 23=F, 24=U, 25=Y, 26=Q.

## HALLOWEEN



Barmbrack.

## Find 7 differences



## HALLOWEEN

crossword puzzle

1. Skull 2. Bat 3. Vampire 4. Spider 5. Witch 6. Cauldron 7. Lantern 8. Tomb 9. Raven 10. Ghost

5	8	1	2	9	4	3	6	7
6	2	7	1	3	8	4	5	9
9	3	4	6	7	5	1	8	2
2	4	6	9	1	3	5	7	8
1	7	8	5	4	6	2	9	3
3	5	9	8	2	7	6	1	4
4	6	5	7	8	2	9	3	1
7	9	2	3	5	1	8	4	6
8	1	3	4	6	9	7	2	5

answer



Charlotte Styles



# Steve's Puzzle Page

Remote video source				Pepper	Head honcho
Toy needing soap	Outfit	Scots toss it	Lake in Africa	Writing tools	Walk-way
Forest growth					
	Chance	Hamlet's love	Take it easy		
	Mollusk with "ears"	Mature	Sci-fi visitor	Border duty	Precious stone
				Capital on the Tiber	Trial version
Kind of cabbage	...cious, or yummy		Try again		
Giant	Old-style "gladly"		Exec's note		
			Juicy gourd		

## WORD PUZZLE GAME

R E E A O U R P L E A  
 C W G C O P B R O G R  
 S D N M G A R E C O S  
 R I U T W E E C G L W  
 P N E A H W H L N O O  
 S G G R E A S I I R R  
 T I E L E T N M R T D  
 A H A T L I B E A E T  
 G L R W H E E L S R O  
 W H E Y S L H R L B T  
 O B O L T L C G S O B

Logic puzzle game for smartest

Find solution so all equations are correct. Solve examples and write the numbers in empty places.

Place pieces of dominoes on empty spaces so that each straight line has different number of dots from 1 to 6.

3			6	2 5
		5		1 3
	5	2 1	4 8 6	
		3 8	5	
3				4
	2	4 5		
4 1 3		5 2 7		
8	7		4	
5 6	7			4

I have been noticing that there are lots of faux fur and faux leather items on sale, but I have never seen a faux. Are they now hunted to extinction? Why no outcry about them I wonder?

### COPY THE PICTURE

## Autumn Crossword

### SELSEY CANCER RELIEF FUND DATES TO REMEMBER

Methodist Church Hall 9.30am

**Saturday November 5th Jumble Sale 9.30am**

**Saturday December 3rd Christmas Bits and Bobs 9.30am**

There is ample parking behind the Fire Station.

### Selsey Men in Sheds

A non-profit making organisation

Open Tuesday & Thursday 10 - 4  
Saturdays 10 - 2

Membership £10.00 per month or £100 per year

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

If you are interested in joining contact Mick Webb 07939 880029 email [m.c.webb46@gmail.com](mailto:m.c.webb46@gmail.com)

### SELSEY MAH JONG GROUP

ALL WELCOME

FRIENDLY GROUP ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS

2 PM TILL 5 PM AT THE SELSEY CENTRE

PHONE SUE ON 07710 658 331

### Selsey Model Boat Club

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

Times: 10.00am until noon on Sundays and Wednesdays

The first Sunday of each month is Race Day

New members welcome

or just pop along to have a look and a chat contact Richard on 07798786076

### 1ST SELSEY SCOUTS Charity Shop

Scout HQ, School Lane ~ every Saturday between 10 am -12 noon

Bric-a-brac ~ Clothes ~ Et al

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

The next Methodist Church table top sale is our one for Christmas, to be held on Saturday November 19th. Come and get all your last minute Christmas gifts and bargains. (Please note, there will be no sale held in December).

**Selsey Methodist Church**

Table top Sale 0900 till 1pm

### THE WRITERS CIRCLE

meets on the first Tuesday of every month in The Methodist Hall, High Street, from 2.00pm until 4.30pm

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

Membership is £12 per year and £2.00 per session. Tea or Coffee included.

For more information contact Pat Read Tel: 07946707708

### Visually Impaired Club

Meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month

2-4 PM

Hanover Close

Details from Judy on 01243 606995

### SELSEY CANASTA GROUP

ALL WELCOME

ALSO SCRABBLE

FRIENDLY GROUP ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

2 PM TILL 5PM AT THE SELSEY CENTRE

PHONE PAMELA ON 01243 604720

### Selsey Bridge Club

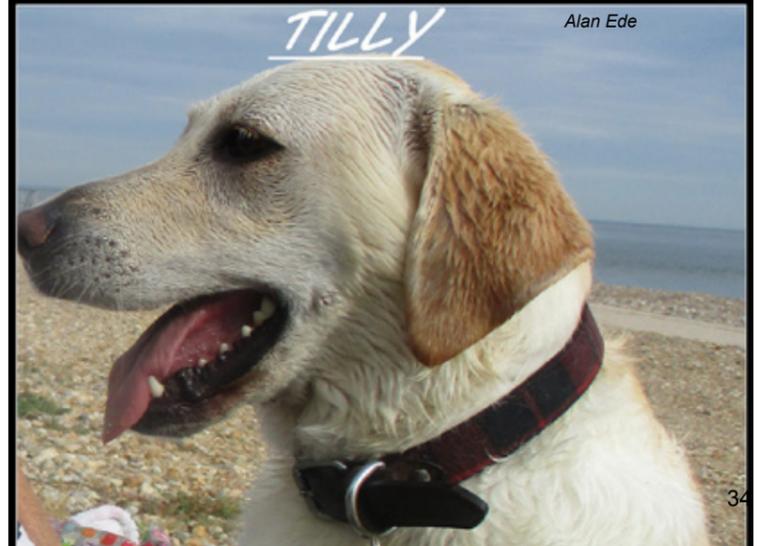
All welcome

Friendly group of mixed ability

Thursday afternoons 2pm - 5pm

Selsey Centre Manor Road

call Graham or Christine 01243 602612 for information





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