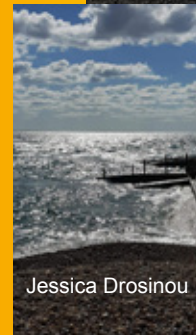
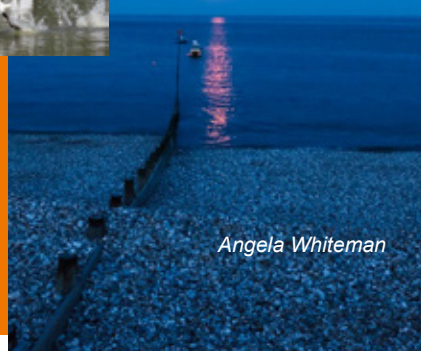
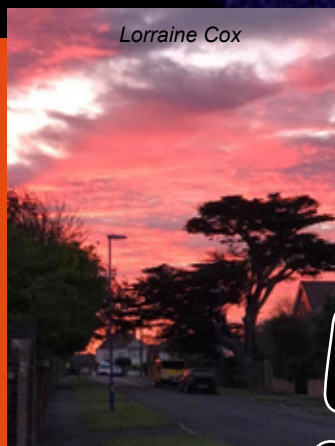
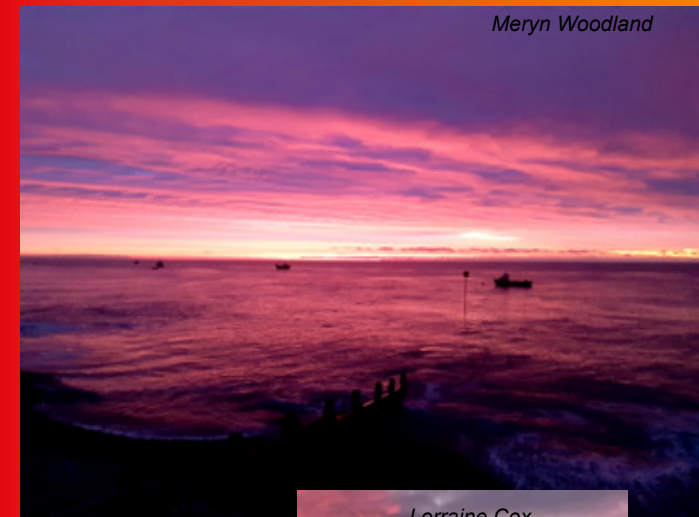


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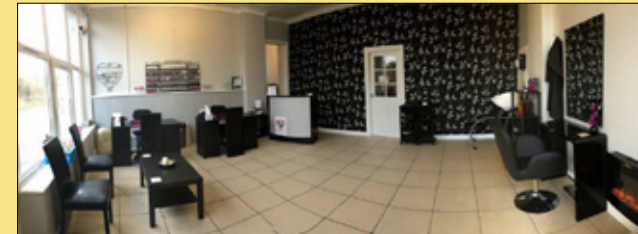
For this month's Find the Seagull we are pleased to offer a family voucher to see The Wizard of Oz at The Regis Centre, kindly donated by The Regis Centre. To be in with a chance of winning, simply locate the seagull hidden somewhere in the magazine, and then fill out the coupon opposite and post the coupon in either of the two boxes at Pretty's Newsagent, 4 Orchard Parade, Selsey, or Village Flowers, 128 High Street, Selsey. The draw will take place on Thursday 28th November mid-day. Entry by coupon only, no copies accepted.

Good Luck, and a big thank you to The Regis Centre for the prize. As always, if you do not win you can still purchase tickets to see this family event.



Congratulations to last month's competition winner, Janet E-Creed, drawn by Lara at Paws with Friends, who wins a £10.00 voucher to be used at Michelle's Hair and Beauty Salon. Thank you to Michelle's Hair and Beauty for the prize. The seagull was on the Ignite advert.

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Welcome to the November issue of the Selsey Life magazine.

If you are reading this magazine in a reception or whilst waiting in a shop, and you will be putting it back, may we please ask if you would still consider putting a small donation in the box? If we cannot make the printing costs there will not be a magazine for you to look through. Thank you.

November already, last November of the decade - it only seems a couple of years ago we were looking forward to the turn of the Century, and now we are twenty years in. Many things I used to see predicted when I was a child haven't quite happened yet, but there have also been many advances that, once I think of them, are truly remarkable. I remember my 16kb computer that used to play through the TV - now you walk around with gb's playing on a screen in your hand. We would welcome any comments or stories on things that amaze you - send to the Selsey Life in the usual way.

Our well-travelled Selsey Life section reaches Florida in the USA this month. Where next we wonder? Keep the entries coming in.

We repeat the appeal for someone to take over the running of LINC, with a thought that maybe a group could take it on?

As usual, good luck with this month's competition, have a lovely November, and again we hope you enjoy reading the magazine. As usual we are happy to receive submissions and comments.

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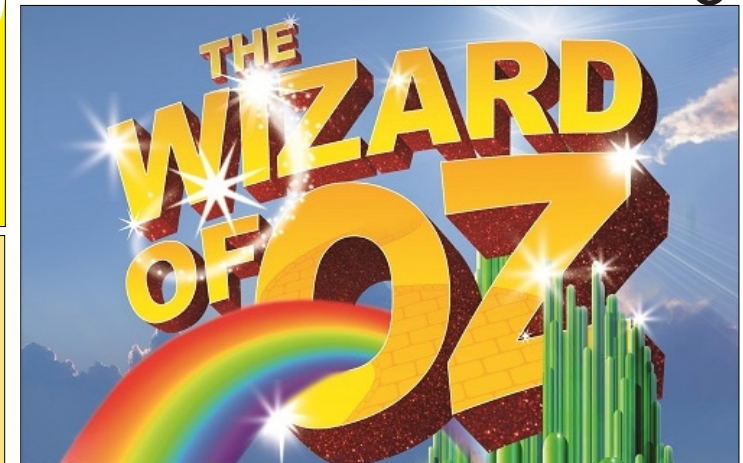
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### The Wizard of Oz

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Why not join us for a fun packed show, a production full of laughter, comedy, spectacle and traditional pantomime nonsense. With a little something for everyone, this has to be the best value for money pantomime on the South Coast. A modern, traditional pantomime for the whole family.

Featuring

Kevin Short as The Wizard

Jamie Bannerman as The Lion (last seen as Abanazar in 'Aladdin')

Scottish Duo Lemetti and Mirren as The Scarecrow and Tin Man

Vicky Edwards as the Good Witch

Drew Donnell as the Wicked Witch (last seen as Cruella in 'Cinderella')

And introducing Katie Bennett as Dorothy

### NOTICE

L.I.N.C LADIES - IN - CONTACT

A willing and dedicated volunteer is required to take over the running and full organisation of L.I.N.C.

Meetings take place in St Peter's church hall, held on the third Thursday of each month (excluding August and December).

L.I.N.C is a very popular non- membership group established here in Selsey for the past twenty-seven years with an attendance now showing of between thirty – forty-two ladies, all of whom look forward to going along to the interesting and social monthly meetings.

With regret due to circumstances having occurred, and if unable to fill the vacancy we will sadly be disbanding at the last meeting of the year due to be held on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> November, if interested in taking over the post please contact either of the following Beryl Fletcher on 603750 or Mary Grantham on 604718 both of whom will be able to give you full details.

We look forward to hearing from you.



# Selsey Schools



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Children from Medmerry Primary school have donated a variety of tins and packet foods to the Selsey Foodbank as part of the school's Harvest Celebrations. Donations were collected during the week leading up to the Year One children's Harvest Assembly.

During the assembly, the children shared information about how much food is wasted each year, and as a class had written a Harvest 'ditty' which they recited together, and illustrated with their own paintings.

H is for honey made by the bees

A is for apples growing on trees

R is for red, crunchy radishes

V is for healthy vegetables grown in the mud

E is for eggs laid by the hen

S is for sunshine brightening up the world

T is for tasting yummy chocolate cake.



All of the donations have been delivered to the Methodist Church in Selsey, where the foodbank is based, in order to be distributed. Lisa Allinson, Selsey Satellite Manager, has emailed the school saying, "Please pass on my thanks to the children and parents for their generosity. Your harvest collection came to 64.7kg of food, which will go a long way to helping those who need it most."

The Foodbank opens between 16:00 - 18:00 every Friday. In the words of a Year One child, "We hope other people in our village will eat well tonight."



## Darby & Joan Club Selsey

The club meets every Friday between 2.00 & 4.00 at St. Peter's church hall

for a game of prize bingo and raffles and of course a nice cup of tea and chat.

Also during the year we have subsidised days out to garden centres for cream teas and a bit of shopping. Transport to the hall is supplied by Selsey Venture bus, if you are a member of this great service they offer.

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The pupils at Seal Primary School held their annual Harvest Festival and kindly donated the many items seen in the picture.

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**Saturday 2nd November Jumble Sale 10am**

**Saturday 30th November Christmas Fayre  
10am**

**Saturday 4th January Jumble Sale 10am**

There is ample parking behind the Fire Station.



## Coffee Morning

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 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

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The Sussex Snowdrop Trust is a unique charity which was founded in 1993 to help local families cope with the day to day problems of caring for a child diagnosed with a life threatening or terminal illness. For example, cancer, leukaemia, cystic fibrosis, liver, heart and lung abnormalities and many other illnesses and syndromes.

The Snowdrop Care at Home Team includes Community Children's Nurses who support families from the time a child is diagnosed and throughout their illness. They visit children in their own homes, teach and enable parents to be confident as they care for their child and liaise with other health care professionals; Nurse Support Carers who can look after Snowdrop children at home so that parents can have some time for their other children, or even themselves; a Family Support Counsellor who helps by befriending and supporting all the family throughout a child's illness - especially important when a child becomes terminally ill and wants to be at home with their family. The Snowdrop Care at Home Team support the family throughout this very sad time.

Snowdrop Family Volunteers help children and parents by driving them to and from hospitals, helping in the home and taking Snowdrop children and their siblings on outings.

The Charity helps in any way that it can to relieve parents of extra financial problems that occur when a child has a life-threatening illness, e.g. household equipment and bills, travel expenses and so much more.

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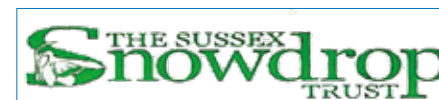
*Would you like to be able to borrow rather than buy?*

2nd Thursday of each month - 14 Green Lane, Selsey - you can call in any time between 10 am and 4 pm.

The Membership Fee is just £3 and puzzles can be borrowed for a £1 a month each. Over 300 to choose from.

From information on 605942.

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



**PLEASE NOTE LAST DATE FOR  
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SELSEY LIFE IS 16TH NOVEMBER**



**1<sup>st</sup> Selsey Scout Group**



## Christmas Fayre

16<sup>th</sup> November 2019

10.00 am – 2 pm



As I write this report I am busy making up the 66 Poppy boxes for the team of collectors and the 57 boxes for the shops, pubs, schools etc., ready for my grandson and I to start delivering them at the weekend - but I have a problem.

Most unusually, no fewer than FOUR of my lovely collectors have had to pull out for this year because of last minute personal/family reasons.

This has left a huge amount of streets with no collector. Poppy Fortnight does not end until Saturday 9th November so, as you read this, there is probably still time for some of you lovely Selsey people to step-up and volunteer to cover for them. If you feel that you can help, even if it is only for this mini- emergency this year I would be most grateful for any help. (Who knows, you might like it so much you join our permanent team).

I look forward to giving you a favourable result of the collection in December's Selsey Life.

Best wishes  
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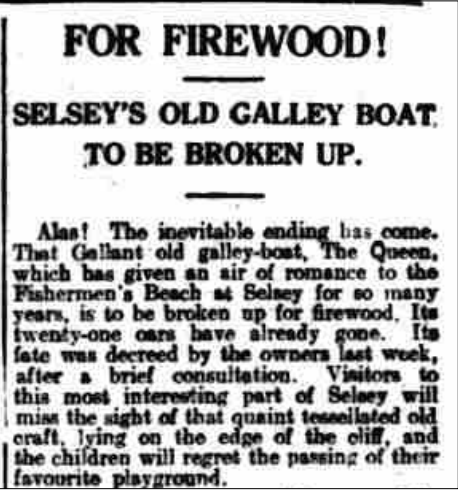
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THE GALES OF DECEMBER 1929

1929 started fairly predictably in Selsey. Mine Host of the Fisherman’s Joy advertised for a married couple to live in and act as handyman and cook, an aeroplane from Tangmere crashed into the water near Church Norton, The Hon. Mrs Melville Portal mislaid her hat box containing furs worth £150 all because she hadn’t removed her old Selsey address label after her stay in the summer of 1928 and the Selsey Tram was labelled a ‘death trap’ as at various points the tram crossed the Selsey Road.

Of greater import was the report from the Hampshire Telegraph of 1 March announcing that Selsey’s Old Galley Boat was to be broken up for firewood.



The remainder of the article is as follows: ‘The Queen’ was the remaining one of the two galley boats which the fishermen in past times relied upon for their living during the winter months. About 20 fishermen had shares in her, and before the advent of the lifeboat, they could generally depend upon two or three stranded vessels to bring them in quite a considerable amount of salvage money.

She was 40 feet long, and was pulled by 21 oars. Previous to the existence of the lifeboat she always carried two Trinity House pilots, who claimed double shares.

Many and thrilling are stories of the adventures of these galleys, given by the older fishermen. One especially remembered event was when the galley developed a huge split about four miles from shore, and the crew hastily tore of their ‘monkey’ jackets and stuffed them in the crack, then took off their sea boots and bailed out the water with them so kept her afloat until they reached the beach. The boat was given the name of ‘The Queen’ after the rescue of the Brighton passenger boat, called ‘the Queen’ which grounded on the outer shoals in August, 1906, and a race ensued between the lifeboat and the galley to the aid of the stranded vessel. The galley reached her first, and placed a pilot on deck, much to the relief of the terror-stricken passengers: then the lifeboat took off the passengers the next morning.

The launching of the galley was quite an exciting business, twenty to thirty of the fishermen running and pushing the long frail-looking craft down the beach and the crew wading well out to sea and jumping in whilst she was moving off. Years ago when the fishery could boast of 80 to 90 fishermen a regatta was held every year, and the principal race of the day was that between the two galley boats. The fishery has now dwindled to between twenty and thirty fishermen.’



This is a Morey postcard entitled ‘Race in Salvage Galleys, Selsey’ and the postmark is 27 August 1909. Furthermore, we are told that the galley on the left is J. Lawrence’s crew while that on the right is R Tadd’s crew.

But this peaceful state of affairs was not to last.

According to the website: <https://premium.weatherweb.net/weather-in-history-1900-to-1949-ad/>

‘December 1929 was a month of excessive RAINFALL and repeated or persistent GALES. The GALES were associated with the frequent passage of depressions and secondary depressions. They were felt most severely in coastal districts of the south and west of England & Wales and the south of Ireland, particularly between the 5th & 7th but again on the 12th and from the 20th to the 29th. On the morning of the 5th, Pendennis Castle (Cornwall) recorded an hourly mean WIND of 61 kn. The strongest GUSTS

were reported in the Isles of Scilly (96 kn) and Falmouth (89 kn), both on the 7th. [HS/23]’

I can do no better than to quote the Chichester Observer & West Sussex Recorder dated 11 December 1929:

‘SELSEY AND DISTRICT

Great anxiety was felt for the crew of the Selsey lifeboat when it became known that they had received a call at 10 pm on Friday evening and had gone out in what experienced fisherman considered to be the worst seas they had ever known. One of the crew was acting as MC at a dance when the summons came and dashing down to the station he put his oilskins over his evening dress suit and took his place in the boat.

The Hungarian vessel, ‘Honved’ had signalled that she was in distress and drifting towards Littlehampton. The Shoreham lifeboat also put out. The Selsey craft – which is a handsome motor-driven one that has been given to the Institution by the Canadian Pacific Railway, a fact that the Prince of Wales commented upon recently - maintained her search in spite of blinding rain, almost impenetrable gloom, and tremendous seas, and it is understood that they had nearly drawn up to the vessel believed to be the ‘Honved’, when that craft caught the wind and made away faster than the lifeboat could follow, until she vanished from sight. After some time the lifeboat returned, but, although she reached the station at about 3 am, she could not be moored until nearly 8 am, owing to the heavy seas, and so the weary and exhausted crew had to remain on board.

Coast Erosion Intensified

The Bill suffered tremendously, isolated as it is. For some time past erosion by the sea has assumed serious proportions, and the prolonged gale advanced matters to an alarming extent. Several yards of the picturesque Fisherman’s Beach were swept away and all along the shore big inroads were made. There is already one house which is partially wrecked and overhanging the beach, and near the lifeboat slipway are two houses of comparatively recent build which, with the sea within a few feet of them, have already received much damage and are obviously doomed.

Many small huts and bungalows were overturned by the gale and one of the latter was completely destroyed, its contents being blown in all directions.

Two of the huge trees in Selsey Churchyard crashed to the ground, one on either side of the War Memorial, which missed destruction by a very narrow margin.

On Saturday, the Bill was cut off from telephonic communication, poles and wires being down.

At Ferry, a foot of water covered the road for some distance owing to the increase in the flooded areas, and a considerable portion of the metalled portion collapsed. Cars and a bus were held up for some time owing to engine trouble.

A chimney stack crashed through the roof of a house at Sidlesham.

On the Selsey-Chichester road, a Naval lorry went into the ditch and received much damage, but no one was hurt.’



The storm was so bad it even made the American Press!

There must have been photos of the 1929 storm but they seem to be few and far between. One that did surface, however, was of the cypress trees at St Peter’s Church.

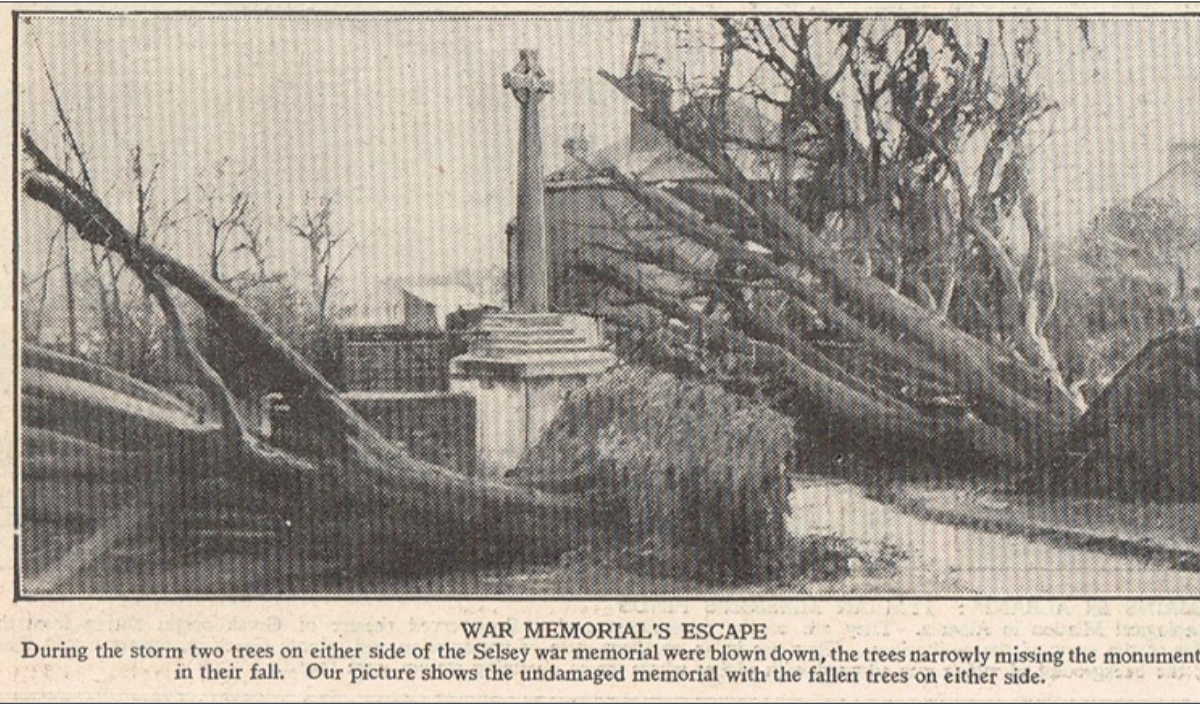
On the left is the ‘before’ picture.

Coincidentally, I acquired a small book which just happened to tie in with the pictures

EXTRACT FROM  
SELSEY JOTTINGS FOR VISITORS  
By  
Christien Parolini  
Illustrated by M. Ball-Johnstone, NBA  
Printed by J W Moore, 39 East Street, Chichester  
1914

‘These cupressus macrocarpa make an imposing avenue, though a short one, from the gate to the Church door. From the girth and height of these cypress one would take them to be very old; they are not so, having been planted as shrubs, for protection to the Church, when the latter was removed from its former site at Church Norton, two miles away. They are not loved by the authorities, their roots spreading and intruding where they should not, and taking unto themselves all the moisture from the ground.’

And, underneath, we have the ‘after’. This second picture is a newspaper cutting which I bought online. The vendor told me he thought it came from The Illustrated Times Weekly Newspaper which was published every Friday and usually sent to ex-pats working abroad.





And by way of completing the picture, here is a postcard from 1932.



I've had one response to last month's article. Hopefully more will follow!



This is, of course, Old Rose Cottage, next to the Malthouse.

Despite the modifications made to both properties, the wall line remains, essentially, the same as do the gate openings. Part of the current wall has the same brickwork as the photo although the walls are much higher now.

The small window above the front door is a more recent addition and so does not appear in this picture.

Many thanks to the owner for his phone call.

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### St. Peter's Church Events

**Saturday 30th November – 11am – 2pm** St. Peter's Annual Christmas Fair. Where Father Christmas will be there to welcome all family and friends where brunch; hot lunches and afternoon tea awaits you – and many delightful stalls including Charity Stalls plus members of St. Peter's Choir – entrance 50p

**Sunday 1st December 4pm** St. Peter's Advent and Service of Christingle in support of The Children's Society.

**Saturday 14th December – 4pm** St. Peter's Annual Carols Round the Christmas Tree which will be held outside in the grounds of St. Peter's supporting The Snowdrop Trust followed by hot refreshments in Church – **(weather permitting)**



### SELSEY LIFEBOAT ASSOCIATION

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For more information contact Pat Read Tel: 601550

This is Jasper's story. He vanished about midday on Saturday 30/9/18 from Selsey. Karen searched for hours,days and months but nothing, Karen kept sharing his picture on social media but nothing.



Fast forward to 30/9/19 exactly 1 year to the day. Karen was tagged in a post on social media about a missing ginger cat looking like Jasper, Karen didnt see it but at 10.30pm she received a message from a lady who had shared his picture to Yapton and Ford news on Facebook - she instantly knew it was Jasper, many messages and pictures later we were 99% sure it was him. As it was late Karen waited 'till the morning, a message came through early the next morning confirming he was still there and responded to his name. Karen jumped in the car and went to Yyapton to Bairds Farm, called Jasper and instantly he started purring - she had found her boy. She took him straight to the vets to be checked, apart from being very dirty, his skin conditions and that he suffers with a few fleas and possible worms he's got a clean bill of health.



Karen is eternally grateful to those involved in getting her boy home xxx

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The Chichester Cathedral Friends make a vital contribution to the life and work of the Cathedral and its Community, and this year the Group celebrated its 80th anniversary.



Joining the Friends provides opportunities to meet new people and share new experiences. Once a month Coffee Mornings are held in the South Transept, generally on the first Saturday of each month at 10am. Everyone is welcome, and it's a chance to find out more about the work of the Friends and their active calendar of events and fun activities that are held throughout the year. Being a Member is a wonderful way of making new friends, all of whom have great enthusiasm and a strong sense of companionship in their activities and initiatives to support the Cathedral.

Membership costs £15 a year, or £25 for a couple.

You'll find the Friends in the South Transept near the Information Desk for their regular Coffee Mornings. Full details are shown on the Cathedral's website, or contact the Friends Office on 01243 812980 or email: [friends@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:friends@chichestercathedral.org.uk)



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## SELSEY WI

Ladies of Selsey why not come along to our next meeting, this will be our Annual Meeting and we will also be playing Bingo. The meeting will be on Wednesday 13th November – 2.15pm in Selsey Town Hall.

If you would like more information about joining us please contact Stella Crist [01243 603221](tel:01243 603221) or Heather Coleman [01243 604603](tel:01243 604603).

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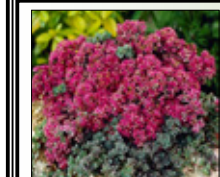
## Our speaker at the next open meeting on Friday November 22nd will be Brian Freeland.

Brian is a playwright, speaker and author. His talk is entitled "A view from the Wings"; a sideways look at theatrical productions from a stage managers point of view, very different from a seat in the stalls!

As usual we shall meet in the Selsey Centre and the meeting will start at 2.30p.m. Visitors are always welcome so if you are thinking about joining us please come along. If you want to know more about the U3A and would like to speak to someone with your queries then please phone our dedicated contact line [07783 040407](tel:07783 040407)

Please also remember that on Saturday 23rd November we shall be having our Christmas Market in the Town Hall from 10 - 1p.m. We'll, hope to see you there. There will not be an open meeting in December but we shall have our Christmas Lunch on Friday 6th December; this is for members and guests so if you haven't already booked please do so by 16th November.

Merry Christmas to you all



## Selsey Gardening Club

**Our next meeting will be on Friday 8th November 7.30pm start**

Marcus Dancer will be talking about 'Trees and Shrubs for Winter interest' Conference Room, Selsey Centre, Manor Road,

There will also be the chance to buy plants so don't forget to bring some spending money

Visitors welcome at £1.50 per visit  
Raffle £1 a strip, Tea & Coffee will be available at 50p  
Where possible please could you bring the correct money

For any further information regarding the club please contact Amanda (Chair) on 604634 or Tony (Vice Chair) on 07546 491353

- 1) When it's noon at GMT, what time is it in Morocco?
- 2) Which firth lies between Cumbria and Dumfries & Galloway?
- 3) What T.. is the capital of Estonia?
- 4) Who was called the "Hammer of the Scots"?



## SEAL ISLAND WI



The October meeting of Seal Island WI was full of activity and interest.

Felicia Hughes-Freeland gave us an informative and fascinating talk on her dance adventures in Indonesia, which concluded with us all having a try of some of the more basic steps. It was not as easy as it we thought!



A group of us also had an early evening walk round Chichester Walls at the end of September and uncovered some interesting facts. This was followed by dinner in Prezzo.



Our next meeting is on Thursday 7th November when we will be having our Annual General Meeting and making Christmas Baubles under the expert guidance of Gillian Derbyshire.

We are a friendly group of ladies and visitors are warmly welcomed. Information about our programme can be picked up at the Selsey Centre and we also organise regular lunches, walks and outings.

If you would like any more information you can call June on [607637](tel:607637).

## L.I.N.C Ladies in Contact



Sadly, the very last meeting for L.I.N.C will take place on Thursday 21st November in St. Peters Church Hall at 7.15pm. when Susan Howe will be coming along to tell about her knowing "Two English Eccentrics"

For those of you whom were unable to get along earlier in the year when regrettably there was somewhat confusion with the transport provided, if you come along this will enable you to make up for missing out on Susan's previous entertaining evening.

Cost for the evening is £3 with refreshment being provided together with the ever-popular free raffle ticket.

If a member of the Venture Bus please book your seat with them on [605115](tel:605115), we do aim to conclude around about 9.00 p.m. but seeing that this will be the final time that L.I.N.C will be meeting we may possibly with circumstances occurring run a little overtime.

Contact either Beryl Fletcher on [603750](tel:603750) or Mary Grantham [604718](tel:604718) for any further details.

One last appeal for a volunteer to take over the running of L.I.N.C. on page 3.



## 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  
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or just pop along to have a look and a chat  
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## Update from the Chichester Prevention Team

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- Call us: on 101 to report a crime or 999 if it's an emergency
- Email us: [chichester@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:chichester@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

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### Daily Security

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- Do you have a burglar alarm, CCTV or a live stream webcam installed?
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- Do you lock all your doors and windows when you leave home?

### Front Door Security

- Does your front door have a security chain or bar?
- Do you know all your visitors? Always ask officials and tradespeople for ID.

### After Dark

- Do you leave a light on when leaving your home after dark, to act as a deterrent?
- Does your home have security lighting, either motion-activated or on a timer?

### In The Garden

- Are gates and rear access to your home locked and/or secure?
- Are there tools and ladders left out that would aid a break in? Secure items in a locked shed.
- Are there obvious hiding places at the rear of your home?

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## Lifeboats

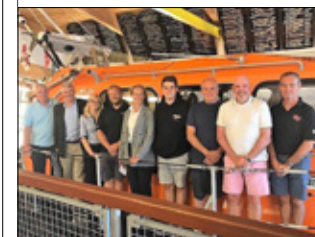
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**Survivor of explosion and fire returned to Selsey RNLI to say thank you.**

On the 7 August the station had a visit from Harry Close the owner of a 40ft motor boat which had a gas explosion and subsequent fire off Selsey bill in June.

Mr Close bought with him Amy Wright head of Navigators & General, Mark Lee director of Craftinsure the online insurance underwritten by N&G and Isabelle Jackson-Langiois senior claims handler for N&G.

The visitors had all expressed a wish to meet the crew and make a donation to the RNLI. They able to watch the inshore lifeboat launch on exercise before an informal chat in the crew room. A tour of the station and Shannon class lifeboat Denise and Eric followed before the presentations of the cheques totalling £400 to Dep 2nd coxswain Colin Pullenger.



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**Selsey Matters**  
**Comment and opinion by Bryn Edgar**

Do you ever get the feeling that your thoughts are being monitored and acted on before you've even expressed them? Am I paranoid, or simply "away with the fairies"? Should I be waiting for the men in white coats to come and collect me? I ask because I've been using this column (as promised) to comment on such varied matters as "Selsey's wildlife and environment", "policing locally and nationally", and last month "shops on our High St"; yet before each month's Selsey Life had even been published- let alone put out in the shops- those very subjects were being discussed and commented on in the press and on-line!

Obviously it's a complete coincidence; either that, or I really have "lost the plot" (as members of the Edgar family are frequently telling me!). No-one could possibly know what I am going to write each month- I rarely know myself exactly what my subject will be when I sit down at the keyboard to start the column. It must be "just one of those things"- a "senior moment" that's best forgotten, I suppose. Unless, of course, you know different.....!

OK; on to my mental meanderings for November. After my comments concerning the likely "take-up" of empty commercial premises in the town centre, I was delighted to see that at least two of the vacant premises were now open or about to re-open, and was encouraged to learn that businesses (in at least one instance) are trying to offer something other than the "same old, same old" offering we've seen too often in recent years. I wish both ventures well; it's good to see them- and even better to have something really innovative!

Whether it's a good thing to start any new business at the fag-end of the visitor season is debatable, and a matter for personal judgement; only time will tell if you've got it right. I've done both over the years, with mixed outcomes- so I'm certainly not the bloke to ask for advice on the matter! However, If you have a good business plan, and you've got your finances robust and prepared enough, then you should be all right; the problem is that while you may have allowed for the unexpected, you almost certainly won't have allowed for the once in a life-time disaster if and when it hits you! Best of luck to them, anyway.

It was also pleasing (but spooky!) to read in the Chichester Observer that (as I suggested they should in last month's article) members of CDC's Planning Committee have decided that planning policy for commercial premises need not be sacrosanct, as was previously the case. It now seems that if circumstances warrant it, planning policy can be regarded as guidance rather than as an unbreakable rule. I hope the same pragmatism will be extended (where appropriate) to Selsey when applications for change of use of commercial premises in the town come before the committee.

My attention was recently caught by a comment from "Mrs G" of the "Selsey Grapevine" who was "venting her spleen" (I love that phrase- it conjures up a wonderful picture of the 3 witches round their cauldron, casting evil spells on people who've hacked them off!) about things that really niggle her. This resonated with me, as there are so many things that infuriate me, as well- often to the point of near apoplexy! The trouble is there are so many things that totally p\*\*\* me off that it would take an entire issue of Selsey life to list them all- and there'd still be a few that I couldn't squeeze in!

Something that really winds me up is people who are late for appointments, or have a casual attitude to time keeping. I may have many faults (Mrs E keeps a long list of them, and reminds me of them quite frequently) but poor timekeeping isn't one of them. I'd rather arrive an hour early, and have to hang around until the appointed time than be late; it's the height of rudeness to my mind. I know things can go wrong, and we can all be delayed by problems beyond our control; but (particularly in these days of instant communication) is it really too much trouble to pick up a

mobile phone and let those waiting for you know that you will be late- and if you're going to be really late, ask if they would rather reschedule the meeting? After all, courtesy costs nothing.

Another pet hate is the way people mangle the English language these days; yes, I know I'm a bit pedantic when it comes to these things (a bit pedantic? I'm "King of the Pedants", according to my long suffering family), I also know that I'm a long way from perfect in this respect, and I don't always get it right- but I do at least try! (*True-you're very trying- Mrs E*). A particular hate is people who say "would of" or "should of" when they mean "would have" or "should have"; and why do so many use "your" when they mean "you are" or "you're"?

The newspapers- local and national- have a lot to answer for, as well; the standard of writing in so many newspapers is truly shameful; and it's much the same on radio and TV, especially in news bulletins. Even those newscasters who have become household names are often guilty of sloppy grammar- though that's probably because they are reading from badly written and hastily assembled auto-cue scripts!

"Does this really matter?" I hear you ask; well yes, I think it does. By misspelling a word, or using a word that sounds the same but means something different, the whole intent and meaning of the message that's being conveyed can be changed- and not always for the better.

OK, spleen duly vented, and rant over! Moving on, I've just realised that in the 2019 edition of a Local Business Directory (other business directories are available!) there are no less than 5 photos of the old offshore lifeboat boathouse. There's also a photo of the catwalk that led out to it; this has the caption "In memory of our Lifeboat Station". I'm sorry, but what's that all about? The Lifeboat Station hasn't gone away; it's still there, at the RNLI Lifeboat Compound in Kingsway. The old boathouses (both offshore and inshore) may have gone for good; but in case the photographer hasn't noticed they've been replaced by a brand new boathouse complex containing two brand new lifeboats, with proper crew facilities and a visitor centre- and a super new souvenir shop to replace the converted shipping container that was being used previously!

I know some people were very upset when the old boathouse was demolished; but it was never intended to be there for ever. It was designed in a different era (the early 1950s), and had an expected operational life of fifty years or so- in fact, it managed to last out for 56 years. By the time it was dismantled it was well past its "use by" date; it certainly didn't comply with current health and safety and work space regulations. For example, there were no separate changing rooms or other facilities for female crew members- in fact, there were no changing room or other facilities for anyone, full stop! There was just one lavatory stall that everyone had to use, with a single hand wash basin- which was used for everything from hand washing to housing all the lifeboat "wash-down" and cleaning equipment!

I also know that a lot of people became sentimentally attached to the old boathouse, and to some extent I can understand that- but we now have an exciting new and properly equipped boathouse with two brand new state-of-the-art-lifeboats in the RNLI compound. Most important of all, we have (as we have always had) a lifeboat crew and support team of dedicated volunteers- every one of them a member of our community. Let's celebrate that, and allow the old offshore boathouse to become just a pleasant but distant memory.

Bryn Edgar

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Dear Selsey Life,

First and foremost I'd like to say how much I enjoy reading Mr Bryn Edgar's Comment and Opinion; it's very interesting to hear views about our town.

However, with respect to Mr Edgar's comments last month, the spirit of which I largely agree with, I think some clarification may be positive.

I sit on Planning at both Selsey Town Council and Chichester District and I can assure everyone that we take the health and vitality of our retail areas very seriously. When applications come in to STC they are looked at very carefully and we take our decision based on what we think is in the best interests of the town, taking into consideration the fact that any objection we make must be on material planning grounds, however, we can comment on any application. In the case of the Crab Pot, STC felt that as the old premises would be returned to retail and the new premises, being set back from the road, were ideal for the Crab Pot, we would not object. This application ended up with CDC's Planning Committee who also decided that it would be contrary to the health and vitality of the High Street to refuse permission. A new shop was actually ready and waiting to open up in the original premises. We are aware that there is a fine line to be drawn between protecting the potential for diverse retail offerings and encouraging foot fall.

Councils cannot dictate which sort of shops go onto our High Streets. We can seek to create the conditions which make our retail areas attractive to prospective traders as Mr Edgar points out, but we cannot force anyone to open any specific sort of establishment. Yes, there are designated retail areas but better to have a shop used than stay empty and fall into disrepair - that isn't good for anyone.

We have to use the Chichester District Local Plan to guide us when making decisions. This divides areas into, for example, residential, leisure, retail and employment. But, CDC Planning Committee can deviate from these designations if they consider that an alternative would be beneficial for the High Street. This is exactly what happened in the case of the Crab Pot. Officers will advise Committee members as to policy but Committee is at liberty, and often does, decide that flexibility is required in the interests of the area and community; committee is there to make these judgements and encourage diversity. The Local Plan is being reviewed and soon will be out for consultation, I would encourage everyone to have input into this and have your say with regards to policy.

I completely understand Mr Edgar's viewpoint but I would assert that there is already capacity for the flexibility he requires and which I would endorse.

Donna Johnson  
Local Alliance Member for Sidlesham with Selsey North (CDC)  
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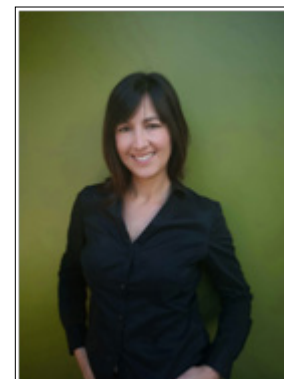
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### The Write Zone with Tara Wright



Bonfire night has always been one of my favourite celebrations. There's something in those flames and fire-works that evokes joyful childhood memories of Catherine wheels spinning crazily on the garden fence and of scrawling my name with a sparkler in the smoky night air. It also brings to mind one particular childhood event which, due to its nature, remains something of a comedy scar.

My dad was well known for his sense of humour. Over his cornflakes on the morning of 5<sup>th</sup> November, he laid down his spoon, drew my younger brothers and I towards him, and with an air of conspiracy, confided to us in his soft Irish burr, that he had dreamed that a devil was living in our bin-liner. This was enough to silence the breakfast table. We stared at him, mouths agape, and then at the bin standing innocently in the corner of the kitchen. 'I also dreamed,' my father added, with more than a degree of cunning, 'that an old man told me to burn the bin-liner. Now, what do you think about that?' My brothers immediately launched into practised begging and pleading. It took only a blink for my father to agree that setting fire to the bin-liner was a grand plan. The rest of the day was spent excitedly counting the hours until nightfall.

Dinner was done in what seemed like a couple of gulps. After pulling on jackets and wellingtons, my brothers and I gleefully hauled the condemned bin-liner, chock full of rubbish, into the night air, scraping it along the dark Victorian yard which ran beside our house, to the patio. As improbable as it sounds, there was absolutely no parental control. Quite literally, my parents had shut the door on us and, as far as I knew, had their feet up in front of the television. Meanwhile, their children, aged between ten and five, and armed with a box of matches and a bag of inflammable household rubbish, were setting a fire approximately six feet from the house. It was a recipe for disaster from the off but, strangely, didn't have the outcome you might expect.

We played giggly pass-the-parcel with the matches for a minute or two. Finally, being the eldest, it came down to me to nervously place the lit match inside the bin bag. We stood back as the flames gradually took hold. When the blaze was hot and orange, we were triumphant, prancing about it like hobgoblins, watching whirlygig sparks wheeling into the air. We were joking, trying to scare each other with stories of ghosties and ghoulies, when I wondered aloud how funny it would be if there really was a devil in the bin-bag. The suggestion was hilarious, but as the fire started to die and our only likely brush with the supernatural seemed to have come to nothing, we started to feel a little deflated. We started to scuff our wellingtons, feeling a little bored, wondering what to do next.

The hiss, when it started, was quiet at first, not loud enough to startle, but loud enough to stop us talking. Alerted to something new, we peered at the blackened, twisted burnings. Right in the heart of them, a blue light was glowing. The hissing rose to a growl, and the light grew, shimmering from blue to green and yellow. Growing nervous, puzzled glances flicked between us. Suddenly, a roaring column of blue-white light jettisoned from the bonfire, whooshing and tearing itself free, making for the dark sky. My brothers and I, rooted to the patio flags beneath it, could do nothing but stare, our brains turned stupid with terror.

They say fear is a cold thing. It's hot too – a searing, bladder-emptying hot thing. In the face of our-dad's-dream-coming-true, my reason evaporated; a sense of how to move my limbs seemed to disintegrate in the face of whatever abomination was manifesting itself in front of us. It was my youngest brother's screaming that broke the spell and we all ran. My middle brother was the first to trip, brought up short by his own bicycle lying abandoned in the dark. My youngest brother – the screamer – cannoned into him and was sent sprawling and whimpering. Hair streaming and panting in shock, I hurdled both of them like a gold medallist. My brothers tried to run through me in their attempt to get to the back door first and we spent frantic seconds clutching and yanking at the door knob. The door was locked. Straining and screaming, three young voices shrilled in the night air for their parents' succour. We had no idea if the roaring evil that was lumbering out of the flames was just behind us, and I was too scared to look. We started to bang on the door, screaming to be let in.

The door opened with a jerk and my dad's bewildered face appeared. My siblings and I fell on top of each other into the kitchen and the light snapped on. We all started jabbering and pointing at once. Dad was listened to this with a solemnity that did nothing to disguise the smirk that played around his lips. Later, in bed, I could hardly sleep, there was so much cortisol streaming around my body.

The next morning, my brothers and I crept to the patio, senses on red-alert, to poke around the remains of our bonfire nightmare. The patio was scorched like a missile had hit it and right there, in the middle of the grey ash, was a charred hairspray canister. I knew enough about the incendiary quality of toiletries to realise that this was the culprit and not Beelzebub.

My brothers and I always look back on that incident and laugh, despite the obvious and rather cavalier parental oversights. My dad had a perverse sense of humour so, more than likely, he planted that hairspray can knowing that it would get a rise out of us kids. But I can't begrudge him the laugh, God rest his soul.

Stay safe everyone.

*Tara*

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## Waxwing

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

### Hold onto your berries

Once there was a time when people believed that the rare appearance of a flock of waxwings was an evil omen; a portent of disaster, war or pestilence. Well, if Armageddon is the price I have to pay for a glimpse of one of these beautiful birds - then bring it on.

Waxwings are dumpy, starling-sized birds which look like something from a Beryl Cook painting – all silky curves, coiffured crests and heavy makeup. Imagine an orangey-brown hand grenade wearing eye shadow and you're almost there. Add to it black, white and yellow wings jazzed up with a row of shiny, scarlet teardrops. These waxy red feather tips, which give the bird its name, are believed to be used in courtship; the biggest and best wing-bling belonging to the older males.



Waxwing c John Hawkins  
Surrey Hills Photography



Waxwing flock c John Hawkins  
Surrey Hills Photography

and greedily squabble over berries as if they were fighting over half-price handbags in the January sales.

Waxwings love berries. They can eat their own bodyweight in just a few hours. Once this flock of feathered Pac-Men have chomped their way through one berry bush they fly off to ransack another. Their reliance on berries is the cause of their irregular migrations or 'irruptions'.



Waxwing c Derek Middleton

Every few years a failure in the berry crop in their eastern Scandinavian and northern Russian homeland sparks a winter-long, Europe-wide berry guzzling rampage which eventually leads them to our island. British 'waxwing winters' are by no means an annual event and we may go for years without seeing any waxwings in Sussex.

During some winters though, we hit the jackpot. At the start of November 2012 thousands of them arrived on the Northern Isles and throughout December the advancing waxwing tsunami surged south, binging on berries in Banff then Bolton then Birmingham then Bracknell. By mid-December they hit Sussex and flocks of the birds were reported all over the county. They're not fussy about where they dine; industrial estates, petrol station forecourts, parks and gardens - anywhere that can lay on a decent berry buffet. Out of town supermarkets have a habit of planting decorative berry bushes which attract waxwings. So look out for them over the coming weeks while you're shopping – you may find yourself an early Christmas present.

## Chichester Conservancy Volunteers November 2019

### DUNCTON

Sunday 3 November

Conservation – Heathland Management with Richard Wilson of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers on Lavington Common from 10.00 am **01243 528056**

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Sunday 17 November

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## SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST November 2019

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Tuesday 26 November

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Entrance members £3-00/visitors £4 **01243 262833**  
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## RSPB Events for November 2019

### CHARLTON

Saturday 2 November

Morning bird walk in Charlton Forest with John Kelsall of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet at Charlton crossroads at 10.00 am; Map Ref: SU888131 **01243 262833**

### CHICHESTER

Thursday 28 November

Illustrated Talk by Mark Mallalieu on "Hawfinch" to the RSPB Chichester Local Group at Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester PO19 1SY at 7.30 pm.

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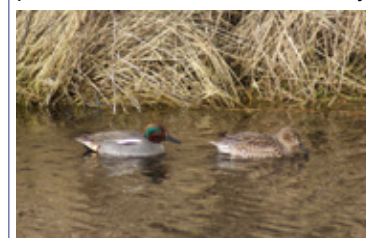
Of 8431 UK species assessed, one in seven is at risk of extinction. This frightening statistic is just one of the startling and alarming, facts to come out of the 2019 State of Nature Report released last month.

The RSPB, Marine Conservation Society, World Wildlife Fund, Wildlife Trusts and Plantlife are among over 70 wildlife organisations, plus government agencies that have joined forces to pool data and expertise, giving the clearest picture to date of the status of our species.

Since rigorous scientific monitoring began in the 1970s, there has been a 13% decline in average abundance across wildlife studied and the declines are continuing unabated. The main causes are well documented – changes in the way we manage our land for agriculture, climate change, urbanisation, pollution, how we manage our woodlands and freshwater, invasive non-native species and overfishing.

Similarly, the solutions, both at government level and what we can do as individuals, have been much discussed and I make no apologies for also suggesting becoming a member and, or volunteering for one or more of the many wildlife charities that contributed to the report. The underlying message is clear. We as a species, are affecting the environment around us to detriment of the natural world, and only we can change this. To view the full report go to [www.nbn.org.uk/stateofnature2019/reports/](http://www.nbn.org.uk/stateofnature2019/reports/)

This month sees the return of our winter wildfowl and waders. To think that in my short lifetime their winter soundtrack could be of thing of the



Teal

past as our coastline and countryside changes is hard to bear. The constant honking and babbling of brent geese, accompanied by the whistling of wigeon and teal, lifts my spirits in the bleaker months. It can be overcast and foreboding, but that sound simply makes me smile and the stresses of modern life slip away.

Of course when trying to identify birds and other creatures, it helps to have a good pair of binoculars or a telescope. However, with so many different types of optics on the market it can be difficult to know where to start. With this in mind we have a Binocular and Telescope Open Day on Saturday 07 December at our Visitor Centre on the B2145 south of Chichester. Here you can try out a selection, get advice from our expert optics team and treat yourself or buy a Christmas present for a loved one.

**Let's give nature a home**

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## RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry

### November

**Sunday 03 November, Medmerry by Bike.** Covering more ground whilst being active, discover the wildlife and history of Medmerry with this guided cycle ride. Merlin, brent geese, mergansers and corn buntings are among the many potential sightings.

**10am (duration 4 hours), meet at Pagham Harbour Visitor Centre PO20 7NE at 9.45am.**

**Please note participants must provide their own cycle and helmet in appropriate condition.**

**Booking essential**  
**£7 per person / £4 members**

**Sunday 17 November, Discover Pagham Harbour (west)**

**Guided Walk.** On a rising tide, large numbers of wildfowl and waders will be brought ever closer to us. The cast of our 'West Side' story includes winter arrivals such as brent geese, pintail, wigeon and teal, along with our many resident birds. This gentle 4 mile walk combines wildlife with the Harbours historic past.

**10am (duration 3½ hours)**  
**Booking essential, £7 per person / £4 members**

### December

**Saturday 07 December, Binocular and Telescope Open Day.**

Come along and try our wide range of binoculars and telescopes and have a chat with our friendly optics experts. Whether you're a complete beginner, an experienced birder or buying as a Christmas present, we'll be happy to help.

**10am – 4pm, Free event, no need to book**

### January 2020

**Wednesday 01 January 2020, New Year's Day Guided Walk.**

What better way to start your 2020, than with a New Year's Day walk in the countryside. While winter wildfowl and waders provide the seasons soundtrack of honks, quacks, whistles and squeals, join us for a walk down the **west side** of our **Medmerry** reserve. This 4 mile walk combines birds and wildlife, with Medmerry's history and its creation into the reserve you see today.

**10am (duration 3½ hours) meet Earnley car park PO20 7JL at 9.50am.**

**Booking essential, £7 per person / £4 members**

Check out our website [www.rspb.org/paghamharbour](http://www.rspb.org/paghamharbour) for full events program.

RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry Visitor Centre,  
Selsey Road, Sidlesham PO20 7NE

Email: [pagham.harbour@rspb.org.uk](mailto:pagham.harbour@rspb.org.uk) Tel: **01243 641508**  
[www.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour](http://www.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour)

### RSPB Pagham Seals Wildlife Explorers

Calling all 7-13 year old wildlife and nature enthusiasts...

The RSPB Pagham Seals is for 7-13 year olds and, unless advertised, meets every last Sunday in the month between 2-4pm. We meet the Pagham Harbour RSPB Reserve, but are also off site for many meets at a wide variety of locations exploring the beautiful area in which we live and its wildlife.

For more information and to check the programme and/or location for any month, please contact

George Carney, Wildlife Explorers, Youth Leader  
Tel: 07720946132

Email: [george.carney@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:george.carney@tiscali.co.uk)  
Pagham Harbour Reserve, Selsey Road, Sidlesham, West Sussex, PO20 7NE. Tel **01243 641508**





Introducing our new Responder  
– Nigel Allfrey

Nigel has very recently become operational, here is his experience to date....

It takes an ambulance 18 minutes to get to Selsey from Chichester – if an ambulance is available and the single road isn't blocked.



On average it has taken me 8m12s from receiving an alert to being at the patient's address over the past month of calls. On each of the 20 calls I have received in that time, I have been there ahead of the ambulance, sometimes by 20 minutes. We also know that every minute over 4 minutes decreases a patient's chances of recovering fully from heart failure by 10%. If the brain can be kept oxygenated, 18 minutes is the accepted time to be able to restart a heart. So, we're looking at fine margins.

The geographical challenge of emergency access to the town as well as the reality of a large relatively elderly population is why I applied for the voluntary role of Community First Responder in Selsey. Before moving here I was a Samaritan for 5 years and was looking for something a little different when we came in 2017.

It's a role that requires commitment – a 5-day intensive training course is only one of the many steps that need to be passed to even start out on a 'mentored' time. As well as continuous professional development and team meetings, there's the time 'logged on' - at any moment being alerted by a text message to go to the help of a patient with only very limited information as to their state of health. The role is flexible in relation to when you 'log on' with a minimum amount of time required (which is not exacting) to deliver. Personally I have been able to be available for 110 hours

in the last month, though some dedicated CFR's do as much in a week!

It is true that all calls are not an immediate danger to life, however being there with the equipment should things take a turn for the worse reassures patients and their worried families. On many occasions, taking observations enables stressed people to be calm and practical steps can make the wait endurable as well as making the ambulance crews' jobs easier when they arrive.

In Selsey we are really lucky in that the community really appreciates the CFR service. People contribute to the funds to enable us to have the best equipment as well as installing 'Public Access Defibrillators' all around the town (we are a charity and have to self-fund our activities). We also train as many people as possible how to use a defibrillator and to have the confidence to step IN when there's a crisis rather than walking away. The number of people who have said 'Thank goodness, a First Responder's here!' is wonderful appreciation of the work we do and definitely makes it worthwhile. Attending charity events, it's also heartening how many people willingly dive into their purses when they see our banners rather than steering around the stall!

We are also actively promoting the 'GoodSam' App through which people with some first aid training are alerted to emergency events in their immediate vicinity.

**There is a gap, though....**

We really want to be able to staff a 24/7 service in Selsey but that will take more volunteers to be trained up, so if you feel you have the energy, time and inclination to join our team and embark on a rewarding new venture with a huge learning curve or for more information about the Charity and how you help to support the Selsey Community First Responders go to:

[WWW.SELSEYFIRSTRESPONDERS.ORG](http://WWW.SELSEYFIRSTRESPONDERS.ORG)  
OR EMAIL: [INFO@SELSEYFIRSTREPPONDERS.ORG](mailto:INFO@SELSEYFIRSTREPPONDERS.ORG)

## Donna's Deliberations

Good day, my lovely fellow Peninsula dwellers. How are we today? Now we've put the clocks back, I don't know about you, but I'm in serious hibernation mode. Fred the feline seems to be the same and now seldom leaves the house. This sudden reluctance to leave the warmth of the Johnson household tends not to last long, though - it happens every year when the nights start to draw in but after a short acclimatisation period, he tends to be back out there, guarding his territory, rain or shine.

Truth to tell, we're having a bit of trouble with Mr Fred at the moment; he's managed to evict our other cat from what has been her bed for about the last five years. Willow, our black cat, has always been rather timid. Like Fred, she sort of 'adopted' us rather than the other way around and ever since Fred moved in, although they're generally quite happy to cohabit, there's been a sort of rivalry. I suspect they're both after permanent 'Top Cat' status but, they tend to take it in turns. Sometimes, Fred will completely ignore his bowl and saunter upstairs to steal Willow's food, which is usually an indication that he's trying his luck a bit. Willow seems to put up with it for a while then, all of a sudden, the table turns - the throaty growl starts...followed swiftly by 'the look' and then the fluffiness, that thing they do to puff up to make themselves look bigger than they actually are. That's usually the sign that Willow has had enough and Top Cat status is passing to her....for a while at least. At the moment, being 'bedless', the poor thing is having to sleep at the bottom of my daughter's bed, something which, to be fair, doesn't seem to be bothering her too much. Mr Fred, we've noticed, has also recently acquired a new habit: it's 3am and everyone is asleep - obviously the perfect time to run up and down the stairs of our three storey house as fast and as loudly as possible! Honestly, sometimes it's like having two toddlers who have never really grown up but, when they climb on my lap and and do that strange head butting thing, all is forgiven! What's that saying.. 'Dogs have owners and cats have slaves?' Very true.

So, how did we find October? Anything exciting happened? It was actually my wedding anniversary and Mr Johnson's as well, of course. Unfortunately, he fell foul of a nasty bug which he generously gave to me and which I, in turn, felt I should share with my offspring. The outcome wasn't great, as you can probably imagine and the consequence was that for the first time in nineteen years he forgot that it was actually our anniversary. I have obviously noted this and it will be mentioned at an appropriate time in the future.

Fortunately, I had recovered enough to enjoy my birthday present! Yes, my birthday is actually July but my present was a trip to Oxford to see one quarter of G4, my favourite band - as my regular two readers may recall. I had time to have a bit of a chat with Jonathan before the show, which was a brilliant journey through musical theatre so, belated or not, it was a wonderful present.

What was not so brilliant was the hotel. I've stayed in a fair few hotels in my time and I've concluded that sometimes new hotels try to be just a bit too innovative. This one, for example, had nowhere to put a wet towel...I know, not a major complaint but a bit of an irritation nonetheless. There was a very practical shelf underneath the basin onto which were placed copious amounts of lovely, large fluffy towels - no problem there but, absolutely nowhere to put them when they were wet. I didn't realise that until I was standing in the middle of the bathroom, holding a soggy towel, looking for a non existent towel rail. We ended up draping them over the shower screen. Absolutely bonkers. Style over substance is what I think you would call it.

We had a similar experience when we were in Glasgow. No kettle. I kid you not. Disco and mood lighting in the bedroom, climate controlled and goodness knows what else but no kettle. I queried this and was told that tea and other hot beverages were available from the reception area. Great. It's 8am, you're in urgent need of a cup of something to help you face the day and you have to get your half asleep self down to the most public part of the entire hotel and manage, somehow, to be polite to the most annoyingly happy receptionist in the history of receptionists whilst wearing your pyjamas. It was truly awful. Suffice to say, after day two, I bought an electric kettle and the necessary groceries. As usual, I was stopped at airport security on the way home - no idea why but it happens to me nearly every time. Quite what they made of an electric kettle nestling in the middle of my laundry, I can't imagine; obviously when you go north of the border an essential piece of kit is a kettle. I wish someone would tell me where these hotel designers leave their towels and how they make a cuppa. It's all beyond me!



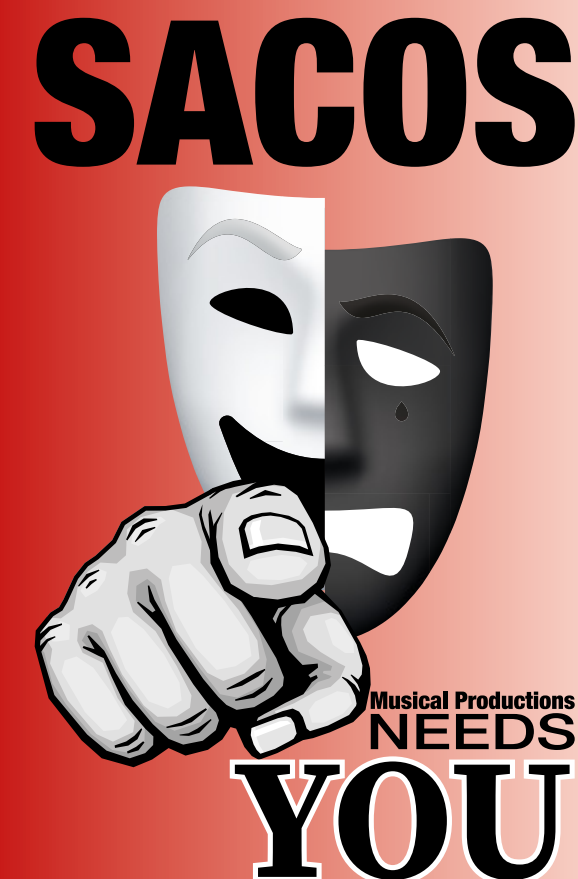
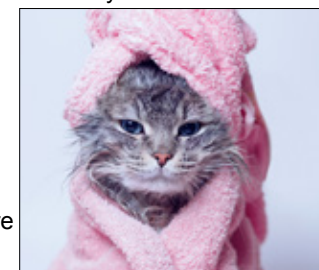
So, we're now well and truly into autumn or, if you're American, fall. I recently learnt a fun fact about this season - researchers have found that the lack of vitamin D reduces our ability to break down fat and therefore triggers fat storage. So, it's the lack of sunlight that causes us to put on a pound or two - nothing whatsoever to do with the steak pies and sponge puddings. I always suspected that.

After autumn, of course, comes winter, and we all know what that means...the 'C' word. I'm determined not to say it until December. I've completely given up trying to fool myself into believing that I will be prepared because I haven't been for the last 40 odd years, so why I would expect that I will be any different this year, I have no idea. Of course I won't be. I am, however, already one step ahead of the game decoration wise. We have a wooden reindeer called Jerry - don't ask, because I have no idea, but Jerry was given his name by my daughter and her friend about thirteen years ago and they have no idea either. Anyway, Jerry normally resides in our loft until the beginning of December when he gets a wipe over and takes his place on the staircase for a month or so. This year, though, we forgot to pack him away in his bubble wrap and he stayed on the staircase for a while, then he was kind of 'hidden away' under the dining room table and managed to stay put until September when I realised he was still there. Absolutely no point making a special trip into the loft when he would have to come back out again a couple of months later so we've left him where he is.... just have to remember to liberate him next month!

Before I leave you, I really want to say a big "thank you" to a couple of people who came and sought me out at an event I helped to organise last month; it was really lovely to meet you. Writing is quite solitary and to make a connection with our readers is really important so, thank you again for coming to say hello. I'd also like to say how much we appreciated so many of you coming along to our Musical Supper with Graham Anthony and the Selsey Shantymen. It was quite hard work but very enjoyable and we learnt a lot. There are certainly a few things we will do differently next time to make it better for everyone.

Have a good November. Take care all and keep warm!

Donna  
[donnajohnson279@gmail.com](mailto:donnajohnson279@gmail.com)



## WHO ARE SACOS?

SACOS Musical Productions (SACOS) was formed in 1962.

SACOS is an Amateur theatre group and as such we may stage plays, revues, musicals, light opera, pantomime or variety shows.

SACOS have been performing to the local community for the last 57 Years!  
We have performed over 30 different Musicals including:  
Oklahoma, Carousel, South Pacific, Half A Sixpence & Pirates of Penzance just to name a few.

SACOS has also performed many Concerts and Variety Shows including:  
Christmas Concerts, Songs from The Shows & Old Time Music Hall's.

As we rapidly approach a new decade we want to take this opportunity to consult with the community, our audience and anyone who is or has had an interest in SACOS.

## WE WANT YOUR HELP.

## WE WANT YOUR INPUT, IDEAS AND OPINIONS

We are looking to put together a strategy/plan to see SACOS strive into the next decade.

## HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Do you want to become a member?

What kind of shows do you want to see us perform?

Do you like Plays?

Please come and tell us what you think.

Just a few items and questions we want your help to answer

Do you like Musicals?

Do you want to help behind the scenes?





## Recent Callouts

**1/09/19 21:53**

**Team paged to support Sussex Police and Littlehampton Coastguard Team with a search for a missing person in Bognor, along with Selsey Inshore Lifeboat.**

Two Coastguard Rescue search teams were deployed East and West along the beach.

Thankfully we located the missing person on the beach and provided casualty care until the police arrived; the casualty was then left in the care of Sussex Police.

All assets were then stood down returning to station at 00:12.

**03/09/19 15:01**

**Team paged to reports of an inflatable toy drifting out to sea off Pagham.**

The team managed to get eyes on the inflatable toy which was now drifting off Dark Lane, Bognor; when we then had information from Selsey Lifeboat Station that a grandmother had just spoken to them, saying that her grandchildren had lost an inflatable toy that matched the same description.

The team were then stood down to return to station, knowing no one was on it and all persons were safely ashore.

Blow-up boats, lilos and toys are great fun in the swimming pool, but they're best avoided at the seaside. They can easily drift out to sea and you may not notice until you're a long way from shore and out of your depth.

If you do find yourself being swept out to sea, stay with your inflatable and shout for help, waving your arms if possible. Don't attempt to swim for shore if you are out of your depth.

**03/09/19 19:42**

**Team paged to Langstone Harbour, Mill Rithe Holiday Village, Hayling Island; to a person stuck in the mud right up to his waist.**

Selsey Coastguard Team were paged with Hayling and Portsmouth Coastguard Rescue Teams to a person stuck in the mud in Langstone Harbour. Hampshire Fire Rescue, Hampshire Police and the HART Team were all on scene.

Portsmouth and Selsey Coastguard Mud Rescue Teams both deployed a mud technician on to the mud with a couple of Firefighters.

The mud team successfully extracted the casualty safely out of the mud and transferred him into our stretcher and brought him to dry land where he was assessed by the ambulance service.

Once the casualty was safe all assets were able to stand down.

This was a great Multi agency job with all assets working closely together to get the best outcome and for a safe rescue.



Returning to station at 22.15 to commence the wash down and to repack the vehicle.

If you get stuck in the mud at the coast dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

In an emergency out at sea, on the beach or along the coast dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

**06/09/19 17:19**

**Team paged to the rock armour at Bunn Leisure after people were concerned for the safety of 2 children on the rocks with high waves and winds.**

Two people were found sitting on the rock armour, with waves breaking over the rocks; safety advice was given to the two young men.

The rock armour can be very dangerous, please do not climb on the rocks. They can

become very slippery, waves do break over them especially at high tide and there are some seriously dangerous big, deep gaps between the rocks.



Thank you to the first informant for reporting this to the Coastguard.

**15/09/19 15:35**

**Team paged to reports of a missing 4 year old child at West Wittering Beach.**

Team stood down as we were entering Wittering with child found safe and well.

**15/09/19 19:00**

**Team paged to reports of an upturned canoe 1 mile out to sea off Shore Road, East Wittering.**

The team deployed two search Teams one east and one west to carry out a shoreline search.

Selsey Inshore Lifeboat was also tasked to carry out a shoreline search of the area with Selsey All Weather Lifeboat launched a little later to help in the searches.

Information later came into our Operation Room that someone had lost their kayak earlier in the day which matched the details of the one that had been found.

All assets were stood down to return to stations.

We would like to thank Selsey Lifeboat Crew for their assistance this evening.

**16/09/19 09:20**

**Team paged to support Hampshire Police in Gosport with an incident.**

We joined Portsmouth and Hillhead Coastguard Teams, Hampshire Search and Rescue, Hampshire Police, and various Lifeboats and other assets in a search.

**16/09/19 17:24**

**While still on the previous tasking the team were re-tasked to two casualties stuck on the mud in a vessel at Prinstead.**

Selsey Mud Rescue Team deployed two mud technicians on to the mud and recovered the two casualties safely to shore.

The casualties were ok although scared and cold, but no medical assistance was needed.

We then recovered their vessel to prevent a further callout.

Members of Hayling, Portsmouth and



Hillhead Coastguard Teams joined us as well as West Sussex Fire Service who kindly rinsed some of our equipment down afterwards - Thank you.



Hayling Lifeboats were also tasked.

All assets were then released to return to station with Portsmouth and Hillhead Coastguard Teams returning to the previous incident.

Returning to station at 21:20 after what has been a very long day for the team.

**17/09/19 13:12**

**Team paged to Bognor after reports of a person, going out to sea on an inflatable toy and hadn't returned to shore.**

Littlehampton Coastguard Team had also been tasked and a search was carried out.

Coastguard Rescue Helicopter, Rescue 175 was also tasked to search along with Selsey Inshore Lifeboat.

Person found safe and well ashore and all assets stood down.

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If you do find yourself being swept out to sea, stay with your inflatable and shout for help, waving your arms if possible. Don't attempt to swim for shore if you are out of your depth.

**19/09/19 01:46**

**Team paged to an incident on Selsey beach.**

Stood down en route to station, with the incident resolved and in the hands of Sussex Police.

**28/09/19 09:27**

**Team paged to reports of a windsurf board in the water at West Wittering with no sign of anyone with it.**

Enquiries were made, and we had located the owner who had lost his board and had just retrieved it from the water.

With the owner and the board accounted for and no medical assistance needed the team were stood down to return to station.



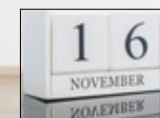
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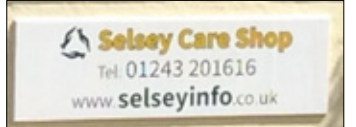
**@HMC GSelsey**

## Selsey Methodist Church Christmas Fayre

**on Saturday 16th November 2019 From 9.00am. to 1pm**  
**Bric-a-Brac & Craft tables to browse through and the usual yummy refreshments to enjoy.**  
**Get your Christmas gifts.**  
**Free entry.**



Selsey Carers held their AGM, on Friday 4th. October. We reviewed the last year and our achievements with the unpaid Carers in our community, by reaching out to let them know we can help with advice on many areas ,support with form filling . Social outings, coffee mornings, interaction teas all of which are developing to give the Carer a brief respite from their caring duties.



As Selsey Carers we have been working within the Selsey Community Forum, Charity No .1156416 this has helped us have a face and voice, alongside other like minded groups, all with the same purpose to help and support either Carers or those needing care to feel able to access the help they need within our community, from one shop on the High Street. Find us next door to Raycrafts a short step away from Southern Co-Op entrance road.

All of this has been complimented by our fund raising efforts through this past year 4 out of 5 Car Boot sales were successful, only one cancelled due to rain, along with our Tombola Stall on Lifeboat Day helping raise over £500 towards holding our Christmas Lunch, Summer Afternoon Tea, Coach Outings etc., all of which are organised and co-ordinated by our Outreach Officer Sue White working from the care shop 3 full days a week supported by our volunteers.

If you have a spare hour or two where you feel you could be doing something ? Then you could be a Volunteer or Befriender, this is what it says, become a friend to someone housebound by health or age. Interested, we would be delighted to tell you more please call into the Care Shop or telephone us [01243-201616](tel:01243201616).

The newly formed Breakfast Club for our Men who are Carers had a slow start but we hope as months go on more men will come along to join us for Tea, Coffee, Bacon Bap and a good old chat with other men and relax for an hour, 9-30am to 10-30am once a month in the Snak Shak next to St. Wilfrid's Hospice shop. Next one Nov. 12 th.

I finish by saying as Winter approaches long nights, short days made even worse by the sort of persistent rough weather of late, can make isolation due to bad health, bereavement, disability or old age, feel like an endless time. So the knowledge you may have a visiting Befriender, a lunch or coffee morning you can go to, helps ease the loneliness and isolation.

That's Community!

# Speeding in Selsey

**Thursday 7th November at 18.30 at the Selsey Town Hall**

**Join us in a meeting to discuss options available to us in order to reduce speeding!**

**Contact Karen Pirks 07824376760 to reserve a seat**



**Our request for the most exotic or far-away places the Selsey Life is read in continues:**

Here we have Tina and Steve Mason and family and their neighbours in Hernando, Florida.



Can you do better?



Photos c Katie C E Major

**SELSEY VENTURE CLUB BUSES**



This is a busy time of year at the Venture Club as not only do we have our own events to cover, but also those of other interest groups with concerts and seasonal meals etc. in addition to their everyday events. All of this requires a lot of forward planning to ensure we have drivers and of course buses available. We owe our drivers immense gratitude for their commitment, as without them we could not provide a service to the various causes that enable members to participate and socialise. With respect to planning, our own events are advertised in the Club and on the buses often months in advance, especially those that involve payments such as for meals and the theatre. When you do see an event you would like to attend please, please, make contact immediately to avoid disappointment as numbers are limited by the very fact that we do not have the transport capacity to take everyone. Remember also that pick up times cover a time slot of up to an hour especially for a full bus and we are not late unless that time has expired. Members can help a lot of time by notifying the Club if you are unwell or display your SVC card to save the driver having to ring your bell if you do not wish to attend any event.

Events coming up are on the 7th November when we have members going to the Alexandra Theatre Bognor Regis for the Neil Sands concert 'Christmas Memories' (fully booked) and on 25th November we are off to Garsons Garden Centre near Titchfield in Hampshire to see their Christmas displays and perhaps buy a gift or two. On Friday 20th December we have booked tickets for the Pantomime 'The Wizard of Oz' at the Alexandra Theatre Bognor Regis; tickets are limited in number so once again book early to avoid disappointment. However, your place will not be confirmed until payment is received which will be collected at the Club on Tuesday 19th and Friday 22nd November between 9.30 and 11.00 am. Any places not paid for on either of these dates will be offered to others without exception; please note that monies are not refundable.

We will not be going to a Christmas Market this year as we are down on drivers and rather busy with other events. However, we will soon announce the details of our seasonal meal that will be in January 2020.

As can be seen we are as desperate as ever for minibus drivers with a current D1 licence. Although we have been fortunate to welcome some new drivers these have only really replaced others who have moved on. We need drivers for weekdays and occasional weekends and we have to consider cover for volunteers' holidays. Can you help? Call into the Club in Elm Grove Selsey or phone the office on 605115.

Nigel Cooper Transport Manager & Alison Cooper Social Secretary.



# Countdown to CHRISTMAS



## Shout about your business!

**We are launching a 'Countdown to Christmas' campaign that aims to shine a light on the district and its businesses. This will involve drawing attention to the fantastic activities and events taking place across the Chichester District, as well as encouraging as many people as possible to support our High Streets and local businesses. This is why we are launching a very special competition!**

**OUR OVERALL PRIZE: WIN! A Rolls Royce luxury Christmas shopping and theatre trip**

The winner will get to live like a celebrity for the day. We will meet the winner and a guest at an agreed location. They will be given a tour of our towns and city in a chauffeur driven Rolls Royce; lunch at E.Street Bar and Grill in Petworth; receive a £150 Chichester gift card to spend in Chichester city centre and then they'll complete the day by watching 'The Christmas Concerts' with The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Portsmouth and Chichester Cathedral Choir at Chichester Festival Theatre.

Participants just need to post between Friday 25 October and Monday 25 November on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram (with their privacy settings off) to be in with a chance of winning. The winner will need to be available on Saturday 7 December to experience this amazing prize. To find out more about our terms and conditions and what we are looking for, please visit [www.chichester.gov.uk/countdowntochristmas](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/countdowntochristmas)

We want to shout about everything that is great about the district — from shops, cafes and restaurants; to attractions, experiences, and parks and gardens; and businesses. In order to do this, we are asking residents, visitors and businesses for their help.

We are asking people to post on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, telling us what they love about our city and towns, along with one of our special hashtags. We want to see pictures, videos and great comments!

**#countdowntochristmaschichester**  
**#countdowntochristmasmidhurst**  
**#countdowntochristmaspetworth**  
**#countdowntochristmasselsey**  
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**Bits of Bruce:**

In the Jungle, the political jungle, the British Lion, sleeps tonight!

Back in November 1605, Guy Fawkes attempted to blow up parliament because the new Scottish King and his protestant Parliament, was not caring enough, especially about the Catholic Christians here in Britain. All the arguing at the time was just getting nowhere; almost everything was at a stalemate, a hung parliament with a new King to who had new and different ideas. The King even admired Fawkes for his determination and love of faith. But Fawkes for his treasonous attempt to destroy Parliament, was sentenced to be hung, drawn and quartered; a horrible, slow painful death. Even in death, he foiled the Government's plans for him and flung himself off the scaffold with noose around his neck; he died swiftly.

We find ourselves once again in what appears to be a 'hung Parliament', busy going nowhere, only caring about what appears to be good for their own party and the Country be damned. Now, God forbid, I am not suggesting we need another Guy Fawkes, but perhaps we do need to raise our voices and protest to our MPs no matter what their party is, and say to them "Wake up from your slumbers! Stop Dreaming and thinking about yourself! Get on with your job of looking after the needs of this Country, this United Country. Do what is best for us all!"

And if they cannot make up their minds, about what to do, allow us a say, give us at least a referendum, that makes sense, But for all our sakes, let us move on, let's get this Parliament, this sleeping Pussycat, awake to the needs of all its people, then and only then will the Lion roar once more, in Europe and the World.

Write, telephone, or even see your MP, go to their surgeries, ask them politely what they are doing about this complete mess, 'this Brexit' we find ourselves in? Is there a way, all this mess can be sorted for the good of the country?

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Remember, remember the Fifth of November Gunpowder, treason and Plot... In the Jungle the Mighty Jungle, the Lion sleeps tonight...Wakey, wakey!

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The course, usually showing all its autumn glory has been subjected to very heavy rains during the latter part of September and into October. The groundsman have been doing a great job in keeping the course in play, although inevitably, some matches have had to be cancelled. However, it is hoped that the weather will improve and that the Men's Turkey Competitions and the Ladies Christmas competitions will be played as arranged.

Juniors

As mentioned in last month's issue of Selsey Life three of the juniors are doing exceedingly well. Joe Smith, Junior Champion 2019, now has a handicap of 7 and will be playing for Middlesex County in their under 14s team. Lloyd Hughes who at present plays in the Sussex County under 14s team has been selected to play in the under 16s team next year. Lloyd currently has a handicap of 11 and Alonso who plays off a handicap of 12 will play in the the Hampshire under 14s team next year.

In last month's issue it was reported that Luca will be playing for Hampshire and Surrey under 14s team. This was unfortunately reported incorrectly, Luca plays for Hampshire under 13's and not Hampshire and Surrey. The writer apologises for this error.

It has been mentioned before in previous issues the benefits young people can get from this game of golf; and not just the ability to play the game. It teaches respect, concentration, healthy rivalry and provides good exercise out in the fresh air. A skill that could lead to a sport that will be a challenge and a great social opportunity for life, also career opportunities and who knows, the sky really is the limit!

If anyone would like to know more about Junior Golf, please have a chat with the Club's Professional, Gary Hughes.

Ladies Section

The first Monday in September was a warm sunny day and the ladies played the medal game where every shot counts and the player with the least amount of shots is the winner. This competition called The LGU Medal was won by Jaqui Towns and the runner up was Linda Cook.

On Wednesday the 4th of the final of the summer knockout competition known as the MaColm Trophy. This was won by Judy Sharpe.

The first of the round of the two part King Farlow Medal another stroke play competition, was played on 16th and the second part of the competition was played the following Monday. The overall winner of this year's King Farlow Trophy was Caroline Newton with a great score of 135 points and the runner-up was Linda Cook with 158. This meant that Caroline played the first round scoring 67 and the second round 68 therefore playing both rounds under the par of the course. . The Competition Scratch Score being 70. Needless to say Caroline had her handicap cut considerably.

On Friday 13th the Ladies played the President's Prize. This competition is a favourite of the Ladies. The President, Mr. Ted Grown, invites all the ladies to play a round of golf followed by tea. Helped by his wife Mrs Grown, a past Lady Captain. The event was a great success and enjoyed by all. The winner was Meg



Mearns. An emotional victory for Meg as she will be leaving the Club shortly as Meg and her husband are returning to live in Scotland. The runner up was Sheila Watmore and third place was taken by Trudy Hynes. Alison Weller won the prize for nearest the pin.(photo from left Trudy Hynes, Alison Weller, Ted Grown, Meg Mearns and Sheila Watmore)

On Monday 30th the Talking News was played. This is a charity competition in aid of St Richards Hospital Radio. The winner was Trudy Hynes and Sue Bywater came second.

The Autumn Give and Take was played on 4th October. This is a really enjoyable stableford competition where the player with the highest number of points wins. In this fun competition everyone who plays donates a prize and every player wins a prize. This was followed by sandwiches and chips. A great day and the weather just about stayed kind and only the last pair playing got slightly wet as they finished the 18th hole the heavens opened. Meg Mearns was the winner and Trudy Hynes came second, but as previously mentioned, everyone was a winner.

Due to the recent heavy rain and high winds some of the Ladies competitions had to be rearranged. The McGlasham Cup had to be postponed from 23rd September to 7th October. This is the competition where to qualify to play, a player has to have won or come second in a competition during the year. This was won by Meg Mearns and Judy Sharpe came second, narrowly beating Trudy Hynes on countback.

The ladies had two friendly matches scheduled to be played in September.

The first was against Littlehampton away. The Ladies had a great day but lost the match 1 to 3. The match due to be played at home had to be cancelled due to the weather and unfortunately there are no dates left available for this to be rescheduled this year. However the ladies played an away day at Goodwood Park using their County Cards. This was a good day, the weather was very windy and the course very wet from the previous day's rain, but all managed to complete the course. A lovely day out.

Men's Section

The Men's President's Prize was played on 8th September. 50 golfers played the competition and the winner was Robert West with 4 1 points and the runner-up beating Gavin Lawson on count-back was Vince Trump.

Junior player Luca Alonso scored a very credible 35 points and came sixth.

On 29th The Cawte Crystal and monthly medal was played. Due to the adverse weather conditions a lot of players withdrew on the day. Those who braved the conditions completed the course and the winner of Div. 1 was Martin Kay, the winner of Div 2 was Dean Cawte and the the winner of Div 3 was Luke Cawte.

Unfortunately the Pro Am this year had to be cancelled due to a clash of dates and a new date for this competition was unable to be arranged. Therefore it was decided by the Club Captain, Steve Grown, and his committee to have an Am Am Competition instead. The competition to be played with teams of 4, one member of the team had to be a member of the Club, and all players to be amateurs golfers

The date was set for the 5th October and the Club held its first Am Am competition. The weather was kind, warm, and mostly cloudy but very little wind and no rain. The Links Restaurant provided a Mediterranean buffet lunch which was superb, and enjoyed by all. 17 teams took part in the competition and there were 8 nearest the pin prizes and a nearest the line prize. Billy Aspital excelled in this part of the competition, winning three nearest the pin prizes and the nearest the line.

Past Club President, Clive Cockayne's team came third with a great score of 91 points. Craig Newman, past Club Captain's team came second narrowly beating the third placed team on count back, also with 91 points and the winners were the team representing a local firm, Aspect Electrical Contractors, who, again, narrowly beat the other two teams, scoring 92 points. The team, Billy Aspital being one of them, were delighted with their win especially as it marked a very special occasion for the firm. It was the 21st anniversary of Aspect Electrical Contractors who started trading on 5th October 1998. (photo from left Alan Morey, Paul Hinshelwood, Steve Grown, Billy Aspital and Simon Aspital)



The whole day was a great success, a good day had by all.

Just a mention, Billy was a Junior at the Club and now plays in the Men's Section and plays off a handicap of 2.6. Billy is not the only member to have come through the Juniors at Selsey Golf Club. Matthew Campbell, who courageously fought an illness, came back to golf and now plays off 3.3 and there are many many more. Also many past Juniors are still enjoying their golf, playing in the Veterans. Some Juniors have gone on to be professional golfers, several working as Professionals at clubs in Spain and Germany, others in different parts of England. This Club has a lot to be proud of.



**CRABLANDS BOWLS & TENNIS CLUB**  
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With the shops already getting ready for Christmas you could be excused for letting November pass by without a trace.Let us not forget that old Guy Fawkes tried to make November go with a BANG!! At Crablands all sports are Go! the weather is still kind to the tennis players and the sports hall is buzzing with the short mat bowlers by day and on some evenings with mini-tennis and table tennis games. For members and their friends the Friday evening social events ie. skittles, whist, quizzes etc. are underway and all members are reminded to keep looking at the notice boards at the club to find all relevant details of these events.

**DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>** a date for all Crablands members - the date for the Club A.G.M.

If you were thinking it might be fun to try tennis for instance, then perhaps now is the time to come and “have a go” when the courts are not quite so busy: likewise if you have a fancy to try bowling then why not “test the waters” with short mat bowls, who knows by the end of the winter you could be hooked and want to try Green Bowls – a gentle form of exercise in the open air – by arrangement there are coaches available to help: contacts:- Tennis – Jo Montgomery – 606890 Bowls – Jim Saunders - 606172



**REMINDER**  
The Annual General Meeting of Selsey Cricket Club will take place in the club house on **FRIDAY 8TH November at 19.00 HRS FOR 19.30 HRS,** this will be followed by the annual presentation evening from 20:30, hot food will be supplied, this will be free, but donations to the club will be Welcome.

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did not depart an English beach  
no strafed French soil did I reach  
not party to that secret plot  
pondering how I might have fared  
had I marched with those steadfast braves  
negotiating wire and mine  
alongside they who gulped then dared  
I might have fallen with the many  
or soldiered onward with the few  
succumbed perhaps to horrid onslaught  
or hardened as the battle grew

No role in that audacious bid  
my worldly time had not commenced  
but at the lowering of the flag  
and once eternal darkness falls  
I may encounter those who did.

JOHN BYRNE JUNE 2019  
ARTWORK: JASON BETON







## THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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

This last month has been very difficult for me and all my staff. I'm so sad to have to share with everyone that I lost one of my best friends Caellum. Caellum was a legend at CRRC surviving horrific injuries from a road traffic accident which left him with 3

legs, one eye and a wire in his jaw. But

despite everything he went through he was so loving and always had a purr for everyone. He had 10 amazing years here at CRRC and he was the only cat that I would share my office with and I don't like sharing with anyone! It was his time to go and he was surrounded by myself and all the staff he loved.



Because Caellum was such a special cat who really embodied everything that CRRC stands for my staff and I want to raise funds in his memory. I have been thinking of lots of challenges the staff can do to raise as much money as possible, so therefore I couldn't make it easy for them. The challenges that I have come up with include, spending the day in beans, run into the cold sea, walking around with cat food jelly in your welly, spend the night in a rabbit pen, obstacle course mud run and finishing off with one of my staff doing a wing walk. Please see our website and facebook for more details and how you can donate in for something very special in Caellum's memory.

Although I'm sad we have lost an out an abouter we have now also gained two more. Although we did try for a home it just did not work out for them and we think they will be much happier living here with us. Lovejoy and his girlfriend Joyanna - welcome to the crew.

Love Markus x

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

PS: We have a Viewing Day Saturday 23rd November 2019 12-2pm (It's our last one before Christmas).

Viewing days are non-appointment days so people thinking of adopting a cat can pop along.

**Otherwise we rehome 7 days a week by appointment only.**



## THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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

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

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

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

### Pet of the Month November 2019

This month allow us to introduce you to the pretty little black cat Jenny. Jenny has been living here at The Centre with us since the 19<sup>th</sup> March after she had been living as a stray for over a year and the lady that was looking after her felt it was time for her to find a home of her own. Because she was



a stray for quite a while it meant that when she first arrived she was a bit wary of people. But over time she has settled down a lot and is now the sweetest, most gentle girl. She loves it when people come and give her lots of strokes, she can still be a little wary if you move too fast but she will soon be purring again when you stroke her. Jenny is now 4 years old and would love to find her forever home. The right home for Jenny would be quite and calm and her new owner will give her all the time she needs to settle in. She is a really sweet girl that would desperately love to find a home of her own and an owner she can love, she would also prefer to be the only pet in the household.

If you think you may be able to give Jenny the new home she deserves please give The Centre a call Monday to Friday 9am-4pm.

THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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

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## Selsey Centre

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### Upcoming Events

Table top sale Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November one table £6.50 two tables £10 come in to see us and book.

National Blood Service are here on the 15<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm, to book an appointment to donate please log onto [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) or download the free app NHS give blood.

### Regular activities

Bounceabout Toddler and soft play is on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November 9am-12pm tea and coffee available at 50p.

### New weekly class

KTroo Bounce and laugh and burn up to 1000 calories per hour with Julie on Wednesdays 7.45-8.45 please contact her on **07854 288410** for more details.

We look forward to seeing you  
The Selsey Centre Team



### Brent Lodge Briefing's

Patients change constantly throughout the year and there is a pattern to our seasons at the hospital. The spring and summer months bringing us young or orphaned babies whilst the autumn and winter brings us a huge number of hedgehogs too small to survive the winter and birds struggling to find enough food to cope. At the end of summer into autumn we use this time of year to release our last summer babies. We managed to release a large number of our animals to prepare for the next season of patients. We have released a lot of our garden birds, ducks, foxes and we have also started to release a large number of our healthy hedgehogs (despite still having so many on site). We also recently released 2 of our tawny owls to a local site where they will be closely monitored while they become aware of their surroundings.

Where possible we try to release rehabilitated wildlife back to where they were found as quickly as possible, as they may hold a territory in the area, or be part of a family group. Releasing wildlife back to the wild not only depends on when the animal is considered fit and healthy for release, but it also depends on the time of year. Our staff are trained to know what release site is most appropriate and sites are carefully chosen to



give them the best chance of survival, where there is the opportunity to find a mate, flock, plenty of food, water and suitable nest or den sites.

The next few months will leave our hospital full with more vulnerable creatures. Our staff and volunteers work tirelessly to clean, feed and care for them all but there are ways you can help. At the peak of the season we can go through over 100 tins of cat and dog food a day, so any donations of tinned food would be most appreciated. We also need help to shred our newspapers for bedding, so if you can spare an hour or more to pop along to the hospital to shred some newspaper then we would love to hear from you soon.

With winter just around the corner, we ask you to also help the wildlife in your garden, you never know it could be one of the patients we have released. Please remember to put out extra food for the birds and to keep an eye on any hedgehogs in your garden, feeding them if they need it. We also ask that everyone remembers to ensure there is fresh water out for all of the wildlife, especially when all other sources of water freeze over.

If you would like any advice about what to feed wildlife, please feel free to contact us or visit our website where we sell a small range of food - [www.brentlodge.org](http://www.brentlodge.org)

We look forward to updating on more Brent Lodge news soon!

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Sunday 24th November

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### WHAT'S ON AT THE SELSEY CLUB NOVEMBER

**\*SAT 2<sup>ND</sup> NOV: THE FABULOUS IRISH BAND - FLASH COMPANY GET READY FOR SOME FUN TIME JIGGING.**

**\*THUR 7<sup>TH</sup> NOV: QUIZ AND BINGO BE IN IT TO WIN IT.**

**\*SAT 9<sup>TH</sup> NOV: STEVE WILLIAMS - SELSEY'S OWN BRILLIANT TALENTED GUITARIST AND SINGER.**

**\*SAT 16<sup>TH</sup> NOV: WE PRESENT THE 3 OF DIAMONDS: THESE GUYS HAVE PERFORMED WITH SOME VERY FAMOUS BANDS AND SINGERS (BLUESY SOULY JAZZY ROCK 'N' ROLLY).**

**\*WED 20<sup>TH</sup> NOV: IS FOLK & MUSIC CLUB - COME AND JOIN IN.**

**\*THUR 21<sup>ST</sup> NOV: YOU GOTTA BE IN IT TO WIN IT QUIZ AND BINGO THE MORE PLAY THE BIGGER THE WINNINGS.**

**\*SAT 23<sup>RD</sup> NOV: SING AND DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH MARTIN DAVID.**

**\*SAT 30<sup>TH</sup> NOV: THE LOVELY TALENTED PORTIA WILL BE ENTERTAINING US WITH HER WONDERFUL VOICE.**

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You're the wind I feel  
Whistling through my hair  
On my back  
It pushes me along  
My bike and I  
Navigating the back streets of Selsey

You're in the air that I breathe  
And the sea that stretches out before me  
Full, clear, bright and full of promise

You are the waves that now lap about me  
As I dive in  
Thinking of you and all the joy and opportunity  
You have brought to my life

You're in the food that I eat  
A roast on a Sunday at the Rivi  
The man who once served you  
Now serves me as I grow old  
He smiles and makes polite chat about the weather  
Life goes on here without you

But you are not forgotten  
You are in the memories I have  
As I sleep in your house  
And look out to see and watch the fishermen  
Bob about on the waves

You are in the vulnerability I feel  
The adventures I will decide upon  
And the places I will choose to visit

You're in the life that I lead  
The decisions that I make  
And all that I see

Today as I write  
You would have been 100  
I wonder where you are now  
And what you do

As I listen to your soft voice  
On the old cassette we've just discovered  
Your voice calls out into the room  
You talk about your time in Kathmandu

You are in our sadness  
You are in our joy  
But most of all  
You teach us still, how to live a life  
Of promise  
Of kindness  
A life full of joy

By Justine Clement

Selsey Sea Bathing Society's next event is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November. If you'd like to join them please be at the Oval Field at 3pm where you can take part in their Marine Ecology Walk followed by a bathe for the brave! Please see details here and sign up at [www.selseyseabathingsociety.com](http://www.selseyseabathingsociety.com).



The October gathering of the Selsey Sea Bathing Society was an incredible event with over 32 people attending. The sun was shining, and the sea was blue and exceptionally buoyant! At the event we honoured two exceptional people. The first was a young man called William who recently died at the age of 18. His mother, Katie Jones joined us for the swim, along with Selsey locals Wendy and Hannah, to celebrate his life as he loved nothing more than being in the sea. The next honouring was Lorna Priddis, who many of you will know gave so much to Selsey during her lifetime, raising money for the First Responders and the health centre, along with so much more. On 20<sup>th</sup> October, the day after our swim, she would have been 100. I wrote this poem dedicated to her great spirit, after all, Selsey Sea Bathing Society was formed in her honour and would not exist without her influence on my life.



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for information

# In the Garden

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

Towards the end of this month growth in the main will cease. Dormancy starts and there is not a lot of brightness in the sky. Squirrels and Hedgehogs feast on nuts before winter starts.

The cold wet fogs of November now creep on apace and the gardens can be eerily silent but still retain a fair bit of colour, mainly from Asters, Chrysanthemums, Escallonia, Michaelmas Daisies, and late flowering roses.

Flocks of Peewits (Lapwings) have now arrived and can be seen congregating in ploughed fields. The last leaves to drop are Apple and Elm and then the Oak and young Beeches which retain their withered leaves 'till pushed off by their new ones in spring.

At this time of the year we can have fresh winds and bright moonlit nights alternating with soft days and damp and hazy mists.

Take the time this month to witness the absolutely beautiful sunsets on a clear evening especially by the sea.

## Jobs for November

Provided the ground is not frozen or waterlogged, this is a good time to plant bare rooted Roses, Shrubs and Trees. Dig a substantial hole for each plant and work in well rotted manure or compost with some slow release fertilizer or bone meal to aid root establishment. Soaking the roots for an hour or so in a solution of organic seaweed fertilizer immediately before planting is beneficial. Ensure plants are set firmly in the ground at the original soil level.

Hard prune overgrown deciduous hedges using a pruning saw or loppers to cut through thick stems. To limit shock to the plant cut the top and only one side hard back and prune the other side next year. After trimming feed with slow- release phosphorous-rich fertilizer, such as sterilized bone meal.

Wrap all outdoor pipes and taps with protective lagging to help prevent them from freezing up, drain off and store hose pipes and bring automatic watering timers indoors and also water pumps.

Most gladioli are not fully hardy so corms can be killed by wet and cold conditions. Dig up the corms, clean off any soil and cut away the stems about 2" above the corms. Spread out in trays to dry out before removing the remaining stems. Store in dry frost free conditions.

## Tip Top Tips

- \*To protect slightly tender plants from frost and snow cover with the clippings from coniferous plants.
- \*Sow round varieties of peas (ie Meteor & Superb) and broad beans (Aquadulce Claudia) for an early crop next year.
- \*Continue to dig over vegetable beds and fork in compost and manure.
- \*Earth up Dahlias crowns against early frosts.
- \*Never store any windfall apples or pears - only use hand picked fruits
- \*Complete any pruning of apple and pear trees.
- \*Check carefully for hedgehogs before lighting bonfires
- \*Gargle with Sage tea for a sore throat
- \*Inhale Honeysuckle flowers in the hedges before sunset for an aphrodisiac effect
- \*The more purple the turnip — the better the taste
- \*Water house – plants sparingly and don't feed

*"A man of words and not deeds is like  
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Weekly Services held at the Parish Church of St. Peter's, Selsey  
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Tel: 01243 601984 Email: rector.selsey@gmail.com

Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Sung Eucharist

Sunday

10am 'St. Peter's Young Church' meet in the Church Hall on the first three Sundays of each month excluding August. All welcome.

Sunday

Messy Church at 12 noon in hall on last Sunday of the month

Tuesday

9.30am Said Eucharist

Wednesday

9.30am Said Eucharist

Thursday

7pm Said Eucharist

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

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

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday

3<sup>rd</sup> November 10.30 am Dr Mike Nicholls

Sunday

10<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson

Holy Communion Remembrance Sunday

Sunday

17<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am Mrs Margaret Thompson

Sunday

24<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson

Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 01243 601032

The Catholic Parish of

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Wilfrid

Church Road, Selsey, PO20 0LS

Tel: 01243 602312

Mass Times

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Sunday: 10.00 am

Monday & Friday 10.00 am\*

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm

Parish Priest: Fr John Healy

\*Subject to change please see website: [www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk](http://www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk)

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Contact: Sylvia Gill on 01243 605897



EBC

East Beach Church

Weekly Sunday Service at 10am

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

10am - All-age Service

5pm - Songs of Praise

Remembrance Sunday - 11<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am - Morning Service

Note earlier start this Sunday in order that we can join the with others at the Cenotaph for 11am

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Novem

2.30pm - Tea & Chat

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

3pm - 4.30pm - ResBite Tea

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

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

12.30pm - Lunch Club

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

9.30am - Ladies Inspire Group Breakfast

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

10am - All-age Service

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm - Mens Games Night

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

2.30pm - Return to Sunday School

Launch of a new Service in partnership with Selsey Dementia Action Alliance group

For more information call or email the church

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

3.00pm - Carols at 'The Seal'

(Hillfield Road, Selsey)

Full details of our Christmas programme in December edition of Selsey Life

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

For information on our regular weekly activities

ww.ebecselsey.org.uk or call 607741

Marisfield Place - opposite East Beach Shops

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

SELSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Burlesque Evening For Target Ovarian Cancer

WHICH WAS HELD ON FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR DONATIONS WHICH HELPED TO RAISE £6,700 pounds.

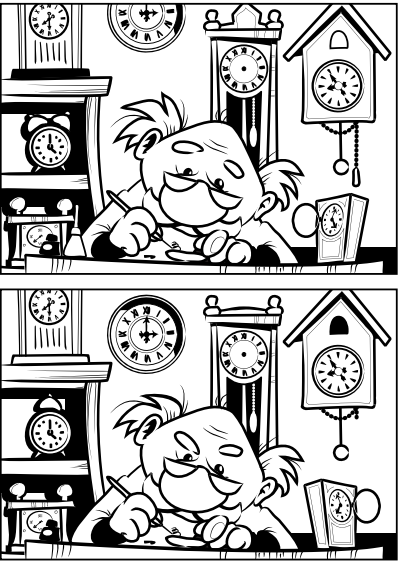
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COUNTRY GARDENS  
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PREMIER EAST BEACH  
CRAB POT  
THE FLOWER SHOP  
MICHELLE'S HAIR AND BEAUTY  
EHS MAN CAVE  
MEMBERS OF SELSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WHO DONATED PRIZES.

6) Who commanded the Royalist cavalry in the English Civil War?



- 1) Commonwealth Star 2) Somalia's 3) South 4) Nauru
- 5) Southern ocean 6) Climbing plant 7) Butt
- 8) Elton John 9) Raven 10) Fishing flies
- 11) Morris Garages 12) 7/10th 13) Lady Bird Johnson
- 14) Frans Schubert 15) Bolivia (Condor)
- 16) Alexander Pope 17) First floodlit International in England 18) Kentucky

Steve's Puzzle Page



Find 10 differences

BIRTHDAY WORD SEARCH

Find all the hidden words!  
Words can bend at 90 degrees in any direction.  
Each letter is used only once.

AGE  
BALLOONS  
BIRTHDAY  
CAKE  
CANDLES

CARD  
CELEBRATION  
DECORATIONS  
FESTIVE  
FRIENDS

FUN  
GIFTS  
GUESTS  
HAPPY  
LAUGH

MUSIC  
PARTY  
PRESENTS  
WISHES  
YAY

C P S C I S E G A Y S

A R T N Y U L O O P D

K E S E T M L S N P N

E N P A R B A D H A E

F U D E C C A R F R I

D N A C O R A T N S C

L E S G I F T I O L E

R I B E V I S F B E Y

T H D A Y T S E R Y A

A L W I N O I T A S T

U G H S H E S G U E S

Try it

Watch part

Toy on a string

Tiny amount

Giant being

Waikiki locale

Like Yorick

Plus or minus

Jamb

Long, long time

Coffee nick-name

Finger tip

Jazz jobs

Game of tiles

People of Paraguay

Horse houses

Two-masted ship

Odd's opposite

"Shoo!"

Mani-toba city

Choir voice

Symbol of patience

A native of Geneva

Arctic jacket

Naturalist Charles

Trait carrier

Pale violet

Place to play

One of the Astaires

Actress Ullman

Sixty minutes

Like some milk

Ballet move

Urban vehicle

Kid's cousin

★★★★★  
Clues-in-squares crossword puzzle, or arrow word puzzle, else arrowword.  
To solve the puzzle simply write your answers in the direction of the arrows.

Complete the grids.

3 letter words

OAK  
RAT  
TOE  
TOY

5 letter words

ASTER  
BAKER  
CORAL  
CREAM  
KAYAK  
METAL  
MOOSE  
RETRY

MIRRORED ROWS

Try to find the mirrored copy for each row of autumn leaves.

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8



Last month's answers

I R T H C T I W E S

C B A T F U L L M U

K F J P U M N O O O

O A E N O P T E D H

R L L A C K N U A H

T L L E T I R E D T

R E Y B O N S P I S

C A O W B E R G H O

H T R C E R A C S C

I L D R E N Y D N A

C A N E R I P M A N

U M D Y C O R N V O

T E M U M C K O S T

S P N B M A T L K E

O A I L Y J A A E L

C R A A C K C N N H

S T H B N R E T M O

P Y M R M A U T U R

O Y A O L I F W O R

O K S O M S T I C K



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3 2

1 7 6 5 4

4 3 2 1 7 6 5

6 5 4 3 2 1 7

2 1 7 6 5 4 3

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7 6 5 4 3 2 1

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5 3 1 2 4

1 2 4 5 3

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1 2 5 3 4

4 5 1 2 3

3 1 2 4 5

2 3 4 5 1

5 4 3 1 2

5 1 2 3 4

3 4 5 2 1

1 2 4 5 3

4 5 3 1 2

3 5 2 1 4

4 3 1 2 5

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





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