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### Editorial

Welcome to the April issue of the Selsey Life magazine.

We made another issue with thanks to you, our readers, and our loyal advertisers.

The theft of a collection box from the Co-Op did not help, but this is being investigated.

You will notice that this month we say goodbye to Domestic Appliance. They have been an advertiser since the beginning of the Selsey Life, and we thank them for their continuous support, and wish them well in the future.

As one door closes ... We welcome this month a new advertiser, Spencer's Brewery, situated next to the Old Piggery farm shop. Give them a visit, and kindly mention the Selsey Life when you do.

We hope you still find the magazine interesting and enjoyable. We welcome any submissions and comments.

Potential advertisers, we feel we have proved that people want to, and do, read this magazine, and that they will see your advert, so why not give us a try?

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

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

This month we thank three separate donations made to the Selsey Life: one from the Selsey Writer's Circle, one from the Selsey Gardening Club and one from the Selsey Folk and Music Club. May we express our thanks to you all for supporting the Selsey Life.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and we trust you enjoy the rest of the magazine. Here's to a May issue, we hope.

### Time to say Goodbye

Farewell to a long standing shop in the  
High Street, the Selsey Fruiterers, after about 50  
years.  
Good luck in your new ventures.

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

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### Last month's competition

The seagull was on the Rose Electrics advert.  
From a large entry pot, the two lucky winners were:

Sylvia Farr-Voller  
&  
Susann Blyth

We trust they enjoy their prize, kindly donated by West Sands  
funfair.

If you did not win, why not still give them a visit? It's good fun.

To be in with a chance to win £5.00, simply fill in the coupon,  
cut it out and put it in the competition entry box which, this  
month, is in  
Raycrafts at 119 High Street, Selsey.

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Since 2015 Selsey Community Forum, with many supportive partners, has been seeking to construct a commuter cycle route from Selsey to Chichester.

The progress is as follows:

> The section from Medmerry to RSPB is built with safe access to Sidlesham lanes.

> The path to Ham is being resurfaced.

> RSPB is exploring the feasibility of a bike hire scheme.

> West Sussex County Council has agreed to fund, design and construct the section from Golf Links Lane to Medmerry, with landowner support. The aim is to construct in the summer so by the end of the year it should be possible to ride from Selsey High Street to RSPB.

> Chichester District Council has provided substantial funding to complete the environmental impact assessments along the route within a year.

> Landowner agreements are being developed in Sidlesham and Hunston up to the A27.

So a complete route is becoming possible. In Sidlesham the original route west of the B2145 is now preferred and we are attempting to turn East along Keynor Lane and find an access into the playing field, since this will provide community focus and local access to the route. From there permissions exist onto Paddock Straight. In Hunston the Free School is being very cooperative towards a mutually beneficial project.

Much work remains to be done but through the valued cooperation and support of many partners good days lie ahead.

At the same time RSPB and Sustrans are considering an extension of routes from Medmerry to Earnley. Further aspiration will open up the possibility of a link to Salterns Way and a circular cycling and walking route around the Peninsula and links through North Mundham and Chichester.

Appropriate provision for horses is part of our aspiration.

Mike Nicholls  
Selsey Community Forum.

## Crafty Natter Club

Selsey Methodist Church

1st and 3rd Wednesday ~ 2-4pm (in the large hall)

For more information contact Lisa Allinson on 601032

Friday 19 April  
Good Friday

Sunday, 21 April  
Easter Sunday

Monday 22 Apr  
Easter Monday

## SWIMATHON 2019

St Wilfrid's Church, Selsey, held their annual 'Swimathon' on 10th February 2019.

The hardworking social and fund raising committee decided to reach out into the community in Selsey and put together a team of swimmers to obtain sponsors and swim for a new boiler at St Wilfrid's or for Selsey Community First Responders or 50/50. Each sponsor had three choices.

The response was very positive and thirteen swimmers of all age groups turned out, swimming a grand total of 776 x25 metre lengths (12 miles) in just two and a half hours. The team comprised St Wilfrid's parishioners, friends and families, and supporters of Selsey Community First Responders.

Worthy hosts for the event were as usual the owners and staff of 'The Oasis' at Bunn Leisure, West Sands, Selsey who, once more, welcomed the team and generously allowed them to swim completely free of charge, giving over three swimming lanes for the duration.

A group of scorers and supporters also turned up and each swimmer received a certificate stating the number of lengths completed.

The result of the event can be summed up in two ways.

Firstly, there was a tremendous community spirit between everyone involved and secondly a grand total of £2,000.00 was raised with £1230.00 going to Selsey First Responders and £670 to St Wilfrid's Church Building Maintenance Fund.

St Wilfrids and Selsey Community First Responders wish to thank everyone involved in any way with this successful event.

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Our team extends a warm welcome to you and your family and friends



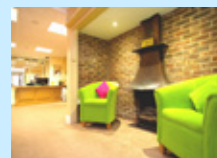
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## Update from the Chichester Prevention Team



You can contact your local team in the following ways:

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

## Simple tips to secure your home and garden

With the clocks having gone forward on 31st March and lighter evenings approaching, here are some simple tips to secure your home and garden.

Secure all windows, paying particular attention to those on the ground floor or above any flat roof areas. Use locks and bolts and keep all keys, including car keys, out of sight and out of reach.

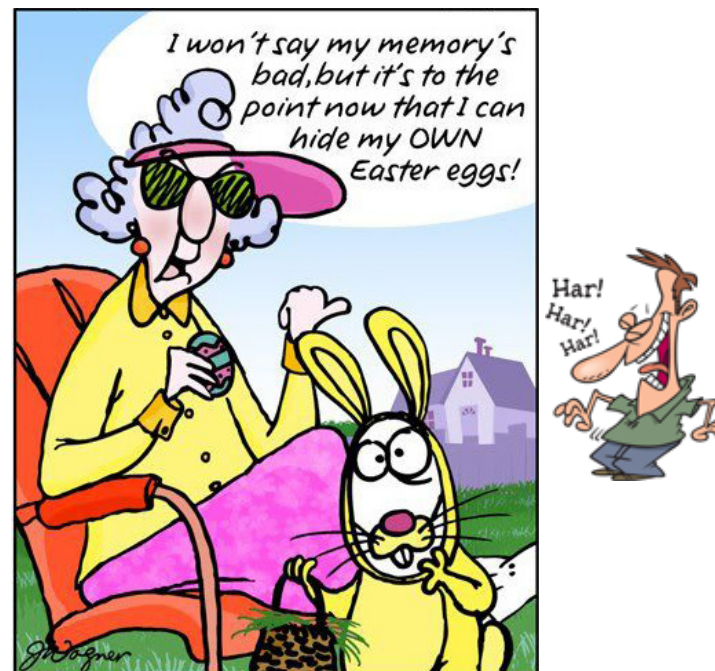
Use an automatic time switch on an internal light, either in a room that can't be looked into from the road or an upstairs room.

Regularly change the time settings.

You could also put a time switch on a radio; this will give the impression that the property is occupied. Again, regularly change the time settings.

Intruder alarms are an effective deterrent against burglars. Before choosing a system, ensure it is the one most suitable for your

- 1) In which mountain range is Ben Nevis?
- 2) Rome is built on how many hills?
- 3) What was the original name of Boston, Massachusetts?
- 4) What is Canada's highest mountain?



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needs. If you have or choose to install an intruder alarm, you may be able to extend it to cover sheds and outbuildings. You could also install external automatic sensor security lighting.

Please ensure that gates or access to the rear of the premises are locked and secure. Don't forget to lock your shed and secure any equipment left inside by linking together with a chain and padlock.

Trim overgrown plants; try not to give anyone a place to hide.

Photograph value items for identification in the event of theft. We advise that you also keep records of makes, models and serial numbers.

Property mark your valuables with your postcode and house number. Keep a look out for our free tool marketing events that our advertised regularly on our Chichester Police and Arun Police Facebook accounts and bring your tools along.

You can also contact [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) to create a free, secure online inventory of your valuables.

**In an emergency, or if you see a crime in progress, always call 999**

## Front office opening hours

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Kingsham Road, Chichester, PO19 8AD

5) Which is the most populous state in the USA?

6) How many wives did actor Rex Harrison have?

7) Sartorially speaking, what is a durzi?

8) Who played the Western hero Shanr on television?

9) Which religion came first: Buddhism or Islam?

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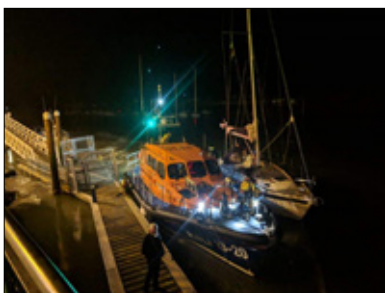


**Date: 26 February 2019**

**Selsey all-weather lifeboat launched to assist Yacht.**

**The Selsey RNLI all-weather Shannon class lifeboat launched at 5.26pm on Tuesday 26 February after the 35ft Yacht *Haven Star* reported they had engine failure and were unable to sail.**

The *Haven Star* had three persons aboard and gave their position as 3 miles east of Selsey Bill. The lifeboat arrived on scene with the yacht at 5.36pm and after confirming all on board were well a line was passed to the vessel. A tow was established between the lifeboat and the yacht and course was set for Littlehampton Harbour. The weather on scene was wind east south east force 3 sea state smooth in sunshine.



The entrance to the Harbour was reached at 6.50pm and at 7.10pm the *Haven Star* was safely berthed alongside. The lifeboat departed Littlehampton and made the journey back to Selsey arriving at 8.10pm and rehoused straight away. The crew today were Coxswain Martin Rudwick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coxswain Rob Archibald, Mechanic Colin Pullenger, Andy Lee, Dan Langford and Steve Somner.

**Date: 7 March 2019**

**Selsey all-weather lifeboat joins search for person in the water**

**At 2.15am on Thursday 7 March the UK Coastguard requested the launch of the Selsey RNLI all-weather lifeboat (ALB). This was to conduct a search at Bognor Regis for a female believed to have entered the water close to the pier.**

The Selsey ALB launched at 2.35am and proceeded at best speed to the search area joining the Littlehampton RNLI Atlantic 85. The Coastguard helicopter Rescue 175 was also requested along with Littlehampton and Selsey Coastguard rescue teams. The weather on scene was wind westerly force 6-7 sea state moderate with good visibility.

At 3.03am the Selsey lifeboat started searching an area given by the CG joined shortly afterwards by the Helicopter while Littlehampton lifeboat conducted a shoreline search. At 4.55am Littlehampton lifeboat located the casualty in the water and quickly recovered her into the lifeboat. The helicopter was immediately tasked to winch the casualty from the lifeboat and transport to Hospital.

At 5.10am both Selsey and Littlehampton lifeboats were stood down. Selsey lifeboat rendezvoused with Littlehampton lifeboat outside Littlehampton harbour and supplied them with hot drinks as they were unable to enter the harbour for about an hour due to low tide. At 6.00am Selsey lifeboat departed Littlehampton and returned to Selsey rehousing at 6.55am. The crew today were Coxswain Colin Pullenger, Mechanic Geoff Mellett, Max Wiseman, Kristina Dolan, Harry Emmence and Jake Harnett.



Sadly the casualty never regained consciousness. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.



## Lifeboats

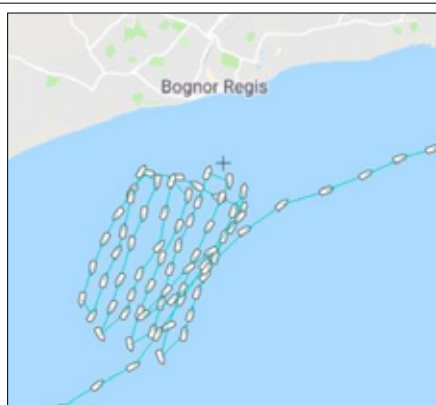
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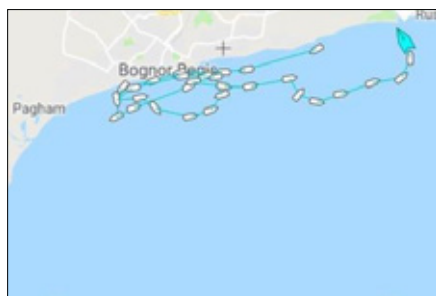
**If you are interested and able, please phone Sally Hubbard on 601141.**



When walking around look out for these lovely rocks.



Selsey Lifeboat track during search



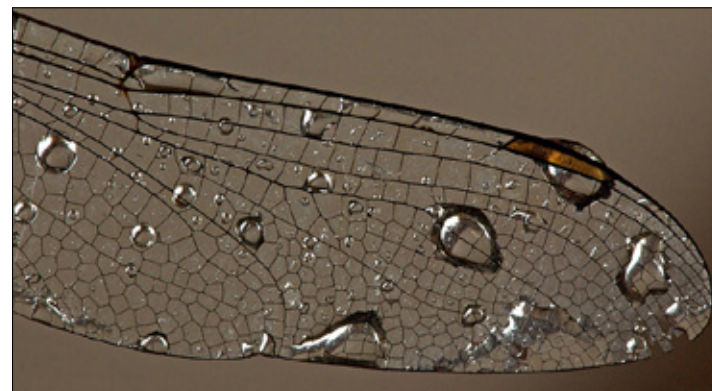
Littlehampton Lifeboat track during search

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In the last month the club has held a number of events – an inter-club print league competition for the Southern Counties Photographic Federation, a club competition for images taken on the Manhood Peninsula (judged by an independent judge) and our regular 3 way inter-club competition against the Middleton and Witterings Camera Clubs (also judged by an independent judge).

Here are some of the winning images from these events.

**1) A competition for the SCPF Print League judged by Paul O'Toole**



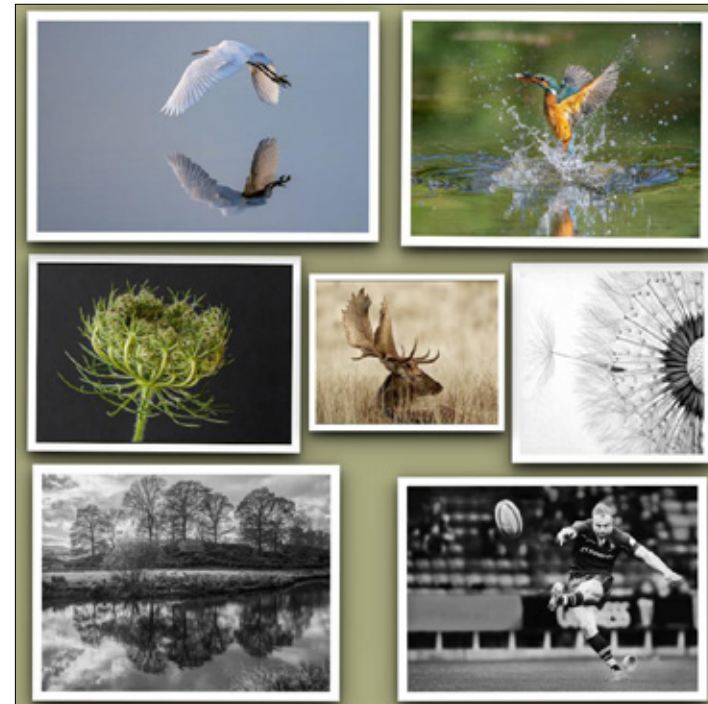
**A top scoring Selsey entry – DRAGONFLY WING by Dave Johnson**

**2) A digital image competition for the Turner Peninsula Trophy judged by Ken Woods LRPS**



**The winning image – LIFEBOAT WEEK FIREWORKS 2018 by Dick Read**

**3) An inter-club digital competition for the MSW Shield judged by David Eastley LRPS**

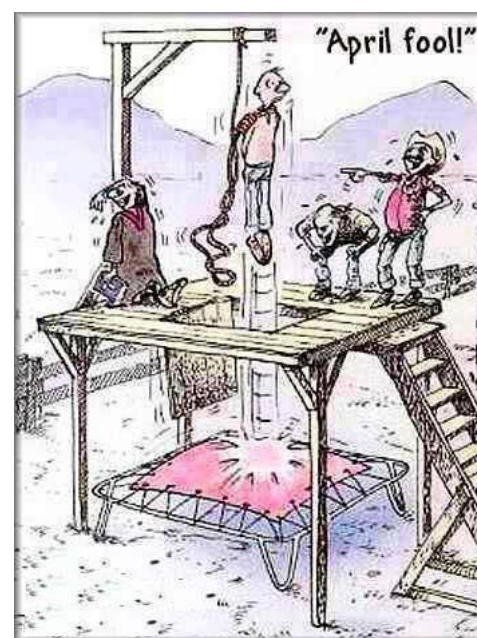


**Images from all clubs which scored maximum marks**

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

Visitors are very welcome to join us for club meetings (for a £2 admittance charge) which are held in St. Wilfrid's church hall, Church Road at 7.30pm on the following Monday evenings – April 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

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




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## SELSEY WI

Ladies come and join us at our next meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 2.15pm, Selsey Town Hall.  
We will be having a talk by St Wilfrid's Hospice



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

For more information about joining us, please contact Stella Crist 01243 603221 or Heather Coleman 01243 604603.

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

THE APRIL MEETING FOR L.I.N.C WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL IN ST. PETERS CHURCH HALL AT 7.15 P.M WHEN SUE AND CLIVE FENNELLS WILL BE RETURNING WITH A NEW TALK ENTITLED "THE NOT SO IDLE WOMEN OF THE CANAL "

COST FOR THE EVENING IS £3 INCLUDES ENTRANCE, REFRESHMENTS OF A WELCOMING CUPPA AND BISCUITS ON ARRIVAL PLUS A FREE RAFFLE TICKET. THE VENTURE BUS IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR SEAT WITH THEM ON 605115. FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING L.I.N.C CAN ALWAYS BE OBTAINED FROM EITHER BERYL FLETCHER ON 603750 OR MARY GRANTHAM ON 604718.

WE AIM TO CONCLUDE THE EVENING BY 9.00 p.m.

**WHY NOT COME ALONG AND SPENT A PLEASANT EVENING WITH US.**



## Selsey Gardening Club

**Our next meeting will be on Friday 12th April**

Dr Jill Sutcliffe will be talking about Sussex and its wildlife



Conference Room, Selsey Centre, Manor Road,

7.30pm start  
Visitors welcome at £1.50 per visit

Raffle, Tea & Coffee available

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

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## SEAL ISLAND WI



In March we had great fun making 'daffodil trees' with expert instruction from our own Chris Mander.



Our next meeting will be on 4th April at 7.30 pm in The Selsey Centre, when we will be hearing about the invaluable work of St Wilfred's Hospice.

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.

For more information ring June on 607637.



## Our meeting on Friday 26th April will be our AGM.

We would remind you all that only members may attend and partake in the business part of this meeting .

After the business is completed we shall be welcoming Tony Stafford, a retired Beefeater who will be telling us about the goings on in the Tower of London in days gone by. His stories are historically correct but very jovial.

He calls his talk "Bishops, Sex & Money"  
Make of that what you will but make sure you come to hear his stories and enjoy a very enjoyable afternoon  
For any further information please contact Sue our membership secretary on 07710658331  
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**Manhood Trefoil Guild are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 6th April at the Selsey Town Hall, from 10.00am**

**All proceeds are going our chosen charity for 2019, which is Sage House, Tangmere. This is a new Dementia Support Hub which supports people and their families, with dementia and memory loss within West Sussex.**



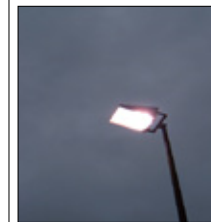
## CRABLANDS BOWLS & TENNIS CLUB

Affiliated to B.E., L.T.A. & E.S.M.B.A.  
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Out in the countryside there are signs that Spring has indeed sprung and here at CRABLANDS we are all set for the start of our Green Bowls season and a reminder to readers, non-members and members alike, the date for your diaries **13<sup>th</sup> APRIL NEW BOWLERS DAY** our coaches will be available to help and free lessons can be arranged for any new members – all you have to remember is to wear or bring flat soled shoes or trainers. Time 10.00 am. For members their diaries should show **7<sup>th</sup> APRIL** as the opening day of your 2019 season.



Dates for Short Mat Bowlers to focus on are **14<sup>th</sup> APRIL** – Finals Day and **27<sup>th</sup> APRIL** – the Presentation Evening. This section of the club is the one that never has to worry about the wind and rain so fingers crossed for the green bowlers on the above dates and throughout the coming season.



Tennis players will appreciate the longer evenings safe in the knowledge that with our new solar lighting they can play on longer into the evenings and it will not be long before the usual special evening sessions will be starting up – watch this space. A reminder too that the coaches are here Saturday mornings for the young, not so young and teenage players to enjoy the tennis experience. Wimbledon is just around the corner !!



The clubhouse has had it's annual "spruce up" and the grounds will be looking good for the opening of the bowls and tennis seasons; thanks must go to all those members who give their time and effort selflessly to keep everything up and running smoothly.

For further details look at the website [www.crablands.com](http://www.crablands.com) or contact Chris re. Bowls on 601859 re. Tennis Jo 606890  
Re: Short Mat Bowls ring Jim on 606172

## Needed urgently

*The Selsey Shuttle*

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Have just heard some very upsetting news, local musician, singer, songwriter Sally Paice (née Burgess) passed away yesterday at St Wilfrid's Hospice. Sally was well known and well loved in Selsey, she played a huge part in bringing music to us all. Always found with a guitar or a Ukulele in her hands, Sally loved passing on her talent through her music classes and her Music for the Under 5's group, as well as playing for our elderly in the care homes. Our love goes out to her family at this terrible time, rest in peace little songbird, you are free to fly.

Written by the Selsey Grapevine on Facebook



## LITTLE SPAIN BOWLING CLUB

Golf Links Lane PO20 9DR  
email: [lsbowlsclub@gmail.com](mailto:lsbowlsclub@gmail.com)

website: [www.selseycountryclub.co.uk/little-spain-bowling-club](http://www.selseycountryclub.co.uk/little-spain-bowling-club)

It's here at last - the outdoor bowls season has commenced - Members: dust off your bowls

For those wishing to try the game of bowls for the first time or to renew an old interest come and pay us a visit :

OPEN HOUSE on Saturday 6th April 10am to 3pm.

Should the weather be inclement on Saturday we will be waiting for you on Sunday 7th April 2 - 4pm

Further information can be obtained from our website or email, both details as shown above or telephone 01243 606453



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- 10) For whom was 'Can We Fix It?' a hit in 2000?
- 11) Which word goes with bin, stay and tail?
- 12) What word means 'Of last month'?
- 13) What is the state capital of Texas?
- 14) Which Shakespeare play was written first, Hamlet or Othello?
- 15) In mythology, who was the father of Romulus and Remus?



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## MEDMERRY MILL, SELSEY PART 2

Following on from last month's Selsey Life, here is the second half of the Mill Story.

*Courtesy of University of St. Andrews Special Collections*



The Chichester Observer of 7 July 1926 contained an article about Vanishing Sussex Windmills stating that *'There is a working mill at Selsey...'*. And on 8 September of the same year, the Mill and Farm were again up for auction, this time by Stride & Son.

The estate had only 173¼ acres but Mill House had been updated. It still had its sitting rooms and bedrooms (two of which now had fireplaces), bathroom with bath and lavatory basin, both having hot and cold supplies, WC, Kitchen with range and cupboards, scullery with copper and sink (h & c tapes) and a large pantry fitted with shelves. The John Valentine image to the left has a date of 1928 shows that the mill is partly derelict and all four sails are damaged.



This photograph, with geese and a horse, showing that at least Mill Farm was still in operation, is dated ca. 1930 and is by Photocrom.

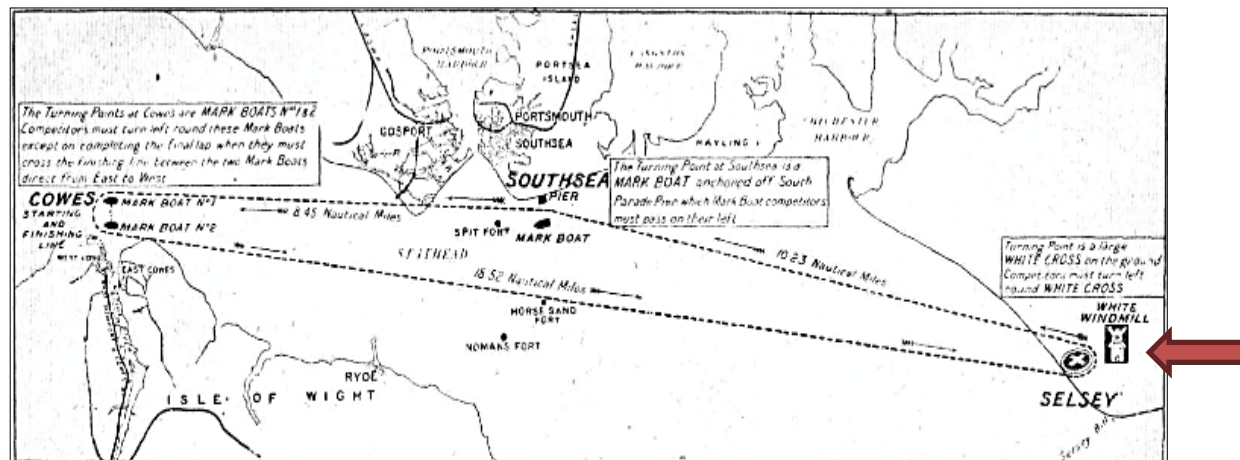
But the Mill still had its uses.



From early days, the Mill had been shown on Admiralty Charts to aid navigation at sea and, as you can see from this modern chart, it still is, indicated here by the blue arrow.

In the 1925 Schneider Trophy Air Race it was used to indicate the turning point of the triangular course, indicated by the red arrow.

All the British winning aircraft were designed by R J Mitchell. He then went on to design the Spitfire.



In 1936, life got very exciting for the Mill – if only these buildings could talk! While greater authorities than I assert that the mill was derelict and the fan and sails had gone, Mill Farm and, by extension, Medmerry Mill, was still the centre of attention with months and many column inches of newspapers across the country reporting the 'French Woman Flier Crashes in England'. Not only was she French but she was beautiful. Her name was Madame Irene Schmeder Chapellut and she was 32 years old. The plane crashed in a nearby field just as dusk was falling, on a Sunday night, buckling its undercarriage and smashing the propeller before embedding itself in the 'sodden clay of a field near the beach'. She was taken to Mill Farm suffering with shock and cuts and was left in the tender care of Miss Ellen Hannah Linkhorn & Mr Douglas John Wakely. The police quickly established that the French authorities had issued a summons for her arrest and extradition as she was suspected of shooting Pierre L'Allemand (a lover who had rejected her) and they liaised with New Scotland Yard and the Air Ministry. She appeared at Bow Street Police Court and was remanded for a week in

Holloway Prison. She returned to France on 25 January 1937.

In 1938 a follow-up report told us 'Acquitted Airwoman to see 'hosts' wed'. She had remained in touch with the couple and, indeed, they had been witnesses at her trial in Paris. And she did attend their wedding.

With WWII well underway, Medmerry Mill was the silent witness to a tragedy when Flight Lieutenant Lindsay Stuart Black DFC crashed his plane on the beach on 5 March 1945. He was stationed at Tangmere and was a member of the Royal New Zealand Airforce. A group of three, of which he was the leader, were undertaking strafing and dive bombing practice over Selsey Ranges. The practice was aborted due to an unserviceable radio, the board of enquiry concluding that he had pulled out too low and too fast and had probably lost consciousness. He was 30 years old.



His DFC citation, awarded in late 1944, reads: *'This officer has participated in a large number of sorties, including attacks on barges, locomotives and road transport. He has displayed commendable skill and courage and throughout has set a fine example of devotion to duty'*. He is buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery in Surrey.

English Heritage granted Grade II Listed Status to Medmerry Mill on 5 June 1958 and, in 1959 John Bunn, of the White Horse Caravan site, bought it. During 1960 and 1961 it was completely restored and a large observation window inserted on the seaward side. The fan stage was removed.

Again, the press went wild. Was it going to be an office? A shop? A café?

Some internal pictures give us a clue to the answer.



This is a picture of the spouts with some of the contents of the shop. They look like beach balls to me but I am willing to stand corrected if anyone knows better.

Underneath we have, L-R, the wallower and sprattle beam; the crown wheel, layshaft and pulley and the cap interior. Such wonderful terminology!



In 1977/8, new sweeps were installed by, among others, Willam Arnell-Smith (known to all as Zonaker -if that is the correct spelling). I can recall his wife, Nellie, standing in my lounge worrying herself silly about him. In those days I could see right across to the Mill and even the hills of the Isle of Wight.

According to the Sussex Mills Group, in 1999 there was talk of a complete and full restoration. I'm going to end with Meryn Woodland's stunning picture of the Mill as it was just a few weeks ago. Thanks, Meryn, for sharing so willingly.

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I am very sorry to have to announce the death of Ivor Jones, Edward Heron-Allen's grandson and co-founder of the Heron-Allen Society. He died at Odstock Hospital of pneumonia on Thursday evening, 7th March. Edward Heron-Allen lived in Large Acres in Selsey (now demolished and replaced with a small estate of the same name).

There are no funeral dates and times yet.

Ivor was very generous in allowing me to quote from his grandfather's books and documents and I will always be grateful to him for that.

Ruth C Mariner

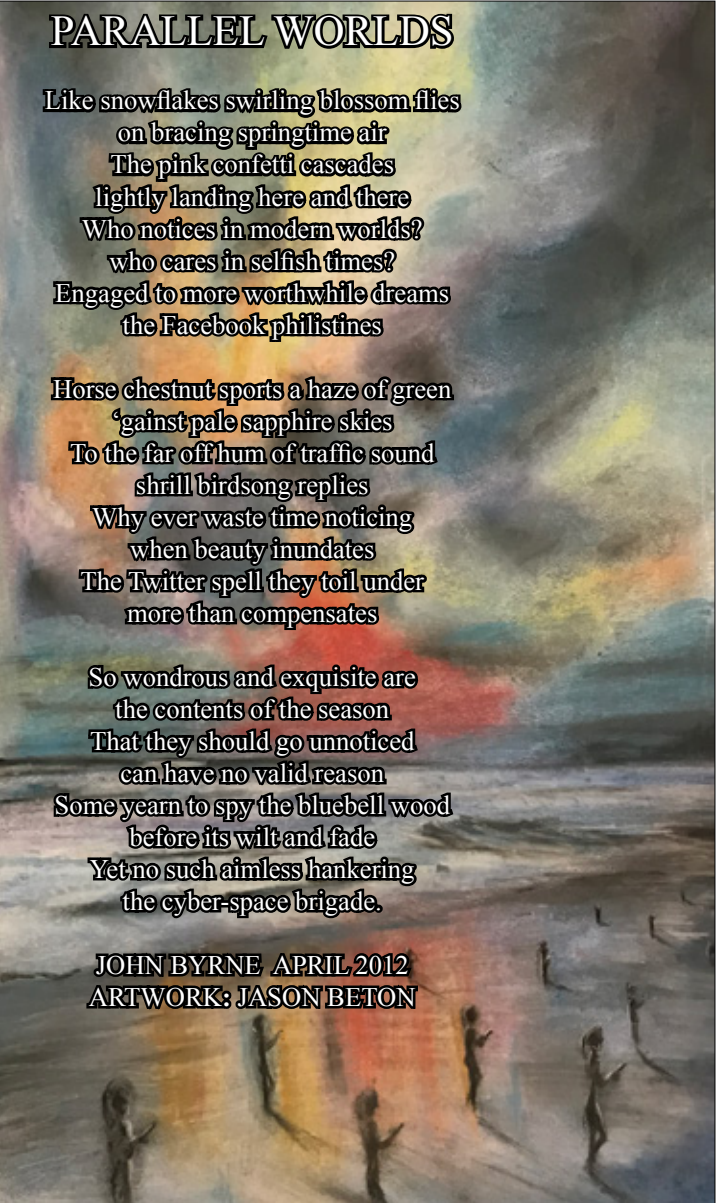
### PARALLEL WORLDS

Like snowflakes swirling blossom flies  
on bracing springtime air  
The pink confetti cascades  
lightly landing here and there  
Who notices in modern worlds?  
who cares in selfish times?  
Engaged to more worthwhile dreams  
the Facebook phillistines

Horse chestnut sports a haze of green  
'gainst pale sapphire skies  
To the far off hum of traffic sound  
shrill birdsong replies  
Why ever waste time noticing  
when beauty inundates  
The Twitter spell they toil under  
more than compensates

So wondrous and exquisite are  
the contents of the season  
That they should go unnoticed  
can have no valid reason  
Some yearn to spy the bluebell wood  
before its wilt and fade  
Yet no such aimless hankering  
the cyber-space brigade.

JOHN BYRNE APRIL 2012  
ARTWORK: JASON BETON



Selsey Venture Club's dire need for volunteer drivers for its fleet of minibuses. The licence requirement is to have a category B to drive our smallest bus or a category D1 which entitles persons to drive any of our larger three minibuses. All buses have manual transmission and are fully belted to latest standards. Driving time varies with local pick-ups taking about 45 minutes with the 14 seater buses and similar time taken to return members to their homes; in between times drivers are free to go home or join in events where appropriate. About once a month we have longer excursions out of the area and on these occasions we plan the trips to ensure that the driver is not at the wheel for more than two hours. On occasions we carry members in wheelchairs for which all four vehicles have been specially adapted; training will be given to show new drivers how this is done correctly. Some of those in wheelchairs travel with their carers who are there to help the driver getting the person concerned on and off of the vehicle. Medicals are necessary to ensure drivers meet the legal requirements to drive the larger vehicles at age 70; the Selsey Venture Club is able to arrange for these when the time comes.



In addition to drivers the Club requires volunteer staff to man its office in Elm Grove, taking calls from members wishing to go to the various events we cover or to take messages. We currently need help on Tuesdays from 2.30 pm until 4.00 pm and on Thursdays between 9.30 am and 11.30 am.

We may be contacted by email on [selseyventureclub@gmail.com](mailto:selseyventureclub@gmail.com) or by phone on 01243 605115 or by calling in to the Club in Elm Grove between 9.30 and 11.30 am or 2.30 and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday and the office is also open on Saturday mornings only.



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In Selsey Care Shop, we run a programme of bereavement and other counselling services as well as offering various kinds of support and information sessions about dementia.

If you know someone who would benefit from being drawn more closely into our community, please let us know about them – we work closely with our local Community Warden and all referrals are treated in strictest confidence.

If you are interested in volunteering with us, or you would simply like to know more, drop in for a chat at 121, High Street on Monday - Saturday from 9.30am until 4pm or ring us on 01243 201616.

Selsey Care Shop is overseen by Selsey Community Forum (Registered Charity 1146560)

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 [selseybakingclub@hotmail.com](mailto:selseybakingclub@hotmail.com)



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## DONNA'S DELIBERATIONS

Hello, my lovely fellow Selsonians and welcome to April. I'm sure we will have our fair share of April showers but, the gardens are waking up, which is always a sign that we have turned the corner and managed to navigate our way through the winter. No snow either! Even though across the pond they had a fair bit – what's that saying, 'when the US sneezes, the UK catches a cold?' Looks to me like some parts of our green and pleasant land did, but we were OK here in Selseyland. It's that unique little eco system we exist in. I used to find it really weird – it could be chucking it down in Sidlesham, even Church Norton, but here – not a drop. Long may that continue. I have no idea what the meteorological phenomenon is which causes this but I'm jolly glad it does!

So, a word of warning here, you might like to sit down because I'm going to have a bit of a rant. I know, I can be a bit scary, but I hope you will understand why. As I'm sure everyone knows, this little magazine (little in size not in stature, by the way!) is in jeopardy. Amanda and

Steve have been subsidising it for a very long time and that's why they sought donations towards its production. It's quite a job for them, to be fair, putting a magazine together isn't easy. They have to secure advertising to offset the print costs, liaise with annoying people like me who always get their copy in late (sorry!) Then they have to organise the printing and thereafter the distribution. It's not a quick job and they do all this voluntarily.

There was a bit of an exchange on social media about Selsey Life last month and a couple of people were pretty disparaging about it. I was mentioned, so I've taken that as permission to address it. It was said that the magazine was outdated and not worth 50p. Apparently people aren't interested in reading the history pages (actually, I think they're extremely interesting and make for an amazing archive for the future) and no one wants to hear that I couldn't get into my jeans after Christmas! Fair enough. Notice the interesting aspect to this, though..... how would this person know about the history pages and my nonsense unless they'd read it? I was also accused of being self-absorbed – most writers are, to a degree, particularly those who write columns and I used to be paid, pretty well, for being 'self-absorbed!' All writers give something of themselves but the relationship between writer and reader is an intimate one and one which all writers will consider extremely important. Apparently, this is something called 'trolling' – someone who starts conflict with the sole intent of provoking readers. Not constructive and certainly not needed on community pages.

The fact is, Selsey Life is a labour of love. No one who contributes to the magazine is paid anything – why should we be? It's a magazine which is produced by the community for the community so if anyone would like to contribute, it would be very welcome. If you have views you want to express, please feel free to send them in, whether in article or letter form.

I must take this opportunity to thank the people who contacted me after last month's article; my mention of the fact that my cared-for has a rather interesting sense of humour certainly resonated with a few of you! I enormously appreciate everyone who takes the time to contact me. I'm pleased to report that even though he has had multiple hospital admissions lately, my friend is still going strong. My next labour of love is to try to put hours of Dictaphone material, which he has diligently recorded into some sort of order, so it can become his memoirs. I have no idea how long this will take but I'm looking forward to it. Like me, he was a journalist but reached the dizzy heights of Managing Editor of one of the broadsheets. He won't mind me telling you that he once was responsible for approving Boris Johnson's expenses! Apparently,

I entered 10 puns into a contest in the hope that one would win, but, sadly, no pun in ten did..... What is orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot.

everyone thought Boris wanted to be Prime Minister even though he was only twenty something - not sure anything has changed there!

My friend has had an amazing life, he's been on tours with the Queen, reported during the Profumo affair – even had lunch with the people involved and.... wait for this.... attended Elizabeth Taylor's first wedding to Richard Burton! Incredible. He also missed the arrest of John Christie by less than a minute. He was crossing Putney Bridge in a taxi when he saw the policeman who arrested John Christie, walking with him across the bridge. He didn't realise until he arrived at his office and by then, it was the talk of the newsroom.



My two favourite stories concern the Queen, Prince Phillip and Sir Winston Churchill. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were on a tour abroad and there had been a cocktail party attended by the press. Going out to take the air, my

friend walked around the back of the building and became aware of raised voices, apparently the Queen and the Duke were having quite heated words which, I am reliably told, concerned the allegedly large consumption of champagne cocktails. Obviously, being the good journalist that he was, my friend stayed. As he turned to walk away, he saw one of the Queen's protection officers walking towards him. "I'm assuming you didn't hear anything?" he enquired. "No," my friend replied, "absolutely nothing." He got the message.

The best anecdote has to be when my friend was a journalist with the Press Association; he'd been despatched to cover a speech Churchill was giving - this was in the days before portable tape recorders let alone mobiles, so all self-respecting journalists mastered shorthand. There was a bit of a scrum to get near to the big man and my friend found himself with his shorthand notebook jammed against Churchill's back. He apologised. Churchill's response? "Don't worry, I have broad shoulders."



The height of my political journalism was to get half a dozen words out of Tony Blair at a conference...oh, and I once interviewed Neil Kinnock's wife and a member of the House of Lords, but I'm not sure either of those counts.

So, there we are then, I've made a concerted attempt not to mention my daily goings on as I don't want to upset anyone! Serious point though, Selsey Life is a community effort. If anyone thinks they can contribute or has any suggestions about what should be in it, put something together or speak with Amanda, she'd be happy to hear from you.

Easter is coming up very late this year, by the way, it's at the end of the school holidays rather than the middle just to confuse us all. Why can't we fix it like Christmas? Very annoying. Have a lovely one. Don't eat too much chocolate. I obviously can't, or I won't be able to get into my jeans!! Whoops, did I say that.....? Take care all – have a lovely Easter break.

Donna  
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## Selsey's Hidden Secret



The Selsey Club in Coxes Road Selsey was built in 1928 as a Private Members Club and to this date remains the same. New members are always welcome, call in or phone **606015**.

Julie & Danny Kelly are the new proprietors and run the Club with the help of their Daughter Maria, Son in law Mark who is the (bar manager) & some part time staff.

The Club has a private function room that can be hired by members for parties / weddings / funeral wakes and meetings etc. There is entertainment most weekends at the Club and at least once a month there are Cabaret evenings that include a three course dinner, followed by some fantastic entertainment so for more information see the Clubs face-book page (The Selsey Private Club Ltd) or Tel: **01243 606015**.

We open at 12pm every day and close at 11pm Monday to Thursday, 12pm Friday and Saturday, 6-7pm Sundays depending on events.

We are the HQ for the Selsey RNA and the Selsey Lions. We also host the Selsey Folk and Music Club on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every month.

One of our pride and joys is our championship snooker table for the use of our members, we have snooker teams on Fridays that play in our very own mini crucible. Darts every Monday and a Quiz night every other Thursday, something for everyone, we have other things coming in the near future.

Outside there is a lovely decked area and a grassed beer garden for alfresco dinning and is a great place to catch up with friends and family.

For the foodies among you Sunday roast will be on the menu as from Mother's day, please check for specials as we are doing lunches Monday to Friday and food related things on a regular basis.

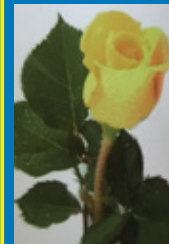
Our other passions are with our local community, we have been doing Meals on Wheels for a number of years with the help of volunteers to do the deliveries.

And of course as the founders of the Christmas Day community lunch that has now seen its fifth year we are kept busy raising funds and awareness.

Also we have just started to get involved with the Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance and we host afternoon tea and upcoming events for them.

Julie and Danny,  
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## The Write Zone *with Tara Wright*



Spring arrived on a wintery January day in the Wright household. It started with an itchy demand that the detritus steadily filling the corners of our garage had got to go, so I set to it. Our workbench, lost for so long beneath an accumulation of ephemera was reclaimed. Rusting tins containing no more than a rubbery skin of paint were binned, loose screws were corralled, lengths of wood that would have constructed nothing but more than an ugly set of shelves were sent to the log-store. A few hours well spent whetted my appetite for the next job and my beadies soon turned to the overgrown borders at the front of the house. As a rule, I don't like pulling up plants but, suddenly, gardening was on par with ejecting party guests who had long outstayed their welcome. 'Do it tomorrow' wasn't soon enough. The landscapers moved in; the crumbling wall and gate was knocked down and replaced. 'Bedroom make-over in a day!' I cried, storming to Homebase. My mutinous children were galvanised with bin-liners and cleaning utensils. Wardrobes and drawers were debrided. The volunteers in the village charity shops said they were grateful for my contribution, but something about their wariness told me I was pushing their goodwill to the limit. I clocked up mileage between Selsey and the Westhampnett recycling centre equivalent to the Paris to Dakar rally.

Spring fever didn't stop with the house. A few weeks ago I was fortunate enough to join friends on a ski-break. A few of us in the too-novice-to-be-safe category had planned to engage in alternative, healthy Alpine activities like walking, shopping, and comparing the relative merits of French beer, and yet, on the spur of the moment, and faced with the choice of sitting in a bar or sitting on a chair lift, my sense of adventure unleashed itself. How hard could it be to regain my ski-legs, I asked myself? I was determined to find out. So, with what amounted to only three days tuition seven years previously, and zero common sense, I hit the slopes of Morzine – literally, as it turns out. A gentle 'pootle' was the way my friends had described it. I had forgotten what travelling on skis at anything above two miles an hour felt like. In a nutshell: out of control. There was a comedic, if not disconcerting, moment when, bent double as if I had severe abdominal issues, I skied backwards past a queue of onlookers queuing for the chair-lift. My friends were patient with me, but eventually became unsettled. As I started to fall further and further back, animal instinct took over: leave the weakest behind. But I soldiered on and, eventually, so did they, at my breathless insistence that I was holding them up. I stood at the edge of the piste, watching them sail gaily away into the distance

and realised I faced a choice: stagger uphill to the cable-car in boots the weight of a small car and with my ambition in tatters, or start a long solo run down the mountain on my own. I don't mind admitting this: I was scared, but giving up is rarely an option for me, so mustering what remained of my cool, I set off.

A short while later I was having serious regrets. Frustrated that I couldn't remain perpendicular to the snow for more than a minute, tiredness and a sense of failure started to set in like a cold wind. I received periodic texts from my concerned buddies. 'Where are you?' they queried. 'I don't know,' I replied. I hailed a snowboarder. 'Where am I?' I asked him. 'Here,' he told me unhelpfully. Ask a silly question, I chided myself. Skiers and snowboarders buzzed past me. Children who appeared to have been raised pointing downhill were mere blurs. Navigating this intimidating piste-life was like dodging through an asteroid storm. Gaining a modicum of confidence, I'd round a level bend only to face a gradient that no honest blue-run should have. Eventually, I wondered if the piste had beaten me, so I sat down and considered my options, which were limited at best. Not willing to face a slow trudge to the bottom, I gave my ailing willpower a good talking to. And I don't mean a reassuring word. The camp-commandant in me came raging to the fore and amidst enough expletives to melt the snow, I hauled myself back on to my skis and plunged on. I reminded myself to breathe. I started to relax. There were even a couple of moments when I felt, with a sudden exhilaration, like I'd got the hang of it. I even started to enjoy myself. Eventually, like the proverbial oasis, the bottom of the piste careered into view and I snow-ploughed to the bottom. I practically sank to my knees and kissed the snow in gratitude that I'd not killed anyone or injured myself. Then, with the swagger of one who has accomplished something rather audacious, I shouldered my skis, rode the cable-car back up the mountain and met my friends for lunch where I got enough pats on the back to dislocate my vertebrae. Basking in my achievement and the after-glow of a near-death experience, I drank too much strong beer and felt regenerated. An unlikely association I know, but as it turns out, it wasn't just the house that needed a spring-clean and makeover.

*Tara*

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 17) Chester White and Poland China are breeds of which animal?  
 18) Whose last unfinished book was *The Last Tycoon*?  
 19) For which 1960's group was 'Go Now' a major hit?  
 20) Who played Alex in the TV comedy series 'Taxi'?  
 21) Auricular is a species of which flower?  
 22) Who invented the railway sleeping car?  
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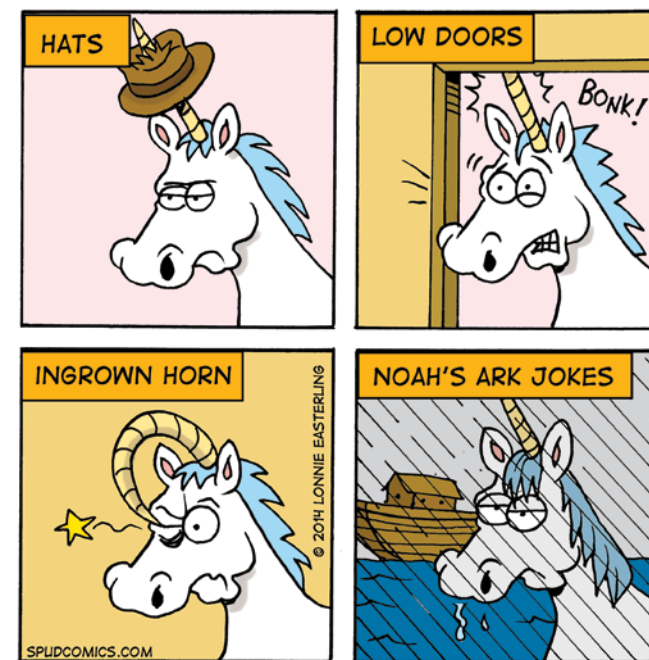
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The Selsey Centre Team

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# Schools



On Monday 25th February, the Rock Challenge team made up of over 100 students alongside a team of over 30 volunteers made their way to The Hawth Theatre, Crawley. Arriving at the school very early to begin hair and makeup preparation, the team spirit was very high and we were all very excited for the day ahead. After the long journey to Crawley, with 2 coaches, 2 mini Buses and a removal van full of the teams scenery and costumes we arrived at the venue and the excitement levels increased rapidly.



After setting up the hair and makeup equipment and putting all 150 costumes on rails and ironed them for the show we made our way to the main stage. After a long day of watching the other schools rehearse, 'production meetings' and teachers air guitar competitions! We took to the stage to do our rehearsal. The team performed with great expression and energy and the other teams were blown away with our original yet striking telling of the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami in Thailand. Many members of the competing teams, both staff and students complimented us on our performance!

We then had to get our performers hair and makeup ready in

just under two hours which was an incredible mission! The hair and makeup crew did a phenomenal job as per usual and our performers truly looked the part. The amazing costume ladies were altering costumes last minute to ensure they were in the perfect condition to go on. Alongside all this madness, we had a few troubles with our set. The glue holding our artwork to the 4m high frames started to melt in the heat. However our crew, like the troupers they are managed to sort the error and fixed the set, just in time for the performance.

After a big team talk and of course, our team chant, the team took to the stage and gave an 'Outstanding' performance. The buzz was incredible after the team took to the stage, there was nothing more the team could do but wait for the results. The results brought a great sense of excitement and relief to be awarded awards in the following areas: Best Choreography, Best Drama, Best Stage Use, Best Stage Crew, Best Set Design and Function, Best Costume, Best Visual Enhancement (hair and makeup), Best Soundtrack and Most Entertaining and being given 2nd Place overall. We have also recently found out we have qualified as the highest scoring runners up spot at the finals. The finals will be at Portsmouth Guildhall on the 26th April.



We are incredibly grateful for the support from the community and look forward to updating you on the finals in the near future.

The Academy, Selsey - The Bridge Rock Challenge team

training seems to have taken over my life, but not long now and I will be at the start line of the London Marathon on Sunday 28th April.

What's keeping me going is knowing I am running for a great cause; I am running to support a fairly small charity called Phab Kids; Phab inspires and supports children and adults with and without disabilities to make more of a life together through exciting and challenging holiday projects. Phab have a network of around 150 clubs offering activities across England and Wales promoting independence and self-esteem and enhancing the lives of people of all ages and abilities.

I am raising funds to support this charity so that they can continue to offer the wonderful opportunities they provide, giving young people new skills and challenges whilst making a positive impact. Please help me to do this by sponsoring me through my Just Giving page... you can also follow my progress at The Selsey Florist, where there is a collection box.

Thank you to everyone that has supported me and sponsored me so far, I really do appreciate it.

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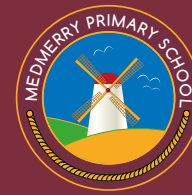
Thank you Ashley



In November I received confirmation that I had successfully managed to get a charity place in this year's London Marathon. Before I knew it January had arrived and I had to start my training, for a challenge that I have never undertaken before!

I started my training at the beginning of January and have stuck to my weekly training plan which has meant getting up and running 4 times a week at 5am before going to work, to get the miles in. I knew the training was part of the challenge and I knew it wasn't going to be easy; however, I may have underestimated it slightly! The first few weeks weren't too bad then we had the cold blip, with snow, frozen roads and foot-paths, getting up and running in the dark and cold was horrid and on one of my runs I hit some black ice and slid on my side. The mornings are now lighter which makes it slightly easier to get out and run, however the lengths of the runs are getting longer, and I have just completed 18 miles as my furthest distance ever to date (next weekend 22 miles!) I have found myself now swearing out loud on my runs and having mini arguments with myself in my head which seems to help push me through the pain and exhaustion.

I am continually tired and exhausted all the time, and marathon



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## Medmerry Primary School Awards

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On Friday 8th March Sidlesham Primary School competed in a Netball 'High 5' Tournament at Bishop Luffa School with other primary schools.



Our Netball Team won 2 of their 4 matches and showed amazing sportsmanship.



On Tuesday 19th March Sidlesham Primary School competed in a Dodgeball Tournament at Westgate Leisure Centre against 12 other schools.

Our Dodgeball Team played and won all 18 matches, earning a place in the final against Southbourne Primary School which they went on to win.







## Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team

In an emergency out at sea or along the coast  
Dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard



### Recent Callouts

**3/2/19 15:24**

**Team paged to reports of possible ordnance on Pagham Beach.**

The team met up with the first informant who showed us what he had found and photos were sent to our Operations Room.



A cordon was put in place and the beach was closed.

E.O.D. (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team) were called and checked out the item on the beach, thankfully this time what was found wasn't ordnance and the team were stood down to return to station and E.O.D. took the item back with them for safe disposal.

**7/2/19 19:28**

**Team paged to reports of possible ordnance on Medmerry Beach.**

The team were tasked to locate and assess the reported ordnance last night.

We managed to locate it and were able to confirm with our Operations Room that it was ordnance and measurements and photos were sent to E.O.D. (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team). Speaking with E.O.D. and our Operations Room a decision was made to return first thing in the morning. The team were stood down and returned to station at 22.00.

**8/02/19 06.00**

**The team were re tasked to the ordnance this morning and were able confirm that the ordnance was still there.**

A phone call to the Navy E.O.D. Team was made and the beach was closed.

Once E.O.D. were on scene they assessed the situation and carried out a controlled explosion at approximately 8.30am this morning.

The piece of ordnance found was highly explosive and we would like to remind everyone that ordnance comes in all shapes and sizes and this piece and previous ordnance found on this beach have been found to be highly explosive so please do not touch it and dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard straight away.

**8/2/19 09:11**

**Team paged to reports of a Seal on the beach in possible distress.**

On arrival we met up with the first informant and the seal had returned to the sea.

A quick shoreline search was carried out with nothing found before being stood down to return to station.



The first informant did the right thing and the call was made with good intent.

Information from the British Divers Marine Life Rescue:  
If you find a live seal

Watch it from a distance. Do not approach the animal. Seals regularly haul out on our coasts - it is part of their normal behaviour and in fact they spend more time out of the water, digesting their food and resting. Therefore, finding a seal on the beach does not mean there is necessarily a problem and they should not be chased back into the sea as this may stop them from doing what they need to do - rest. A healthy seal should be left well alone.

After stormy weather and high tides, seals will haul out onto beaches to rest and regain their strength. Many do not need first aid, but we will always try to find someone to check them out just in case.

However, if there is a problem, there are a number of things you may see:

Abandoned: If you see a seal with a white, long-haired coat in the autumn/winter, or you see a small seal (less than 3 feet in length) alone between June and August, then it is probably still suckling from its mother. Check the sea regularly for any sign of an adult seal. Thin: Signs of malnutrition include visible ribs, hips and neck and perhaps a rather baggy, wrinkled skin. Sick: Signs of ill health include : coughing, sneezing or noisy, rapid breathing and possibly thick mucus coming from the nose, wounds or swellings, particularly on the flippers, and possibly favouring one flipper when moving (although remember that healthy seals will often lie and 'hunch along' on their sides), cloudy eyes, or thick mucus around them, or possibly one eye kept closed most of the time, a seal showing little response to any disturbance going on around it (although remember they could be soundly asleep).

If you see a seal that may be abandoned, thin or ill, then call for advice and assistance.

**18/2/19 14:25**

**Team paged to reports of ordnance at Medmerry Beach.**

A search of the beach was carried out and four pieces of ordnance were located and photos were taken and sent to our Operations Room and passed to E.O.D. ( Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team).

The beach was closed, once E.O.D. were on scene they assessed the ordnance and took it away with them for safe disposal.

Team stood down and returned to station at 18.26.

**19/2/19 14:00**

**Team paged to reports of ordnance on Medmerry Beach, this time the Selsey side.**

A search of the beach was carried out and three pieces of ordnance were located and photos were taken and sent to our Operations Room and passed to E.O.D. ( Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team).

The beach was closed and a cordon was put in place on both sides of the beach, once E.O.D. were on scene they assessed the ordnance and carried out a controlled explosion.

Another piece of ordnance was also found on the Bracklesham side of Medmerry Beach so once we had finished with the originally reported pieces we relocated with E.O.D. to the other side and another controlled explosion was carried out.

**23/2/19 11:48**

**Team paged to reports of possible ordnance on the beach near Church Norton.**

The team went to investigate however the tide had already covered it, photos that were taken by the first informant have been sent to E.O.D. (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team) for them to investigate.

**23/2/19 12:05**

**Team paged to reports of a dead Royal Fish washed up on the beach at Marine Beach.**

The team were tasked to identify, take

measurements and details of it which then get sent to The National History Museum.

Once all the measurements and details of the Porpoise were gathered and sent off the team were stood down to return to station.



The council will be informed and will arrange the removal of the dead porpoise from the beach.

Dead mammals can be full of dangerous toxins and other things, so please stay away and keep dogs on a lead to prevent them coming into contact with them.

Dolphins, porpoises and whales are all protected under the Royal Fish laws of the United Kingdom and HM Coastguard undertakes duties on behalf of the Receiver of a Wreck to record details of Royal Fish washed ashore.

**24/2/19 02:00**

**Team paged to a person in the water off Bognor Pier.**

Littlehampton Coastguard Rescue Team and Littlehampton Lifeboat were also tasked to the incident at 2am.

Returning to station at 5am.

No further information on this incident will be released.

**24/2/19 07.15**

**Team re-tasked at Low Tide to yesterday's possible ordnance on the beach near Church Norton.**

We located the reported item and were able to establish that this wasn't ordnance.

The first informant did the right thing and the call was made with good intent.

Team stood down to return to station at 8am.



Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team



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**Sky's the limit with St Wilfrid's**

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For more details of all these exciting events visit [stwh.co.uk/support-us/events](http://stwh.co.uk/support-us/events) or contact the St Wilfrid's Hospice fundraising office on [01243 755827](tel:01243755827).



A GOOD EGG

by  
Patricia Read

Albert was known to his friends and family as a ‘good egg’, always ready to give a helping hand, with a cheery smile. And so it was that when his neighbour, Muriel, asked if he could possibly look after their children’s two rabbits whilst they were away for a week during the Easter holidays, he was only too pleased to take on the job.

How fortuitous he thought, with his two small grandchildren arriving with their parents for a few days, as they always did at Easter, he could not only prepare his usual Easter egg hunt in the garden, but he would delight them with two live Easter bunnies, instead of the usual chocolate ones.

On the day before the family’s arrival, whilst his wife, Betty, was preparing the usual Easter feast, Albert introduced himself to Flip and Flop, a pair of identical white, fluffy bunnies, presently in their spacious rabbit hutch which was conveniently reached through a gate in their shared fence. His grandchildren, Jack, six, and Amy, four, would be so excited to see them. Their son and his family lived in Scotland, many hundreds of miles from Eastbourne, so Albert and Betty always made this Easter week special, as they otherwise saw little of their grandchildren.



The week turned out to be the best ever, the sun shone, the children ran around the garden and squealed with delight every time they found one of the small chocolate eggs, which had been hidden in the foliage. Albert waited until the last egg was found, before releasing Flip and Flop from their hutch and opening the gate in the fence. The children couldn’t believe their eyes.

‘Look children,’ said Albert, ‘Nanna and Grandad have asked these two Easter bunnies to come especially to meet you both.’ The children were enthralled and the next few days were spent playing with the rabbits, in between eating lots of chocolate and trips out and about in the lovely sunshine.

When the time came for the family to leave, Albert and Betty were very sad, and the children cried as they hugged Flip and Flop, while their mum and dad loaded the luggage into the car and hugged and kissed Albert and Betty, promising to phone when they’d arrived home safely. With the last bags loaded into the boot, and finally the children safely strapped in, they waved their goodbyes.

Albert and Betty went back inside. ‘Put the kettle on love,’ said Albert, ‘We’ve got to get used to the place being quiet again. I’ll put Flip and Flop back into their hutch later, let them have a roam around for a while.’

It was late when Betty reminded Albert that the rabbits were still out and it was getting dark, so he went outside to get them back into their hutch. One was already inside nibbling at a carrot, it could have been Flip or Flop, Albert couldn’t tell the difference. He searched around for the other rabbit, which was nowhere to be seen. Starting to panic, he called Betty and they both looked under every bush and rhubarb leaf, and everywhere a small rabbit could hide, but all in vain.

Betty was crying and Albert was worried, but comforted her. ‘Look love, it’s got to be somewhere, there is no way out of these two gardens.’

‘What are we going to do Albert?’ Betty sobbed.

There was nothing more to be done but to wait until dawn came up and then decide what to do. Late evening the phone rang, and it was their son, who sounded very agitated. ‘What’s the matter son?’ asked Albert.

‘Dad, you’ll never guess what’s happened, we’ve just arrived back and taken the luggage into the house. There was a rabbit zipped up in one of the bags I had put in last, not quite sure how it happened, but I have a good idea. Jack is looking very suspicious.’

‘Oh thank God,’ said Albert, ‘We thought we’d lost it. How the heck can we get it back?’

‘Well, considering it’s taken all day to get back here, I don’t think it’s going to make it back to Eastbourne in the near future. The kids though are ecstatic that we have an Easter bunny here.’

‘Look son,’ said Albert, ‘I’ve got an idea, leave it with me and I’ll phone you tomorrow. Meanwhile have you got somewhere you can keep it.’

‘Don’t worry dad, we’ll find something suitable for now, and I’m sure we can find something for a rabbit to eat.’

Betty was relieved that Flip or Flop was alive and well, ‘What are we going to do Albert?’ ‘Don’t worry love, we still have a couple of days.’

The following morning Albert said, ‘I’ve had an idea Betty, I’m sure it can’t be that difficult finding a white rabbit, to replace Flip or Flop, who is probably having a lovely time in Scotland, and I’m sure the kids will love to keep him.

I’ll even suggest that they get another rabbit, so he won’t be lonely. The neighbours will never know.’

Betty looked doubtful. ‘Oh, I don’t know Albert, it’s not right, and unlikely we can get one identical.’

As she spoke, Albert was reaching for the Yellow Pages, and searching for Pet Shops in the area. Betty looked on with a worried frown. After his ninth attempt, and now looking further afield, he struck lucky. ‘You have actually got a small white rabbit? Is it very fluffy? And can you email me a photo?’

There was soon a ‘ping’ on his laptop and Albert and Betty looked closely at the screen. There was a beautiful, small, white, fluffy rabbit. Betty was amazed.

‘Oh Albert, I can’t believe it.’

Within a couple of hours, they were back home with Flip or Flop’s replacement, now sitting in the corner of the hutch looking warily at his new hutch-mate. However, within 24 hours, they were both nibbling happily on carrots, or sleeping next to each other contentedly.

Muriel called round as soon as they returned, Betty held her breath whilst Albert asked if they’d had a good holiday. ‘Oh great, and thank you so much for looking after Flip and Flop, and please accept this present as a small thank you,’ as she handed over a box of Devon cream toffees.

‘See,’ said Albert as he closed the door, ‘I told you they’d be none the wiser, they’re happy, the rabbits are happy, and Jack and Amy now have a lovely pair of Easter bunnies of their own.’


Five weeks later, Albert opened the door to Muriel. ‘I had to come and tell you, you’ll never guess, Flip and Flop are now proud parents to seven baby bunnies, it’s an Easter miracle!’

‘What do you mean Muriel, an Easter miracle?’


Because we were told they were definitely two females, but the children are delighted. The pet shop owner is still adamant they were females, so all I can say it was either what you fed them on, or an immaculate conception!’ she laughed.

‘Well fancy that,’ said Albert.

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When I was a boy, I had a disease that required me to eat dirt three times a day in order to survive... It's a good thing my older brother told me about it.

## ST PETER'S CHURCH

Weekly Services held at the Parish Church of St. Peter's, Selsey  
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Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Sung Eucharist

Young Church meets in the Church Hall on the first three Sundays of the month at 10am throughout the year - everyone 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.

We have now re-started a new Remembrance Book which will be open at the relevant page each day to mark the anniversary of those special to you the cost of an entry is £25 please contact Sally on [01243 604104](tel:01243604104) to discuss further.

Easter Service Dates and Times at St. Peter's

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Maundy Thursday	18th April	7pm Eucharist with foot washing and Watch in the Peace Garden
Good Friday	19th April	12 noon Stations of the Cross followed by hot cross buns in the hall.
		2pm The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with veneration of the Cross
Easter Eve of Easter	20th April	7pm Vigil and First Mass
Easter Day	21st April	8am BCP followed at 10am with Sung Eucharist and distribution of Easter Eggs

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# In the Garden

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

April is the time of year when nature moves along at a great rate, Swallows, Swifts and House Martins all start to arrive here in Selsey. Seagulls start nesting on the roofs of many houses and can sometimes become very aggressive towards people walking nearby, a plastic owl placed high up outside the house can help deter them.

Chestnut trees look very attractive with their glorious expanding large buds. In the countryside wild anemones, wood violets, primroses, daisies, buttercups and dandelions are out in profusion. Bright yellow is profuse in hedges and heath lands and has a nice scent after a shower. Apple, pear and plum trees in the orchards now have an exuberance of eye catching blossom. This is the month of sunshine, showers and beautiful rainbows. Water beetles, newts, minnows and sticklebacks are becoming active in sun warmed ponds and streams. Lambs, hares and rabbits are enjoying life to the full and pheasants hatching rapidly.

Wild Arums also known as Lords and Ladies, Cuckoo-pint and Wake-Robin are now appearing. The Lords are the purple pokers and the Ladies are the paler ones.

Hawthorns have red twigs and Blackthorn have black twigs and produce Sloes in the autumn.

Easter - time comes during this month when we thank our "Maker" for the rebirth of nature that surrounds us to such great effect.

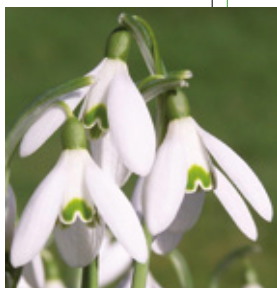
## Jobs for April

If plants are looking sickly or dying for no obvious reason check the rootball for any sign of plump, white vine-weevil grub which should be destroyed at once. Primulas, Fuchsias, Begonias, various succulents and evergreens are especially vulnerable as are plants in pots (especially in the warmth of the greenhouse).

Sprinkle a high potash feed in the soil around the base of fruit trees, cane fruit and strawberries. Sulphate of potash comes as a powder that is scattered over the surface and then hoed in or left for the rain to wash down if hoeing is too difficult.

If you would like you Bluebells or Snowdrops to naturalize over some area of the garden, don't dead-head, allow them to form seed pods now. Let all the top growth turn yellow and die down naturally so any seed is released onto the soil. Once the foliage has died back and dried up, rake it away to help settle the seeds down into the soil surface where they will germinate. These seeds will form flowering bulbs within a few years.

Lift, divide and replant overgrown Water Lilies and other aquatic plants so their performance doesn't decline. When dividing, discard the older central part and select vigorous outer pieces within the roots. Plant these back into their baskets using good aquatic compost.



Happy and blessed Easter to one and all  
Giles Peare (award winning gardener)

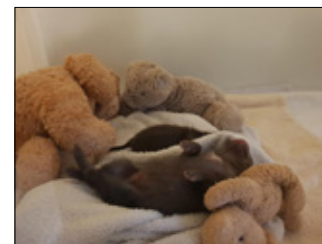
## Tip Top Tips

- ▶ To stop mole-hills appearing place half a onion face down on the hill opening.
- ▶ Fruit refuse can be piled up and allowed to decay and then dug into the soil
- ▶ Apply a Nitrogen feed to lawns
- ▶ Sow some lettuce and salads every fortnight and you will have a continuous supply throughout the summer
- ▶ Plant Dahlia tubers outside once the soil has warmed up
- ▶ Sow Tomatoes, aubergines, cucumbers, peppers, pumpkins and melons in the greenhouse.
- ▶ Plant up hanging baskets and keep under cover to establish before moving out in late May
- ▶ Apply moss killer to lawns then scarify or rake out the dead moss.
- ▶ Pressure wash paths, patios and driveways
- ▶ If Ash blooms before Oak - wet summer - Oak before Ash lots of sun.
- ▶ How are stupid gardeners like the weather? Nothing can be done to change either of them!



Brent Lodge Briefings – Spring has sprung

The beginning of spring has already arrived at Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital, with 2 little fox cubs, a baby wild rabbit and a tiny bat arriving all in the first week of spring. The fox cubs opened their eyes within a few days, and they are both taking their bottles well and growing very quickly. This will keep our staff very busy over the next few weeks with the regular feeding day and night.



The baby wild rabbit was found in the middle of a busy road, cold, wet and unresponsive. Fortunately, a kind member of the public had stopped and bought the rabbit to a local vet. Their 24-hour nursing team spent time, fluids and they were pleased to report he made a full recovery, he was then brought to us to continue his rehabilitation. We will continue to keep him warm, fed, and provide any care needed but rabbits do not do well when kept in constant contact with humans, so we will have to keep an eye on his stress.

We have also been able to put one of our new incubators to use. This tiny Pipistrelle bat came to us after being found in a watering can. Sadly, there was another one that had already passed away. This little guy is now much brighter and will hopefully be well enough to return to the wild very soon. These incubators will mean we can keep young and newly born birds and mammals warm during the first few days which will dramatically enhance their chances of surviving, we can also use the incubators to transport patients to and from necessary vet appointments.



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

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

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Common, Arundel, BN18 0NA (01243 14497)

Website: [www.chichesternaturalhistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.chichesternaturalhistorysociety.org.uk)

### 2019 FIELD OUTINGS

These field outings, led by one of the expert members of the society, enable participants to see different aspects of wildlife and nature in the field.

No meeting will be cancelled because of the weather so please wear suitable clothing and footwear. These meetings are open to members and non-members, children over 8 are welcome but should be under parental control. These outings always start promptly so please arrive in plenty of time.

Any questions about these events, or if help needed re transport, please contact Gill Hance ([hanceatbognor@aol.com](mailto:hanceatbognor@aol.com)). In addition, if members have any ideas for outings or can offer to lead one themselves please contact Gill (as above).

In accordance with Health & Safety Requirements, Chichester Natural History Society hereby gives notice- "The Society is prepared to assist members in making arrangements to enable them to participate in activities arranged by the Society. It cannot accept any responsibility whatsoever for any loss, injury or damage sustained by any person in consequence of their participation in any activity. Persons attending field outings do so on the understanding that they attend at their own risk.

#### MEDMERRY 2019 - 6th Year of Surveys at Medmerry

ALL surveys (approx. 2 hours in length) will start at 13:00 PROMPT, meeting at the RSPB Earnley Car Park at Grid Ref SZ 816 968, post code PO20 7JL, and then car sharing either to 1: Easton Lane for the 2 Plant Surveys (Fridays 7th & 14th June) and the Grasshopper Survey (Friday 2nd August) or 2: along the track to the pools for the Dragonfly Surveys (Fridays July 5th & September 6th). (Little walking required on any date.) See Main Events List for more information. Sessions are open to all, no matter what your level of expertise, as guidance will be provided. We shall use the Society's equipment but hand magnifiers, binoculars and reference books will be useful. Any questions or if

help required with transport then please contact Philippa Arnott on [philippa.arnott@uwclub.net](mailto:philippa.arnott@uwclub.net) or phone 01243 575345.

Friday 7th June 13:00 start RSPB car park at Earnley - FIRST MEDMERRY SURVEY  
Grid Ref SZ 816 968 Postcode PO20 7JL See above for detailed instructions.  
Plant Survey 1 (a species list) - bring wildflower books  
Friday 14th June 13:00 start RSPB car park at Earnley - SECOND MEDMERRY SURVEY  
Grid Ref SZ 816 968 Postcode PO20 7JL See above for detailed instructions.  
Plant Survey 2 (using quadrats for gathering more quantitative data) - bring wildflower books

Friday 5th July 13:00 start RSPB car park at Earnley - THIRD MEDMERRY SURVEY  
Grid Ref SZ 816 968 Postcode PO20 7JL See above for detailed instructions.  
Dragonflies 1 (earlier-flying species) - bring binoculars and dragonfly books and/or iRecord Dragonflies app (free for Apple and Android devices)  
<https://www.brc.ac.uk/app/irecord-dragonflies>  
Friday 2nd August 13:00 start RSPB car park at Earnley - FOURTH MEDMERRY SURVEY  
Grid Ref SZ 816 968 Postcode PO20 7JL See above for detailed instructions.  
Grasshoppers and Bush Crickets (using bat detectors and the Society's nets). Bring orthoptera books and/or iRecord Grasshoppers app (free for Apple and Android devices)  
<http://naturelocator.org/irecord-grasshoppers.html>

Wednesday 21st August 19.00 start CHICHESTER CANAL  
Grid Ref SU 865 023  
An evening nature walk along the canal with the added chance of using the Society's new Bat Equipment as dusk falls. Meet at the car park close to the canal 'bend' just north of Hunston. If you have bat detectors of your own and reference books then do bring them along, together with a small torch for personal safety.

Friday 6th September 13:00 start RSPB car park at Earnley - FIFTH MEDMERRY SURVEY  
Grid Ref SZ 816 968 Postcode PO20 7JL See above for detailed instructions.  
Dragonflies 2 (Later-flying species) - bring binoculars and dragonfly books and/or iRecord Dragonflies app

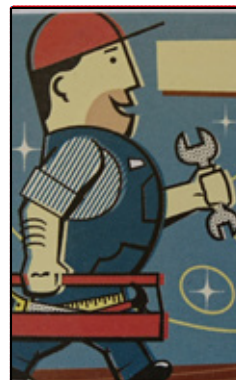
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### THE WRITERS CIRCLE

meets on the first Tuesday of every month in The Methodist Hall, High Street, from 2.00pm until 4.30pm  
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For more information contact Pat Read Tel: 601550

### Darby & Joan Club Selsey

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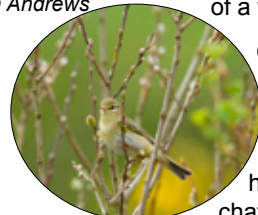


## Sights and sounds of spring arrivals

Surrounded by urban sprawl on either side, like a pair of green oases, free of light pollution and jutting out into the English Channel on the Manhood Peninsula, our reserves of Pagham Harbour and Medmerry are migration hotspots. April sees the majority of our summer visitors arriving. Some birds will stay all summer while others will rest and feed before continuing their journeys further inland.



Common Redstart  
c Ben Andrews



Willow Warbler  
c John Bridges



Whitethroat  
c John Bridges

The male redstart is a stunning bird, with blue-grey upperparts, black face and throat, white forehead and orange breast. It constantly quivers its bright orange tail up and down. The pied flycatcher lives up to its name, darting from a perch to catch a flying insect. It is dark on top and white underneath, with a bold white patch on the fold of its wing. Both can often be found stopping off behind Church Norton hide and around the churchyard before heading north to breed in our uplands.

By contrast warblers are far less showy. Generally, they are small, often drab and hard to tell apart, that is until they start to sing. There is no sound more characteristic of spring than the downward spiralling song of a willow warbler, with the two-tone, metronome accompaniment of its cousin the chiffchaff.

Garden warblers and blackcaps add sweet melodic songs to the spring soundtrack. Their songs may sound similar but the male blackcap, as its name suggests, has a black cap and its partner, the female, sports a chestnut cap.

The jumbled phrases and harsh hedgerows and scrub, mixing with chatter of the sedge warblers. Deep in warbler announces its arrival with a much celebrated call of its nemesis, the



Blackcap c Paul Chesterfield

churr of whitethroats rise from the loud clicks, whistles and rambling the reed beds the obviously named reed continuous rattling conversation, while the cuckoo, drifts across the fields.



Pied Flycatcher  
c Ben Andrews



Chiffchaff  
c John Bridges

As all these summer migrants mingle with our resident birds, there is no better time to experience the aural phenomenon that is the 'dawn chorus'. Sunday 05 May is International Dawn Chorus Day and you can join our Warden on May 5 in a secret part of our reserve where he will help you decipher the array of songs that make up this wonderful experience - from a single voice in the dark, to full orchestra, as the morning light reveals a carpet of bluebells before your eyes.

## RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry

### April

**Sunday 14 April, Discover Pagham Harbour (west) Guided Walk.** With the flora and fauna busily getting on with the trials of life, this is a great time to join our guides for a walk down the 'West Side' of Pagham Harbour. Warblers, swallows, grebes and cuckoos are among the potential cast of this gentle 4 mile walk combining wildlife with the Harbours historic past while looking out for springs arrivals.

**10am (duration 3½ hours)**

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

**Saturday 27 April, Artists Wildlife Painting Workshop.** This all-day workshop gives an introduction to the basic techniques of watercolour painting combining a little theory with a lot of practical application and advice. Although wildlife based, the principles can be applied in a wider context. The session is aimed at beginners and those returning to an old hobby after work. Good quality paints, paper and brushes will be supplied, just bring your enthusiasm.

**9.30am (duration 7 hours)**

**Booking essential, £22 per person / £18 members**

**Sunday 28 April, Someone to Guide You.**

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

**10am – 1.30pm Drop-in. Free**

### May

**Sunday 05 May, Dawn Chorus.** Join in International Dawn Chorus weekend and decipher this spring phenomenon with our Warden in a 'secret' part of our reserve. Close your eyes and soak up the sound of the birdsong as it gathers from a single voice into the crescendo of a full orchestra in a part of the reserve not open to the public. We'll finish off with a well-deserved breakfast. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs with either bacon toasties or sausage baps, toast and jam, and a choice of tea or coffee.

**4.30am (duration 2½ hours + breakfast)**

**Meet Church Norton car park PO20 9DT**

**Booking essential £18 per person / £14 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

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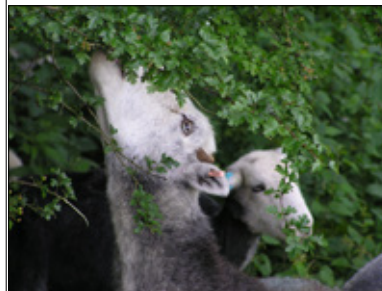
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## Herdwick sheep by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

### Out, standing in their field

For sheep, life is like one long festival. They're either stood crowded together in a muddy field in the rain or running around in the sun trying to find the best grass. Next time you're walking around Lewes town centre look up at Sussex Wildlife Trust's Malling Down nature reserve and you'll see my woolly colleagues living the good life. But don't be fooled. They're actually hard at work on the most important construction job in Sussex; making perfect chalk downland.

You can keep your tropical rainforests and your underwater reefs, for me chalk downland is the world's number one natural wonder. This rare habitat supports an extraordinary diversity of wildlife and it's right on our doorstep.



Herwick sheep at Levin Down

Paradoxically, wildlife-rich chalk downland is a man-made creation (well, credit where credit's due – a sheep-made creation). Since around 800 AD sheep grazing has created and maintained our county's iconic downland landscape. The short, sheep-nibbled turf is perfect for Adonis blue butterflies, burnt orchids and a multitude of other wonderful wildlife. But, like rainforests and reefs, it's under threat; one of the main issues being neglect. Turn your back on downland and it mutates into long grass, brambles and thorn bushes and the butterflies and orchids vanish under the cold shadows.



Herdwick Sheep c David Plummer



Herdwicks at Levin c Mark Monk-Terry

Sheep are our best defence against this prickly invasion. Every bite and every hoof print creates downland with an ideal varied structure – impossible to create by uniform mowing. We have



Herdwick sheep c Mark Monk-Terry

various rare sheep breeds in our grazing army stationed near Lewes at Southerham: Hebrideans, Wiltshire Horns, Southdowns, but my favourite sheep, baa none, are the Herdwicks.

Like all heroes, the Herdwick's origins are shrouded in mystery. Some folk say they came to Britain with marauding Vikings. There's some that say that the Herdwicks swam ashore after escaping the sinking Spanish Armada. Their ancestral home is the Lake District – it's claimed that 95% of the world's Herdwicks live within 15 miles of Coniston.

They're tough sheep; hard grazin' hell-raisers who are at home in harsh, hilly landscapes. If you like your sheep white and fluffy then you've come to the wrong field. Herdwicks are born black and develop white heads and legs as they mature. Their grey, wiry wool has an insulating undercoat – perfect attire for English hilltops. Feeding amongst thorns and thickets can leave their coats looking torn and tatty but this isn't a cause for concern, just proof that they're hard at work. For Herdwicks, grazing is a passion - not a fashion show.

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

We rely on the support of our members to help protect our rich natural heritage. Please consider supporting our work. As a member you will be invited to join Michael Blencowe on our regular wildlife walks and also enjoy free events, discounts on wildlife courses, Wildlife magazine and our Sussex guide book, Discovering Wildlife. It's easy to join online at [www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join](http://www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join) or over the phone on 01273 497532.

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## RSPB Events for April 2019

### EARNLEY

**Saturday 6 April**

Dawn Chorus Walk on Kingley Vale with Chris Furlepa of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet in West Stoke car park, Map Ref: SU825088 at 6.00 am until 8.00 am 01243 262833

### SELSEY

**Tuesday 9 April**

Sea Watch with Kerry Jackson of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet at East End car park at 8.00 am, moving on to Church Norton at 10.00 am until early afternoon

### CHICHESTER

**Thursday 25 April**

Illustrated Talk by John Eyre on 'The Secret Lives of Heathland Birds' to the RSPB Chichester Local Group at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester PO19 1SY at 7.30 pm. Entrance £5-00 01243 262833 wheelchair access

### EBERNOE

**Sunday 28 April**

Day Walk on Ebernoe Common with Chris Vine of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet in church car park, Map Ref: SU975278, at 10.00 am until early afternoon 01243 262833

## Chichester Conservancy Volunteers April 2019

**HEYSHOTT**

**Sunday 7 April**

Conservation – Chalk Downland Management on Heyshott Down with Scott Robertson of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers from 10.00 am. 01243 552113 or 07815 021331

## SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST April 2019

**No planned events for April**

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## PLAYERS WANTED

For Selsey Cricket Club, this is the start of the Summer Season, even if the weather doesn't look like it.

We are looking forward to a busy summer, with a full fixtures list until Mid September.

The first few months' fixtures are shown below.

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Start Time
07/04/2019	Sunday 1st XI	Bognor Regis CC - Regis Rebels	Sunday XI 13:00
13/04/2019	Friendly XI	Ram CC - 1st XI	13:00
14/04/2019	1st XI	Jinnah CC, Bucks - Friendly XI	13:00
20/04/2019	Friendly XI	Crawley Eagles CC - Crawley Eagles	1st XI 13:00
21/04/2019	Sunday 1st XI	Lavant CC - Friendly XI	13:00
27/04/2019	Horsham CC - 3rd XI	1st XI	13:00
28/04/2019	Sunday 1st XI	Yellow Stump CC - Friendly XI	13:00
04/05/2019	1st XI	Crawley CC, Sussex - 2nd XI	13:00
05/05/2019	Sunday 1st XI	Singleton CC - Friendly XI	14:00
11/05/2019	Himani CC - 1st XI	1st XI	13:00
12/05/2019	Sunday 1st XI	Thespian Thunderers CC - 1st XI	From Midday
18/05/2019	1st XI	Bognor Regis CC - 2nd XI	13:00
19/05/2019	Sunday 1st XI	Southampton University CC - Friendly XI	14:00

We are looking for new Members for the 2019 Season, both playing and non playing, we are a friendly welcoming club, with excellent facilities for everyone.

We are also looking for people who would like to score or umpire.

The Club bar is now open on Friday Evenings from 7 pm, Sunday's from 1 pm and on all home matches.

If you would like to join please pop in the club or email the Membership secretary on [membership@selseycc.co.uk](mailto:membership@selseycc.co.uk), further information can be found on our Website [www.selseycc.co.uk](http://www.selseycc.co.uk)

During May we have two events first of all the Sir Patrick Moore Cup Match ABD family day, when we Welcome the Thespian Thunderers the Worlds Premier Actors cricket team.

The day starts at midday on Sunday 12th May and we have many attractions and a fully licensed bar open to the Public.

If any people would like to apply for stalls or attractions on the Field, please contact us on [info@selseycc.co.uk](mailto:info@selseycc.co.uk)

We have the following already on the Ground confirmed or to be confirmed.

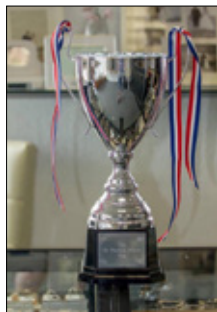
Sir Patrick Moore 3D exhibition  
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On Sunday 26th May we have our First Women's Softball Tournament

Selsey Cricket Club Women's Festival  
Paddock Lane, Selsey, Chichester  
PO20 9BB

Sunday 26th May  
2-5pm

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### Free festival with T-Shirt.

We hope to once again get some social fixtures on Friday evenings, from 6 pm, with a BBQ - any local businesses, Clubs, Schools, pubs etc, who would like to take part, for a fun friendly and social evening, please contact us [fixtures@selseycc.co.uk](mailto:fixtures@selseycc.co.uk)

### THE BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE FOR THE NEW PAVILION WITH SELSEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Revised plans have been submitted to planning to incorporate details and requirements from the FA and the ECB, these are with planners at the moment and a small fee has been paid. Also the architect is sorting building regulations, all to be sorted by mid April.



There have been regular meetings between the Football Club and Cricket Club and Selsey Sports Dream to discuss the finances for the building.

We have monies from Selsey Cricket Club, Selsey Football Club, Selsey Town Council and Chichester District Council and at the present time Mike Nicholls is putting in bids to the FA and other funders.

We have been in discussion with Covers of Chichester for materials and sponsorship and are awaiting a meeting with their representative Lee.

We have also been in contact with Open Reach concerning the optical fibre cables that run across the proposed site and are awaiting their reply to have them moved.

We have a further meeting in early April to review the position and confirm the date of starting the building Work.

Our Aim is still to start the project by this Spring April /May

Selsey Cricket Club is pleased to announce that Mellor Practice will be the Club's Shirt Sponsor for 2019.



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



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

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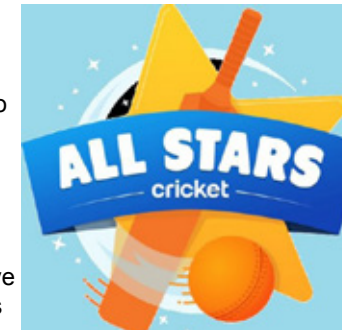
Register at the site below or email us [info@selseycc.co.uk](mailto:info@selseycc.co.uk) for further information.

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

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## ST PETER'S CHURCH

Saturday 27th April = 7pm = 9pm Race Night with Fish and chip supper St. Peter's Church Hall tickets £10 from Sally 01243 604104 (bring your own drink)



## Selsey Model Boat Club

The Club meets twice a week at the pond on East Beach, weather permitting, when members sail their radio controlled boats  
Times: 10.00am until noon on Sundays and Wednesdays

The first Sunday of each month is Race Day  
New members welcome  
or just pop along to have a look and a chat  
contact Chris on Selsey 601550

- 24) In the Bond movies what kind of cat does Blofeld have?
- 25) In the Thin Man films, who is Nick Charles's dog?
- 26) Who was Clint Eastwood's simian pal in Every Which Way But Loose?
- 27) Which detective owned a bloodhound called Pedro?

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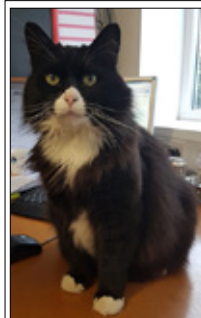


## THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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Tel: 01243 641409 Reg. Charity no. 1010000

Email: [info@crcc.co.uk](mailto:info@crcc.co.uk) [www.crcc.co.uk](http://www.crcc.co.uk)



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

Firstly I hope all of the lovely Selsey Life readers have an "eggcellent" Easter. Mine will mostly be spent relaxing but if my staff want a little play with me and my cat nip mice I will be happy to oblige, it's also when I get the scoop on The Centre's comings and goings.

I couldn't mention Easter without talking about rabbits. Now the weather is a bit nicer I like to take a stroll over to see how they are all doing. I was surprised to see we still have so many rabbits and some that have been here over a year! Rabbits like 1 year old Michetta who I talk about in my pet of the month.

But we also have some larger rabbits that are struggling to find homes due to their size and because their new owners would need to have larger accommodation for them. It makes me sad to see them here for so long, I would love it if someone out there could offer a home to these big beautiful bunnies.

Now the important bit, I know rabbits are seen as a symbol of Easter but they are a 10 year commitment so make sure you think carefully about if they are right for your family. But if you decide you have the space and time to love a rabbit, whether it's a pair or a new friend for your existing rabbit then you can come visit me and my staff every Sunday between 2-3.30pm no appointment needed (this is a viewing day for rabbits and guinea pigs only).

Don't forget about our quiz evening on the Sunday 12th May at 4pm, there is still a few spaces left to join us so don't miss out. I might make an appearance but I won't be joining in because I want to give the other teams a chance. Email [info@crcc.co.uk](mailto:info@crcc.co.uk) or check our website for more details.

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 27th April 2019 12-2pm. Viewing days are non-appointment days so people thinking of adopting a cat can pop along. Otherwise we rehome 7 days a week by appointment only.**

Pet of the Month Michetta  
April 2019

This month allow us to introduce Michetta a 1 year old neutered male rabbit. Michetta arrived at The Centre in March 2018 when his previous owners didn't have enough space for him any longer.

He originally came in with his brother but as they got older they no longer got along which often happens when two male rabbits live together, we had to separate them. His brother found a new home with a female rabbit, however a year later Michetta is still waiting to find a female rabbit to bond with. Michetta is full of energy who loves to play; he throws his toys about and generally has fun. Sometimes he get over excited and nips which means he would be better suited to a home without young children. He would love to find a female playmate; if you have a single female rabbit that is looking for a friend we can bond them at The Centre for you. If you think you may be able to give Michetta the new home he deserves please give The Centre a call Monday to Friday from 9am-4pm.



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE  
Holbrow Lodge, Chalder Lane, Sidlesham, W.Sussex  
PO20 7RJE

Also find us on facebook

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## THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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### Mass Times

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Sunday: 10.00 am

Monday & Friday 10.00 am\*

Reconciliation: Saturday

4.45 pm - 5.15 pm

Parish Priest: Fr John Healy

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

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### EASTER SERVICES



Palm Sunday Masses  
with Procession of Palms

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Sunday: 10.00 am

Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8.00 pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross: 10.00 am

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00 pm

Holy Saturday

Solemn Vigil of Easter

First Mass of Easter: 8.00 pm

Easter Sunday

Mass: 10.00 am

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



## East Beach Church

### APRIL + EVENTS

**Saturday 6th April**

**5pm - 7pm - The Generation Game**  
(see separate advert)

**Sunday 7th April**

**10am - All-age Service**

**5pm - Songs of Praise**

**Thursday 11th April**

**2.30pm - Tea & Chat**

**Saturday 13th April**

**10am - 12pm - Ladies Inspire Group**  
**Easter Crafts**

**15th - 18th April**

**Easter Extravaganza Holiday Club**

(see separate advert for details)

**Good Friday - 19th April**

**10am - 'The Greatest Sacrifice'**  
**Reflective service with readings & songs**

**Easter Day - Sunday 21st April**

**10am - Easter Celebration**  
**including Holiday Club finale**

**3pm - 4.30pm - ResBite Tea**

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

**Thursday 25th April**

**12.30pm - Lunch Club**

**Saturday 4th May**

**6pm - 8pm Quiz Night**

Contact church for details

**Sunday 7th May**

**10am - All-age Service**

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

For information on our regular weekly activities

[www.ebecselsey.org.uk](http://www.ebecselsey.org.uk) **or call 607741**

Marisfield Place - opposite East Beach Shops

Pastor: Phil Harding - 01243 607741 or [office@ebec.org.uk](mailto:office@ebec.org.uk)

## SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th April 10.30 am Mrs Wendy Corney

Sunday 14th April 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson

*Holy Communion*

Sunday 21st April 10.30am Mr Terry Smith *Easter Sunday*

Sunday 28th April 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson

Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 01243 601032

## SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

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Curly cabbage

Hit the keys

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Darker than azure

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Poetic black

Keep in mind

Face shape

Moon shine

Long-eared hopper

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City on the Tiber

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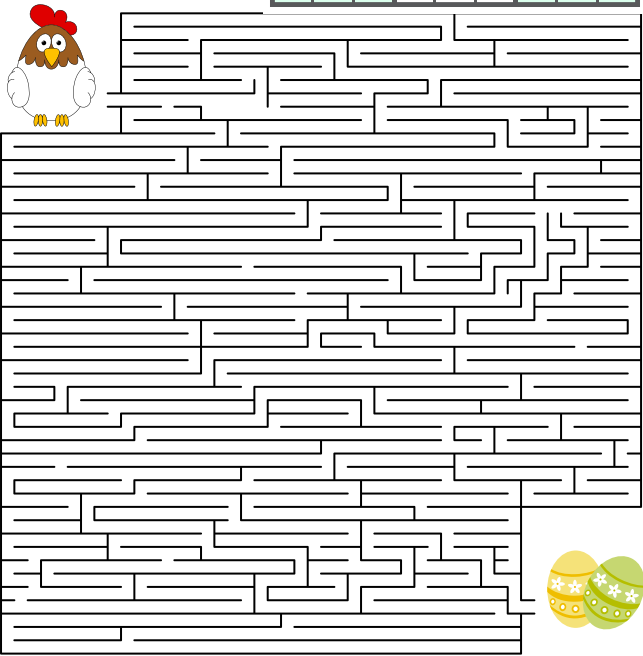
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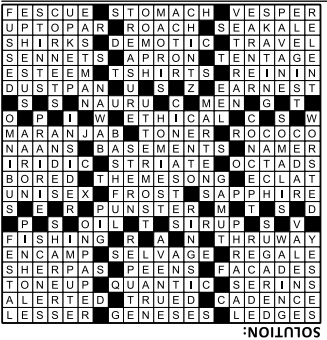
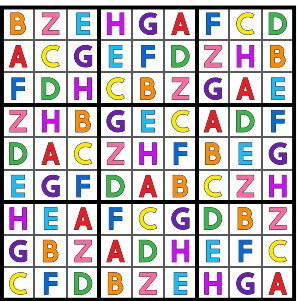
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LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS  
1) Charleston 2) Wren 3) 1616 4) The Great  
Artesian Basin 5) Apollo's 6) Mars 7) the number  
10 raised to the power 100 (don't ask me, I only  
write the questions) 8) Generates electricity to  
recharge the battery 9) Blucher 10) Unleaded  
11) Odette Sansom 12) Bing Crosby 13) Elizabeth  
Jane Howard 14) St Lawrence 15) 2 16) Escamillo  
17) Ecce Cor Meum (Behold my Heart) 18) American  
Gigolo 19) Switzerland 20) Robert the Bruce  
21) Germany



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"Very early Sunday morning, the women came to the tomb where Jesus' body was laid. They brought the sweet-smelling spices they had prepared. They saw that the heavy stone that covered the entrance had been rolled away. They went in, but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus... **Luke 24:1-12 Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)**

On 21<sup>st</sup> April we will wake to the sound of thousands of Easter egg boxes being ripped opened, and chocolate being munched. Easter has arrived; our six week, Lenten journey is over for another year. In the Church we hear the story of the empty tomb, the darkness and loss, Jesus is gone. The women cried, believing the Romans or the Temple authorities had taken his body. In that moment of confusion, Angels appear and fears are calmed. Jesus is risen! He has risen indeed! From death comes life, a precious life that changes the way we act out our life here on earth. The Easter story offers us hope and a promise of better things to come.

This Easter story takes us out of darkness and fear and leads us to a time of joy and celebration. It takes us from our initial disbelief to an understanding beyond our knowledge; God is still with us! We come face to face with the resurrection and it changes us from the darkness and tears of that early morning to a lifetime of hope, searching and finding peace. Easter is a great time, to come back to church, a time for hearing this glorious Easter story, a time to revisit this beautiful story. This powerful story takes a graveyard and turns it into a wonderful garden, the stone has been removed, the tomb is opened and God's love is set free, and we are offered hope, and we reimagine how God is with us at all times of our life, from per-birth to birth, in our growing and in our death and beyond.

Those who attend church on this day have listened to this resurrection story over and over again, and it has dawned on them that God's love is available to them over and over again. This yearly revisit of this story of Death and Love helps us all cope with the dark times in our lives, it brings light, time and time again, in our dark times, and it brings strength to our weakness, time and time again. Very few stories have such power and it was this "belief" in the resurrection and its promise of hope, life and love that helps turn a small story about a small country and an itinerant Rabbi, into a world religion.

Please have a great Easter! Come and hear this wonderful story yourself, come and ask some questions. Easter is about change and growth for all of us. Do not be afraid, all are invited, come and find a warm Easter welcome at a church near you. Jesus is risen! Christ has risen indeed!

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