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Welcome to the April issue of the Selsey Life magazine.

I am still here, the Boss has not yet returned to inflict any wounds on me, but like the Sword of Damocles it is hanging over my head still.

What a start to the month this has been, with the Coronavirus wreaking havoc with all the social events and activities.

We have tried, wherever possible, to give an up to date report on all of the activities featured, but we would **strongly urge** that you check with any event organiser / location before you go to ensure it is still taking place and/or is open.

So we have Easter for the weekend of 10th to 13th April, and St.George's Day on Thursday 23rd April. I trust you have nice Easter eggs and presents, and if you have any going spare let me know, I will be around like a flash. (Well, maybe not at my age, more like a slow burn.)

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

We hope you have a lovely April, and that you stay safe and well.

We hope to see you in May, unless we are all locked in, when it may be an on-line version only. As usual we are happy to receive submissions and comments.

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

We apologoise, but we have had to delay the drawing of the competition for this month, but we hope to bring you the results next month.

Also, we are not having a competition this month because of the isolation recommendations, apologies for this but we hope you understand.

Thank you to the Selsey Gardening Club for their kind and generous donation, it is much appreciated.

Would anybody have a spare copy of the June 2018 issue of Selsey Life they would be prepared to part with? We have received an enquiry for one. Answers to selseylife@btinternet.com. Thankyou



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NEWS FROM THE SELSEY FIRST RESPONDERS

Thank you to the Gainsborough Singers, Selsey Fireworks, Selsey Golf Club – Ladies Section, The Neptune, The Selsey Table Tennis Club, The Seal, Sue Bringloe and her Yoga Class, The Selsey Carpet Bowls Club and to the Lions and St Wilfrid's Swimathon, for their recent contributions to our Charity, and to all our supporters.

As a charity we rely entirely upon the generosity of the Selsey community for keeping our Responders on the road, helping to save lives in the community. We do not receive any funding from the Government or the Ambulance Authority.

More Defibrillators in Selsey: As a result of the wonderful support we get from the Selsey community a Public Access Defibrillator will be fitted outside The Royal British Legion (now The Victory Club) in the High Street. This has been funded as a result of a direct donation by The Victory Club. A Public Access Defibrillator will also be fitted to a property in Halley Close. In addition, and thanks to a very generous benefactor from Sidlesham, The Selsey First Responders have been able to help source a Public Access Defibrillator for Sidlesham Primary School.

As a reminder, if you have a concern regarding the Coronavirus, Covid-19, ring 111.

In these uncertain times please keep an eye on your elderly neighbours during the Covid-19 crisis.

Selsey First Responders are available to give demonstrations at any time and would encourage community groups to consider them as a way of getting more information and confidence in dealing with a medical emergency were it ever to arise. Please email: <u>info@selseyfirstresponders.org</u> if you have an interest in booking a demonstration.

For more information about the Selsey Community First Responders Scheme, how to make a donation or if you would like to become a fundraiser, please see www.selseyfirstresponders.org or email

info@selseyfirstresponders.org.



Selsey Schools



Academy Trust Building children's futures together

The Bronze Ambassador Conference was held on Thursday 27th February at Westgate Leisure Centre and was attended by approximately 12 - 15 other schools. The aim of this conference is to find pupils who will encourage and support children in their schools in their physical activities.

When we arrived we were all given a special Young Ambassador t-shirt which we are allowed to wear during P.E. lessons to lead and support other children in activities. So far we have lead warm ups at the start of P. E. lessons, and in the future we hope to start an after school dodgeball club (supported by Miss Boyd and Mr Smigielski).

We hope that one day, if we continue this great work, we might even get to meet a famous Olympian!

By Bode and Shay (Y5)



Picture - L-R Shay, Bode, Beatriz

SELSEY FESTIVAL 3RD- 31ST August 2020

We are delighted to announce that the management and organisation of the Selsey Festival has returned once again to the Community.

Following the decision by Selsey Town Council to no longer be involved, a new management Committee has been set up of original Selsey Festival founders Gill Walsh & Sue Graves, joined by Kathy Newman, Chris Butler and Rebecca Townsend.

The team are delighted to announce that the 2020 Selsey Festival will cover events taking place in and around Selsey between 3rd -31st August 2020.

For this year, due to the late handover, it will only be possible for participating events to benefit from the free Festival Insurance cover and from free publicity and promotion in a Festival Brochure, Festival Website and Social media etc. There are no funds available, at the time of writing, to help finance event bookings for 2020.

Any groups who would like to plan events within the Festival month, or have events already scheduled into this time period, who would like free marketing and publicity and insurance cover, please contact us via email at <u>info@selseyfestival.co.uk</u> or call Sue on 01243 602260.

Further information see <u>www.selseyfestival.co.uk</u> or <u>http://facebook.com/SelseyFestival</u>

All West Sussex libraries closed until further notice

Following the latest Government advice, all 36 libraries in West Sussex are now closed until further notice.

Based on yesterday's announcement by the

Prime Minister (Monday 16 March), asking for people to implement social distancing measures to reduce the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), a decision was taken by West Sussex County Council to close all of their libraries until further notice.

The following procedures have been put in place whilst the libraries are closed:

Library staff will automatically renew everything that is currently on loan from today and will continue to do so during the closures.

No fines and charges will be incurred during the closures.

Individuals do not need to call the renewals line to stop books and other items from going overdue.

Anyone who is currently not a member of their local library, but wants to join, can do so online by visiting www.westsussex.gov.uk and searching 'join the library'.

Once registered, they will have instant access to the e-library service, where there are a range of downloadable books, audiobooks, magazines, comics and newspapers.

Duncan Crow, Cabinet Member for Fire and Rescue and Communities, said: "We appreciate that the closures happened quickly and came as a shock to some of our current users, but the decision to close all libraries was not taken lightly and the health of our staff and the residents of West Sussex is paramount.

"The library service is working on ways to mitigate some of the issues that our regular users are experiencing, but we do apologise for any inconvenience this will no doubt cause and further updates will be issued in due course."

For further information regarding coronavirus and Frequently Asked Questions for library users and other services, please visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/coronavirus.



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The Write Zone with Jara Wright



In a world gone a little mad over the new Coronavirus, I was pondering the half-empty shelves in the local supermarket and wondering if Hollywood has spent years subtly preparing us for this kind of situation.

For decades (and I mean from the first King Kong onwards) we've been fed one imagined disaster after another: alien invasions, dinosaur carnage, exploding mega-volcanoes and more than one iteration of a zombie apocalypse. Hollywood's classic

protagonists mirror typical human responses in times of crisis: characters with a bunker mentality who hole themselves up in a cellar, praying that it'll all just go away, the sceptics who try their darndest to navigate a new set of rules and in spite of their effort get eaten or vaporised in the final denouement, and the opportunists who make like bandits, blasting their way to safety in the final scene, driving away, battered, into the sun-set. We know how the story goes; we've seen the blue-print for dealing with the unexpected. But, clearly, when the unexpected arises, the human race deviates from the script. To my recollection, no one in a Hollywood disaster movie ever decided that, over and above every other looming crisis, they should panic-buy toilet rolls.

I shouldn't judge. Just a couple of weeks ago I was a sceptic, pooh-poohing the doom-merchant tabloids for blowing the whole thing out of all proportion. Surely this Coronavirus-thingy was no more serious than any other flu-bug? For a time, I remained buoyant, confident that it would quickly blow over, but my scepticism faded as the virus, and its effect on the global socioeconomic system, swelled as quickly and as painfully as a flu-victim's glands.

Finding the local supermarket shelves sadly depleted of the usual provisions turned rumour into sour fact and set my perceptions on a new, shocking trajectory: self-preservation. I made a plan. I set



Whose face is said to have launched a thousand ships?
 Which ancient city did Pericles rule?
 What rank was Hermann Goering?



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aside time to make a slow reconnaissance of the aisles, noting buyer trends, clocking what was running low. I attempted a crude form of buyer-analysis. Then, feeling more than a little clever (and, dare I say it, devious) I went straight for buying substitute goods: polenta rather than pasta, baby-wipes rather than toilet rolls, just to stay ahead of the curve. You get the idea. I'm sure you've had more than a few good ones yourself as you've pondered the state of the baked beans aisle and wondered what you're going to put on your toast. And I've got a suspicion that, once my pantry starts to look a little depleted, my family are going to be confronted with some very strange meal combinations indeed.

And so we wait for a complete melt-down when pubs are shut, theatres are empty and roads feels like New Zealand in the 1950s. The upside to all the omni-panic is that it's provided a distraction from a new and rather worrying personal best.

A few months ago, I developed a little game at the supermarket self-serve check-out called, 'how fast can I bag my items?' There's only one rule: when I scan an item, I have to put it in my bag faster than the self-serve machine can thank me and tell me 'that's scanned, please place it in the bagging area.' It started as a bit of fun based on my speed and packing acuity, but soon escalated into an irrational battle of wits. I started to race the machine, utilising timing and posture to get my item in the bag before the machine could fully get a sentence out. Compelled to hit a home-run, I started getting my scanned item in the bag before the machine could even utter a full 'thank you.' I cut it off so fast it was in danger of developing a lisp. Scanning my shopping ultra-fast has, I'm ashamed to admit, now become the highlight of visiting the supermarket at a time of option-crisis and looming menudespondency. And I reckon my Ninja-like skills are going to stand me in good stead if and when it comes to outrunning a hoard of slack-eyed zombies or beating my fellow shoppers to the last pack of toilet-rolls.

Stay well, everyone, Jara

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Friends of Selsey Medical Centre

Greetings from the Friends Committee.

We have been working hard over the past 12 months to try to increase the membership and raise funds so that the various requests from the Medical Centre Doctors and Nurse can be fulfilled.

The membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March and soon the Membership Secretary will be sending out reminders to renew subscriptions.

Some of these will be by mail and some electronically for those who are able to receive e-mails.

This will save on postage to some extent which increases annually leaving less to spend on the essential items we can provide.

The subscription rate remains at £4 per person but any additional donations will be gratefully received.

The date of the AGM will be announced nearer the time when it is hoped as many members as possible will attend and maybe offer their services as Committee Members.

We need you!

Let's hope that Spring is finally on the way after a really wet and stormy few weeks.

ANY PORT IN A STORM ... ALMOST!

In these desperate 'Corona' days we can slide into self-centred ways and some things that we'll do, we may well live to rue but don't worry it's only a phase

So apologies if I sound crude some folk must think bog rolls are food and with panic the norm any port in a storm yet their uses have been misconstrued

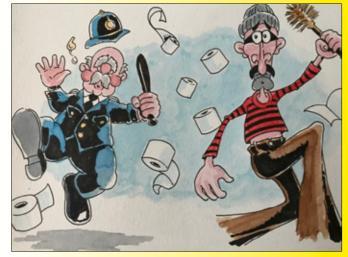
As guick as the shelves are refilled there are takers with mountains to build and the vultures descend, with no pride to defend their prowess becoming guite skilled

Some bloke stacked his shed to the roof though he lacked any definite proof he'd forgotten to look in his cookery book his action somewhat on the hoof

Now that welter of chefs on TV might sanction a new recipe and a fissue based curry knocked up in a hurry will herald brand new territory

It is reasonable to assume normal service will one day resume and that grotty old curry resembling slurry will never be given house room!

JOHN BYRNE MARCH 2020 ARTWORK: JASON BETON



SELSEY VENTURE CLUB

DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK THE VENTURE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THIS WILL INCLUDE THE GARAGE AND CLOTHING SALES ON WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.

WE ARE SORRY TO HAVE TO DO THIS AND HOPE IT WILL NOT BE FOR TOO LONG.

AS A SLIGHT COMPENSATION THE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE NEW YEAR WILL NOW BE £15 INSTEAD OF £20.



THE VICTORY CLUB

Trading as the SRBL

I am really sorry to say that because of the Corona Virus our V. E. Day, planned for 9th May has been postponed. Having been in talks with the Spitfire owner, entertainers and stall bolders the new date for our Selsey Celebrations is...

Victory for Peace Day

Saturday 8^{tb} August 2020 Because of these unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances we bave lost some of the entertainers, who can not accommodate a date change and this will inevitably impact on our finances as we source new ones. However, we will need to recover and we know that the businesses and people of Selsey will be behind us and will belp us to achieve this goal. The show must go on..... This will be an amazing day which will be enjoyed by everyone and we look forward to seeing you all.

Our fundraising night on Friday 17th April

bas also been postponed. We will advertise the new date as soon as we bave one.

The fundraising Raffle is being rescheduled. Thank you to everyone who has already kindly donated and we are still taking donations.

If anyone bas any queries please contact me on 07969905402 Thank you once more LAIN Reeve

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Chichester Cathedral Festival of Flowers

Make sure you don't miss out on booking a ticket for the Chichester Cathedral Festival of Flowers - a spectacular floral celebration which is held every other year.



The three day Festival runs from 28th – 30th May, and the theme is 'Realms of Glory'. Over 80 stunning arrangements are produced by volunteer flower arrangers using in excess of 50,000 flowers. More than 570 volunteers are involved, including Flower Arrangers, Community Groups and individuals across the Diocese of Chichester working together providing flower arrangements, visitor information, refreshments and more.

As well as the flower arrangements in the Cathedral and environs, visitors can stroll through the cloisters and Cathedral grounds and visit the Festival Market. There will also be a flower sale, live music, and delicious refreshments in Café des Fleurs. Internationally renowned sculptor Philip Jackson will be exhibiting his work.

All proceeds go to the work of the Cathedral Restoration & Development Trust.

Please visit the Cathedral website for details of how to buy tickets and for group bookings. Tickets may also be bought by calling Ticketsource on 0333 666 3366 (please note additional fees will apply for phone sales).

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9) Which country joined the European Community in 1981? 4) When was the Battle of Trafalgar: 1804, 1805 or 1806? 10) Which country was ceded to Russia in 1809? 5) When was the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre: 1372, 11) Who was tried in 1925 for teaching Darwinian 1472 or 1572? theories in school? 6) Which married couple were executed in the USA in 1953

as spies?

7) Who ordered the execution of any Cambodian who wore alasses?

8) Who banned eating mince pies on Christmas Day?

10p a week council tax rise is agreed to protect vital services across Chichester District

Chichester District Councillors have agreed to increase the average council tax bill by around 🥥 ten pence a week for a Band D property in order Which Co to protect vital services across the district.



This was considered at Chichester District Council's Full Council meeting on Tuesday 3 March, where a £5 (3.1%) rise was agreed. This means that the average Band D council tax payer will pay just over £3 a week for their council services.

"Because of the amount of savings we have managed to achieve over the last few years, Chichester District Council remains one of the lowest charging authorities in the country," says Councillor Peter Wilding, Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate Services and Revenues and Benefits at Chichester District Council. "Our priority has always been to keep your council tax as low as possible, while still providing quality services for residents, and to ensure that we are able to continue providing support to people in our community who need it the most.

"Like many councils, we have had to make significant savings over the last few years in order to cope with cuts to our Government funding, and our deficit reduction plan is still being delivered. This aims to generate further income and savings over the next few years, which we hope will keep any future council tax increases to a minimum for our residents.

"As a council, we always look to ensure that we are proactive when examining our finances, and that we put in place robust financial plans. This approach has put us in a good position to withstand changes to Government funding.

"We are also maintaining our council tax support scheme so that those who are most vulnerable in our communities will not receive any increase.

"People may not realise, but we provide more than 80 different services across the district and we feel that just over £3 a week is still excellent value for money."

Services provided include:

- emptving bins
- checking food hygiene standards
- cleaning streets
- dealing with planning applications
- looking after the coastline, and
- caring for parks and open spaces.

Chichester District Council collects all of the council tax, but only keeps a 9% share of this. The other 91% is then distributed to the following public services:

West Sussex County Council (around 77%) The Police and Crime Commissioner (around 11%), and parish councils (3% on average).

Each of these public service providers makes decisions about its council tax increases independently, and will finalise their amounts for the next financial year in the coming weeks.

12) In which German city did the post-war Nazi trials take place?

13) Was Lord Nelson left- or right-handed?

14) Who shared the English throne with William III?

community news



SELSEY WI

We regret that we have to cancel the meeting for Wednesday 8th April at 2.15pm, Selsey Town Hall. We apologise for any inconvenience caused

At the present time we do not know when the meetings will recommence, so please keep a look out for future announcements.

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



With regret, all meetings are cancelled until further notice due to Coronavirus.

Please keep a look out for future announcements.

If you would like more information about Selsey U3A then do please phone our dedicated phone line 07783 040407 or visit our website on www.selseyu3a.org

Selsey Gardening Club

(previously Selsey Horticultural Society)



Due to the uncertainty of what lies ahead, we

have made the decision following Government Guidelines to cancel our April and May Gardening Club meetings

We will keep you posted of future events.

Anyone on Facebook can follow our page - Selsey Gardening Club - previously known as Selsey Horticultural Society

Lets hope we can enjoy our garden when the weather allows



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

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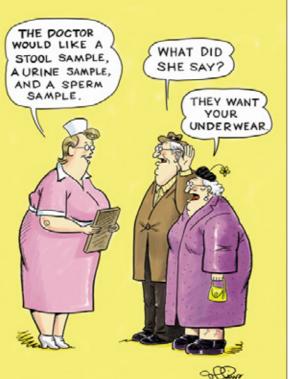
Seal Island WI

We had a lovely messy time at our March meeting making fabric bowls under the watchful eye of our own Chris Mander. A great evening with a lot of chat and laughter.



Unfortunately, due to coronavirus and the need for social distancing, we have taken the difficult decision to postpone our speaker for the next meeting and to put all meetings on hold until further notice. We will continue to support all our members, who are encouraged to get in touch with committee members for any help they need or just a friendly chat.







Moonlight Walk 2020

Be a star for St Wilfrid's Hospice! Join #TeamWilf for a 5 or 10 mile sponsored walk through the night Walk to remember a loved one, walk for the challenge, walk with



family and friends, walk to show you care. Provisional date 5th September.

Stwh.co.uk/moonlightwalk

Sahara Desert Trek, Morocco

This is your invitation for adventure on a trek that summits the top of the highest sand dunes in the Sahara - The Chigaga Dunes. You will trek and camp for 4 days on 11-16 November 2021 through an ever-changing landscape.



Taking on a trek like this can be a spiritual experience for those who wish to walk in memory of someone cared for by St Wilfrid's Hospice. For others it will be the physical challenge that calls to them.

Whatever the reason you may feel drawn to this trek you will be fully supported for the entire journey - from signing up to fundraising, to the trek itself.

Leap4Love takes it to the next level in 2020

For the first time St Wilfrid's is offering a tandem skydive at 15,000 feet this year, offering you a whole minute of free fall experience in which to enjoy the view! "It was a truly amazing experience and wanted to do it again as soon as I landed!" Rebecca - Leap 4 Love 2019

Sunday 19th July 2020 (Register for your place by Sunday 21st June)

Take the leap at stwh.co.uk/support-us/events/skydive.

Walton Lane, Bosham, Chichester West Sussex, PO18 8QB www.stwh.co.uk Tel: 01243 775302

Covid 19 Update - Important Information

At St Wilfrid's Hospice we care for people with terminal illnesses, so it is important that we take all reasonable steps to protect the wellbeing of those using our services, as well as our staff and those volunteering who are working to ensure our vital services continue. This is particularly relevant and important during the current outbreak of Coronavirus in the UK.

From Tuesday 17th March we will continue essential clinical services but will be temporarily ceasing non-essential services, which includes all group activities and therapies, the Living Well Centre, bereavement groups, external face to face meetings, Education Centre training courses and Hospice tours.

Visiting the Hospice

We request that only immediate family or loved ones visit in the That's why we need your support now more than ever. Please inpatient unit and to do so without pets. If you wish to discuss this, consider donating now at stwh.co.uk/donate please contact the nurse in charge. As per Government guidance,

You can't get a job as an airline pilot if your name is Jack. If you walked into the cockpit and the co-pilot said "Hi, Jack" everyone on the 'plane would start crying out.

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if you have a new, continuous cough or high temperature please refrain from visiting. Whilst we are grateful for the support of our local community we politely request that all non-essential visitors refrain from visiting the hospice at this time.

If you are attending a St Wilfrid's Fundraising Event

Please note that the Moonlight Walk has been postponed and is now pencilled in to be held on 5th September 2020. More information regarding this event will be released in due course. Events organised by St Wilfrid's are otherwise going ahead but will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Please do check our website for updates. If you are participating in an event organised by a third party in aid of St Wilfrid's, such as the London Marathon, then please check with the organiser for further information.

Our Shops

St Wilfrid's Hospice will be closing all of its charity shops on Monday March 23 to minimise the risk of coronavirus to service users, staff, volunteers, and supporters.

Our focus remains, as always, on the provision of compassionate care to our patients and their loved ones, with the ongoing support of our local community more important than ever.

We urge our supporters and those still in need of a great bargain to find us on Ebay at charity.ebay.co.uk or Amazon.co.uk by searching 'St Wilfrid's Hospice'.

If you are a Hospice Volunteer

If you are a volunteer then please follow the Public Health England guidance and do not participate in any Hospice activity if you feel unwell or part of an at risk group.

Following Coronavirus Advice

If you show signs of symptoms of Coronavirus, please follow Government advice which can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/ government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-governmentresponse

Support Us

Your Hospice is a charity providing free care and support to adults in our community who have a life-limiting illness and their families. We rely on our community to help us raise almost 85% of our funds.

Many people think hospices are all about dying. Through our many different services, we provide care based on compassion. We see the person, not just the patient and believe it is the little things that make a difference to a patient's quality of life.

Every pound raised is important for us to continue to care for more patients with a life-limiting illness, and the people important to them, so that they can make the most of every moment together.

Our Moonlight Walk is having to be delayed until September and other fundraising events may be cancelled this year due to Coronavirus, it will have a huge impact on our income.

Our aim is to ensure that we can continue providing specialist end of life care services both now and in the future. We need our local community to continue supporting us.

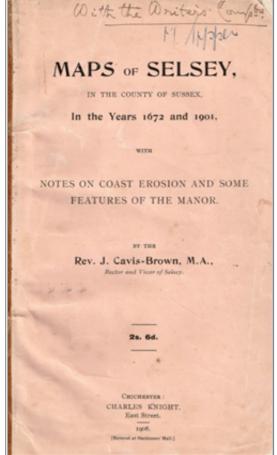
SELSEY IN 1672

To paraphrase the Bard of Avon, some are born lucky, some acquire luck and some have luck thrust upon them.

When I was lucky enough to acquire the photographs of the 1909 mammoth and my research led to its being the earliest steppe mammoth found in the world, I considered myself a most fortunate woman and would have died happy.

This story started in December 2018/January 2019 when, on a whim, I decided to find out if the original 1672 Map of Selsey was still in existence. To this end I contacted the Cambridge University Library; The National Library of Scotland; The Bodleian Library, Oxford; The British Library and The Ordnance Survey Office at Southampton. I knew that The Ordnance Survey Office had disseminated many of it's records to safer places during WWII and also that they had been bombed, thus losing some of their records. Every organisation replied that they didn't have the 1672 map. The Heron-Allen Society had no information either. So it looked as though I had drawn a blank.

Then I acquired Mollie Tupper's archives. Among her treasures I found a copy of Edward Heron-Allen's Selsey Bill 1911 complete with its three maps. This is a well-known and well-used tome by those of us interested in the History of Selsey. We know that the Rev. John Cavis-Brown carried out most of the research during the course of which he made a copy of the 1672 map which, from time immemorial, had hung on the wall of James Clayton's abode, High House in West Street. Cavis-Brown wrote a pamphlet, in 1906, entitled 'MAPS of SELSEY, In the County of Sussex, In the Years 1672 and 1901 with Notes on Coast Erosion and Some Features of the Manor.' It cost 2/6d (half-a-crown) and was published in Chichester by Charles Knight of East Street.



Cavis-Brown went on to 'sophisticate' the map by adding the coastlines of 1820 and 1905 and, as you can see from the inscription at the top, he gave a copy of his pamphlet 'With the Writer's Compliments' to EHA. We know this is the Reverend Gentleman's writing as his capital letter 'C' is very distinctive and also appears on a Public Record Office request ticket in my possession.

The second signature, of course, is that of M. Tupper.

EHA issued a reprint of this map as a folding plate to Selsey Bill 1911.

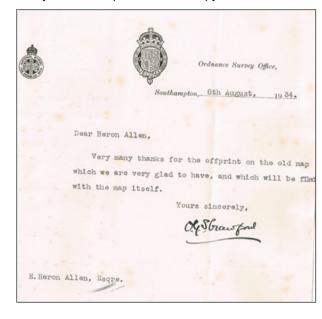
In 1926, an article written by Edward Heron-Allen appeared in Sussex Archaeological Collections vol. 67 stating that neither he nor Cavis-Brown had ever been 'able to discover anything about the original 'survey' (of Selsey). He described the map as being '...131/2 x 151/2 inches square, drawn in pen and ink, and coloured by hand.'

EHA went on to say that according to an expert from Ordnance Survey the Clayton map would date between 1720 and 1730. We know from a later article (SAC Vol. 75, pp200-206 of 1934) that this expert, Mr O S G Crawford, visited Selsey in 1925 and 'had managed with my assistance to carry off James Clayton's copy and he then had a full-sized photograph made of it.' The negative, which would have been on a glass plate, was smashed before any prints could be made from it.

The article also indicated that the original 1672 map had been discovered in the garret of an old-established solicitor's office in Chichester in November 1925, that EHA had received 'a clue as to the whereabouts of the original Map' which he duly followed up, rescuing it from the 'shop of a furniture dealer in Chichester'.

The Map is 'drawn by hand (and coloured) on a sheet five feet square, formed by the sewing together of five oddly-shaped 'skins' of vellum, 1/32nd of an inch in thickness. The Sea and Pagham Harbour - showing the 'arm' extending to the sea on the west side of the Bill, which converted Selsey into an island at high tide - are coloured green.'

EHA then presented the original map to be preserved in the Office of the Ordnance Survey at Southampton. His own copy of his article was housed in a custom-made cover on which EHA had written:



(One of three copies to which James Clayton's 'reduced' copy has been added. To this copy a 'reduction' from Yeakell & Gardner's map has been added, and also 'reproduction' of the same, as annotated by Cavis-Brown and published in 1906)'.

(Also the reproduction of the Ordnance Survey map, issued with my book 'Selsey Bill', Historic and Prehistoric, London 1911)'. August 1934.

This, too, was found in the Tupper Archives.

Stuck inside the cover was a letter dated 8 August 1934 from the Ordnance Survey Office:

'Dear Heron Allen.

Very many thanks for the offprint on the old map which we are very glad to have, and which will be filed with the map itself. Yours sincerely, O S G Crawford

A further letter dated 11 April 1935, also from Mr Crawford, is transcribed as follows:

'Dear Heron Allen.

I am desired by the Director General to inform you that a bromide print of the 1672 map is being sent to you free of charge in consideration of your gift of it to this Office. I hope it will be what you require.'

And there, in a blue slip cover, with gold lettering was the bromide print expertly mounted on linen. It is in pristine condition. Rather unfortunately it is huge so I cannot reproduce it here! But it is beautiful!

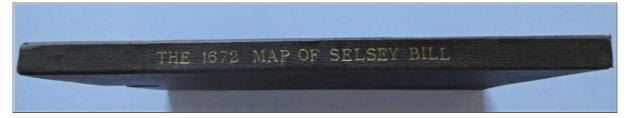
It has been divided into a series of separate 'pages' and is mounted with small spaces round the edge of each image which allows it to be folded easily without damaging it.

The label says:

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I have checked with the current incarnation of Edward Stanford Ltd and they tell me they have no archives.





The picture underneath is The Old Church ca. 1865. This raises a query or two as The Gentleman's Magazine of 1797 and 1798 quite clearly shows a church without a tower but with a wooden steeple.

To further muddy the waters, the Bill of Presentment made by Churchwardens William Goble and William Man to the Bishop in 1662-3 states '...there was never any steeple belonging to the Church, but a tower, formerly belonging to a ruined castle, somewhat remote from the Church, where the bells hunge, but it is latelie fallen downe, the bells preserved, and a newe steeple now annexed to the Church is almost the fourth parte finished'. By 1865 it had obviously disappeared again! But this conundrum will have to wait a while before it is solved!



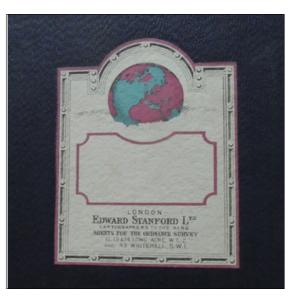
Heron-Allen wanted to research the list of names which include Woodland, Shepherd, Downer, Mitchell and Poe (thought to be the ancestors of Edgar Allan Poe, a branch of the family going from Selsey to Ireland) but has left it to 'some future historian of Selsey, if such there shall be, to deal with the huge mass of material to which it was only possible merely to refer in 1911 '.

And I'm afraid that won't be me either.

He has, however, organised his list so that it strongly resembles the modern Kelly's Street Directory of Selsey and includes references to many of the documents he consulted.

The title panel on the map was written by William Weekes, the cartographer, a transcription of which appears below. I have modernised the spelling and abbreviations have been expanded where necessary to aid clarity:

The True Plot and Content of all and Singular the Lands lying or being within the Manor of Selsey in the County of Sussex as it is now Butted and Bounded with the main Sea on the East and South pts (points?) thereof and the ferry on the North and West parte thereof together with the Commons or Waste of the said Manor belonging to the right Worshipful Sir William Morley, Knight of the Bath, and also the true Plot of Certain other parcels of Land Which is intermingled within the Lands of the aforesaid Manor Belonging to Or holden of



On the map is a lovely drawing of the Church at Norton with a square tower.



past times

DONNA'S DELIBERATIONS

Mr Bernard, of Petworth and others All which said Manor of Selsey was surveyed with the help and by the consent of the tenants belonging to the said manor in the Year of our Lord God 1672 By me William Weekes.

It would be lovely to think that William was a local lad and, in fact, there was a William Weekes christened at Donnington at an appropriate time but documents from this era are rare and notoriously difficult to decipher. It would explain, however, why he was so grateful to the tenants for their help and support. Perhaps somewhere someone knows and will tell me.

By the time you read this, the two pamphlets and the map will be safely housed in West Sussex Record Office with Accession Number 19667 and will be available to view. The condition of deposit is that it is on permanent loan from me so should the need arise - I can get it back. Through the kind offices of the Assistant County Archivist, Jenny Mason, I have been given a full size copy of the map which will stay with me.

I have been liaising with Joe Savill of the Selsey Wildlife and Heritage Group to see if we can organise a small exhibition so Selsey residents can see what we have been so excited about but, in the light of the current Corvid 19 infection, I think it would be prudent if this were delayed until the crisis is over. So watch this space.

I wish this write-up could convey just how excited I was - I was trembling and my heart was in my mouth. I showed the map to two like-minded people just to confirm that I hadn't lost the plot entirely and that I really did have what I thought I had!

Outside Selsey, of course, this map and its documents are merely a curiosity. To Selsey, of course, it is PRICELESS! Now all we have to do is find the original.

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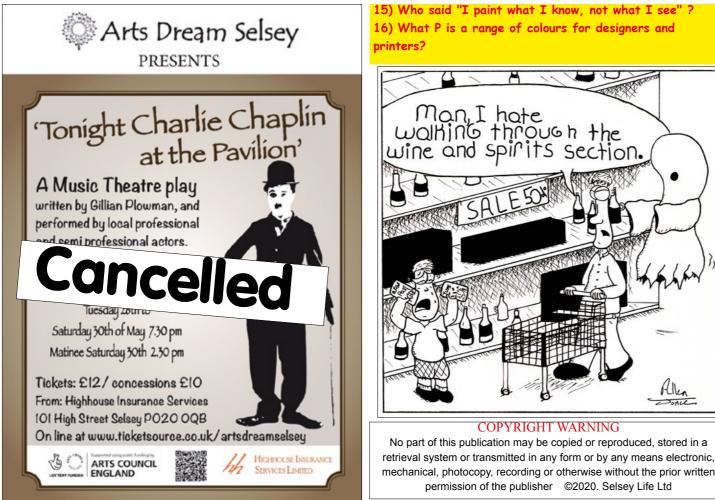
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Jenny Mason, Assistant County Archivist, West Sussex Record Office for co-operating in every imaginable way to ensure that I was able to bring you this story and share my excitement.

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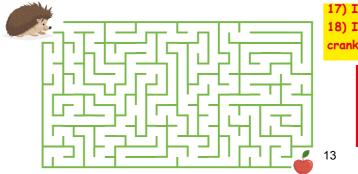


Well, I have to say that this is my second attempt at a Deliberation My daughter was picking up - given the speed at which things have progressed, my first attempt garden 'rubbish' and throwing seemed painfully irrelevant in the light of obvious developments. Not mentioning 'you know what' seemed guite ridiculous. I don't intend to go on about it but it wouldn't be right to just ignore things.

It's my 60th birthday this year, can't guite work out how that happened but clearly it has, and I cannot recall a time when things have been this challenging; it is truly awful. Difficult situations always bring out the best and worst in people - so we have people panic buying so much so that our more vulnerable residents can find themselves looking at empty shelves but we also have an amazing volunteer force which has, guite unprompted, just kicked into gear. As I say, the best and the worst.

We are all hearing and reading so much about the physical honest here - was that he was implications of this virus, I think we are probably all experts by now! But, we don't hear so much about the potential psychological probably dead, so we peered at him for some while before impact of it. There is an enormous amount of fear and it's important to try to combat that because the more control we have number one son detected very shallow breathing; hoggie was still in hibernation, but we had over our thoughts and feelings, the better placed we are to combat certainly disturbed him because he began to move a bit. So, the disease; we need to be mindful of this as well. What we are Operation Hedgehog kicked into gear! You may remember that I seeing in the supermarkets at present can be somewhat ugly but was given a hedgehog house for Christmas, which we had it's actually understandable, it's all about the psychology of self anticipated putting in the garden during the spring, so this seemed preservation and that's an extremely powerful emotion - and like a good time - and a good reason - to start to use it. We popped usually, we don't get to test ourselves and our responses to it. said house under a bush and gently carried hoggie, complete with There is nothing more powerful than the need to self preserve. We the debris he'd nestled himself into, and put him in his new home. are programmed to do it, it's how we have evolved. We're being He was definitely waking up so we put some food in the entrance told by mass media and social media that the shops are running and left him to sleep again. He seemed guite settled a few hours out of food, so what do we do? We start competing with each other later but, in the morning, had disappeared! He'd clearly woken up, and that's when self preservation can turn nasty, but it's human. had a bit of breakfast and gone exploring - we have hedgehog There's something called the 'F and E' game which can be helpful highways between our garden and our neighbours so he was able if we feel that this emotion is kicking in: just take a piece of paper to have a wander, quite safely. We haven't seen him since but we and write down 'Fact' on one side and 'Emotions" on the other - the idea is to write down the facts of the situation and the emotions, the have been putting hedgehog food down next to the hoggie house and it is being eaten so maybe he's popping back for dinner then thoughts and feelings, on the other, to try to balance factual data wandering off again. I hope so. The moral of the story, if you are with emotional reasoning. If we can do this we have a bit more cleaning up after having put the garden to bed last winter, is to be control over our stress levels which is better for us not just really aware that these lovely little animals can really burrow right psychologically but also physically. Stress impacts massively on our immune system so if we can control our stress levels, even a into what we would consider to be garden rubbish. It's ideal for them - they are warm, out of sight and therefore safe to sleep the little, it has to be positive. winter away. They will be starting to wake up now but if anyone is having a bit of a garden spring clean, please be aware that you may have a visitor you aren't aware of!

Anyway - enough of this, I'm sure everyone is thoroughly fed up with it all now! One of the positives which has come from this situation (I'm looking for positives in everything these days) is that I hope this month's Selsey Life finds you okay if not exactly feeling the Johnson household has pretty much had to pull up the like you are full of the joys of spring! I'm trying to concentrate on the drawbridge. Meetings are taking place remotely with Tim and I positives - we live in a beautiful place, with the sea on our doorstep dialling into CDC remotely. Personally, I think we should look into and a wonderful community that I know will do its best to look after working this way a bit more, it saves so much time. The each other. Try to enjoy Easter and not eat too much chocolate consequence is that I've had an opportunity to actually catch up on did I say that? :) some domestic stuff which I'd been purposefully ignoring for some while; one of these jobs was the garden. Now, our garden is the Remember, if you need practical help or advice with anything, size of a handkerchief, but big enough considering the time I have Selsey has its own Covid mutual aid volunteer group. You can to devote to it (not enough,) but I quite enjoy pottering around. I get in touch via facebook, via the Town Council or the Care Shop. used to have a big garden and managed an allotment way back Plans are afoot to deliver a leaflet to all our residents' homes to when but there are only so many hours in a day and, frankly, I'm explain more. If all else fails, feel free to contact me! the only gardener in our family! The first job was to have the winter detritus removed, for which I enlisted the help of my off spring Take care and keep safe. (actually they did it all, to be fair) and that job brought with it a very Donna pleasant surprise.... donnajohnson279@gmail.com



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it into a bag when she suddenly called out. Amidst the debris was a hedgehog - infact one of the biggest hedgehogs I've ever seen! He had worked his way right into the middle of the pile and it was a miracle she spotted him. I took a photo, couldn't believe that he'd nestled right inside the pile like that! It's not the best of photos but you can see how camouflaged he was. Our first thought - and I'm being



17) If you are the paterfamilias what are you? 18) In a car, what is the end of the rod attached to the crankshaft?

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

'KATHLEEN BRAND - YOU ARE NOW OFFICIALLY FAMOUS!'



This is Kathleen Brand, now Kathleen Hill. She worked in Medmerry Mill when it was a Toy Shop and she thinks the picture is 1963 or 1964.



Steve Mason 5/6/1969 to 16/3/2020 A sad loss and a big Selsey Life fan

KINDLY MENTION SELSEY LIFE WHEN REPLYING TO AN ADVERT IN THIS MAGAZINE

Bits of Bruce: The Final Chapter!

Saying goodbye is never to easy, but all things must come to an end. At the end of April, my Ministry here in Selsey comes to an end. I will not be going out with a bang but a whimper. I am not able to visit all my friends and colleagues due to this blasted Covid 19 virus, for health reasons I am presently stuck indoors until further notice.

I have enjoyed working with the Church and the People of Selsey it has been great to meet with you all, work with you, cry with you, laugh with you and pray with you, I will greatly miss you all. I would like to thank all those that have helped me in my ministry, obviously all the leaders and churches in Selsey, The Venture Club, The Care shop, Good Morning Selsey, The SHOP, The Academy School but mostly all those kind people that have shared their lives and have been kind to myself and my family.

In the days ahead we will need to be kind with each other and help one another, especially those who are unable to help themselves. I know we are all scared to some extend, panic buving, focusing inwards on our families needs, but really at the end of days we are all Family, so let us be kind.

Jesus was executed because he preached a life of peace and kindness, his teachings promised a heaven on earth, not some airy fairy promise of some future home for our souls after death. It's about here and now, Heaven is what we make it, we have to live out our lives in peace and love. His life is the model for us to build this future of heaven here and now! In all this time of uncertainty, be kind with each other and you will see the coming heavenly kingdom here on earth, beginning to emerge from all this chaos!

A Blessing to you all, in the name of the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Rev.Bruce Allinson.

Did You Know?

Approximately 4% of the sand on the Normandy beaches is made up from tiny metal particles from the D-Day landings

In 2005, one in five people admitted to taking Derbisol - a drug that doesn't exist.

> The Victorian slang for breasts was "Cupid's Kettledrums"

\$1,200,000,000,000 of US money is in circulation but nobody knows where 85% of it is. 'Bird' was originally spelled 'Brid'



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Due to the Coronavirus and Government advice, we regret we are closed until further notice

> We thank our Staff and Members for all their support, friendship and love.

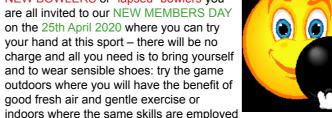
We wish everyone to stay safe and well, and see you when we reopen.

With love from Julie Danny Mark Maria and Floki @The Selsey Private Club





NEW BOWLERS or "lapsed" bowlers you are all invited to our NEW MEMBERS DAY on the 25th April 2020 where you can try your hand at this sport - there will be no charge and all you need is to bring yourself



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but in a more confined area. Outdoors at 10.00am and indoors 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm. As members of the club you will also be able to enjoy the social events organised by some of our very enthusiastic members these include Curling, Skittles, Bingo and Quizes. Why not come and give it a go? Bowls members should remember that Sunday 19TH April is the opening of their 2020 season.

For more information re. green bowls ring Chris - 601859. short mat bowls call Jim 606172.

Short Mat competition results are:-

MANHOOD CHALLENGE

WINNER GRAHAM AINGE RUNNER UP JACK FREEBOROUGH LADIES SINGLES

WINNER DENISE MERRITT RUNNER UP JAN OBERMAYER

MEN'S SINGLES WINNER EDDIE WILLCOCKS RUNNER UP ALAN BATEMAN

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Following advice from the Government we remain closed, certainly throughout April. To this end our Open House on Saturday 4th April is CANCELLED.

To Our Members: The Start of Season on Sunday 5th April is cancelled and the AGM on Sunday 26th April is postponed until further notice.

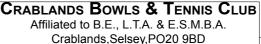
All May matches, Home and Away are cancelled as is our Invitation Trophy

Further discussions are to be had regarding events in June and the rest of our season.

Stay Safe Everyone

SELSEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB

With regret meetings are cancelled until further notice due to the Coronavirus. Contacts: Sylvia Cox on 681663 Annette Iskett on 606227 email: annetteiskett@hotmail.com Jean Tolhurst @ royandjean325@gmail.com



OPEN SINGLES WINNER ALAN FOOT RUNNER UP JIM SAUNDERS

CHAIRMAN'S CUP WINNERS TONY DADE & VAL FOYLE RUNNERS UP JIM SAUNDERS & GILL OLIVER

2 WOODS OPEN PAIRS WINNERS BILL & DENISE MERRITT RUNNERS UP JIM SAUNDERS & GILL OLIVER

2 WOODS DRAWN PAIRS WINNERS TONY DADE & LESLEY DUFF RUNNERS UP DANNY ARNOLD & ALEX AINGE

AUSTRALIAN PAIRS WINNERS PETER BLACKMAN & ELAINE SADLER RUNNERS UP GEORGE ARNOLD & GILL OLIVER

On the tennis front, if you are a Junior member, a reminder that on Saturday mornings our coach is at the club for you. Senior tennis players are reminded that 1st April is the date for the renewal of subscriptions.



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 or contact Chris re. Bowls on 601859. re.Tennis Jo 07917301618. Re: Short Mat Bowls ring Jim on 606172.

Please Note Due to the Covid19 outbreak the club has been closed but this will be reviewed again at the end of April so PLEASE call to check if any event is happening before leaving home.



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wildlife

Orange-tip Butterfly by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust The future's bright

At this time of year I'm often asked "What's that butterfly with the orange tips on the end of its wings called?" "Well," I reply "its scientific name is Anthocharis meaning 'flower grace'; probably

because this beautiful butterfly lends a certain grace to the flowers it frequents. In the 18th century it was 'The Lady of the Woods' -a seductive title well deserved by the best-looking butterfly of the spring. The Germans celebrate its beauty in the name Aurotafalter; the sunrise butterfly. The French honour it with the poetic title L'Auroré - the rising sun." "So what do the British call it?" "Well, we call it the Orange-



Orange-tip Male c Bob Eade It?" "Well, we call it the Orange-tip – because it has orange tips on the end of its wings."

Whoever gave this exquisite insect such an unimaginative name should be ashamed. It's more than just a pair of orange tips. Forget your Bluebells and Skylarks, the emergence of the Orange-tip is nature's confirmation that spring has officially sprung.

Only the male Orange-tip has those road cone orange wing-tips that visually scream "Look at me! Look at me!" as he cruises the countryside's hedges and edges. You'd think this flamboyant display would land him on the menu for any passing bird - but he has an unsavoury secret. He tastes absolutely disgusting. His orange tips make birds recoil when they recall last eating something that colour. To predators he is a flying pot of lime pickle; if you've eaten it once, you'll never eat it again.

The grey-tipped females are more secretive. Once mated they search the hedgerows for their food plants; Cuckooflower and

Garlic Mustard. They tap-dance on the plants and identify them with taste buds in their feet. Once their six soles are satisfied they lay a single, tiny, orange, rugby ball shaped egg. The egg's shell emits a pheromone which deters other females from laying here because the cute little caterpillar, which hatches out a week or so later, is a cannibal.

This caterpillar gets to work eating the flower's seed pods, and it eats so many that it starts to look like one (my Mum once warned me a similar phenomenon would happen with me and Monster Munch crisps). Disguised as its diet, it merrily munches throughout May and the plant toxins it ingests will help to flavour the bitter butterfly it will become. In July, the caterpillar constructs a curious chrysalis, a bizarre bit of angular architecture attached to a stem by a single string. Inside this postmodern pupa the caterpillar melts into a cellular soup. And then the natural world's greatest regeneration takes place. This biological broth builds a butterfly and the April sunshine encourages the Orange-tip to emerge; that simple flash of orange signalling that an even greater regeneration has

finally taken place. Winter has turned to spring

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

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Chichester Conservancy Volunteers

CANCELLATION OF VOLUNTEERING TASKS

As a result of the current Coronavirus situation the current CCV programme of volunteering activity will have be curtailed. The remaining tasks until the end of April can no longer take place as planned.

In addition our normal summer programme cannot start until the present government restrictions are lifted.

Keep checking the website for news of the resumption of our Sunday volunteering tasks.

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Orange-tip Female c Bob Eade Sussex Wildlife Trust



c Roger Wilmshurst Sussex Wildlife Trust

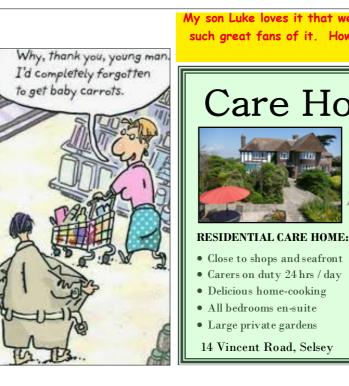
reserves at this time of year. Common Sandpiper One of these, is one of my favourite

waders, the common sandpiper. This neat c Andy Hay little wader, with grey-brown upperparts and breast, has white



Due to the current Coronavirus situation

Our Visitor Centre is also now closed but the reserves and access to them remain open.





I remember as a child growing up, hearing the cuckoo's call underparts that lead up in front of the wing as a distinctive white emanating around my hometown. Sadly, this is now just a memory shoulder. Although non-descript in appearance, it has an for me and many of my endearing habit of bobbing up and down on it's short green legs generation. Like much of our known as 'teetering'. Look out for them around pools or channels birds and other wildlife, it has where they can be seen feeding at the edges.

declined rapidly and now this most symbolic of calls has been lost widely across the country. What is more frightening is that it's likely, that there are now more people in the UK that have never heard a cuckoo before,

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Cuckoo than those that have. However, you can still hear, and see, these celebrated birds c Ben Andrew around our beautiful reserves of RSPB Pagham Harbour and RSPB Medmerry each spring. Repeating their name over and over, seeming near, then far, the very sound lifts the soul as they herald

Often when we talk about spring and summer migrants, we automatically think of warblers. larks and other celebrated songbirds, that fill the air with their vocalisations. or swallows, martins and swifts, that wheel high above against blue skies. However, there are many others that arrive or pass through our

in the spring.



The UK also has one summer migrant duck, the garganey. The male has a brown head with broad white stripes over its eyes that curve down and meet at the back of the neck. It has a mottled brown breast, barred grey flanks and drooping black



Garganey and white feathers on it's back. The c Ben Andrew female looks like a female mallard but with a white throat patch.

Situated on the Manhood Peninsula, our reserves of Pagham Harbour & Medmerry are migration hotspots on this stretch of the south coast. They are alive and bursting with life at this time of year, with birds arriving back and passing through.

For more information on the latest wildlife sightings and events pop into our Visitor Centre on the B2145 south of Chichester or check out our website www.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour

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RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry we are cancelling all of the April events

My son Luke loves it that we named our children after Star Wars characters as we are such great fans of it. However, his sister Chewbacca and his younger brother Bobba Fett are less amused.



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Recent Callouts

02/02/20 11:52

Team paged to reports of a wind surfer in difficulty off Pagham 08/02/20 21:39 Beach.

Selsey Inshore Lifeboat was launched, and recovered the windsurfer to us on the beach.

The windsurfer had suffered a broken boom to the windsurf, no medical assistance was needed.

05/02/20 18:24

Team paged to reports of ordnance on Medmerry Beach.

The team arrived on scene located the ordnance, took photos and passed them to our Operation Centre. Due to lack of day light and the incoming tide we were stood down to be retasked.

06/02/20 10:27

Team re tasked to ordnance at Medmerry Beach.

On arrival the ordnance was located and a further search of the beach was carried out. More ordnance was found and a cordon was put in place and the beach was closed to the public.

Navy E.O.D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team) arrived on scene and carried out a controlled explosion around 12:20pm.



The ordnance was highly explosive

if you come across any ordnance on the beach or something you are unsure of please do not touch it and dial 999 straight away and ask for the Coastguard!

Ordnance comes in all shapes and sizes and ordnance found on this beach have been found to be Highly Explosive like this piece, so please do not touch it and call the Coastguard.

06/02/20

While we were at Medmerry Beach dealing with Ordnance we found a large French Data Buoy.

The data buoy had been missing for a while from France and was expected to wash up on the beach South of the Isle Of Wight last weekend: instead it managed to go around the Isle of Wight and wash up on the beach here at Medmerry.

The team took photos and all the details needed, moved it higher up the beach and fed this back to our Operation Room, who have contacted the french owners who are arranging collection.

If you come across anything unusual on the beach like this, please dont touch it and call the Coastquard.

07/02/20 18:18

Team paged to support Sussex Police with a Police Incident at the Witterings with both Hayling Lifeboats.

Returning to station at 20:20 with the incident all resolved.

08/02/20 15:46

Team paged to ordnance at Medmerry Beach.

On arrival the ordnance was located and a further search of the beach was carried out. More ordnance was found and a cordon was put in place and the beach was closed to the public.

Photos were taken and sent to our Operations Room and passed to E.O.D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team).

E.O.D. arrived on scene and the items were taken away for safe disposal.

Returning to station at 19:15



Team paged to support Police with an Incident at Bognor Pier, Littlehampton Coastguard Team were also tasked.

Stood down en route with the incident resolved.

10/02/20 18:15

Team paged to reports of a capsized vessel drifting between the Oval and Hillfield Road, Selsey.

The vessel was located and details passed to our Operations Centre a shoreline search was carried out but with nothing further seen and nothing found the team were stood down.



Returning to station at 19:40.

14/02/20 11:05

Team paged to multiple pieces of ordnance at Medmerry Beach.

On arrival a search was carried out of the beach and lots of ordnance was found a cordon was put in place and the beach was closed to the public.



Photos were taken and sent to our Operations Room and passed to E.O.D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team).

E.O.D. arrived on scene and a controlled explosion was carried out at approximately 14:21.

The explosion revealed more ordnance in the crater caused by the explosion so another controlled explosion was carried out a bit later

15/02/20 10:36

Team paged to multiple pieces of ordnance at Medmerry Beach.

On arrival a search was carried out of the beach and 22 pieces of ordnance were found, a cordon was put in place and the beach was closed to the public.

Photos were taken and sent to our Operations Room and passed to E.O.D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team).

E.O.D. arrived on scene and a controlled explosion was carried out.

16/02/20 12:13

Team paged to East Wittering Beach with Sussex Police.

No further details will be released on this incident.

19/02/20 17:38

Team paged to multiple pieces of ordnance at Medmerry Beach, E.O.D. (Explosive ordnance disposal team).

However due to search conditions it was deemed too unsafe to continue and to be retasked to it in daylight at the next low tide.

20/02/20 12:00

Team tasked with Littlehampton Coastguard Rescue Team to meet E.O.D. at Medmerry Beach.

A search was carried out of the beach and multiple pieces of ordnance were found, a cordon was put in place and the beach was closed to the public.

E.O.D. carried out a successful controlled explosion, and the beach obviously. We maintain the cordon until they give us the 'all-clear' to was later re opened. safely reopen the beach.'

Returning to station at 15.30

Team paged to ordnance on

public.

22/02/20 14:00

On arrival a search was carried out of the beach and the ordnance was found, a cordon was put in place and the beach was closed to the public.

E.O.D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team).

E.O.D. arrived on scene and a controlled explosion was carried out.

Yesterday while some of the team were getting rather wet and cold dealing with ordnance on the beach; representatives from Selsey and Littlehampton Coastguard Rescue Teams, along with Alex, one of our Senior Coastal Operations Officers were honoured to be attending the East and West Sussex High Sheriffs' celebration at Lancing College Chapel honouring emergency service staff across Sussex.



Here's an old press release from 2015

explaining why we deal with so much ordnance at Medmerry. The legacy of war...

When a call comes in to Selsev Coastguard Rescue Team for an incident at Medmerry Beach, they're reasonably sure what it will be: a rather dangerous leftover from World War Two.



During the Second World War Selsey had a bombing range for air to ground attack practice. The area has also suffered from flooding and erosion by the sea which - in 2011 - led to the Environment Agency constructing a flood bank. This created an amazing new wetland – but also flooded the old bombing range which means these days it's quite common for World War Two bombs to appear on the beach or be washed up.

Ashley Pledger from the CRT says there have been a few interesting moments: 'Last October we were called to our largest piece of ordnance - a 500lb depth charge bomb which was probably dropped from a plane during the war.

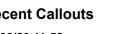
'It ended up being a 21 hour job for us. We had to close the beach and stay through the night until the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team was able to carry out a controlled explosion. It's always exciting to see the EOD do this - although from a safe distance,





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

21/02/20 16:33 Medmerry Beach.

A search was carried out of the beach and multiple pieces of ordnance were found, a cordon was put in place and the beach was closed to the

E.O.D. (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team) safely removed the ordnance from the beach and took it with them for safe disposal.

Returning to station at 20.30.

Team paged to more ordnance at Medmerry Beach.

Photos were taken and sent to our Operations Room and passed to

Other News

'It's scarv the amount of ordnance that's out there. How much there is, we might never know. At the beginning of June we were called to reports of an old sea mine washed up on the beach. While we were there waiting for EOD, we also found a depth charge, several bombs and multiple amounts of ordnance which meant we had to extend our safety cordon even further.'

Because it is so dangerous, it's really important that if you do come across anything you think might be a bomb or other ordnance that you shouldn't touch it and you should call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.'



We need you, Selsey Coastguard Team are recruiting now -Come and join our team!

Are you interested in joining the Coastguard Rescue Service (CRS)?

The volunteers at Selsey Coastguard Team are trained and available to respond 24/7 to various incidents as a front line 999 emergency service.



Alerted by 999 call or a Mayday/urgency call on VHF the Coastguard Operations Centres will task assets of which the CRS is one of to attend by 4x4 rescue vehicle and gather information for the Ops room and if necessary attempt rescue which would be in the form of a Water Rescue from dry land, Rope Rescue and Cliff Rescue, Mud Rescue, First Aid/Stretcher, Searching along the coast or indeed on land, working with helicopters and Lifeboats and the other emergency services or making safe time expired pyrotechnics.

We also will perform safety and accident prevention work including PR and the local knowledge of the Coastguard Rescue Officers (CRO's) is vital to the overall Search and Rescue framework locally for HM Coastguard.

CRO's are alerted by a dedicated tasking & alerting platform and can be expected to drop everything to attend an incident and we require a group of individuals who together make up each teams capability around the coast at any given time and are volunteers.

The current requirement at Selsey Coastguard is that you are largely within a short distance of the station when responding and can complement the availability of the team by being able to respond daytime on a weekday on most occasions.

You would be expected to undertake extensive training and assessment under the Senior Coastal Operations Officers to fulfil the role and therefore a big commitment is required as well as a good degree of fitness.

If you're interested in joining the team or would like more information, please send us a message on our Facebook page, would love to hear from you.



A DAY AWAY AT SUNNY SAUSAGES-ON-SEA

Coloured bright the little 'homes' that beaches do adorn wait patiently all winter long neglected and forlorn old rusting padlock holds the fort till springtime warmth is born and they return with brush and paint to breathe life into beach huts quaint

The Pinks at number twenty two have had a good idea they're coming down at Easter time like every other year Ron's going to add a bit of deck he's made it crystal clear no matter what the council say he intends to do it anyway

Once Mrs Wimplehurst arrives with kids and barking dog the neighbours sense their quiet weekend will turn into a slog a few of them abandon ship and go off for a jog till some 'normality' returns for all of those whom it concerns

But Edna's tipped the council off, they're sending someone down a large important officer who wears a certain frown rolls up on a pushbike that's a nasty shade of brown comes gamely strutting down the sand with heavy by-law book in hand

We'll have no decks or other things he sternly states to Ron who promptly gets his toolbox out and swears it will be gone so off pedals said officer his bicycle upon it's far too warm to argue much beneath the blazing sunshine such

Head in hand old Ron admits he took a liberty his deck wood's on the barbeque it wasn't meant to be the pleasures of a day away at sunny Sausages-on-Sea! then soon to join the traffic jam for endless hours to curse and damn.

> JOHN BYRNE FEBRUARY 2020 **ARTWORK: JASON BETON**



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Why do monkeys carry their babies on their backs? It would be a bit difficult dragging buggies up into the branches.

What is the difference between Boom! Aaaargh! and Aaaarah! Boom! ? How high the window is that you fall out of.

Selsey Carers' in partnership with the Selsey Community Forum – Charity number 1156460



Looking after someone is important, but many people who care for someone don't recognise themselves as carers. It can affect you emotionally, physically, financially and in many other ways.

How to tell if you are a carer – You are a carer if you are looking after someone regularly because they are ill, elderly or disabled, this includes family members.

You help with - Washing/dressing or taking medicines, getting out and about and travelling to doctors' appointments, shopping/ cleaning/paving bills/organising finances etc....etc.... You are also a carer if you give emotional support by sitting with someone to keep them company or watching over someone if they can't be left alone.

If you recognise yourself in the above why not pop in to the Care Shop for a friendly chat and a cuppa or come to one of our regular social groups?

April dates and venues -

Tuesday 7th/14th/21st Afternoon tea at "The Shop" cafe from 2.30pm

Thursday 9th - Coffee morning at the Methodist Church Hall from 10am

Tuesday 14th - Men's breakfast club at the Fire Station from 10am

Thursday 16th - Carers support group at the Methodist Church Hall from 1.30pm

If you require any information please phone or visit us at the Care Shop, 121 High Street, Selsey (next door to Raycrafts) - 01243 201616

"Our mission is to make life better for carers"

"These events are subject to revision in light of the current situation"

This month I received further donations of £165 given at the funeral of ex-Poppy Collector Jock Petrie. This brings our total to date to a magnificent

£11.605.53

The Victory Club (formerly known as the Royal

British Legion Club) was going to hold several functions over the next few months to commemorate and indeed celebrate the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe and it occurred to me that we are only about £400 short of reaching an almost unbelievable £12,000. What a way to celebrate my last year as Selsey's PAO! However the Club has put these celebrations on hold because of the truly awful Coronavirus. Who knows? Fingers crossed we might do it yet.

Finally may I thank so many of you who have written, e-mailed and even telephoned to thank me for my 37 years service as the PAO and wished me well for the future. I have never sought any form of reward for what I have considered to be an honour and a duty but it was gratifying all the same to know that my efforts have been appreciated.

Thank you and bless you all.

Adrian Wilson PAO Selsev 602047

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SUPERFOODS TO BOOST YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM RIGHT NOW

Just to caveat here, I'm certainly not saying that taking superfoods manganese. it is also a will protect you from the coronavirus, but what's of the utmost importance is making sure we keep our immune systems in as good a shape as possible. So, as I run a wellbeing consultancy, I thought I'd pass on some of the great advice I've been given over the past few weeks on this topic in the hope this is useful to you.

First off, I've been making my own nettle tea whilst working from adrenals. Adrenals regulate home, instead of cups of breakfast tea or coffee. It's super easy to cortisol which is our major make and nettles are now beginning to appear in hedgerows, so it's stress hormone. Take 1 or 2 Red Maca root powder a perfect time to take 10 mins out of your day, put on some gloves, teaspoons a day. take a stroll and collect a few heads, remembering of course the present rules on social distancing. Rinse them off when you get Turmeric. This contains powerful anti-inflammatory compounds and antioxidants that help to fight free radicals in your body. This is an home and stuff them into your favourite teapot and top with hot essential herb when it comes to protecting your immunity. Turmeric water (just off boiling). Let your tea steep anywhere from 5 mins to 20 mins and sip throughout the day, hot or cold is fine. Nettles are a can support your immune function by supplying you with a healthy great way to boost your immune system. They are packed with dose of powerful antioxidants. Add a little black pepper to the mix vitamins, minerals, and trace minerals along with a hefty dose of as it's said to aid the absorption of turmeric. Have 2 or 3 teaspoons potent phytonutrients including deep-green chlorophyll and a day. carotenoids. In fact, more than 100 chemical components have Take good care during this time and don't forget to tap into the awe been identified in nettle, including:

Minerals - iron, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, manganese, copper, boron, strontium

Vitamins – A, C, K, and B vitamins

Phytonutrients - chlorophyll, beta-carotene, lutein, zeaxanthin,[4] quercetin, rutin

On top of that, one of my favourite nutritionists based in Sussex, Denise Kelly suggests four specific superfoods that are helpful to add into your daily food consumption to keep your body fully functioning. She tells us to think of them as an insurance policy. You can add to a smoothie, or a juice, or sprinkle on your breakfast cereal. These will support your body and boost your immunity in these stressful times:

Hemp protein powder is a high-quality plant-based protein that contains 20 amino acids, the building blocks of protein. Protein is crucial for maintaining muscles, tissues and vital organs. It also helps boost metabolism. Take 2 teaspoons per day of the powder.

Pea protein powder. As above, protein is essential for keeping the body healthy and aiding muscle growth, as well as giving extra strength. Again take 2 teaspoons a day.

Maca powder. This root is a nutrient powerhouse. It is high in protein, fiber, vitamin C, copper, iron, potassium, B6 and

Darby & Joan Club Selsey

With regret the club is suspended until further notice in line with Government warnings. We will be back as soon as the all clear is given for people to meet again.

For more information please call Kim or Graham on 01243 937 730 or 07838 549 034



Selsey Model Boat Club

With regret all competitions and club meetings have been suspended until further notice. contact Chris on Selsey 601550

SELSEY CANCER RELIEF FUND DATES TO REMEMBER Methodist Church Hall 10am With regret, all cancer sales are suspended until further notice.

great source of riboflavin and niacin. Where caffeine in coffee boosts energy and stress the adrenal glands, the nutrients in Maca boost energy and support the



and wonder which nature provides to us on tap here in Selsey. A gentle stroll outside to see the trees (why not hug one too, as we can't hug each other), or the sea will help enormously in these times of extreme stress. And if you're not able to leave your home right now, pop your head out of the door after dark and look up at the night sky. All those stars twinkling above us on a clear night will help remind you of the sheer power, beauty and the never-ending expanse of nature. And at times like these, it's also worth knowing what Octavia Hill, Co-founder of the National Trust, said 125 years ago

"Our lives are overcrowded. Over-excited Over-strained

We all want quiet We all want beauty We all need space.

Unless we have it We cannot reach that sense of quiet In which whispers of better things That will come to us gently."

Justine Clement runs the community venture Selsey Sea Bathing Society. Their events are on hold until further notcie, but you can find out more about them at www.selseyseabathigsociety.com



THE WRITERS CIRCLE

With regret meetings have been suspended until further notice. Members are invited to share any of their work on line if they wish For more information contact Pat Read Tel: 601550

Concorde Social Club For 60+

With regret club meetings have been suspended until further notice. please contact Anita on 01243 264691, Alf on 01243 821645, Joy on 07985 548610 or on the website

concordesingleandsocialclub.co.uk

Selsey Bridge Club

With regret meetings are cancelled until further notice due to the Coronavirus. call Graham or Christine 01243 602612 for information

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

April was known as 'Aperire' because in this month the earth begins to bring forth fruits.

The buds are now bursting out on the trees and shrubs, and they are looking wonderful with their fresh green appearance. The birds are singing with great gusto as they busily prepare their nests.

Easter Sunday (April 12th) is when our churches are adorned with fresh Spring flowers (especially Lilies) to give thanks to Jesus for overcoming death and giving us hope for the future.

The pink and white Cherry blossom is eye-catching and profuse in the streets, hedges and gardens.

April is here let us enjoy Nature at its finest, as it unfolds it's great array of colour and activity. Try to get out in your garden in order to enjoy the wonderful sights and scents.

safe.

Jobs for AnTIL

Magnolias and Camellias look particularly good at this time of year, if you have one to plant choose it's position with great care - allow it plenty of space as it will strongly resist being moved later. Prepare the soil well with plenty of leaf-mould, cocoa shells or a proprietary soil conditioner/tree planting compost. Water regularly over the coming months as the roots get established.

Favourite Rhododendrons can be propagated by 'layering'. Peg down low-growing branches with a stone or wire hook so that part of the stem is resting on the soil surface. It will develop roots over the coming months and can be separated from the parent plant this time next year. This technique also works with other shrubs including Eleanous Syringa, Skimmia and Magnolia. Making a slight wound in the stem (by nicking the bark) where it is to lay on the ground, and adding a touch of hormone rooting powder to it helps the process

April is the ideal time to sow Tomato seeds in an unheated greenhouse. By the time the plants are large enough to go outside, the danger of frost will have passed. You can then keep a few plants to grow on in the greenhouse and plant the rest outside.

Tip Top Tips

Continue to watch weather forecasts for night temperatures and give vulnerable plants some covering protection with horticultural fleece or old net curtains when frost is expected. When potting on, first push the old, smaller pot into the compost in the larger pot to make a hole the right size for the plant's root-ball. Then settle the plant into the perfectly fitting new hole.

Dead-head faded Spring flowers such as Daffodils as soon as they fade so they don't waste their energy.

- If lawn repairs are needed, do them now with new turves or seed
- To stop any more mole hills appearing in the garden, place half a raw onion face down on the hill opening.
- Always harden-off seedlings before placing outside otherwise they will die from shock!
- Seeds of Broad Beans, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Carrots, Leeks and early Peas can be sown now. Thin out Gooseberry bushes - small boughs are not productive

I wish you all a Blessed and Joyous Easter-tide, and stay

Hidden Garden Community Project Come and join us and meet other passionate gardeners, swap seeds & plants, learn seasonal gardening

ideas and help develop the educational food growing garden at The Bridge

lst Saturday of every month 10-4pm at The Bridge Support Centre behind Selsey Library, PO209EH

Contact Paul Sadler on 📲 07815790770 for more information



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CHARITY STALLS

ART SHOW

POSTPONED until further notice

12-3Pm

DOG SHOW, RUNAWAY TRAIN, **BOUNCY CASTLE, GAMES** RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, PLANTS, BBQ, **STRAWBERRY TEA TENT & REFRESHMENTS.** ADMISSION £1 CHILDREN FREE



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Giles Peare (Award-winning Broadcaster

Songs and Dances Quiz

- In which year was the first series of Strictly Come Dancing aired on the BBC TV?
- 2. Who was the professional partner of Natasha
- Kaplinsky when she won the first series of the show? 3. Which cricket player won the third series of the show?
- 4. Who is presenter Tess Daly's celebrity husband?

Below are 5 anagrams of famous stars of the silver screen, can vou unravel them?

- RAJAH NOT VOLT a.
- CHINCHILLA REAP h
- HOT HAMBURG PREY С.
- **GRINDING AMBER** d.
- CLEARLY KEG е.

1.

Bands from the sixties and seventies

- Which Australian band had Judith Durham as the vocalist? 1.
- 2. What was the name of Brian Poole's backing group?
- Which TV detective took "If" to the top spot in 1975? 3.
- 4. Who took an instrumental version of John Denver's "Annie's Song" into the UK charts in 1978?

These Cryptic film titles are well known, can you sort them out?

- 1. Australia's top magician?
- 2. 24 carat piece of anatomy
- 3. No longer requires Rennies
- 4. Rich canine living in a poor part of town

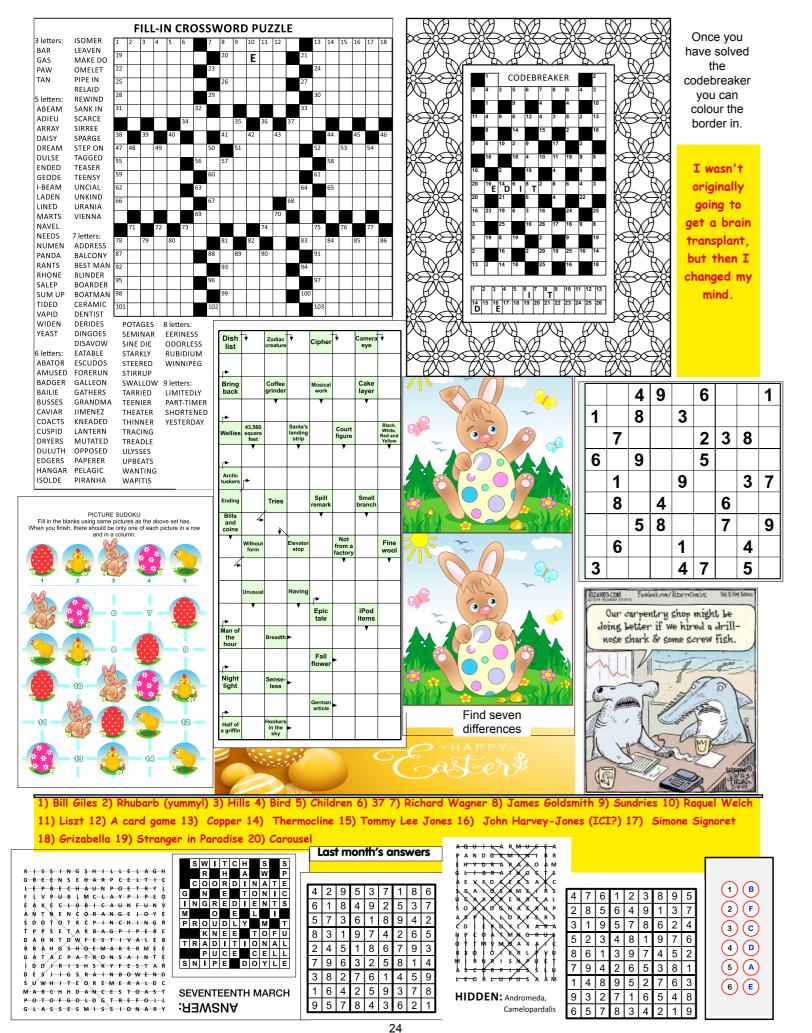
Quiz kindly supplied by U3A. Answers inside back page.





Why did my washing machine stop pumping out water? And, more importantly, where is my hamster?

Steve's Puzzle Page



EBC www.ebecselsey.org.uk

As I am sure you will know, sadly all our forthcoming church-based functions are closed for the time being.

We are though hoping to continue live streaming throughout this pandemic. This is not exclusive to the church family but open for anyone to join us.

The daily times will be **10am** and **7pm** and the easiest way to access the live stream is to go to the church YouTube channel. To do this, open up YouTube in your browser and search for East Beach Evangelical **Church** in the **YouTube** search bar. The first entry on your search should be the church **YouTube** channel. Click on this. If there is a live stream it will appear on the first page and all previous broadcasts are stored to look at anytime. This is the link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG2cNeKLX1osDgC4iGFgiRg/featured

East Beach Church Live Streaming Schedule

Day	10 am	7pm
Sunday	Morning Worship	Evening Worship
Monday	Thought for the Day	'Life Group'
	An interactive session of worship,	Worship, Bible Study & Prayer
	Bible reading, prayer using	
	WhatsApp to communicate with	
	the leader	
Tuesday	Thought for the Day	Prayer Meeting
-		Some Songs & Scripture but
		encouraging us to Pray. Share your
		Prayer need live via WhatsApp.
Wednesday	Thought for the Day	Alpha Group with Stuart (others can
		listen in & follow)
Thursday	Thought for the Day	Open Night
		All ages & WhatsApp live feedback.
Friday	Sunbeams	Worship Practice
	Toddler Songs & Bible Stories	Old & new songs plus songs for the
		'Budding Musicians' too to play along
		to at home.
Saturday	Thought for the Day	Fun with all the family
		Games & fun to engage all – let us
		have your ideas too.

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East Beach Church

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- We have started with a twice a day for 30 minutes and see how we go.



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE Tel: 01243 641409 Reg. Charity no. 1010000 Email: info@crrc.co.uk www.crrc.co.uk

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

Firstly, I would like to start my article with some much needed good news. If you remember Fizz who I featured last month, she had been at the centre for 6 months. Well happily she has found her forever home, I hope she will be very happy and loved again.

I couldn't believe it when the staff told me but it seems like kitten season has already started this year. It's been a quiet winter really as we have had less cats than normal, but this could be the start of the centre being full by summer time. Our first litter of kittens were born at the Centre after we took in their mother. But our second litter of kittens were brought into us by a local veterinary surgery after the mother was not well enough to feed them. These kittens were not even 2 weeks old and will need round the clock care by my staff. They have to be hand fed every 3 hours which is hard work for my staff but so worth it when you see the little kittens grow up and find their forever homes.

The centre only has a limited capacity of kittens we can look after in our mother and baby unit and we are always full in the summer months. Last year we had over 260 kittens come through the centre, yet people still breed their cats thinking they can make some money. I really hope this year more people get their cats spayed. Did you know if you're struggling to afford getting your cats neutered or spayed the centre can help with the cost. Just give my staff a call to find out more about out neuter vouchers.

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

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 and we wil advise you on the current situation. With regret all viewing days are temporarily suspended until further notice



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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

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

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



Selsey Men in Sheds

A non-profit making organisation Open Tuesday & Thursday 10 - 4 Saturdays 10 - 2

Membership £5.00 per month Complete your own wood / metal projects or be involved in group activities

If you are interested in joining contact Bill Richards 07816 350188 email bill_richards@selseymeninsheds.co.uk

Pet of the Month April 2020

This month allows us to introduce you to two lovely rabbits that are desperate to finally find their forever home. Meet Ambrosia and Granola, Ambrosia is a brown and white dutch and Granola is a white and grey rex and they are both 5, nearly 6 years old.



Ambrosia arrived at The Centre in 2015 along with her sister who unfortunately passed away not long after they went to their new home. Granola arrived in 2016 and was bonded with Ambrosia after she was left on her own. These two have been inseparable ever since and would need to find their forever home together.

Sadly, this is now their third time at the rescue after being returned twice through no fault of their own, but because their owners could no longer keep them due to their own situation. These two are really sweet but Granola can be a bit grumpy when you first go to handle him and can lunge sometimes. But actually once you have him he is really cute and loves a cuddle, he will even nuzzle into your neck. Ambrosia is just a lovely little girl who is happy to be handled.

These two are getting on a bit now and we are really hoping the next time they get adopted it will be for their forever home, because they deserve it.

If you think you may be able to give Ambrosia and Granola the new home they deserve, please give The Centre a call Monday to Friday 9am-4pm.

THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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



Also find us on facebook www.facebook.com/ catandrabbitrescuecentre



19) Who swims in a pool of her own tears?

20) Llaregyb is an imaginary Welsh town in which famous play?

21) Which bestselling fiction writer is a former LAPD detective?

22) Who does Sydney Carlton sacrifice his life for in A Tale of Two Cities?

23) What are ordinary mortals called in the Harry Potter books?

24) Which Casualty actor's wife and son have also been in the show, and for an extra point can you name them?
25) What job did Harry Clayton do in Coronation Street?
26) Name the hit song

26) Name the hit song recorded by Glenn Hoddle and Chris Waddle.





BRENT LODGE BRIEFINGS -KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON

In light of the ever-changing situation with Coronavirus we have put some precautions into place to minimise unnecessary social contact.

We ask that anyone who has a wildlife casualty in need of our help please call us on 01243 641672 (ext 1) before bringing it in.

Sadly we will not be taking on any new volunteers at the moment. We hope that 'normal service will resume' soon, as volunteer support is invaluable. We have a responsibility to keep the animal care staff fit and healthy as well as anyone involved in keeping Brent Lodge functioning.

These will be testing times for wildlife rescue centres across the country as we move into one of our busiest seasons. Thankfully we have had a slow start to the season with hardly any babies being brought in, the animal care staff believe this could be down to many nests or habitats destroyed due to the recent flooding. When the hospital does begin to get busy with thousands of wildlife summer casualties our resources will be stretched but we must do what is best for our patients and carry on caring for them. We will continue to do our best to keep the charity running as smoothly as possible and update everyone as soon as anything changes.

If you are staying at home at the moment, then there is a great opportunity for you to spend some time in the garden. Here are some tips written by Ash one of our supporters and keen gardener. To attract and keep wildlife, a garden doesn't just need all the right features in it, it needs an owner who is committed to caring and respectful practices. Certain things like log piles- for insects, reptiles and amphibians – should be left undisturbed long-term or during critical periods like bird nesting season. Avoid cutting hedges during the summer, leave a small margin of long grass in front of them. Should a baby bird fall from the nest or first venture out, they are less likely to be spotted by predators. Leave "decoy branches" on the ground for rabbits to chew if you live in rural areas, which distracts them from the plants or vegetable patches you would rather they avoid – all species deserve equal treatment and care.

Some good news to share... you may remember in the last issue we cared for a swan rescued from Chichester Canal believed to be covered in petroleum based oil. After a short appeal to fund a recovery shed, we are pleased to announce that we have received enough funding to begin construction. This shed will be used as a clean holding pen to help large birds and mammals whilst they gain condition. Once they are well enough, they will be transferred to our outside enclosures to prepare for their release back to the wild.



We would be grateful for your support during this time.

www.brentlodge.org







- 5. Star Wars
- 4. Slumdog Millionaire
- 3. Gone with the Wind
 - Goldfinger
- 1. The Wizard of Oz

Cryptic titles

(the man with the golden flute)

- I. James Galway
- 3. Telly Savalas (Kojak)
 - The Tremeloes
 - The Seekers

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Charlie Chaplin	Sļ	Chinchilla Reap
John Travolta	Sİ	flov ton dsįsЯ

- 4. Vernon Kaye
- Darren Gough
- Brendan Cole
 - 1. 2004

Songs and Dances Quiz answers



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