



# Community Wardens helping protect vulnerable people across "Thankfully, a neighbour saw what had happened **Chichester District from scams**

Vulnerable people across the Chichester District are receiving better protection from scams thanks to the work of the Community Wardens who have been leading awareness sessions to help people spot the signs of scams.

The work is being championed by Chichester District Council Community Warden Rich Moorey who was a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) in the area for 14 years. During this time, he regularly came across cases of people who had fallen victim to scams which prompted him to put together and start giving presentations on the issue.

Since joining the district council last summer, Rich has been eager to continue this work and has teamed up with a number of groups including: Selsey Town Council; The Care Shop in Selsev who provide outreach support for vulnerable people; and University of the Third Age.

Although Rich works predominantly

with older residents who often live alone and are more vulnerable to being targeted by scams, he is happy to help anyone across the district who needs more information.

The information Rich provides covers a range of issues and advice such as discussing the most prevalent scams. Scams come in a variety of forms including courier scams (fraudulent communications that look like they are from delivery companies). financial and investment scams, and romance fraud on dating apps and websites.

"When I discuss how to protect yourself from scams, I often use rogue traders as another example," says Rich. "With them, I emphasise not being afraid to contact the police if you have real suspicions and concerns. I also point people to Trading Standards who have their 'Buy with Confidence' scheme, where you enter details online, the trade you need, and the site provides a list of traders who are registered with Trading Standards."

One recent case of a rogue trader that Rich dealt with involved an elderly man in his 80s at risk of losing £3,000 before Rich was able to assist. "The builder had attended the gentleman's property around £4,000. He said he would need to return the next day with a ladder for a closer inspection," describes Rich. "He returned the next day and removed around 60 roof tiles and told the gentleman the repairs would cost £30,000. The homeowner didn't have that money, so the builder said he would do the work if paid £3,000 immediately. The gentleman agreed and gave the builder a cheque," explains Rich.

CHES but wasn't aware money had been exchanged. The neighbour replaced the tiles and contacted me. I then attended the property and recorded the incident and forwarded it on to Sussex Police. I accompanied the gentleman to his bank where he spoke with their fraud department, after this I took him back to his home where I gave him advice and a book on current scams, and stickers for his door and windows to deter any other uninvited callers.

"I'm very pleased to have been able to stop this man from becoming a victim to scamming, and thankful for the neighbour in contacting us and in being so vigilant. The gentleman being targeted was really grateful for our help and support."

All the Community Wardens have been using recent training to give them a better understanding and knowledge of scams which will be used as a safeguarding tool for residents in their areas. This advice details how people can help prevent themselves becoming victims of a scam. Top tips include:

- Keeping software up-to-date and using strong passwords on mobile devices, computers, and laptops.
- Deleting suspicious emails, then deleting them from the "deleted" inbox.
- When receiving suspicious email or mail, keep in mind whether it was solicited or expected.

There is also support online for those who are concerned they are being targeted. The free Get Safe Online website has lots of information and advice that residents can use to protect themselves: https://www.getsafeonline.org/checkawebsite.

Citizens Advice offer an online scam checker tool which people can use to check if they feel suspicious about websites they see links to or messages they receive: https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/ consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/.

"We are very proud of the work our Community Wardens do for people across the district," says Councillor Roy Briscoe, Cabinet Member for Communities, Sport and Culture at Chichester District Council. "Scams are a prevalent crime across the nation, not just in the district, but they are a major concern here with 35% of reported crimes involving scamming. And although figures have improved, the latest studies show the district remains one of the areas with the highest amounts of money lost through scams."

"With our Community Wardens serving a key link between advising that there was an issue with his roof, and that it would cost residents, the police and other organisations, their new training and work in dealing with scam prevention and awareness will be invaluable to many across the district."

> To find out more information, organise a scam-prevention presentation, or to discuss a different issue, people can email the district Community Wardens at CommunityWardens@chichester.gov.uk

# MANOR ROAD PETITION

I was recently contacted by a resident regarding the speeding down Manor Road, with a request that it be looked into. The only way forward with this is really to apply for a Community Traffic Order, and we will have to apply to West Sussex for that. We will need to evidence community support, so I have organised petitions which are available in:

Jabir Indian Take Away (East Beach Shops) The Village Florist, Beauty Bake, The Crown and Totally Flooring in the High Street. Thrive Gym, opposite the Selsey Centre also has copies.

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# editorial

Here we are already with the April issue - the time is going so quickly or so it seems. No doubt if I was sitting in a dentist chair having fillings done it would seem to be dragging on forever, but I am now in the fortunate position of being able to post most of my teeth to the dentist if required, so this paticular scenario no longer applies. (When I read things back, I do waffle a lot about nothing.... A NEW IDEA - how about having guest introductions to the Selsey Life? We would have to run some sort of competition to draw names, and then whoever gets the particular month will have to come up with the editorial. What do you all think of this as an idea? Thoughts please to <a href="mailto:selseylife@btinternet.com">selseylife@btinternet.com</a>

Also, a Happy Easter to you all, either current or belated depending on when you get this issue, I hope you are enjoying any eggs you receive.

We have received a futher personal donation from Margaret Everest this month, for which we are again very grateful. (Any eccentric millionaires reading this?).

Have you started to recover from the loss of the hour's sleep due to the clock change? (You did remember, didn't you? You are not puzzled why everything seems to be starting and finishing earlier, are you?) The ony good thing from this is knowing you will gain an hour later in the year, in my opinion.

On the day I am writing this the weather seems to have improved a bit, but this is just a day after some more downpours so I am not holding my breath. (If I did I would pass out and probably fall on the keyboard - Aha! an excuse for all my bad spelling and laying out! I shall have to remember this (and hope you all forget - that is, of course, if any of you are still reading this by this point - if you are, please drop me a line just to let me know.))

It just remains for me to thank all our contributers for getting their pieces to us on time, it was a bit awkward this month, so thank you all.

Enjoy April and hopefully this issue, and I look forward to seeing you in the May issue, due Friday 5th May (the day before the Coronation).

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

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

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

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

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# **Selsey Music Group**

Selsey Music Group is putting on what may be a unique event.

# Holiday Singalong for Families.

Details of the Holiday Singalong for Families: Venue: Selsey Town Hall Tuesday 11th April 3pm start, doors open 2.30pm

There will be drinks and CAKE Tickets: £5- will admit one adult and up to three children.

Jo Allum, an experienced singing tutor can get anybody to sing, be they kids or adults.

This should be a fun and stimulating afternoon and somewhere where all the family can be involved. No age limit but we are expecting mostly kids of primary school age.

Tickets are available from Flawless Finish, 133 High Street, Selsey (By the bus stop)

- 1) Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
- 2) In which country was the sculptor Sir Jacob Epstein
- 3) In which century did Rococo art and architecture
- 4) Where in London is the National Gallery?

This month's prize is another Key Publishing bookazine, this time The War in the East, covering from the German invasion of Russia in WW2, through to the defeat of Germany in 1945. (I must stop ordering books I already have). Please note this has been re-released as Hitler's War in case you already have it.

To be in with a chance to win, you only have to find the Selsey Seagull who is hidden somewhere in this magazine, (as always, NOT this page,) and then complete the coupon below.

Completed coupons are to be posted in one of the two competition boxes, either at Raycrafts, 119 High Street, or Pretty's Newsagents at 4 Orchard Parade. One entry per coupon, copies not accepted.

Competition closes Thursday 27th April at 10am. (We regret this prize cannot be posted). You can enter the competiton multiple times, but you will need a seperate coupon for each entry.

Good luck with your entries.

Last month, the seagull was on page 35 with the puzzle answers, and the winner of the book Minor Perception was Linda Starr, and the ticket was drawn by Amanda.

We hope Linda enjoys it and we thank Olmpia Publishers for the prize.

> Contact phone number and full address: I found the seagull on:

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Monique from Year 4 has shared her enjoyment of World Book Day and why reading is so important to her. Pictured is Monique or 'Dorothy from the

Wizard of Oz' with her teacher Miss Taylor who came as 'Baca the Sloth from The Explorer'. Monique also created a piece of artwork of Dorothy and her beloved dog Toto'.





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# Reception World Book Day





# A write up on World Book Day, by Monique, in Year 4



I dressed up as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz. I chose it because I like the film and the book. The book tells you things that aren't covered in the film. I really liked World Book Day because it was really fun, I liked seeing everyone's costumes. I think reading is really important because you learn from books. My reading with friends. At







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# Selsey Schools

It has been another really busy term at Seal Primary Academy!

The highlight of our term was our annual World Book Day. Children and staff arrived to school dressed as their favourite book character. The

Masked reader was back again this year and the children had to guess who the mystery members of staff were reading them a story. Waterstones in Chichester supported us in ensuring that every child had a book to take home, using their World Book Day Voucher. A huge thank you to Waterstones, who support us every vear, as sadly there is no book shop in Selsey anymore. The children also designed paper plate book characters which have been displayed throughout the school.

A massive 'Thank you' to The Selsey Firework Committee for their generous donation of £500.00 to Seal Primary Academy. As you will be aware the Firework committee had their last ever Firework display in October 2022, as they now no longer have anywhere suitable to be able to hold the display. Miss Strachan, Miss Pownall, Mrs Pinnington and Miss Brighten went along for the final presentation evening, which awards cash donations to local charities, of which we were very honoured to have been included in this year.

A huge congratulations and thank you to our school PTA known as "FOSS". They are our new committee and have just completed their first year of fundraising. At the annual AGM our FOSS team reported that they have raised huge £7307.39! A massive achievement and the children at Seal will benefit enormously from this. They have already put money aside for the Year 6 leavers' hoodies and some EYFS equipment.

Science week at Seal was a huge success, our Governors came to visit and saw all of the amazing experiments. Year 5 also had the opportunity to visit The Academy Selsey for a special Science

Seal have recently had a monitoring visit from a team of Directors at TKAT and they were so pleased with the outcome that Seal has now been awarded TKAT "Green" status! Well done Team Seal!

One night Dracula is walking down the street when suddenly ten tons of smoked salmon sandwiches, bread rolls, pitted olives, chicken wings, chipolatas, tomato salad, pizza slices and crisps descends on him from a great height, knocking him to th ground. "Oh no" he gasps with his dying breath, "it's Buffet the Vampire

- 5) In which novel does private eye Philip Marlowe first
- 6) Who lives at 221b Baker Street?
- 7) Which famous detective inspector's first name is Endeavour?
- 8) In which country does Inspector Napoleon Bonaparte pursue crime?
- 9) What is Charles Lutwidge Dogson's pen name?
- 10) What is Samual Langhorne Clemens' pen name?
- 11) What is Franklin Birkinshaw's pen name?

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You will have seen the popular Selsey Shuttle Bus driving round the village. If you think you might like to volunteer to drive it yourself, helping people who otherwise would not be able to get out and about, then please contact us on 07925 580443 to discuss it

This volunteer driver role is very fulfilling and training is free. What are you waiting for?



How do you make a bear cross? Nail two bears together.

What's black and white and eats like a horse? A zebra.



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# MAYDAY

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The RNLI is the charity that saveslives at sea



# Murder, Mystery and Mayhem a Forensic Fundraiser with **4Sight Vision Support!**

vision support 4Sight Vision Support (4SVS) is

inviting everyone to put on their deerstalkers and take part in a fun Murder Mystery Evening this April. The event will raise funds to help the charity's work supporting blind and sight impaired residents of all ages across West Sussex. Hosted by the Goring Region Occasional Players Ensemble, it promises to be an evening of intrigue, drama, speculation and of course good food!

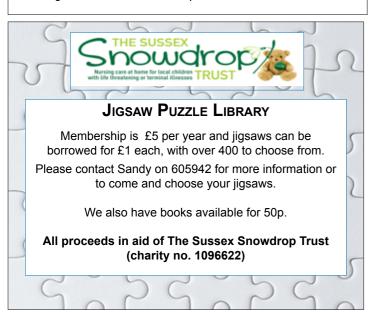
The Murder Mystery Evening will take place on Friday 21st April at 7.30pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Kings Walk, Shoreham-by-Sea. The tickets priced at £15pp include a fish and chip meal, or a vegetarian option.

The Goring Region Occasional Players Ensemble is a small amateur dramatics company based in Worthing. They write their own material and the play for the evening is entitled 'Murder: A Fete Worse Than Death'. As the plot develops, clues are disclosed enabling an astute observer to work out who committed the murder, what their motive was, and how they did it. At the end of the evening the audience has an opportunity to question the characters if further information is required, before declaring their solution. There is a prize for coming up with the right solution (or closest to it!).

Tickets for the evening must be booked by Monday 17 April. For booking details and further information please visit www.4sight.org.uk/murder-mystery-23/ or call the Fundraising



The image shows the all the cast present in 'Fete' attire.



12) In which country was the Bayeuz Tapestry embroidered?

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



We would like to offer our congratulations & thanks to the Selsey Fireworks Committee for managing a very successful event last Autumn which allowed them to make extra large donations to several Selsey Charities, including the Medical Centre via

Also, sincere thanks to all our loyal Members who have already renewed their subscriptions, which means we can more easily access what funds are available for the Surgery requests.

Having recently contributed to the provision of a Support Worker from the Care Shop and also a start up sum for the Transport Buddy Scheme, the amount remaining in our funds for future requests will need to be carefully managed.

So, it is even more important that our current membership is increased so that we can continue to say yes when the requests

The Surgery is working hard to maintain a good service to all under sometimes difficult circumstances so please understand that they cannot always react positively to your needs.

By becoming a "Friend" for just £5 a year you can help to make their work and workspace easier and more comfortable.

Forms to apply to become a member are available at the surgery or, you can call 01243 607869 for more information.

The Annual General Meeting for Members will be held at St Peters Church Hall on Saturday 24th June at 11.am. The Committee hopes that there will be a good attendance as we would like to say a personal thank you to all residents who continue to support our work

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What do you call a man with a rubber toe? Roberto.

What do Elephants have for dinner? An hour, just like the rest of the animals.

approached a local and asked him what would be the guickest way to Portsmouth. "Are you walking or driving?" he asked. "I'm driving" I replied.

"Hmmm" he said, "I'd say that's definately the quickest way."

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We are host to the RNA and the Selsey Lions

Lots going on - check us out on Facebook The Selsey Private Club Ltd

# What's on for April

Friday 7th. Film Night: "That'll be the Day' (David Essex) with optional supper



Saturday 8th. DJ Panda Games, show

Friday 14th. Film night with fish n chip supper film Fishermens Friends



Saturday 15th. The fabulous voice of Kelly Lorraine covering favourites from across the decades including Fleetwood Mac's Stevie Nicks

Friday 21st. DJ Tubbs Ska. Mowtown, Northern Soul to Reggae

Saturday 21st. Phil Sanson A Tribute to George Michael

Friday 28th. The Selsey Folk & Music Club presents The Jigantics

Saturday 29th. Arif Jamal saxophonist/singer rock to disco to motown to jazz - whatever you like to request.

# ALL THE ABOVE BOOKING ONLY PLEASE ENQUIRE FOR DINNER AVAILABILITY

1st Wednesday in month Selsey Gramaphone Society

2.30pm and Jamming at 7pm all welcome

Every Sunday Music Club in the bar 4pm to 7pm Sing along. Folk and Music Club 3rd Wednesday of the month 7pm (fee) Every Monday Darts League Every Friday Snooker League

Every Tuesday Bingo Bonanza

Every Wednesday Julie's Art Club 3pm

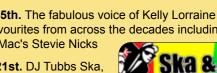
Every Wednesday Bar Billiards League Evenings Every Thursday Quiz is the Biz

Please enquire Most of the above are free to club members











Ladies of Selsey, come along and make new friends at the Selsey WI.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th April at 1.45pm in the Town Hall. Our Speaker will be Colin Turner "Light and Dark - A Life in Crime"



We will also be having a TV/Film Quiz and a Sales Table.

*If you would like more information,* please contact Ann Jones 01243 607736 or Heather Coleman 07921525204



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Doors open at 1.30 pm

at the Selsey Centre, Manor Road, Selsey

Admission ticket prize

The AGM is for 2023-24 paid-up Members only

Members who have booked in advance are invited to remain once the Meeting is concluded to celebrate the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III.



# Selsey Gardening Club

Our April meeting will be on Friday 14th April (2nd Friday of the month)

Frank Weaver from Chichester Bonsai Club



St Peters Church Hall, St Peters Crescent, Selsey 7.30pm start

Raffle, Tea & Coffee available

Where possible please could you bring the correct money. Visitors always welcome £1.50 per visit

Please don't forget your membership is now due for 2023.

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



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To attend please call 01243 684863 or email caroline.thomas@careuk.com



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Friday 19th May 2023 10.30am - 12pm

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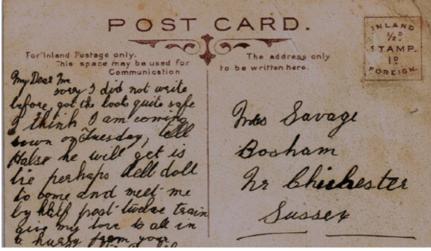




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# HARRIETT ANN SAVAGE (1848 - 1915) & MABEL RUTH SAVAGE (1889 - 1971)





My dear Ma, Sorry I did not write before, got the boots quite safe. I think I am coming down on Tuesday, Tell Halse. He will get is (sic) tie perhaps. Tell Doll to come and meet me by half past twelve train. Give my love to all. In a hurry from your daughter Mabel.

Not a particularly enthralling card of Norton, perhaps, but I wondered if I could find out about Mrs Savage and Mabel. Little did I know how many coincidences I was about to uncover.

My first port of call was a book entitled 'Bosham...a village by the sea' by Angela Bromley-Martin. There, much to my amazement,I found a potted history of Harriett of which more later.

Harriett Ann (or sometimes Anne) was born Harriett Woodman (coincidence no. 1 if you have read March's Selsey Life). I have not explored whether or not Harriett is related to the previously researched Woodman family and I don't propose to try – there are simply too many of them!. Harriett Ann Savage was born in 1848 in Emsworth and baptised on 23 July 1848 at Warblington. Her father was a carpenter named James. Harriett married James Savage in Old St Pancras in Holborn, London on 7 January 1866. He was a shipwright and his father was a labourer.

By 1871 James and Harriett had produced James Henry Savage, Harriett Ellen Woodman Savage and Kate Elizabeth Savage and lived close to Mariner's Terrace. By 1881 they had added Ernest William, Edith Frances and Olive Louise to the family all living at Shipyard Cottage, Bosham. The family continued to grow over the decades with the births of Halsted, Lambert, Mabel, Emily, Dorothy and Blanche. James died in 1913 aged 66.

Returning to the topic of Harriett, let us return to 'Bosham – a village by the sea'. I have tried, without success, to establish to whom the copyright currently belongs as Angela Bromley-Martin is no longer with us and it is she who held the copyright.

'There was the village midwife who delivered all the babies in the mothers' own homes. At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century it was Mrs Savage. With no official medical training, she brought forth no less than one hundred babies. Moreover, Mrs Savage insisted, when doing a delivery, on two tots of gin being available, one for the mother-to-be, the other for herself.'

Harriett died aged 65 and was buried on 13 January 1915 at Bosham with Reverend Kenneth Holland MacDermott officiating. For the younger readers, Selsey Life and I researched the above Reverend gentleman back in 2011 – he was Selsey's vicar between 1915 and 1925, leaving Selsey to go to Bosham.



At the time of her death, Harriett lived at 9 Mariner's Terrace in Bosham. In this modern picture it is the house with the yellow chairs. Their view over the harbour is stunning.

And now we return to Mabel, the writer of the postcard.

In 1891 she was at home in Bosham, aged 1 and it is here we find the mysterious 'Halse' to who whom she refers. It is her brother Halsted Richard Edwin Savage, aged 8. He was born on 8 March 1883 and baptised, in Bosham, on 21 September 1883. Halsted is an interesting character in his own right as he emigrated to Canada in 1915 and enlisted with the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force on 16 July 1915. But I digress...

Mabel Ruth was still at home in 1901 (aged 11) but by 1911 she was a servant working for Harry and Rose Jeffery at Norton House, New Fishbourne, Chichester. Harry was a retired traveller who was born in Islington. This Norton is probably the Hamlet of the A27 and near to the Aldingbourne Farm Shop.



On 28 March 1914, at Christ Church, Woking, Mabel Ruth married William Emery Sage who was a sailor. She was 24 and he was 31 years old. The address on the marriage certificate is 42 Royal Oak Road Woking. Between 1931 and 1951, the happy couple lived at 3 St Peter's Road, Farnham. Mabel died in 1971 aged 81.

William's service record with the Royal Navy is available online and from it we learn that he joined the Navy on 24 March 1899 and served until 1 November 1912. According to the Surrey Advertiser of 7 December 1946, ex-petty officer William E Sage took part in the Zeebrugge operation in the First World War. This report and the available records, on the face of it, do not match as it also says he served for 24 years in the Royal Navy. This anomaly is probably due to the fact that my knowledge of the Royal Navy is sadly lacking. But this got me thinking.

I can hear the late May Cole saying to me 'It was very nice, dear, but it wasn't Selsey was it?'. And she would have been quite right. I went back to the postcard of Norton. I had assumed it was Church Norton but you know what they say about assuming – it makes an

ASS out of U and ME.

The next picture is taken from my collection:

Despite it being labelled Norton, we know it is Selsey, partly because it says so but, more importantly, it was published by Elizabeth Gardner, the draper and stationer of Selsey.





Another from my collection - published by F R Luke, High Street, Selsey. He was a stationer who took over the premises of Sophia Woodland. Its title is Rose Cottage, Selsey.

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And finally, although quite clearly it is the same picture, this one was photographed and published by J Salmon Ltd. Its title is Rose Cottage, Church Norton, Selsey. And it is these pictures which caused me to jump to the wrong conclusion!

Just one more thing – I unearthed the following picture from John's collection. There is no indication as to where it is but, hopefully, it is Selsey. If anyone can hazard a guess, I would be glad if they would let me know their thoughts.



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The occupants of 9 Mariner's Terrace, Bosham whom I hope will forgive me for taking silence as consent.

Surrey Advertiser, 7 December 1946.

I just can not believe that someone broke into my garage and stole my limbo stick. Seriously, how low can you go?

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Update from the Chichester Neighbourhood Policing Team

# Courier fraud

Courier fraud is currently the highest reported fraud in Sussex.

In a majority of cases of courier fraud, a fraudster phones you claiming to be from your bank, the police or another authority. Having gained your trust they will then say that either fraudulent activity has been spotted on your card / account OR that someone has been arrested using your details and bank card. They will then trick you further by asking you to reveal your PIN and card details. The scammer then sends a courier or taxi to collect your card, money or valuables from your home.

There are other variations to these scams – a scammer posing as a police officer will contact you asking you to buy a high value item to ascertain if counterfeit goods are being sold.

Another is where a scammer contacts you and claims that your bank account has been taken over and that you need to transfer all your funds into a "safe account". Needless to say, this account belongs to the scammers who then steal your money.

Please remember – no bank, police officer or anyone from a legitimate service will ever ask you for your PIN.

For further information on this and other types of fraud or to make a report, please visit the ActionFraud website – the UK's national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre: <a href="https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/">https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/</a>

Know a community group that would like an input on scams? Please email us: Chichester@sussex.police.uk.

# Front office opening hours

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Chichester Police Station,

Kingsham Road, Chichester, PO19 8AD

Open: Monday - Saturday 9am -8pm.

You can contact your local team in the following ways: **Call us:** on **101** to report a crime or **999** if it's an emergency.

Email: Chichester@sussex.police.uk

# Midhurst:

Midhurst Police Station,

Bepton Road, Midhurst, GU29 9NB. Open: Monday - Friday 10am – 2pm.

You can contact your local team in the following ways: **Call us:** on **101** to report a crime or **999** if it's an emergency.

Email: Arun@sussex.police.uk

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Times for bowling are as follows ;-

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Wednesday & Thursday evenings 7pm until 8.30pm

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Contact Annette on 606227 or Karen on 607169

email: info@selseycarpetbowls.co.uk

www.selseycarpetbowls.co.uk

16) Who is the patron saint of Glasgow?

- 17) What was the name of Gene Autry's horsre?
- 18) What does MCC add up to in roman numerals?
- 19) Which playwright became his country's president in
- 20) Name the winged horse in Greek mythology.
- 21) Who was Cleo Laine's bandleader husband?
- 22) Which ex-wife of a president was sentenced to jail in 2003?
- 23) What is the major prize at the Venice Film Festival?
- 24) What is a culverin?
- 25) How is London's Central Criminal Court better known?
- 26) What is the alcoholic ingredient in a Snowball cocktail?
- 27) What Home Guard platoon does Captain Mainwaring

I saw a poster today on a lamp post asking "Have you seen this cat?" and gave a phone number. So, being ever so helpful, I called the number and said that I hadn't. I like to be helpful to people.

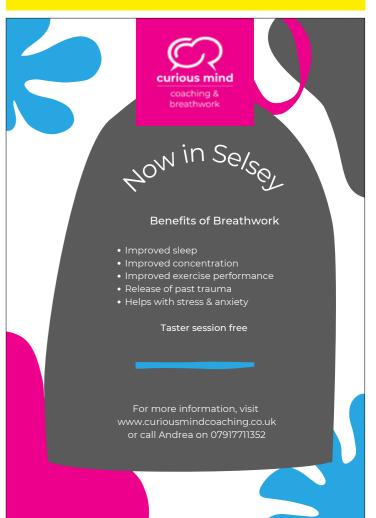
On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.

The average adult spends more time on the toilet than they do exercising.

Did you hear about the cat who swallowed a ball of wool?

She had mittens.

'Schoolmaster' is an anagram of 'the classroom.'



# **BORDERLANDS – Probing the Sussex Perimeter** (stage 8)

Is Lagness just another name that seems to lack a place? A road runs through named after it yet of buildings not a trace There's lots of lovely countryside and vast amounts of sky And endless spikey hedgerow to enthrall the passer by

Quite glorious the springtime sun that cheers us on our way With winter's last ill-tempered scheme thrown into disarray The prospect of horizons new a joy to contemplate Enduring Sussex majesty all minds to captivate

Mentioned in the Domesday Book like many a Sussex place Yet hamlet Runcton still retains its somewhat hidden face Come across by chance perhaps far more than by design Untouched by a thousand years neither upswing nor decline

The flat Manhood Peninsula continues to recede And will to Nature's brutal force eventually concede While no one here today will be around to see the end A harrowing scenario too grim to comprehend

A sleepy Sussex hamlet sitting off the beaten track South Mundham lies a mile down, right round and then straight back

A couple of farms nineteen trees and a dog that barks too loud Otherwise, a great escape far from the madding crowd

Plain Mundham in the Domesday Book no mention North or South Rich pickings the wealthy few while most lived hand to mouth A church a mill some cottages in value just eight pounds As reckoned by the Conqueror on his land assessment rounds

The oldest pram race in the world takes place on Boxing Day Regardless of the weather it'll happen anyway Three times around the streets of Pagham swilling pints of beer About as silly as it gets but brings mid-winter cheer

A multitude of birdlife comes and goes throughout the year Ecstatic twitchers on the case all rare arrivals cheer A Medieval harbour many centuries ago Now Pagham's muddy inlet hosts a stunted ebb and flow

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- 28) In Frasier, what is the name of Frasier's first wife?
- 29) What is the name of the prison in Porridge?
- 30) In As Time Goes By, what is Jean's agency called?
- 31) What are the respective professions of Norm and Cliff
- 32) What is the name of the Vicar of Dibley's church?
- 33) Name the two elderly female residents in Fawlty
- 34) Till Death Us Do Part became what in the USA?

# **SELSEY WINE INTEREST GROUP (SWIG)**

Spain has the distinction of having more land under vines than any other country, even Italy, but curiously achieves only a third of Italy's production of wine, and most Spanish wine is drunk in country.

In our March meeting our review of Spanish wines commenced with a delicious, fresh, fruity white - a 2020 Ramon do Casar Ribeiro (13%) blended mainly from the Treixadura grape. In Spanish ribeiro means "riverside" and these vineyards occupy land around the River Mino. We found this white wine to be florally aromatic with notes of orange blossom.

Our first red was a 2018 Artelan Rioia. The Rioia region spreads some 80 miles in a high mountain valley along the river Ebro's banks in the north east of the country. Wine has been made in Rioja since at least the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC when the Romans conquered the area.

This particular vintage was from a limited edition of only 10,000 bottles, and at 14% ABV was a privilege to enjoy. Aged traditionally in barriques it comes from the best and oldest vineyards on the slopes of the Sierra Cantabria in the Rioja Alvesa region. With a rich bouquet of flavours while retaining a fresh and profound core of fruit, it has the intense finish which is so characteristic of the best wines from this area. Released 4 years after harvest it is ready to drink, but properly stored will keep and develop beautifully for another 10 years.

We followed this with my own personal favourite, a 2015 Hacienda Don Hernan Rioia Gran Reserva (14%), With its intense crimson colour and with a complex blend of cocoa, coffee and black cherries aromas, this Gran Reserva pairs beautifully with game and rich cheeses, leaving a well balanced, elegant taste that lingers on. Gran Reserva is the top quality level for Rioja and means that the wine is aged at least 2 years in barrel plus 3 in the

Our third red was a 2020 Realizado (14.5%). This is a relatively new release from the famous Bodega ('cellar') Trenza in the Yecla region. Highlighting the allure of the Monastrell bush vines, it is combined and blended with Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Garnacha Tintorera grapes. Deep ruby red in colour, it has aromas of ripe black cherries and dark plums, combined with complex notes of roasted coffee and dark chocolate. On the palate it is full of flavour with perfectly balanced ripe tannins, refreshing acidity and a long finish.

We ended the evening in style with a 2020 Vinas Antiguas Rioja Alavesa (Flor de Luna), also a strong 14.5% ABV. This beautiful wine from some very old vineyards and from 80 to 100 years old vines is an unusual and enjoyable blend mainly from one of the most exciting of Spanish grapes - the Graciano, distinctive for its freshness, flavour and aroma..

Surprisingly our 'Wine of the Month' voting resulted in a tie between the fruity Ramon do Casar Ribeiro white wine and the limited edition Artelan Rioja.

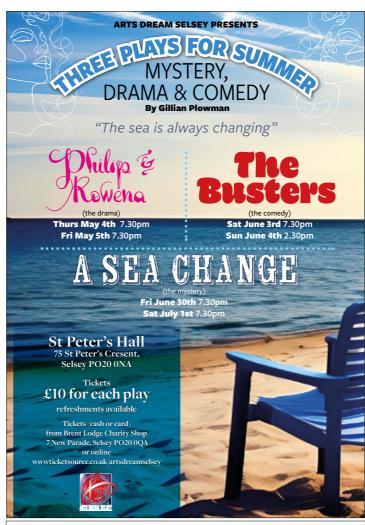
By the end of the evening all were agreed that when it comes to Spanish wines there is much more than meets the eye to be enjoyed in the whole range of their whites and Rioja reds.

Next month we intend to vineously visit Portugal. If you would like to join us, please email me at <a href="mailto:lunn.peter@gmail.com">lunn.peter@gmail.com</a>

Did you hear about the rancher who had 97 cows in his field?

Why did the bike fall over? It was two tired.

When he rounded them up, he had 100!



# By Gillian Plowman

Following the success of One Last Adventure, written during lockdown and performed to masked and distanced audiences, it seemed that we had discovered a new genre of theatre. We could not get together to rehearse, and we were not allowed to move onstage, but a radio play does not need lines learnt or movement directed. It needs skilled actors who can make a story bounce off the page. So we're doing this again. Three more hour-long radio plays for this summer with original music written and played by the inspirational pianist Sylvia Rota. Come along and watch and listen.



Philip and Rowena meet in the hospice and form an immediate alliance, making plans to wine and dine and travel through Europe together. Through the power of visualisation, they enjoy themselves dancing the can can in Paris, shopping at the leather market and promenading at the opera in Florence. It is never too late to fall in love!

George and Duncan have been persuaded to go to The Busters well-being and weight loss class where they meet and band together to brave the odds! The evening takes a dramatic turn as secrets, revelations and conflicts bubble to the surface, and new horizons appear for both men.

Marie and Peter are on holiday with their friends in a twohundred-year old cottage in Cornwall. Marie hears strange disturbing voices in a language she doesn't understand. A violent storm springs up with tragic consequences. Is it the same storm that wrecked so many Cornish fishing boats a long, long time



# **RNLI SELSEY LIFEBOAT SHOP**

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A wide range of Garden planters and decorative pots, together with the usual gifts, toys, and sweets and preserves.

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Face Book-RNLI Selsey Lifeboat station

Website- www.selseylifeboats.co.uk



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community news deliberations



Continuing our 'Focus On....' Series we are this month discovering more about Ronelle Juleff.

Ronelle has lived in Selsey for 9 years having moved to the UK from South Africa with her husband Philip in order to live nearer the family. She and her husband have four grandchildren - two boys 8, 12 and two girls one aged 15 and the other 18 and just about to head for university. She keeps in close contact with all of her family and speaks proudly of their achievements. Ronelle knows she is blessed with being able to do this. She values this and recognises the importance to give comfort, support and connection with many older folk living in Selsey through her vital work.

When I met Ronelle about 7 years ago, she was volunteering her time for **Selsey Community Forum** running the Good Morning Selsey Calls from a tiny shop at the back of Penny Lane. She had recruited a small team of volunteers who helped her with this and some light befriending duties and activities together. They had also developed the Selsey Senior News (now called the 'Newsletter') to enable our older folk, unable to readily get out, to remain

Fast forward and Ronelle has gone on to develop her volunteer base and befriending activities. She has developed a great team around her, who she has an excellent rapport with, resulting in many from our community who access the additional activities she has developed with these colleagues- preventing social isolation through meaningful activities and social eating opportunities.

Ronelle expanded the ever-growing Good Morning Service into Bracklesham, before going on to support the local community groups on behalf of SCF charity, and in partnership with Bracklesham Parish Council to develop this service.

Below are just a "few" of the services and activities Ronelle Juleff now manages and continues to be supported by an amazing group of dedicated volunteers.

- ✓ Movies for Memories runs twice a month at the Methodist Church Hall and includes soup, sandwich, and a pudding catered for by Janet Jupp
- Befriending Service including calls and befriending visits to people's homes if they can't get out.
- Together Times on a Thursday at the Methodist Church - now a full day of activities including Mobilising Mindfully/ health checks and two course lunch gratefully supported by local businesses.
- Morning Live at the Selsey Venture Club- opportunity for tea and chat with members.
- Resbite Teas- weekly afternoon teas hosted by each of the four churches every Sunday, coordinated by Ronelle and supported by parishioners.
- Sewing and Craft Club at the Bridge during school holidays in partnership with The Bridge.

As regards to transportation to these activities & support groups. Ronelle works in synergy with the **Selsey Venture Bus** to ensure people can attend all the activities, a critical part to enable people to access activities in a rural town. The **Good Morning Service** is now managed by Amanda Daniels to enable Ronelle to develop the above befriending activities. There will be more information

about Amanda's work in a later edition of Selsey Life. All the above activities need to be booked.

Don't forget if you have missed any of the other 'Focus on ....' Articles in the series, they are available on the Selsey Life website to look at any time.

# Financial Support/Funding

We do value the support from local people and organisations who provide financial support to the Selsey Community Forum. Without all this support, Selsey would be a very different place to live. We are still constantly writing funding bids for financial support, but the funding pools are getting smaller as other local community groups that pick up the gaps in services, also apply for funding.

As an individual you can either pop into the Selsey Care Shop for more information about donations, legacies and sponsorship of activities or go online to our website

www.selseycommunity.uk

As a business you may want to remember us when developing your social policy strategy and choose us as your charity to support. If you work for a large organisation you may like to find out whether they would like to support your local community in this

# Selsey Community Forumresponding to various needs locally



Aphasia is a communication disability which occurs when the communication centres of the brain are damaged.

It is usually caused by a stroke, brain haemorrhage, head injury or brain tumour. Aphasia makes it very difficult to read, write or speak. It affects people very differently and when communicating with a person with aphasia it is important to speak slowly and clearly. People who may have vascular dementia can be affected in this way. This will impact on their everyday life and needs to be considered when providing care and support. Empower the person and try not to fill the spaces but encourage time to find the right

Feel free to come along to an informal gathering at the **Beacon** Church on Tuesday 18th April 2023 10:30-12 noon. You will be warmly welcomed and participate in a new art activity we are trialling. Please call Karen Pirks to book 07824 376 760.

If you want to know more of the work of Selsey Community Forum in the community or are interested to join us as a volunteer bringing your skills to help develop the groups, or simply donate to our community organisation that we will no doubt all benefit from in the future, if not now, then please contact us at The Care Shop.

# **Selsey Community Forum**

Telephone: 01243 201616 Email: mail@selseycommunityforum.uk

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# **DONNA'S DELIBERATIONS**

Hello my lovely fellow Selsonians, and welcome to April! Amazing, glass, no steel and no internet.' So however 'removed' we may feel isn't it - four months in already; someone has seriously pressed the from the cosmos, it really does impact us in ways we would have accelerator on 2023! Fortunately, with the exception of a 'dusting' which didn't last long, well beyond the ferry, we've been devoid of the 'white stuff.' Hopefully, we can sit back and be pretty confident that we've navigated the winter and have now emerged on the other side. Now all a lot of us have to do is to try to get the garden

Interestingly, April is purported to be the best month of the year to see meteor showers, as well as being the month which should herald the warmer weather, and of course, the time when the Easter Bunny makes an appearance!

We are very lucky here, in our little town at the bottom of the long and winding road - we have the sea on our doorstep and limited light pollution which makes it a wonderful spot for star-gazing, something Sir. Patrick Moore was very aware of. The Lyrid Meteor shower will be active from the middle of April, peaking on the 22nd

I was surprised to learn that we don't need any specific equipment to see the Lyrid meteor shower, although we will struggle a bit if it's cloudy. The word Lyrids comes from the word Lyra, and was adopted because the meteors appear to come from the constellation of Lyra. Having said that, they are actually caused by the earth crashing into comet debris, in this case the comet C/1861 how to annoy them!' G1 (Thatcher.) The Lyrids are the oldest recorded meteor shower, having been first spotted in 687BC by astronomers in China and the average speed for a Lyrid meteor is 108,000 miles per hour!

I'm not suggesting that I know anything about astronomy at all really don't, but it's hard not to feel a deep sense of awe when looking out to sea, at night. The sky is lit up with countless stars when it's clear, and it's very hard not to consider the possibility of other planets also capable of supporting life, when staring into infinity. Astronomy may be an 'Earth Science' but it's also true that the entire universe is its laboratory. Amazing, really.

There's no doubt that astronomy is the subject which seeks to solv the 'big' problems, with equally 'big' ideas. It looks to understand and explain phenomena which for most of us are invisible. It's a subject which is constantly changing, innovating and progressing as our knowledge expands, pushing the boundaries of science.

When you think about it, throughout history, we humans have used a book called 'Miaow! Cats really are nicer than people'. the sky to navigate the seas, to work out when to plant crops, and to help us answer the 'where did we come from?' question. Early cultures considered that 'celestial objects' were 'Gods' and used their movement across the skies as prophecies of events to come. These days, of course, we would refer to this as 'Astrology' - which is some way away from the solid science of . astronomy which we recognise today. There are still traces of this bygone age within astronomy, though - take for example the constellations of Andromeda and Perseus. from Greek mythology. When it was discovered that the basic elements found in stars are the same elements which make up our physical bodies, it only

served to further connect us to the universe, and may go some way to explaining the fascination astronomy holds for so many of us.

Asking questions is a part of being human. 'How old is the earth?' 'What's going to happento the universe?' 'Where does our incredible planet 'sit' in the rest of the cosmos?' It's astronomy which can help us to answer these questions, but we don't always realise how much astronomy has contributed to technological advances. Bruce Dorminey, an American Science journalist said: 'If not for stars, there would be no

never envisaged.

Of course, it's impossible to talk about the universe, without also

talking about our famous local resident, particularly as he has just passed what would have been his centenary! Sir Patrick Moore, was, without doubt, one of the world's foremost experts on our cosmos.

Surprisingly, he was technically an 'amateur' astronomer', but was probably one of the most effective, erudite and influential broadcasters we have ever known. He joined the British Astronomical Society at the ripe old age of 11 and at just 13, he wrote his first

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paper on the features of a lunar crater! From 1952, he made his living as a freelance copy editor, author and broadcaster and in and 23rd, so I'm sure that was something Sir Patrick looked out for. 1923 wrote his book 'A Guide to the Moon'. By the end of his writing career, his biographer asserted that he had written some 300 books, including revised editions and 'yearbooks'. What is not so well known is that he also wrote science fiction books for children, and published two books under the pen name of R.T. Fishall. One of which was titled 'The Twitmarsh File - Bureaucrats:

> We all know him best from 'The Sky at Night' of course, which ran for more than 55 years. Sir Patrick managed every episode, bar one, when he was too unwell. He was, indisputably, I think, one of television's real 'characters' - he completely fitted the public's perception of an eccentric scientist! Behind this though, was the desire to communicate his enthusiasm and love for our universe to everyone else, which he did, in a way which popularised astronomy in a way which was totally unrivalled. Although sometimes criticised for his 'oversimplified' explanations, Sir Patrick raised awareness and increased interest in the stars more than anyone else. One anecdote I recently discovered was when he visited the opening of an exhibition at the Royal Observatory, in Edinburgh - he wouldn't accept travel expenses and bought books to give to visiting young people. He had a reputation for being extremely generous with his time and would find it impossible to decline any invitations to appear at charity events or speak to schools about his passion for astronomy. He was also a firm advocate of animal rights and wrote

When he died, in 2012, he left an outstanding legacy of broadcasting and knowledge. His death came just two days after the 40th anniversary of the last manned mission to the moon, Apollo 17, another venture Sir Patrick paid a considerable part in. Without doubt, he was a truly inspirational figure, and a real British institution.

Many of us were fortunate enough to meet Sir Patrick, here in Selsey, and when I mentioned that I would like to draw people's experiences and stories together, I was far from disappointed at the amazing anecdotes many

of our residents have. Fortunately, they are happy to share them with me, so watch this space, as I will soon be making a start. If you have any 'Sir Patrick' experiences, and feel able to share them with me, please get in touch.

Donna (donnajohnson279@gmail.com)

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wildlife



# From Africa to West Sussex

by Alice McDougall

a home If you visit Pagham Harbour or Medmerry at this time of year, there are a number of summer visitors you are likely

to see (or hear) that have made that long journey from Africa to breed here.

The wheatear was once considered a delicacy - thankfully we don't eat songbirds anymore but they are a charming sight to enjoy. You may spot this ground dweller hopping and pecking on the beach or grassland, seeking out a meal of ants, beetles, spiders or wasps. It's a striking yet delicate little bird about the size of a robin. distinguishable by its white rump and pale orangey-tan coloured breast. They don't spend long here though and will soon fly further north.

The cuckoo – we usually hear it before we see it, typically in mid-April. Sadly your chances of seeing or hearing one have decreased rapidly in recent years as there are now over 50% less than there were in 1995. Loss of hedgerows and diminishing insect populations are part of the reason, but scientists are also looking at the role their migratory route has in this decline.

The swift is another bird which will be arriving in late April / early May. There is something beguiling about their eerie scream as they swirl around high above us. When you consider that they can fly at seventy miles an hour in a straight line, spend up to 200 days in the air and are able to eat, sleep and mate on the wing, we can admire them for very good reasons.

Other spring visitors you might spot are warblers such as the reed warbler, willow warbler (for a short time before they fly further inland) and sedge warbler. These exquisite birds may be small and dainty but their size belies their endurance. The reed warbler, for example, can make this journey in

So next time you are pondering over an OS map or trying to make sense of your sat nav, spare a thought for our intrepid summer visitors, some of which have travelled over 5000 miles to get here.

Why not join us on one or our guided walks this month to look for our returning summer birds and spring migrants, perhaps even including some rare visitors? Find out more by visiting our website <a href="https://events.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour">https://events.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour</a> or call 01243 641508.



Northern wheatears (this is a male, with its distinctive black Zorro 'mask') are among the first summer breeding birds to arrive on our coasts from mid- to late March onwards, but they don't stay - they soon head inland, west and north to their moorland and upland breeding grounds.

[Credit: Steve Round (rspb-images.com)] one single flight without stopping, flying four miles high in the sky and arriving back at exactly the same spot they left.

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# RSPB Events for April 2023

# **ZOOM MEETING**

**Thursday 27 April** 

David Ramsden of The Barn Owl Trust on 'Barn Owls -Restoring the Balance at 7.00 pm

Zoom talks are free to all RSPB Chichester Local Group members and £4 each to non-members.

Places are limited, so please book your place in advance by contacting Rob Yarham - email: chichesterbirds@gmail.com, tel: 07545 376074

> **Chichester Conservation Volunteers** April 2023

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# **SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST April 2023**

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**RNLI Selsey Lifeboat Station** 

# **Selsey Lifeboats Fundraising Team is** seeking more volunteers

Selsey RNLI branch is urgently seeking people to join their small but dedicated team of volunteer fundraisers.

We need general/ad hoc volunteers to help with marshalling and stewarding at various events; carrying out bucket and Street collections; distributing flyers and other promotional material to homes and businesses on the Manhood Peninsula. Minimum commitment to this role could be as little as 1 hour dependent upon the event.

Additionally, we need people to take on some more intensive roles requiring greater time commitments as set out below:

PR/Media Assistant – to assist with creating, producing and distributing advertising and promotional material for fundraising events, including signage, posters, flyers, social media and local press/radio for pre- and post-event publicity.

Community Event Co-ordinator – to assist with planning and organising various events throughout the year including a Sponsored Walk, Fish & Chip Supper and all aspects of Lifeboat Week.

Logistics/Transport Manager – to take charge of sourcing and managing suitable people, materials and services necessary to facilitate all planned events, ensuring that all equipment and materials are in the right place at the right time and meet all health & safety guidelines.

If you are interested in joining our fundraising team, please call Elaine on 07946 176480 or email ediyb.rnliselsey@outlook.com

Why did God create Adam before Eve? To give him a chance to speak....



**Grey Squirrel**by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

I'm crouching behind my sofa, hiding from a squirrel. While I'm here, peering angrily out of the patio window, it has given me time to reflect on the emotional journey that led me to this place.

There was a time I was nuts about squirrels. As soon as I could walk, I was out shrieking through the autumn leaves, trying to grab a squirrel's bushy tail as it nimbly skedaddled up the nearest Sycamore. Looking back now, I'm not sure what I planned to do with a squirrel, had I ever caught one. It's actually illegal to release a Grey Squirrel once caught because, despite their cute appearance, they can be

extremely destructive.

The main problem is that they shouldn't really be in Britain. The Grey Grey Squirrel c Alan Price Squirrel is a North American species and we can blame Herbrand Russell. Gatehouse Studio Sussex 11th Duke of Bedford, for inviting them. Herbrand's hare-brained plan was to import Grey Squirrels to embellish his estate at the middle of the 19th century. Distributing squirrels as gifts, he and his landowner chums assisted their spread across England.

Our wildlife and landscape just weren't designed to accommodate this brash new American and the native Red Squirrel, already in decline, was hit particularly hard. Attempts have been made over the years to control Britain's Grey Squirrel population and protect the remaining Reds, and the battle continues, but across most of England it seems the Greys are here to stay.

In the last few weeks the battle has arrived in my back garden. I recently purchased a bird feeding station, an Grey Squirrel c Dave Kilbey Sussex Wildlife elaborate chandelier draped in peanut feeders, fat balls and coconut shells. Yet the Nuthatches, tits and finches are being usurped by a Grey Squirrel. I'm paying pounds and getting peanuts and it's the squirrel who is packing his cheeks. It feels like I have laid on a buffet for my friends, only to find some American bloke (who I don't particularly like) has turned up to scoff the whole lot. For weeks, we have been locked in an ongoing arms race. I don't want to hurt him – I just want him off my new bird feeder. I've deployed Vaseline, peppers and counterbalances but each time I've been outwitted. He is agile, acrobatic and very clever. Today I cracked. I purchased a squirrel proof baffle: a large Perspex dome, 100% quaranteed to make my peanut feeder impregnable. I installed it as the squirrel watched curiously and, with a confident laugh, I returned to my front room...to find the squirrel was already back on the peanut feeder. I have no idea how he's doing it and he's too smart to climb there if he's being watched. So here I am, behind the sofa, trying to find out his secret.

Whether trying to beat them nationally or just in our own back gardens, it really isn't reassuring to know we're being outsmarted by a

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35) What are the surnames of Bob and Terry in The Likely

36) What is the UK's longest running sitcom?

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# SPONSORED WALK IN AID OF SELSEY LIFEBOATS

Starting from Selsey Lifeboat Station Sunday 28th May 2023

# Registration between 8 am & 10 am

A circular walk of approximately 10 miles via Selsey, Ham & Pagham Harbour

For further information please contact Elaine on 07946176480

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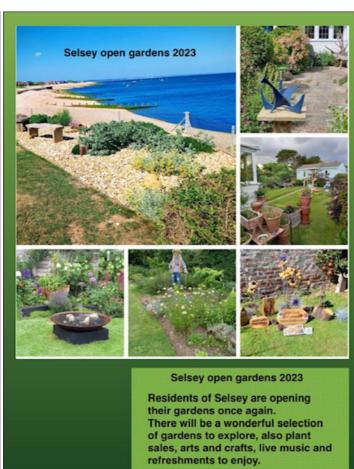


A woman is lying in the road after being run over. The driver of the vehicle that knocked her down comes to her help. "Are you all right?" he asks.

"You're just a blur", she says, "so my sight is clearly affected.

Very concerned, the driver leans over the woman in order to test her eyesight. "How many fingers have I got up?" he asks her.

"Oh no" she replies, "I must be paralysed from the waist down as well".





# St. Peter's Church Forthcoming Events

Save the date Sunday 11th June 2023

Some Dates for your Diary:

SPRING FAIR - MONDAY 29th MAY 12-3pm

'RACE NIGHT' - SATURDAY 8th JULY (optional Fish n' Chips available on the night). to be held in Church Hall- time TBA

'ABBA' - SATURDAY 12th AUGUST to be held at Selsey Centre

SUMMER FAIR - MONDAY 28th AUGUST 12-3pm

'QUEEN' TRIBUTE - SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER to be held at Selsey Centre

XMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER

More Details of these and other Events will follow

WATCH THIS SPACE!!

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise

"Go" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

There's a city called "Rome" on every continent except
Antarctica

Council plans to invest in refurbishment to public conveniences

Chichester District Council is moving forward with a project to refurbish five public conveniences across the Chichester District.

The project, which is expected to involve an investment of around £700,000, will focus on five sites that have been chosen based on a variety of factors. These include public and partner feedback, as well as the level of use.

HES,

The public conveniences that have been identified for refurbishment are: Priory Park, Chichester; **East Beach, Selsey**; Tower Street, Chichester; Bosham Lane, Bosham; and Market Road. Chichester.

"We've been busy working on the plans for the design and layout of these sites and are really keen to progress this project as quickly as possible so that people can start to benefit from the updated facilities," says Cllr Tony Dignum, Cabinet Member for Growth, Place and Regeneration at Chichester District Council.

"As soon as we have the estimate for the total cost of the project, we can move to the next phase and go out to tender for the work. We'll be looking for the successful company to start work in late summer, with the overall programme finished in the early Autumn.

"Quality facilities and public areas are vital and contribute to a positive lasting impression of the district. This is a key aim within the visions that have been developed for our city and towns.

"This is why it is important that we provide modern and clean public conveniences for those who are visiting or moving around the district. We've already seen the impact that improvements can make on the sites that have already been refurbished. This includes introducing better disabled facilities. We believe that investment in these sites is going to make a very positive and significant impact."

37) What was the name of the senior Yellowcoat in Hi-de-Hi?

38)Name the character played by Frankie Howerd in Up

39) What is Gary's surname in Men Behaving Badly?

40) Who played Dr Samuel Johnson in Blackadder the Third?

41) What does M\*A\*S\*H stand for?

42) Where is Master Sergeant Ernie Bilko based?

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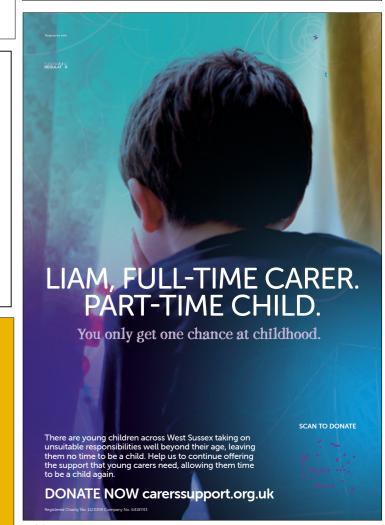
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write zone community news

# The Write Zone with 7ara Lennon



I'm lucky enough to have good health. I don't suffer mysterious ailments. In my entire life I've broken nothing bigger than my little toe, and colds are a rarity. The result is that I rarely visit the doctor. But recently, I had occasion to. I'll save your blushes by not telling you exactly why. Let's just refer to my waterworks, and I'll leave your imagination to fill in the gaps.

If any of my female readers will attest, when you provide a

pee sample, you're required to aim for a flimsy plastic cup. For a few agonised seconds, you pray you've got it in the right place. One misfire and your sample's gone the toilet. Literally. My pee sample resulted in a course of antibiotics. Job done, or so I thought. But a few days later, there came a phone call from the surgery, asking me to see the doctor face to face. Over the weekend I fretted. What on earth had they found? What they'd found, so the doctor told me, was blood in my pee, but no infection. Because of this, I needed to have further tests at the Urology clinic at St Richard's. But don't lose sleep over it, the GP said. Have a talk to the Urologist and they'll tell you want they want to do about it. Inwardly, I recoiled. I appreciate that the NHS's early intervention programme heads-off problems before they become serious, but this was too much. I grumbled about the waste of time to my family. In spite of this, I presented at Outpatients a couple of weeks later. I sat, in the sun-filled waiting room, watching the clock tick past my appointment time. I started to become agitated so closed my eyes, willing myself into a place of zen calm and benevolence.

'Mrs Carayellow?'

I was aware of the voice calling for the next patient.

'Mrs Carayellow?'

I cracked open my eyes and looked about. Someone hadn't shown up, or lost patience waiting.

'Cara?'

Cara? I opened my eyes fully and stared at the diminutive nurse. With a flush of alarm, I realised that Carayellow, might be me. I jumped up and stumbled forward. The nurse blinked at me. She was about four feet nothing and looked like she might have bunked off school.

'Cara Yellow?'

'Yes, that's me.' I think.

She took me to a side room the size of my downstairs lavatory and asked me to wait. Then she disappeared through a door marked *Endoscopy*. When she reappeared, she invited me inside. I quickly appraised my surroundings. The room had a surgical trolley-like bed in the centre with big dangling lights over it. There were monitors, and trays, and instruments. There was another nurse, in

mask and gown and gloves, rustling as she tore at plastic packets, laying out strange things on a tray. This was no ordinary consulting room. I wasn't just here to talk to the Urologist. This was a theatre.

'This is Mr—. He's going to do your procedure today.'

There were a few heartbeats of silence as I processed this.

'What procedure's that then?' I asked calmly.

The consultant indicated the nurse. 'We're going to put a camera into your bladder and have a look around.' More silence. I looked at the nurse and saw properly the array of hosepipes that she was assembling. Each one seemed thicker than the last.

I shook my head and smiled. 'No.' I told them. They all stared at me, then at each other.

'No?' the consultant asked bemusedly.

'No,' I repeated. 'Nobody told me I'd be having a procedure today.' I pointed at the hosepipe waving around in the nurse's hand. 'I am not having that ... up me.' I crossed my arms. The silence that followed was an awkward one. The consultant spoke.

'We'll give you a local anaesthetic.'

'Does that hurt?'

'It can sting a bit.'

'You're not selling it to me.'

We could rearrange for when you're feeling more prepared.

'I won't be any more prepared next time,' I replied. What followed was a polite exchange. The consultant conveyed the importance of ruling out nasty illnesses. A compromise was reached: I would have the procedure under a light general anaesthetic.

'Do you have any more questions?' he asked.

'Can I go now, springs to mind,' I replied. Everyone laughed.

Except me. Driving away I cursed my waterworks, praised our wonderful NHS, braced myself for what was to come, and told myself that this was all a storm in a pee-cup.ago.

7ara

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There was an accident on the roundabout on the A27, where the female diver was injured, and an ambulance was called. It quickly arrived and the paramedic goes to the woman.

"What is your name?" he asked her. "Maureen" she replied.

Looking around, the paramedic noticed a lot of blood. Growing concerned about the possible injuries, and not wanting to move her at first, the paramedic asked her "Where are you bleeding from, Maureen?".

After thinking for a short while, she replied "Bognor".

I went in to a pet shop to stock up on things for summer, when I had the thought to start my own hive to make honey. I went up to the counter and asked the assistant for a dozen bees. The assistant got a little transit box, and carefully counted out thirteen bees. "Sorry", I said, "I only want twelve, that is all I can afford". "Don't worry" said the assistant, "the last one's a freebie."

While a spider's muscles are able to pull its legs inward, the only way to extend their legs back out is by pumping a watery liquid through them. This is why we typically see a dead spider's legs curled up



# Are you having a Eurovision party?

The Eurovision Song Contest is being held in Liverpool this year on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, and we know that many of us enjoy a good Eurovision party on the night!

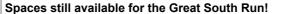
If you're planning a party, then why not fundraise for St Wilfrid's at the same time. We've put together a handy fundraising pack full of ideas to fundraise and have a great time during your Eurovision party. Find out more on <a href="mailto:stwh.co.uk/Eurovision">stwh.co.uk/Eurovision</a>, or give the fundraising team a call on 01243 775302.

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# You could win £2000 in the St Wilfrid's Spring Raffle!

Imagine what you could do with £2000! The St Wilfrid's Spring Raffle has launched and we've got some exciting prizes to be won! Our top prize is £2000, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a £500 Marshalls Furniture voucher and our 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a £250 Lazy Susan Furniture voucher.

Play from only £1 and buy tickets from our website: <a href="mailto:stwh.co.uk/raffle">stwh.co.uk/raffle</a>, or scan the QR Code. Raffle terms and conditions apply.



Why not get active and join #TeamStWilf this year?

We have a number of places available for the Great South Run on the 14th-15th October 2023. These exclusive spaces are available at a discounted rate of £25, with a suggested minimum fundraising target of £200.

To find out more, please email <u>fundraising@stwh.co.uk</u> or call 01243 755184.

# The Moonlight Walk

Experience Chichester in a new way! Join hundreds of others taking part in the St Wilfrid's Hospice Moonlight Walk on June 17th. Starting at our exciting event village at Chichester College, the 5 or 10-mile routes take participants on a memory walk around Chichester from 8pm. The walk includes a special stop at Guildhall in Priory Park, where there is an in-memory archway to remember your loved ones.



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10 February 2023

Selsey RNLI inshore lifeboat launched to small yacht drifting off Selsey Bill



The Inshore lifeboat (ILB) launched at 5.25pm on Friday 10 February after the UK Coastguards received an emergency call from a member of the public saying that a small yacht appeared to be drifting approximately 300 metres off the shore at Selsey Bill.

The ILB was quickly on scene with the yacht which was approximately 600 metres south of the lifeboat station and confirmed with the one person on the yacht that they were drifting due to the vessel's sails had jammed half way up the mast and had engine failure. The weather on scene was wind westerly force 2-3 sea state slight with overcast sky. The Helmsman decided the yacht would need towing to a safe haven and requested the all-weather lifeboat (ALB) be launched. The ILB transferred a crewmember to the yacht to assist the skipper to establish a tow with the yacht to keep it from drifting ashore or on to the shallows scattered around Selsey with a low water only two hours away.

At 5.36pm the ALB launched and was quickly on scene with the yacht. The ILB crewmember that was on the yacht stayed on to assist in establishing the tow with the ALB and the further passage to Chichester Harbour. At 5.50pm the tow commenced towards the harbour. At 7.34pm the ALB and yacht entered Chichester harbour and just inside the entrance the yacht was bought to an alongside tow for the passage into Sparkes marina. The Hayling Island Coastguard Rescue Team met the ALB at the marina to assist in berthing the





yacht and at 7.52pm the vessel was safely berthed alongside. The ALB was released by the UK Coastguards at 8.10pm and departed Sparkes marina for the passage back to Selsey, arriving back at 8.55pm the ALB was recovered straight away washed down, refuelled and made ready for service.

The crews today were ALB Coxswain Rob Archibald, Mechanic Colin Pullenger, Neil Hopcraft, Tim Scott , Ian Ford.

ILB Helmsman James Albrey, Dan Langford, Harry Emmence.

Shore crew Frank Corby Head Launcher, Max Wiseman Driver, Richard Wiseman Mark Penny, Richard Brady, Paul Fairbrass

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The NHS Sussex and University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (UH Sussex) are formally consulting on plans to improve hospital-based stroke services in West Sussex. We are keen to

hear the views of Selsey residents.

Look out for the consultation document and survey in your local libraries, town halls, and medical practices. Or alternatively pop into the **Selsey Care Shop** who have some packs available or go online to find out more and have your say: <a href="www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk">www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk</a> and search stroke services.

# About the proposal

The proposal is for an acute stroke centre to be developed at St Richard's Hospital in Chichester, led by University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust. This proposal would mean people in the coastal area of West Sussex would go to St Richard's Hospital in Chichester or to the Comprehensive Stroke Centre at Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton. This would mean Worthing Hospital would no longer be a place that people experiencing a stroke would be taken for care.

Working together, these two stroke centres in Chichester and Brighton would ensure everyone in West Sussex is within a 60-minute ambulance journey to a stroke centre staffed by the right specialists, **24 hours a day, seven days a week**.

This option would bring many benefits to local people, including:

- ✓ access to specialist stroke services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- √ a reduction in deaths from stroke
- √ fewer people living with long-term disability following stroke
- √ fewer people losing their independence and being admitted to nursing or care homes
- ✓ and shorter stays in hospital

The consultation has been open since January and ends on 21st of April- so please have your say about this vital service.

Thank you.

Karen Pirks, Operations Lead **Selsey Community Forum** 

- 43) What is Switzerland's largest city?
- 44) San Jose is the capital of which country?
- 45) What is the fine sediment deposited by a river called?
- 46) What is England's largest national park?
- 47) What is the national language of Pakistan?
- 48) In which US state is Dodge City?
- 49) To which country fo the Azores belong?
- 50) What name is given to a Scottish peak over 3000ft (914m)?
- 51) Who is Bolivia named after?
- 52) Where is the Tsango Gorge?
- 53) On what river does St Petersburg stand?

When a spider travels it will have four legs on the ground and four legs off of the ground at all times.



Grand Draw - Live Music Stalls Galore - BBQ Children's Games - Bouncy Castle

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# Selsey Shantyman Newsletter

Our summer program takes us far and wide this year. The program below concentrates on those events in and around Selsey. Thank you all for your support and encouragement in the past and we look forward to meeting up with you again in the near future.

16 April	Sun	2 pm	Selsey RNLI						
24 "	Mon		S`Men at Eastergate						
30 "	Sun		Selsey RNLI						
5 May	Fri		S`Men at Sussex Grange						
12 "	Fri	7pm	Selsey RNLI Evening Event						
20 "	Sat		S`Men at Emsworth Marina						
21 "	Sun		S`Men at Portsmouth Gin and Chilli Festival						
1 June To 5 June			Shantymen in Oostend Belgum. Boat Festival						
10 June	Sat		Birdham Boat Festival						
11 "	Sun		u u u						
14 "	Weds	1.45	Selsey Town Hall – W I						
16 "	Fri	7pm	Selsey RNLI Evening Event						
18 "	Sun	Tbd	Selsey "Hopp Inn" St Winifreds Charity						
25 "	Sun	2.30	S.S.Shieldhall – Solent Cruise						
27 "	Tues	2.30	S`Men at East Wittering						
1 July	Sat	Tbd	S`Men " Chichester Gala						
5 "	Weds	2.15	" " Lavant						
7 "	Fri	Tbd	" " Chichester Harbour						
16 "	Sun	2pm	Selsey RNLI						
22 "	Sat	Tbd	S`Men at Littlehampton Harbour Fest.						
4 Aug	Fri	Tbd							
6 Aug	Aug Sun Tbd		Selsey Lifeboat Week						
11 Aug	Aug Fri 7pm		S`Men at Littlehampton RNLI						
20 "	Sun	2pm	Selsey RNLI						
10 Sept	Sun	2pm	ec ec						
22 Sept To 24 Sept	Fri Sun	Tbd	S`Men at South Downs Folk Festival						

# TOUGH MY WIFE'S TITS ONE MORE TIME AND TILL KILL YOU!

# Selsey Methodist Church

Do you like surprises? Most of us do, although sometimes it's a fine line between a surprise and a shock.

As we move on into April, we come to Palm Sunday followed by Good Friday and then

Easter Day. It's a really important time of year for the Church – remembering Jesus riding into Jerusalem to wild acclaim but then, not even a week later, hounded by the mob and led out to die an excruciating death before coming back to life again. I think sometimes we lose the sense of shock the first disciples must have felt on that rollercoaster of events. It certainly wasn't what they were expecting, even if they had been told...



Most of us know what it is to lose somebody we're close to, somebody we love. It hurts. The message of Easter for Christians is that, despite that hurt, that physical loss, that's not the end.

The Easter story is, ultimately at least, a story of hope and life. At the climax there's that wonderful moment when Mary meets Jesus in the garden. She doesn't recognise him – let's face it, she's not expecting him to be alive, much less out for a walk – until he speaks her name and suddenly her despair is lifted and she rushes back to tell the others, "He's alive!" and so can we be.

In a sketch I know, set just after that first Easter, one of the characters says of Jesus, "I thought he was dead?" The reply is telling, "He didn't stay that way!" That's what we Christians celebrate in our services and many more people mark through the giving of eggs.

Do come and celebrate the new life Easter offers with us or one of the other Church families in Selsey and, even if you don't, have a very Happy Easter and celebrate the life that is in you and all around you.

With all good wishes

Tim 😊

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Tim Cooper

Local Lay Pastor, Selsey Methodist Church



gardening gardening

# In the Garden

Jobs for April

New hedges grow more rapidly when they are not subjected to stress through lack of water in dry periods. Consider running a finely perforated 'seep-hose' along the length of a new hedge for the first couple of years until it's roots are well established. These hoses work well in conjunction with programmable watering times, which attach to the garden tap, but need to be cleaned regularly in hard-water areas where limescale may fur up the holes guite rapidly.

Gladioli are very easy to grow from corms planted now - 4-6" deep in fertile, free-draining soil. As well as the buxom, Dame Edna Everage types, there are daintier species, such as Gladiolus 'callianthus', also known as Acidarnthera 'murieliae', with white pendant flowers and G. 'papilio' with small, nodding flowers flushed with mauve. All need a sunny position, but only the large-flowered hybrid will need staking as they grow.

Tip Top Tips

- As well as buying the plants that will provide interest in the coming months, don't forget the winter flowering trees and shrubs. Often their prices are reduced now that their flowering is over and they are worth buying if in good condition.
- Sow Hardy Annuals to fill gaps. A light sprinkling of Annual Poppies or Love-in-a-Mist (Nigella) through the flowerbeds can unify and enliven more sombre plantings.
- Don't hesitate to halve large seed Potatoes both halves make good sets.
- Always change the variety of seed Potato every three years if in the same place.
- Try growing some annual Dahlias from seed they will flower in five months.
- Always remember that a wild flower area can ornament any garden and encourages wild life.
- Always spray fruit trees well before the buds burst.



# Selsey Open Gardens - 11th June 2023 - 10am to 5pm



Selsey Open Gardens is back for 2023. Residents of Selsey are opening their gardens once again. As in previous years there will be a selection of wonderful gardens to explore. There is something of interest for everyone. Gardens with a variety of size and content, mature gardens,

spaces for nature and some in development, a community garden and for the first time as we're located on the coast, a marine experience. Also, several new gardens taking part for the first time.

Programme/ticket sale proceeds go to Selsey First Responders, other charities chosen by the hosts will also be supported, such as the Snowdrop Trust and Parkinson's.

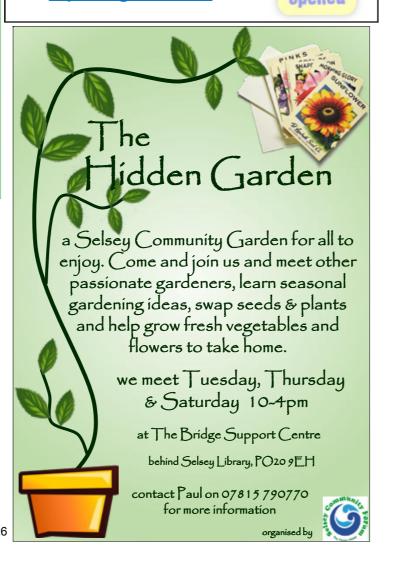
Arts and crafts, live entertainment, homemade teas and plant sales will be available also items handmade by the Men in Sheds.

Cost: £5.00 per person, accompanied children u16 free.

How to get event passports: In advance (from May onwards) from Village Flowers, Seal Island Wools and Highhouse Insurance. ON THE DAY - 124 High Street outside the Bubble Bar

Contact the organisers: Phone: 07546491353 Email: tony.sue123@btinternet.com

Approx gardens opened



The Hidden Garden, a community garden in Selsey, is opening for the National Garden Scheme on Sunday 30th April and Sunday 30th July.

The Hidden Garden is a community gardening project helping and encouraging local people to become involved with growing fruit, vegetables. herbs and flowers along with providing spaces for wildlife to thrive. The garden is open to people of all ages and abilities in the Selsey community, organised by the Selsey Community Forum but looked after by a dedicated



group of local volunteers. Situated next to the Academy Selsey School we run events and workshops to teach organic horticulture, wildlife gardening and sustainability. Regular gardening activities for young people take place throughout the year and we share







The Hidden Garden is open for the National Garden Scheme on Sun 30 Apr, Sun 30 July (10.30-4.30). Admission £5, children free. Tea. Pre-book on the National Garden Scheme website https://ngs.org.uk or pay on the day

The National Garden Scheme was founded in 1927 by The Queen's Nursing Institute to raise money for district nurses. Ever since then it has given annual donations to nursing and health charities totalling over £67 million. It gives visitors unique, affordable access to over 3,500 exceptional private gardens in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands and raises impressive amounts through admission charges and the sale of tea and cake. Thanks to the generosity of garden owners, volunteers and visitors we are now the most significant charitable funder of nursing in the UK. As well as the Queen's Nursing Institute, our beneficiaries include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and Parkinson's UK.



The National Garden Scheme doesn't just open beautiful gardens for charity – we are passionate about the physical and mental health benefits of gardens too. We fund projects which promote gardens and gardening as therapy, and in 2016 commissioned The Kings Fund report Gardens and Health Our Gardens and Coronavirus 2020: The importance of gardens and outdoor spaces during lockdown report was published in September 2020. To date we have given out grants to almost 200 projects, with the total amount donated just shy of £400,000. The Hidden Garden received a grant in 2020.

For other West Sussex gardens opening for the National Garden Scheme this spring visit <a href="https://ngs.org.uk">https://ngs.org.uk</a>, the Selsey Life Website What On pages https://selseylife.weebly.com/whats-on.html or, if viewing this on the website, click on the following link https://ngs.org.uk/west-sussex-spring-gardens/

The Sussex National Garden Scheme 2023 Booklet is now available online or at many local outlets.



I used to own a dog that could perform it's own magic tricks. It was a Labracadabrador.

# community news

The Second World War commenced in September 1939 and Selsey like much of the south coast found itself on the front line for the next few years. War had been anticipated for some time so specific plans had been devised both nationally and locally.

The outbreak of war meant the eventual mobilisation of able-bodied Selsey men as it did throughout the UK. The women in Selsey, therefore, took over many DECLARED of their roles until 1945 and some landgirls arrived to work on local farms. Although Selsey was regarded as a potential invasion point, evacuees arrived in the area mainly from London. In fact, an invasion was expected anywhere along the coast from Selsey to Camber

Sands. This led to mines being laid offshore and barbed wire and concrete structures being erected along the shoreline to hinder invaders but also preventing civilian access to beaches.

The Sussex Local Defence Force Volunteers or Home Guard was formed on 31st July 1940 as part of the 26th Battalion covering Sussex. Section No.8 was responsible for Bognor Regis and Selsey. Members ranged in age from 17 to 75 and came from all walks of life but had to be reasonably fit. On the coast they manned batteries using World War One naval guns. The battery at Aldwick covered the coast from Selsey to Littlehampton but they were never tested in combat. However, troops from the "Empire" had already been mobilised to be shipped to the UK to aid defence forces from 1939. These included the Canadian Active Service Defence Force of Infantry and thus the Glengarry Highlanders, part of the First Infantry Division, were responsible for the defence of the Selsey area from 1942. Their arrival certainly had an effect on the local population!

Although war made increased demands on agricultural production, it did not prevent prime land being requisitioned for war purposes. A private airfield at Church Norton was taken over to become an Advanced Landing Ground with two cross-over runways of 4200ft and 3900ft constructed for a squadrone of Spitfires and one of Typhoons. In July 1942. this was upgraded to become RAF Selsey; the officers mess was the Old Priory at Church Norton.

Once France had fallen in 1940, Selsey became part of the front line. Thirty-one air raids were logged by the police at Selsey during the War although casualties were modest compared to densely populated areas. However, with air raids, crashes occurred. During the Battle of Britain.a Heinkel 111 crashed on the East Beach on



Heinkel He 111H 2.KG55 G1+LK WNr 2646 sd by 145Sqn East Beach Selsey Sussex 11th Jul 1940 IWM HU72441

Great Helm Farm, Selsey and on the 16th a Junkers 87 crashed alongside the nearby B2145. On 19th August, a Spitfire came down at Church Norton and on 29th August a Hurricane was shot down off Selsey Bill - the pilot. PO Richard Hutley was rescued but died of his wounds. Civilian casualties in Selsey included 3 evacuees

**SELSEY'S WAR** 

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from London killed at Broadlands Holiday Camp where they were

Air crashes still occurred after the Battle of Britain. On 19th July 1943. PO Kenneth Cliff crashed in his Typhoon into Pagham Harbour and was killed possibly after "unauthorised" mock combat with another Typhoon. He was subsequently found to have been a Thomas Baker, who had enlisted in the RNZAF as Kenneth Cliff to

avoid matrimonial and tax problems! On 11th August 1943 a Halifax bomber crashed on the beach and on 16th August 1943, a Halifax bomber crashed on Selsey golf course.

In preparation for D-Day. the airfield at Church Norton was further upgraded. Three Spitfire squadrones with Belgian, New Zealand and South African crews respectively operated out of the base to support the allied invasion. After D-Day, RAF Selsey was subsequently closed down and reverted to farmland.

Then in 1944, life in Selsey became subject to stricter regulations as the area became increasingly important



for D-Day preparations in relation to the construction of Mulberry Harbours. These were complete floating harbours with jetties, quays and breakwaters made up of over 400 component parts and of immense weight. To preserve secrecy and for tactical defence purposes, parts were produced at various sites and then brought together for final construction. On the build up to D-Day in Selsey. unauthorised civilians were excluded and fishing vessels banned from the sea around Pagham Harbour. No visitors were allowed to enter Selsey unless they were service personnel on leave or had business of national importance or other exceptional reasons. Selsey residents had to have special passes and could not enter the area from Church Norton to the north-east of Selsey where the Mulberry Harbours were being secretly put together protected by a battery of anti-aircraft guns. Eventually all the structures left for France leaving Selsey residents to become aware of military aircraft gathering overhead at rendevous points before flying south for D-Day. (Visit Destination Selsey for images and information Ed.)

When conflict ceased in 1945, Selsey reverted to it's pre-war life to some extent - servicemen returned home but some had not survived and some residents had moved away for good. However, some 8 miles off Selsey Bill at a depth of 20 metres, there is still an assortment of military vehicles including tanks on the sea bed but no record of how they came to be there. Dives by Southsea Subagua Club discovered they were small British tanks and assorted armaments used by the Royal Marines as part of an Armoured Support Group to attack obstacles on D-day beaches. How they came to be where they are off Selsey Bill is still unclear.

There are records of Selsey's wartime history available in various sources which give a flavour of the lives of residents and incomers crashed at from 1939-1945. Sadly there are few alive now who can remember actual wartime events but Selsey's role in the conflict should not be forgotten.

Helena Millen

Not all spiders spin webs, but all spiders spin silk. Spiders that form webs do so to catch their prey. However, about half of the known spider species actively hunt for their prey. These spiders use silk as a dragline that trails them as they travel, to form the egg sac, or to build a small retreat which they can rest in. But, they do not form true webs.

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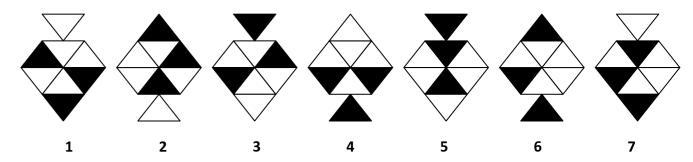
# WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

Find and cross out all the listed words. The words may go horizontally, vertically, diagonally, not backwards. The remaining letters will spell a secret message.

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# **VISUAL PUZZLE** Find two identical images.



Find the secret message and win a prize. Either email the message to selseylife@bt.internet.com, or write it on a piece of paper with your contact details and put it in one of our competition boxes (see page 3). Competition closes Thursday 27th April. First one out of the hat wins a selection of Selsey goodies. (These cannot be posted).

selsey golf club



There is no report this month, but it will be back with news of the fantastic Lady Captain's Coffee Morning in the next issue.

# **Selsey Camera Club Portraiture evening**

Last month Selsey Camera Club held their classic portraiture evening, where members can come along and have a go at studio-style photography. Members had rustled up enough lights and backgrounds to set up three mini studios, and we had two lovely models to sit for us, Bob and Lyn. People can be difficult

to photograph, often fidgeting or shy, so this is a good chance to practice on some willing models!

Capturing good portraits is a challenge for many photographers, so this evening is an opportunity to just snap away, and try out different settings and lighting effects. Some newer members were concentrating on getting that



well-lit, perfectly exposed headshot, while others were experimenting with the light and shadow, to get those moodier artshots. Bob and Lyn were excellent models, taking position



requests and posing patiently for us, even though it can get very hot under the spotlights

As always after our portrait evening, the subsequent meeting was for the members to show off our images. As we reviewed the

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images, some photographers talked though how they achieved different edits for their photos, which offers the opportunity to discover new techniques. We had images in black and white, with bold saturation and contrast, and classic, beautifully exposed portraits. Despite everyone having seen the same models, it seemed every member brought something of their own style to their images, which is one of the joys of being part of a photography club.

With thanks to Bob Hoare for organising and co-coordinating the event, our models Bob and Lyn, and the members who kindly lent their studios setups for the evening.

If you're keen to improve your photography, whether you favour portraits, wildlife, or landscapes, Selsey Camera Club is a great place for meeting local photographers and trying new styles. Our next meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> April, with an outdoor photoshoot on 29<sup>th</sup> April. See our website for more details on how to join in www.selseycameraclub.co.uk

Photos: Lyn, by Pony Moore LRPS, and Bob, by Helen Burton.

The letter L in 'could' was added intentionally round about the 15th or 16th century. This was done only so it would match the words 'would' and 'should'.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.



# St. Peter's Church News

The roof survey has now been completed and we await the report and go-ahead for the work. Already more than £4000 has been contributed by members of the church and the local community, and we are enormously grateful for a very generous grant from Selsey Fireworks, whose final display took place last October. If you would like to contribute you can find a link to our Just Giving page on the St. Peter's website. One way we have been raising money is through the Friday lunches, which have been taking place throughout Lent. A mix of people from across our community have been coming along, and it has been so enjoyable to enjoy the home-made food, relax sociably around the tables and be waited on that one almost forgets that the meal consists of just soup and sandwiches!

There is a change to our activities for children. In place of Messy Church we will soon be having a family service at 10 a.m. on the last Sunday of each month.

You are warmly invited to St Peter's over Holy Week and Easter.

Maundy Thursday: evening service with foot washing (following Jesus' example at the Last Supper) and a vigil leading up to Good Friday

Good Friday: a solemn service to commemorate the day Jesus died

Saturday evening: Easter Vigil.

Easter Day: 8 a.m. Holy Communion and 10 a.m. a joyous celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter.



# Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

Palm Sunday Mass at 11am Easter Sunday Mass at 11am Weekday Mass on Wednesday at 10am

12 Church Road, Selsey, PO20 0LS (Plenty of parking available) For more details go to: www.saintsofsussex.com

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

I want to start this month's column by expressing my heartfelt thanks to our Fire and Rescue Services and the Police for their fantastic response to the terrible fire that struck Midhurst a few weeks ago. At the time of writing, I understand there have been no serious casualties from the incident, in large part a reflection of their immediate and comprehensive work at the scene. I also want to thank the fantastic wraparound care put in place by the team at West Sussex County Council, as well as the broader Chichester community for everything they've been doing to help local residents.

At such a trying and distressing time, everyone, from local residents to business owners, have come together to support those who have been displaced because of the fire, as well as our incredible service people who have been on the front line, and it has been simply inspiring to see. If there is anyone who has been affected by the fire and is still in need of help, please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:qillian.keegan.mp@parliament.uk">qillian.keegan.mp@parliament.uk</a> and my team and I will do whatever we can to assist.

In more local news, I want to congratulate everyone on the fantastic announcement around the Selsey Pavilion! For those don't know, the Pavilion is an amazing piece of local history tucked away on the High Street, built back in 1913 as a place to dance, dine and watch shows until the early hours of the morning. The Pavilion unfortunately fell out of use in recent times, however thanks to a successful award of almost £300,000 through the Community Ownership Fund, I'm thrilled to say it will now be brought back into business!

I was pleased to lend my full support to the Selsey Pavilion Trust's bid for the Government scheme and I am absolutely delighted by the news. I know how well loved the Pavilion is by the local community and I have full confidence in the Trust's ambitions for the site. I want to thank them and their supporters for their work on this bid and I look forward to seeing the Selsey Pavilion restored to its former glory.

Gillian Keegan MP

6 February 2023

Selsey all-weather lifeboat joins search after unoccupied boat found.



The all-weather lifeboat (ALB) launched at 2.36pm on Monday 6 February and made best speed the area in Whitecliff Bay on the Isle of Wight

The UK Coastguard had requested the launch after a 12ft boat had been spotted off shore in Whitecliff Bay, the boat came ashore before Bembridge Inshore lifeboat arrived but after checking the boat they found the engine was warm and the chart plotter was active, there was also a fishing line over the side. The Coastguards requested Bembridge ALB and the helicopter Rescue 175 to conduct a search.

Rescue 175 identified a target and the Inshore lifeboat recovered an unconscious casualty, who was immediately transferred to the ALB. Rescue 175 winched their paramedic down to the ALB. Bembridge ALB headed at best speed into Portsmouth harbour to meet an Ambulance.

Selsey ALB was tasked to replace Bembridge ALB and continue searching for a possible other casualty as it was not known how many persons were on the boat. Several other assets were involved including Sandown independent Lifeboat, HMS Blazer, Bembridge and Ventnor Coastguard Rescue teams and a Border Force vessel.

Selsey ALB conducted a search as requested by the Coastguard the weather on scene was calm conditions in sunshine. At 4.58pm the UK Coastguards stood the Selsey ALB down. The ALB arrived back at station at 5.44pm and was recovered straight away.

The crews today were ALB Coxswain Rob Archibald, Mechanic Phil Pitham, Craig Sergeant, Sam Corcoran-Smith, Dan Langford, and Tim Scott. Shore crew Head Launcher Frank Corby Driver Richard Wiseman, Chris Bowling and Mark Penny.

A tourist walks into a drugstore in Los Angeles, and asks for a packet of condoms. "Rubbers, eh?" says the chemist, recognizing his customer is English. "That will be five dollars, including the tax."

"Is that necessary?" asks the man, "In England we just roll them on".

# Selsey Venture Club

Three months of the year have gone already but, now the lighter days are here, we can all come out of hibernation and get out and about again.



Members will probably have already had the `knock on the door' from your friendly membership fee collector and now is a good time to join for anyone else who feels that they may like to use the club's services. Membership is only £20 for the year!!

Our regular trips include Tuesday and Friday shopping in Selsey, Thursday trips to Chichester or Bognor on alternate weeks and transport to church on Sundays.

Venture Club trips can be booked by phoning the office in the

mornings on 01243 605115.

Members can also use the service to attend events organised by



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Selsey Care Shop such as Monday Live, Monday Lunch and Movies, Thursday lunches at the Methodist Hall and the weekly Sunday afternoon 'Resbite Teas'. Care Shop trips can be

booked on 01243 201616.

Wednesday 26th April sees the first outing of the year, and this year we hope to have regular trips.

We are heading to Haskin's Garden Centre at Littlehampton for a bit of browsing and lunch.

Places are limited, so book up through the Club office.

Exciting news – the Venture Club is going greener! We are going to trade in one of our existing vehicles for an electric minibus later this year. Watch out for more news about this.

All our activities depend on the volunteer drivers, who look after their passengers so well and to whom we are very grateful. We always need more drivers for this rewarding job. If you would like to see what it entails and have a try at driving a minibus, please phone the office in the mornings or email <a href="mailto:ventureclubselsey@gmail.com">ventureclubselsey@gmail.com</a>.

One single teaspoon of honey represents the life's work of 12 bees.

# CRABLANDS BOWLS & TENNIS CLUB

Affiliated to E.B.E., L.T.A. & E.S.M.B.A. Crablands, Selsey, PO20 9BD

# Council grants support tree planting projects across the district

### **Short Mat Bowls**

February 16th Cormorants v Arundel were beaten on both rinks and did not

**Cormorants** were away to Arundel in the Triples League where they unfortunately gain any league points. There was no friendly.

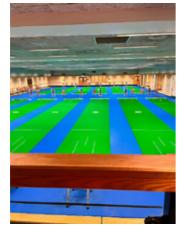
# February 18th Avocet Wings v Fittleworth Swans

**Avocet Wings** travelled to Fittleworth to play in the Triples League. They took 2 league teams and a friendly. We unfortunately lost on both league mats but won on the friendly.

# February 19th to 24th February

Crablands Short Mat took 10 players to Torquay to play in the 4321-competition held there. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely and have already signed up for next year. We are hoping that we may be able to take more team's next time.





# March 4th Avocets v Lavant

Avocets played Lavant in the return match of the Rinks League. Crablands won on one mat and lost on the other but took the overall points so gaining 4 league points. The friendly team were winning up until the last few ends when Lavant made a late comeback to take the

# March 5th Friendly v Denmead

This was a new fixture for **Crablands** who hosted Denmead in an afternoon of friendly games. There were four mats down and three games of 11 ends were played on each. Tea and Biscuits were served halfway through and a raffle was held with donated prizes from the club members.

# March 9th Avocet Wings v Bognor Spitfires

**Avocets** had a good win at home against Bognor Spitfires in the Triples League. They won on both league mats and overall, so taking 6 league points. After a slow start the friendly also won. The game was followed by tea and biscuits.

# March 12th Avocet Wings v Arundel

Avocet Wings went to Arundel to play in the Triples League where after a very enjoyable afternoon they did not come away with any league points. There was no friendly.

### March 14th Avocets v Nyetimber Bears

Avocets were at home in the return match against Nyetimber Bears. There were two mats in the Rinks League but no friendly. Avocets won on one mat, lost on one mat and did not win overall so gained 2 league points.

### **Tennis**

### **Update on Crowdfunding**

Thank you to our current members, our former members, our friends and families and a lot of time and effort spent from our crowdfunding committee, we have reached our initial target of £25,000 - fantastic result. We are heading for a stretch target of £40,000 in order to have sufficient funds to complete the immediate improvements/upgrades

we want to achieve. If you are keen to get involved, please look at our crowdfunding page https://www. crowdfunder.co.uk/p/crablands-tennis or send us an email.

# Men's Doubles (Winter League)

**HUGE CONGRATULATIONS** to our men>s team for winning the Winter League - Division 11

Latest Match Results Sunday 26th February 2023 away against Angmering Result 3:1 win to Crablands

Team: Dan Cobden, Michael Ackerman, Andy Gilmour, Carl Spencer

The Quiz and Auction Evening took place on Friday 3rd March. What a wonderful and fun evening we had. A big thank you to **Andy** Gilmour for setting up the questions and calmly keeping score people are still talking about your Dingbats. And a big thank you to Dena Nelson Smith for being the quiz master and auctioneer for the night. Your energy and enthusiasm were infectious. Congratulations to the winning team - The Crabbers. We have received many lovely comments from those who attended the event that it was an amazing evening. And of course, where would we be without **Lew** and **Chris** thank you for running the bar for the evening.

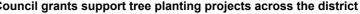












Over 4,000 trees are being planted in the Chichester District as part of a series of tree planting projects funded through Chichester District Council's Tree Chichester District

The projects, which began last November and will be completed in March this year, include five community orchards in Selsey, Chichester and Fishbourne, two community tree nurseries in West Wittering and Selsey, as well as a new mini urban forest planted in Hambrook.

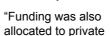
This work builds on a number of projects that form part of the council's Tree Chichester District scheme, which has utilised funding from HM Treasury's Shared Outcomes Fund to test different ways of increasing tree cover in rural and urban areas. Since the Tree Chichester District scheme was launched in January 2021, nearly 25,000 trees have been planted, or allocated for planting, across the district through 175 individual projects.

Councillor Penny Plant, Cabinet Member for the Environment and Chichester Contract Services at Chichester District Council, says: "It's been fantastic to have been able to support so many organisations and landowners with their tree planting projects, which is helping to increase tree cover across the district and boost our local environment.

"Some of the projects that we've funded include the planting of new By the end of March this year, the grant funding will have community orchards — these are collections of fruit trees grown in public spaces and shared by residents. One has been planted in Selsey by the Selsey Community Forum - the Hidden Garden and another by Hyde Housing in Kingsham. A further orchard has been planted in Chichester by the East Broyle Residents' Association, and we're also pleased to have been able to plant some fruit trees on the site of our short-stay accommodation, which supports those facing homelessness.

"We've also funded the enhancement of Manhood Wildlife & Heritage Group's community tree nursery in West Wittering. This money has paid for a new raised bed, which will help to expand the biodiversity. nursery. In Selsey, we have helped to fund the development

of a completely new community tree nursery, and work is currently underway. The trees planted in these nurseries will be nurtured and grown until they are ready to be replanted in the local community.



landowners to plant trees in areas such as Loxwood and Lavant. As part of this, work has been undertaken to enhance hedgerows, which provide important wildlife corridors for a number of different species."

Sarah Parker, Property Manager at Fishbourne Roman Palace, says: "For 2,000 years, the Palace has occupied a prime position between Chichester Harbour and the South Downs. The site is still an important nature corridor, and - through this scheme - we're able to provide trees to support local wildlife and the wider biodiversity of Emergency Action Plan, which you can find out more about at: the area.

"We are thrilled that this funding has enabled community CHES engagement as part of our wider ongoing community nrogramme, and it was wonderful that pupils and staff

from Fishbourne Primary School were able to help our Head Gardener, Simon, plant the community orchard.

biodiversity within our 12acre site is very special to us. Our thanks go to Chichester District Council The Tree Council, Defra, and Natural England for making it all possible."



community news

Paul Sadler from the Selsey Community Forum says: "It has been great to be supported by this funding. We have been able to plant 14 new fruit trees at The Hidden Garden, a community food growing project in Selsey. These have included Apples, Pears, Plums, a Medlar, and a Quince. All of these will hopefully benefit the many users of our garden, both people and wildlife! The fruit produced in future years will be distributed to people of all ages in our community and will hopefully inspire more people to grow fruit trees in their gardens."

supported the planting of 4,000 new trees throughout the district. This is in addition to nearly 8,000 trees allocated through the successful subsidised tree scheme, which was open to residents, community groups, schools, parish councils, charities, businesses, landowners, and tenant farmers.

The council has also planted a new mini urban forest in Hambrook in collaboration with the parish council, using funds from The Tree Council. This is the fifth mini urban forest to be delivered through the Tree Chichester District scheme. A mini urban forest provides dense cover of native trees in a smaller area to help boost

Penny adds: "While increasing tree cover is important, we would also encourage people to protect and nurture existing mature trees that are safe and healthy. Trees are a precious natural asset and, as a natural carbon sink, are a vital part of the fight against climate

"As a council, we are able to look at placing a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on mature trees if they meet a certain criteria — for example, if they are under perceived threat of being felled or at risk of being poorly pruned, and if they are healthy and offer a certain level of public benefit. The order protects a tree, or trees within a particular area, group or woodland. If you think a tree should be protected by a TPO in your community, you can request this via our website: www.chichester.gov.uk/treepreservation."

People can find more information about the Tree Chichester District scheme at: www.chichester.gov.uk/treescheme and can contact the council's dedicated Tree Project Officer by emailing treescheme@chichester.gov.uk or calling 01243 521161.

The scheme is a key part of the council's work to protect and enhance the local environment and is an integral part of its Climate www.chichester.gov.uk/climatechange

While many fear spiders, they are vital to a healthy ecosystem because they eat harmful insects, pollinate plants and are a food source for many small mammals.

There are around 38,000 species of spiders in the world, but scientists believe there are still just as many that haven't even been discovered yet.

On average, spiders take about one hour to spin a web.

# THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

Tel: 01243 967111 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 latest news from The Cat and Rabbit Rescue.

Last month I introduced you to a gorgeous older pair of female guinea pigs, I am so happy to let everyone know that today I found out they are reserved to go to their forever home soon!

In this month's article I wanted to tell

you about a lovely female cat who arrived at The Centre recently called Posey. When Posey arrived, she had a nasty skin infection on her legs which made her sore and left her in lots of discomfort. Posey's previous owners made the difficult decision to surrender her because they could no longer afford the treatment she

Posey had a history of itchy skin which lead her to over grooming, leaving her bald and sore. Her previous owners had visited the vet on many occasions to help her, but at some point they decided to put her in nappies due to her having accidents in the home. These nappies rubbed her raw, urine burned skin, which made her feel even more uncomfortable. Under the watchful eye of my vet nurse and animal care team Posey has now been receiving the treatment she so badly needed. She now has antibiotic cream carefully put onto her sore skin daily and she wears a cone to make sure she doesn't over groom.

Posey's skin is already looking better, although she has a long way to go, but I am sure that my staff will bring her back to full health in no time. Posey is such a sweet girl and I am so pleased that The Centre was able to help her on her road to recovery. It is with thanks to our supporters that we are able to help poorly animals like Posey.

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

Love Markus x

P.S. Please check our website www.crrc.co.uk to see how we are now rehoming and for the animals available for adoption.



# THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

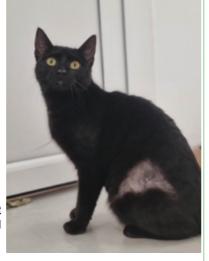
Have you visited the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre Charity Shop at 9 The Parade, Selsey?

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

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

# Lady Delilah

This month we would love to introduce you to a very beautiful black female cat called Lady Delilah. Lady Delilah is 1 year old and has been with us at The Centre since February after she had been living as a stray. She is finding life at The Centre quite tough meaning she gets quite scared and overwhelmed easily. It is taking her a bit of time to settle in but once she does relax, she is actually a sweet little girl who like strokes and will bump her head into you for more attention. Ladv



Delilah's perfect home would be a guiet home without children but she can live with other cats.

If you think you may be able to offer Lady Delilah a loving home please give the centre a call on 01243 967111 or visit our website www.crrc.co.uk.



# THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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





# **Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital** Spring Wildlife Briefings

Spring is well and truly underway! At Brent Lodge, this means baby season is firmly upon us. This time of year, we are incredibly busy looking after lots of baby birds and mammals who have been orphaned and/or found alone and unable to fend for themselves. Typically, we

INSIDE THE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL IN APRIL

can have anywhere between 50-150 babies in at any one time who all need feeding and monitoring around the clock. This involves shifts throughout the day and well into the night/early hours and uses up an awful lot of our resources, meaning now more than ever Richard, was able to successfully we are in need of generous donations wherever possible.

AVIAN FLU UPDATE: We are still only able to accept certain species of bird on-site due to our up and running isolation units. Please call us on 01243 641672 (option 1) BEFORE picking up any birds so we can ask vital questions about the bird before taking a path of action. We are still restricted regarding care of high-risk species (mainly water birds) but still please give us a call if you come across ANY sick/injured bird. If asked to bring a bird on-site, please follow instructions given by our team and do NOT bring the bird into any of our buildings.

# **PATIENT STORIES**



A local veterinary practice brought over six very young fox cubs that had (all sizes). been brought into them by

somebody who had mistaken them for abandoned kittens. By the time we received the

cubs, it was too late to try and unite them back with their mother, so we are hand-rearing them until they are strong and independent enough to be released back into the wild.



In other news, a poor, beautiful pigeon recently came into us with a shot wound and pellet lodged in its shoulder. Miraculously, the pigeon had no broken bones but was understandably unable to fly and

in a lot of pain. Our incredible vet.

remove the pellet and the pigeon is recovering well with plenty of pain relief, antibiotics and TLC. We hope that he will be back to flying again before long, and we look forward to being able to release him again soon.



# HELPING BRENT LODGE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

To help us and our animals particularly during this busy baby season, we would be incredibly grateful for any donations of poultryflavoured puppy and kitten food, puppy pads, antibacterial disinfectant and cleaning supplies. heavy-duty bin bags and boxes of nitrile gloves



Please always feel free to call us if you need any advice or assistance with wildlife enquiries or how to support us. We thank you all for all you do to help, as do the animals in our care!

For more information and tips, please visit our website or contact us on the details below.

Web: www.brentlodge.org Tel: 01243 641672

Email: enquiries@brentlodge.org

Address: Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital, Cow Lane, Sidlesham, PO20 7LN.



Photo taken by Claire Hunt. Can you spot the Rubber Duck?

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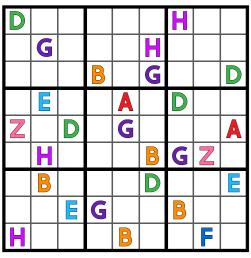
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- 10. You're checking again and smiling about how you fell for it again.
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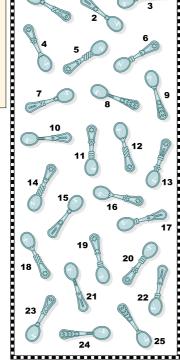
Alaska is the only US state whose name is on one row on a keyboard.

**Steve's Puzzle Page** whats on





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# Spot the odd one out

Find 10 differences





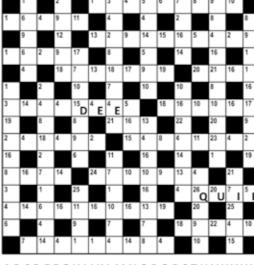




# Across

- Against
- 6 New Zealand parrot
- 7 Rabbitlike rodent
- 10 Nog ingredient 11 Reaper
- 12 Hold in the gym 14 Coffee cup
- 15 One by one?
- 2 .0000001 joule
- 3 Equilateral quadrilateral 4 Sportsmen
- 5 Space along the page border 7 Fall
- 8 Citrus fruit 9 Three times four
- 13 Metal in rocks

# Crack the Code







The next Methodist Church table top sale is on Saturday 15th April. Don't be an April Fool and miss out, you will miss all of our usual bargains and pleasures for sale.

Entry as always is free, and you always have the chance to grab yourself that special item you are after.

**Selsey Methodist Church** 

Table top Sale 0900 till 1pm

# Selsey Men in Sheds

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

Membership £10.00 per month or £100 per year Complete your own wood / metal projects or be involved in group activities

> If you are interested in joining contact Mick Webb 07939 880029 email m.c.webb46@gmail.com



**SELSEY MAH JONG GROUP** ALL WELCOME FRIENDLY GROUP ON TUESDAY **AFTERNOONS** 

2 PM TILL 5 PM AT THE SELSEY CENTRE PHONE SUE ON 07710 658 331

# **Selsey Camera Club**

A friendly and informal club for all photographers. Whether you have a DLSR or a camera phone, we will be very happy to see you Please visit our website www.selseycameraclub.co.uk for more information on our programme and how to join.

> Selsey Bridge Club All welcome Friendly group of mixed ability Thursday afternoons 2pm - 5pm **Selsey Centre Manor Road** call Graham or Christine 01243 602612 for information

# THE WRITERS CIRCLE

meets on the first Tuesday of every month in The Methodist Hall High Street, from 2.00pm until 4.30pm If you are already writing or a complete beginner you will be given a warm welcome by our small, friendly group of ladies and a few gentlemen

Membership is £12 per year and £2.00 per session. Tea or Coffee included. For more information contact Pat Read Tel: 07946707708

# **SELSEY CANCER RELIEF FUND** DATES TO REMEMBER **Methodist Church Hall 9.30am**

Saturday April 1st Jumble Sale 9.30am Saturday May 13th AGM-Jumble Sale 9.30am Outdoor sales in June, date tbc There is ample parking behind the Fire Station.

**Visually Impaired Club** Meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month

2-4 PM

**Hanover Close** 

**Details from Judy on 01243 606995** 



# Selsev Model Boat Club

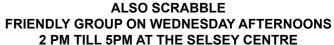
The Club meets twice a week at the pond on East Beach, weather permitting, when members sail their radio controlled boats Times: 10.00am until noon on Sundays and

Wednesdays

The first Sunday of each month is Race Day New members welcome or just pop along to have a look and a chat contact Richard on 07798786076



**SELSEY CANASTA GROUP ALL WELCOME** 



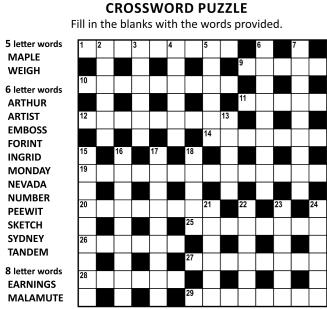
**PHONE PAMELA ON 01243 604720** 

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



Charlotte Styles

Last month's quiz answers: 1) Wolfe 2) Reading 3) Ann 4) Lady Chatterley's Lover 5) Ronald Searle 6) 14th 7) William Faulkner 8) Brown 9) Ben Jonson 10) A house 11) Without any capital letters 12) Michael Bond 13) Sargent 14) Ken Follett 15) Man Ray 16) Ulysses 17) Philip Roth 18) Electrocardiogram 19) New Zealand 20) Mothballs 21) Vibraphone 22) Cardinals 23) Sulphur 24) 18 25) Red 26) Tomato 27) Twilight of the Gods 28) Blackcurrant 29) Yahoo 30) James Joyce 31) Smoking 32) Edith Cresson 33) Julia 34) Sue Cook and Nick Ross 35) Daniel Day-Lewis 36) 8 Mile 37) Frodo Baggins 38) Yes, Minister (and Yes, Prime Minister) 39) William Thacker 40) Jerez 41) Lord Louis Mountbatten 42) Conservative 43) Anthony Minghella 44) Dominic Cork (vs West Indies) 45) State Registered Nurse 46) Leonard Bernstein's 47) Ennio lorricone 48) Sweden 49) Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire 50) Madrid 51) 1924 52) Makarios 53) Discovery



FILL-IN, or CRISS-CROSS, else KRISS-KROSS,

9 letter words **AGREEMENT** 

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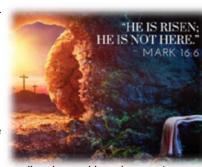
# Beacon Church Selsey

Already by the time you read this, we will have celebrated Palm Sunday and in the week after, welcomed many children into the Easter EGG'stravaganza Holiday Club that looked at the Old Testament character, Joseph.

At our service on Palm Sunday, we remembered Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on not a majestic horse, or in a gilt covered carriage, but humbly on a donkey that had not been ridden before and could so easily have thrown Him. What a sight it must have been as His followers used palm branches to honour Him as King and Messiah.

What a difference a few days makes as on Good Friday we will be remembering in a reflective service with Holy Communion, the day Jesus willingly suffered and died on a cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Then **Easter Sunday** we have a service of celebration, sharing the wonder and joy that Mary and Jesus disciples experienced on discovering that He was not in the tomb; that He

was not dead, but was alive. Jesus had been made alive again by God, showing His victory over sin and death and showing us the way to a future eternal life. This is an offer open to all, to everyone. An offer needs to be accepted for it to be of any benefit at all. God made us with a free will. We have the power to say 'no' or,



hopefully, 'yes' to His offer. As well as joy and happiness, at some point in this life on earth, we can encounter hurt, pain, bereavement, sadness, loss, and so on. One thing in life is certain, and that is that our life on earth will come to an end. This offer from Jesus though, if accepted, will give us a life with Him, an eternal and guaranteed happy life in a perfect body. It is there for all who believe in Him. What is there not to like about this offer? If you are interested in finding out more, why not visit us at Easter or have a look at this website www.whyjesus.org.uk/ where you can find out more about our wonderful friend Jesus, that could be yours too...... Don't leave it too late please to explore His offer to you.



At Beacon Church Selsey, we are a group of ordinary people who believe that church is a great place to make friends and experience God together. We are a family who believe that church should not only be a great time, but also a place where lives are radically transformed. We value being a part of the Selsey Community and of the many community activities and support groups. Rest assured, you can always be sure of a warm welcome, friendly faces, Bible teaching, and even a cup of tea.... maybe cake too! If you have not been here before, why not give us a try we would love to meet you.

# **Regular Weekly Church Events**

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

1111	Sunday	10.00am	SUNDAY REPROPER	MORNING WORSHIP (1st Sunday of month, family style service)
I	Tuesday	1.00pm -5.00pm	Warm spaces Selsey	Pantry Plus 'Community Food Hub'
	Wednesday	2.00pm - 3.30pm	( <b>©</b>	Tea and Chat at the church building
	Friday	10.00am	Sunberms	Sunbeams for pre-school children and carers Term-time only
	Friday	5.00pm	Bright Sparks	Bright Sparks for school Yrs R to 4 Term-time only
	Friday	6.15pm	[]GHT A HOUSE	Lighthouse for school Yrs 5+ Term-time only

# April Diarv

10am Good Friday Worship

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 10am **Easter Sunday** Celebration



Third of 'The Bible Course' series

Mon 24th 2pm Inspire Group - 'Tile Art'

# **Mav Diarv**

Sun 23rd 5pm



Men's Breakfast The Boulevard

Sat 6th - Mon 8th Coronation weekend (more details to follow & on church website)



Visit our website for further details of our services and activities



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# **Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mount** Carmel & St Wilfrid

Masses held on Wednesdays at 10am and Sundays at 11am

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



For more details go to: www.saintsofsussex.com Sign up for weekly newsletter: www.saintsofsussex.com/newsletter

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

# **SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH**

For enquiries about hiring the hall please email

d.dixon808@btinternet.com



Where would you find a fox with no legs? Where you left it.

Two parrots are sitting on a perch. One says to the other "Can you smell fish?"

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

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

The cigarette lighter was invented before the match



# ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

The church is open daily for prayer and visits.

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

10.00 am Parish Sung Eucharist

Please check our noticeboard and website for service times

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

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

# **SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

7th April 3.00 pm Revd Rosemarie Clarke Friday Good Friday

Sunday 9th April 10.30 am Dr Mike Nicholls

Easter Sunday Holy Communion

Sunday 16th April 10.30am Revd Geoffrey Bell Sunday 23rdApril 10.30 am Mr David Parr

Tea for those living alone

Sunday 30th April 10.30 am Mrs Elizabeth Bates

Our Lay Pastor is Tim Cooper 07920567764

Across: 1 SHIKRA, 6 SIR, 7 HEREBY, 10 EPILOG, 11 SUDOKU, , 12 ANIMAL, 14 ARC, 15 THIRTY.

> **Last Month's** Answers

Complete the grids.

Down: 2 HOE, 3 KEEP ON, 4 ASYLUM, 5 FRUGAL,

7 HUSSAR, 8 REDACT, 9 BIKINI, 13 ANT.

ANSWER: First Crossword. Across: ROMAN. VAN. FINCH. Down: MOVIE. MAN. DANCE. Second Crossword. Across: MOTOR. BOW. FINAL. Down: ROBIN. TON. ROWAN. Missing Fragment: 5.

### FILL-IN, OR CRISS-CROSS, CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWER:

Across: 5 Monastery, 10 Technique, 12 Percentage, 13 Application, 14 Username, 15 Cress, 16 Process, 19 Blur, 20 Stapler, 21 Arrival, 25 Irregular, 26 Cosmogony, 30 Islands, 31 Admired, 32 Oval, 35 Scarlet, 36 Buggy, 37 Appetite, 39 Association, 40 Conditions, 41 Requiring, 42 Advertise.

Down: 1 Temperature, 2 Philosopher, 3 Birch, 4 Culture, 6 Oven, 7 Access, 8 Tundra, 9 Readable, 11 Jewelry, 12 Popcorn, 14 Ustinov, 17 Request, 18 Man-made, 22 Balance, 23 Agriculture, 24 Underground, 27 Address, 28 Tobacco, 29 Happened, 33 Recover, 34 Stripe, 35 Strict, 38 Minus, 39 Ants.



**ANSWER:** 

**HIDDEN:**, **MEXICO CITY** 



# Readers' Gallery (





Would you like to see your photo on here? Email it to

selseylife @btinternet.com

and you could be on the next back cover. (Put Readers' Gallery in the title)

Selsey Beach by Annette Hoskins







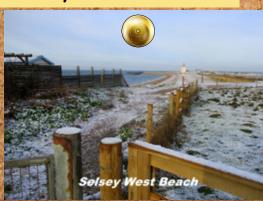


Stonechat by Eira Brewster

Kestrel by Eira Brewster



Swans at East Beach Pond by Elizabeth Ward



Bluebells
East Beach
Pond
by
Meryn
Woodland

Brrr! by Alan Ede

