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This month you have the chance to win a £10.00 voucher to spend in Village Flowers, courtesy of Dawn at Village Flowers. To be in with a chance of winning, simply locate the seagull hidden somewhere in the magazine, and then fill out the coupon opposite and post the coupon in either of the two boxes at Pretty's Newsagent, 4 Orchard Parade, Selsey, or Village Flowers, 128 High Street, Selsey. The draw will take place on Thursday 29th August mid-day. Entry by coupon only, no copies accepted.



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Editorial

Welcome to the August issue of the Selsey Life magazine.

We trust you are enjoying Lifeboat Week, and that you are looking forward to all the August events, both as part of the Selsey Festival and otherwise.

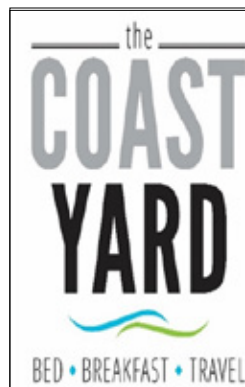
We are pleased to introduce a new advertiser to our pages, Diana Arnold Design, and we trust you will welcome her to the Selsey Life community.

We have a new entry to our exotic locations, can any of you do better?

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

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Last month the seagull was on the back of the dog in the Tri-Colour advert. Once again, a big Thank You to the Regis Centre for their generous prize, and to Pretty's Newsagent for drawing the winner. **Remember**, even if you do not win the competition you can still book your tickets to see this entertaining show.

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It was originally named Sextilis in Latin because it was the sixth month in the original ten-month Roman calendar under Romulus in 753 BC, and March was the first month of the year. About 700 BC, it became the eighth month when January and February were added to the year before March by King Numa Pompilius, who also gave it 29 days. Julius Caesar added two days when he created the Julian calendar in 46 BC (708 AUC), giving it its modern length of 31 days. In 8 BC, it was renamed in honor of Augustus. According to a Senatus consultum quoted by Macrobius, he chose this month because it was the time of several of his great triumphs, including the conquest of Egypt.

Information from Wikipedia



Lifeboat Week

Sunday 28th July to Sunday 4th August

2nd August, Fun Dog Show, Tug of War, Firework Display, Family Funfair. All events take place on Lifeboat Green, Kingsway (entry fee applies to dog show only), from 5.30pm

3rd August, Flag Day, various locations around Selsey throughout the day; Grand Afternoon Tea at East Beach Evangelical Church, Marisfield Place, Selsey, 2pm – 5pm.

4th August, Lifeboat Day, Lifeboat Green, Kingsway. Craft, charity & community stalls, raft race, lifeboat launch, rescue displays, Family Funfair and much more.

For more information contact Elaine on 07946 176480; ediyb.nli@outlook.com; selseylifeboats.co.uk; www.facebook.com/SelseyRNLIFundraisers

- 1) From which country does Moselle wine come?
- 2) What is Britain's oldest colony?
- 3) What is the theme music for the film The Deer Hunter?
- 4) What fruit are Broom Girl and Lord Kitchen varieties of?
- 5) What is 2010 in Roman numerals?
- 6) Which US president's vision was "The Great Society"?
- 7) In which US state did the Battle of Wounded Knee take place?
- 8) What do Scots use a "spurtle" for?
- 9) "Farewell" is the last word of which great 17th century novel?



St. Peter's Church Events

7pm - 9.30pm Saturday 10th August:

ABBA Tribute Band Concert

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Saturday 7th September 10am – 2pm Car Treasure Hunt with optional country pub lunch – all cars to meet and leave from St. Peter's Church Car Park – Entry £5 per car towards St. Peter's Restoration Appeal (PRUEN FUND).

Saturday 5th October 7pm – 9.30pm – Harvest Barn Dance with 'ploughman's supper' and Raffle - Selsey Centre including a pay bar – Tickets £12 from Sally on 01243 604104.

SELSEY WRITERS CIRCLE

I joined the Writers' Circle about six years ago. I had always written poems as a child and I was interested to try my hand at short stories. It has been fun, interesting, educational, social and brought my writing forward.

Usually around a dozen of us sit in a square circle and each month we have a different activity. On many occasions we bring our latest manuscripts and read them to the group and get feedback from the others. We are an informal, mixed group with many and varied interests and some authors have a great sense of humour, while others write articles of a more serious nature.

We have fun games and occasional speakers. Some of our members were completely new to writing when they joined, but found us friendly, encouraging and open.

Why not think of joining us on the first Tuesday in the month, at the Methodist Church Hall at 2.00 p.m. (See our advertisement in this issue). You will be warmly welcomed.

Alex Palmer

For further information contact Pat Read 601550 or 07946707708

- 10) What is a ship's compass mounted on?
- 11) In motor racing, what does a red and yellow striped flag mean?
- 12) Which UK driver won at Le Mans five times in the 1970s and 80s?
- 13) What was Terry Wogan's listening audience known as?
- 14) What is the social system in which a mother is head of the household?
- 15) Who was born and raised at the Daisy Hill Puppy Farm?
- 16) Which Beatle was once a messenger for British Railways?

SELSEY WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM - 1971

Who remembers the Women's Football Team in Selsey????

The photos show a match held between SELSEY LADS AND LASSIES on the field behind Budgens.

SELSEY LADS were all local tradesmen and fishermen
SELSEY LASSIES all local women

I came across these photos recently when moving house and remembered this particular match.

I actually got the ball and then realised how far it was to the goal, at which point RAY MARINER (in the pink nightie) took the ball from me, threw me over his shoulder and went for his goal. My Labrador, Candy, can be seen trying to attack him!



I am the player in pink and I seem to remember the lady with dark hair in blue was the Crossing Lady, Ann.



If this jogs anybody's memory, please contact me:
MARJORIE GRAHAM

Email: marjorie@hughgraham.net

Perhaps we can have a Geriatric Reunion Match!!!!

Having received no further donations in the past month (not surprisingly) our total remains at the record breaking amount of £11,361.78 and it will probably remain so until Poppy year's end on 30th September. What a year to remember!

But that, of course, means that I must start preparing for the year 2019-2020. I shall be submitting my order to HQ (6,000 poppies, 14 poppy wreaths, crosses, lapel pins etc) during the second or third week of August.

Would you like a Poppy Wreath to lay on behalf of a departed loved-one on Remembrance Sunday either at Selsey's War memorial or privately somewhere else? There are literally many hundreds of Regimental or Organisations badges to choose from or simply an open-ringed one without a badge. If you would like one please do not hesitate to contact me on either of the means listed below.

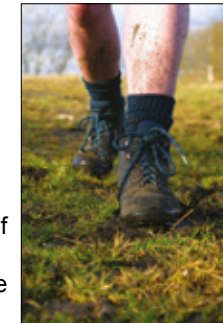
Thank you all once again for your unbelievable support during the past year and it just remains for me to say - HERE WE GO AGAIN.

Best wishes
Adrian Wilson
Poppy Appeal Organiser, Selsey
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Chichester Walking Weekend: 6th-8th September 2019

September 2019 sees the launch of the first ever Chichester Walking Weekend; a collaboration between Visit Chichester and The Ramblers Association South West Sussex Group. Covering the magnificence of the South Downs National Park, the stunning stretches of coastline, the natural beauty of Chichester Harbour and, of course, the historic Roman City of Chichester itself, the weekend will showcase the wealth of attractions this wonderful part of Sussex has to offer as a premier walking destination; and what's more, many of the guided events will be free of charge.



The weekend will offer walkers the chance to take in the stunning scenery that this unique part of the country has to offer, while being led by a knowledgeable guide. Trails will lead walkers over the picturesque Downs, while other routes will amble around the Manhood Peninsular, exploring the local history of Selsey and Sidlesham, against the backdrop of this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. City routes will guide walkers through Chichester's 2,000 year history, discovering lesser-known nooks and crannies and exploring the City's celebrated landmarks too. Further walks explore the areas around the quaint market towns of Midhurst and Petworth, while The Weald & Downland Living Museum are also offering a 1 mile guided walk of their unique museum.

There is something for everyone in this celebration of the area whilst promoting the health benefits of walking. Paul Bould of South West Sussex Ramblers says "The Ramblers do a lot more than organise walking groups. They have a passion for protecting footpaths and the countryside, and this is at the heart of all their campaigns. The collaboration with 'Visit Chichester' was a natural fit as their overall aim is to encourage visitors to experience this amazing part of the country, and I am delighted so many local groups are participating and offering walks in their specialist fields. We are even lucky enough to be able to offer a wheelchair 'wheel, roll, stroll'. We truly believe there will be an event happening to suit everyone".

Visit Chichester's Destination Market Executive, Louise Adlam, comments: "we live in one of the most uniquely beautiful areas of the country where we have access to stunning stretches of coastline, picturesque coastal villages, a harbour brimming with wildlife, beautiful countryside to explore, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and a city centre rich in heritage and historical importance, as well as quaint market towns. We hope the Chichester Walking Weekend will give walkers a chance to experience some of this wonderful part of the world while encouraging people to get outdoors".



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D Day remembered

The recent D day 75th year 1944 remembrance services have brought to light many memories for us here. The high lights quite rightly concentrated on the brave efforts of all our Soldiers, Sailors and Airman who took part or perished in the Normandy landings. Our thoughts in the family were somewhat concentrated on the aftermath when a member of our family died a little after. Wife Sue's Dad Micky Scammells perished at sea while serving on HMS Halstead on the 11th July. It is his story that I relate in this month's edition.

During my research I also came across another story of a Polish WW2 wartime Spitfire pilot who was lost in France shortly after Micky died. He is yet another parent of a family now living in Selsey. Warrant Officer Pilot Alex Chudek DFM died in his Spitfire while over France in June 1944. I hope to tell his story in a future edition of Selsey Life.

If there is anyone out there with a wartime or National Service story about themselves or one of their relatives please get in touch with me either via the magazine or email edwardclamp@hotmail.com.

Eddie Clamp MBE

Micky Scammells his story:

Micky was born in Westbourne in September 1920. He was then taken for fostering by Mr and Mrs Hall living in Selsey in the old cottages that stood in the High St where the 'Rock Shop' stands now. When this was knocked down the family moved to the cottage next to Methodist Church. As other lads in 20's and 30's Micky left school at 14 and became a shop assistant at various shops around the village. It was not until July 1939 that he joined the Royal Navy (RN) on a regular 12 years engagement.

His S-459 Service Certificate states that Micky joined the RN on the 18th July 1939 for his basic training as a Seaman at HMS Victory in Portsmouth. The next significant date during his time was the passing of his basic swimming test on the 15th August. On the 28th August he was awarded a hurt certificate which must have been for some unspecified type of major injury which may have affected him later during his later RN Service. He then joined the destroyer HMS Wessex (D43) a W Class destroyer that saw service in the final months of WW1 and the early months of WW2. No record of his service here apart from that he may have been in the West Country.



HMS Wessex

After Beverley Micky joined HMS Saltburn in December 41 and was there till May 1943. Saltburn was a Hunt class Minesweeper built for the RN during WW1. The ship spent World War II as the tender for HMS Dryad, the Royal Navy's Navigation school. On completion of his time here Micky joined what his service certificates name as Saker BDE. Saker was apparently based just outside New York and used by crews picking up ships allocated to the Royal Navy under the provisions of Lend-Lease and also by crews sent to collect ships that had been undergoing long term repair, refitting or construction at United States dockyards. It was here that he joined his last ship HMS Halstead on the first January 44. 1st of March that year found him back in Blighty in Halstead based at HMS Pembroke IV in Chatham.



HMS Halstead

Halstead was laid down as the U.S. Navy destroyer escort DE-91 by Bethlehem-Hingham Shipyard, Inc., in Hingham, Massachusetts, on 28 July 1943 and was launched on 14 October 1943. She was allocated to the United Kingdom and received the British name Russell, but the RN soon changed her name to Halsted (sometimes spelled Halstead). She was transferred to the United Kingdom upon completion on 3 November 1943.

Halstead served on patrol and escort duties and on 11 June 1944 after D Day was operating in the English Channel off Cherbourg, France, when German S-boats – known to the Allies as "E-boats" – and the torpedo boats Jaguar and Möwe of Nazi Germany's Kriegsmarine's 5th Torpedo Flotilla attacked her at about 0200. One torpedo struck her forward of her bridge, blowing off most of her bow and damaging her beyond economical repair. Unfortunately Micky perished along with others during this operation, never to be seen again.



Micky

From there he moved back to HMS Victory in May 1940 where he was a month at HMS Dolphin and later at the gunnery school HMS Excellent where he was rated Able Seaman on 18th July 40. From Victory barracks he then was seconded to HMS Beverley in October 40 probably to Northern Ireland. HMS Beverley was the ex USS Branch which during October 1940 departed Rhode Island for Halifax Nova Scotia where on 8 October 1940 she was decommissioned from the USN and transferred in the 'Destroyers for bases agreement' to the Royal Navy and renamed.



HMS Beverley

Sue remembers:

Late 1941 Micky married my Mum Betty Hardy, a London girl. They subsequently had two children: myself and Danny who was born in May 44. In later years Mum Betty told me that Micky left to catch the bus but returned to say a final farewell. He seemed to have a premonition that he would not return again. Unfortunately because of this he missed the return bus to Portsmouth and arrived back on board adrift (late in RN parlance). For this crime he was deprived of his four year RN good conduct badge. Danny was born on May 17th 1944 and Micky never saw his son.



Micky and Sue
on his last visit

There are no roses on a sailor's grave,

No lilies on an ocean wave.

The only tribute is the seagulls' sweeps,

And the teardrops that a sweetheart weeps.

—German song



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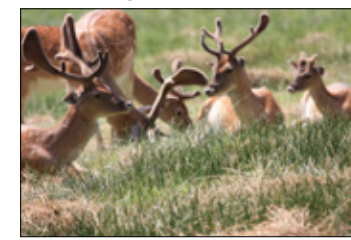
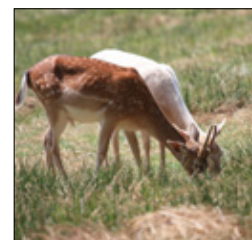
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SELSEY VENTURE CLUB NEWS



Selsey Venture Club members have recently been on an outing to the New Forest where we enjoyed lunch and other refreshments at the "Fighting Cocks". All four of the buses were used, which enabled us to take around forty members. We were greeted at the public house by a significant number of donkeys, some of which were only a few days or so old. After a glorious meal we crossed the forest to the deer sanctuary where we were treated to a sight of the deer herd up close to the viewing platform.



Following on from the success of the New Forest outing for which we had a huge number of reserves we shall be going again to the New Forest with lunch at the "Fighting Cocks" at Godshill on Monday the 2nd of September. Priority shall be given to those on the reserve list from the 8th of July and then to others who have not been on this outing before opening to others. Alison will be collecting monies and menu choice for the meal in August on Tuesday the 13th and Friday the 16th between 09.30 and 11.00am. Please note any person who has not paid in full by 11.00am on Friday 16th will lose their reservation and it will be offered to the next in line; it is up to members to ensure that they get their payment in on time.

The Venture Club will be arranging transport for the following events only during the Selsey festivities:-
The Lifeboat Service at the Boathouse. Sunday 28th July
Gainsboro Singers Thursday 8th August 2.00pm at Town Hall
ABBA tribute Saturday 10th August at the Selsey Centre 7.00 until 10.00pm
End of Pier Show Saturday 17th August 2.00pm at the Town Hall.
Please note! members only, can be carried and that they are responsible for obtaining the relevant tickets and phoning the club to book a seat on the minibus.

We are still desperate for minibus drivers with a D1 licence, although we have been fortunate to welcome four new drivers since February. We still need drivers for some evenings and occasional weekends and to allow for our existing volunteers' holidays. Can you help?

To arrange to go on any outings, become a member or volunteer driver call into the Club in Elm Grove Selsey or phone the office on 605115.

Nigel Cooper Transport Manager & Alison Cooper Social Secretary.

I can remember my dad keeping on about how his dad, my grandfather, used to keep saying that in the old days people could keep their back doors open. That may be why his submarine sank...



Great fun was had by all at our 4th July American Independence Day party, with hot dogs, American cheesecake, fun and games. A little Prosecco may have made an appearance too - slightly off theme, but we like it!

A group of us also enjoyed a round of crazy golf at Chichester Golf Club. We even had a hole in one - well done June!



No meeting in August, but look out for our Handmade Stall on the green on Lifeboat Day. Lots of handmade craft items plus jams, chutneys and bakes. And don't forget our annual quiz on 15th August at 7.00pm in The Selsey Centre. Tickets £7 to include a glass of wine or soft drink and a delicious Ploughman's Supper, available from Highhouse Insurance on the High Street.

We are a friendly group of ladies and visitors are warmly welcomed. Information about our programme can be picked up at The Selsey Centre and we also organise regular lunches, walks and outings. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 5th September when Bill Martin will be giving his fascinating talk about the Land Settlement Association in Sidlesham. For more information ring June on 607637.

L.I.N.C Ladies in Contact

WE DO NOT HOLD A MEETING IN AUGUST HOWEVER WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN AT OUR NEXT MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.15PM IN ST. PETERS CHURCH HALL WHEN MAXIME PAYNE WILL BE COMING ALONG THE SUBJECT OF HER CHOSEN TALK AS YET NOT KNOWN, IT WILL BE AN ENTERTAINING EVENING AS IT ALWAYS IS WITH MAXIME.



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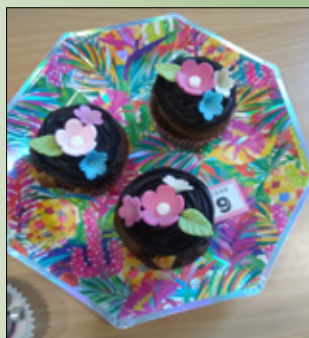
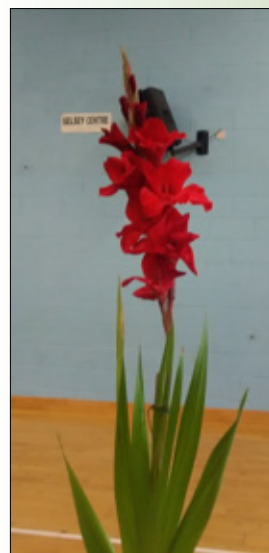
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Selsey Gardening Club



Our annual 'Members Mini Evening Show' in July, had over 110 entries. Classes selected by the committee this year were - a single rose, bunch of sweet peas, a plate of vegetable and fruit, favourite plant photo, flowering pot plant, 3 different flowers, 3 same flowers and the 'mystery bulb' - which this year turned out to be a gladioli, and for the first time this year we added 3 decorated cupcakes - these were shared with the refreshments on the night - after judging of course. Some of the winning exhibits



During the evening the members judged which entry in each class they felt was the best.

Well done and thank you to everyone who entered on the night, it was lovely to see so many entries.

Picture shows our winners for 2019.



The Selsey WI and Selsey U3A do not hold an event in August

WORLD WAR 2 MISSING MEDALS MYSTERY

by Mary Oliver

You never know where a casual conversation will lead and thanks to Sue Sneath, Nicola Rich and Mary Oliver at The Old Malthouse Residential Care Home in Selsey, the mystery of Bob's missing WW2 medals unravelled.

In 1939, aged 18, Albert (Bob) Walker joined the RAF's Bomber Command and served as a chef in the Mess, feeding the RAF troops around the world. Bob has particularly strong memories of Peshawar (then NW India, now Pakistan) where life under canvas meant dealing with snakes, cooking in midday heat and sleeping in contrastingly cold nights. Bob reached the rank of Sergeant and when de-mobbed returned to family life in Bognor, as his father set him to work in their Leather Handbag and Luggage shop under the Arcade. With Joan, his wife, Bob raised their children and continued running his shop until early retirement.



Fast forward to this year's 75th Anniversary of D-Day at The Old Malthouse - as memories and stories were shared, Bob (now 98 years old and in poor health) revealed he believed he'd never received

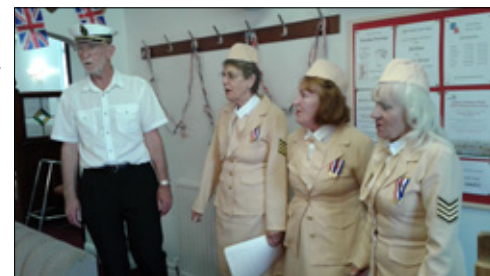
his WW2 medals. Without wasting time, with the full support of the Care Home Manager, Angie Shepherd, staff acted quickly on Bob's behalf to investigate further. As Bob still knew his WW2 Service Number, the Ministry of Defence was contacted, Bob's story was relayed and his medals re-applied for.

Within weeks, to everyone's delight, there was a special delivery for Bob; his War Medal 1939-45, Defence Medal and, as a survivor, HM Armed Forces Veterans Badge. It was decided Bob deserved a surprise presentation and celebration - as soon as possible - so a flurry of phone calls followed to local TV, radio, and press, and personal local contacts were approached to help make it happen.

Selsey's Royal British Legion Steward, Mary Haustead, immediately agreed to host the event on Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 2.30pm. The RAF Association (RAFA) South East Area Welfare Office contact, Sue Smith, sent Bob a Squadron tie and, thankfully, gifted funds for his new outfit. When there wasn't enough left to



purchase shoes, 'CosyFeet' footwear company generously donated a pair for Bob. Unfortunately, Tangmere Military Aviation Museum were unable to send a representative, but their Director, Dudley Hooley, promised Bob a VIP visit there instead. Presenting the medals was Bognor's RAF Association's President, Ronald Flatt, accompanied by the Secretary David Hewings and others. Local singers, Eileen Burgin, Gill Farnden, Peter and Carol Driscoll happily gave their time to don uniform costumes and perform some of Bob's favourite Glenn Miller and Big Band songs from the era.



Grateful thanks goes to them all and those who also helped with the Old Malthouse's own afternoon party, on Friday 12th July, for those unable to attend the actual presentation.

Bob's finally, and proudly, in possession of his long awaited for medals and is enjoying the accompanying attention, interviews and outings - justly deserved after all these years.



Bob, centre, with Sue Sneath, Nicola Rich, Mary Oliver and the President of Bognor RAFA, Ronald Flatt

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MEMORIES OF SELSEY CARNIVAL

This time last year I produced a Picture Gallery of the Selsey Carnival which included Male's float for 1938, the Hogsnorton Fire Brigade. Following comments that 'Male's always had spectacular floats' I approached Brian Male who kindly scanned the following pictures for me to share with you.



In 1939, Male's built 'Rocket' and the Bognor Regis Observer of 6 September 1939 reported '*an extremely impressive replica of the 'Rocket' complete with smoke... A special prize was also presented to Messrs. Arnell and Male, proprietors of the 'Rocket'.*'

As you can imagine, the reporting of the carnival was somewhat overshadowed by the outbreak of WWII. The headline 'Success Despite Crisis Difficulties' just about sums it up.

The Carnival was organised by the Selsey branch of the British Legion to raise money for their Benevolent Fund. The report continues as follows:

'As was to be expected in these critical times, the number of entries was considerably smaller than last year, but that is the same everywhere. A great many visitors have left Selsey but the number of entries was good.

The processions lined up near the Selsey Hotel and the judging took place. The costumes were bright and ingenious and gave the judges a difficult task...

First aid and ARP figured prominently throughout the procession, which made a tour of the town and returned to the Selsey Hotel, where the prizes were presented.

The Selsey Fire Brigade arrived with their engine and added greater pomp to the procession, while the Selsey band provided the music. A certain number of competitors were on horseback and at first the music looked as if it might upset the horses, but a restraining hand works wonders, and the procession moved off amidst showers of paper streamers.'

No doubt onlookers were remembering the carnival of 1935 when Miss B Wesley of Clayton Road was knocked off her horse by another horse which got momentarily out of control. She fell heavily and sustained a fracture of a thigh and other injuries.

Joan Florence was the carnival queen with attendants Nancy Prior, Peggy Boxall, Jessie Fidler and Rosie Butler. I hope the weather was not too warm as Joan wore an ermine cloak. The attendants were dressed in saffron. Following the parade there was a dance at the Marine Hotel which '*advanced into the early hours*'.

The street collection made the princely sum of £7 9s. 8d while the overall profit was thought to be between £8 and £10. The Chichester Observer of 9 September 1939 continued the rather sombre theme with the comment that '*The Selsey British Legion members will be engaged in national defence work of great importance during these days, but it is to their credit that they decided to hold the carnival, and thus supply the benevolent fund and other charities with money which they so desperately need.*'

Selsey Carnival appears to have been suspended during the War, as we might expect, but a newspaper report of 1949 mentions that '*the Selsey Horticultural Society is to launch another show this year, and hope to link with it a revival of Selsey's pre-war carnival.*'

Bearing that in mind, the following pictures must be from after that date and, when time, permits I will endeavour to re-unite them with their press reports.



The first offering is Turkish Delights!

Back Row, Left to Right:

Fred Alberty, Tom Male, George Male, Ron Arnell and Doug Male (from Somerset)

The lovelies in the front row, Left to Right:

Len Lawrence, Ern Homer and Vicky Smart.

Here we have a Chinese Laundry.

Facing the camera, with the moustache, we have George Male while Fred Alberty lurks just behind him.

The poor soul being mangled is Vicky Smart.

In the background are, Left to Right, Ern Homer, Ron Arnell, Len Lawrence and presiding over the cauldron is Tom Male.



The last picture I have may be rather contentious but I would like to make it clear that neither I nor the owners of Selsey Life condone the 'blackface' child. However, I would ask you to consider this. If we had no documentary evidence of the beheading of Charles I, the burning of Joan of Arc, The Spanish Inquisition and Hitler's Holocaust we would have little knowledge of it. This photograph is 'of its time' when different sensitivities prevailed. Without this evidence, our descendants would have little or no idea of our beliefs and social attitudes and, for that reason, I think it is important we don't airbrush things out of existence.

I think they represent children's literary characters and probably date from the 1950's. Tom the chimney sweep could well be Tom from The Water Babies by Charles Kingsley but most of the others escape me. Any suggestions would be welcomed.

The children are, Left to Right, unknown but representing Pinocchio, Chris Honeywood, Richard Horstead, Brian Male, Paul Smeaton and Don Lawrence.



And a propos of absolutely nothing, I would like to share with you the following newspaper article:

Globe, 21 February 1825

On Tuesday last, a man named Thomas Penny, brought a boat to anchor, within 100 yards of the beach of Selsey, and, thinking the coast clear, threw himself into the sea, with a cask of contraband spirits on his back, and swam ashore. He had, however, scarcely reached land, when he was discovered, pursued, and overtaken, by a coast-blockade-man. A dreadful scuffle now took place. Penny was unarmed; but being possessed of great bodily strength, he defended himself with the utmost desperation against the broadsword of his assailant. He at length fell from loss of blood, having one of his arms broken, an ear completely cut through, and his body literally covered with wounds. The recovery of the unfortunate smuggler is, we understand, rather doubtful.

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The Write Zone with Tara Wright



It's time to pour a cuppa and enjoy the winning entry to the Spring Writing competition. Well done to Avery Jones for such a great piece! Avery wins a copy of The Yum Yum Bazaar and a leather journal.

The Letter

I stepped into the house and dropped my luggage, dusty and worn from the long journey, onto the floor. I looked mournfully around the empty house and plodded into the kitchen, taking my cap off and throwing it onto the kitchen bench. Sighing, I dropped my head to look at my tense and scarred hands which gripped the sides of the sink, my thoughts in disarray. Small puddles formed in the corners of my weary eyes as a small ray of light bounced in and out of my vision. I looked sideways and saw the thin, delicate fountain pen that you'd given me for my twenty-second birthday, just two years before. Everything had changed. Then it struck me. The only way to say what I had wanted to say in those last few moments with you was to write a letter. I grabbed the pen like my life depended on it – like yours had depended on it. Rummaging through cluttered cupboards, I eventually found some paper. Pulling a chair from the table and sitting down, I wrote your name but paused as it hit me. I was writing a letter that you would never read. However, I needed to say the words that would help me move on and live the life you gave up yours for. My hand shook and my brow furrowed as I looked at the ink that drooled onto the page.

Joe,

I never thought that I would use the pen that you gave me to say one final goodbye. You'd probably say that it was fate, or make up some other nonsense that I would pass of as a joke.

I chuckled to myself at how well I knew you but instantly flipped, head to tails, my smile to a frown.

I said it then and I'm going to say it now. You're an ass for leaving. You're an even bigger ass for being rewarded the Victoria Cross and not showing up to the ceremony. I guess that's part of the deal though. You knew that, and yet, it's still what you wanted. I loved and still love you, as a brother. Although you may not be here in person, I know you'll stick around in spirit and join me down the Legion whenever you fancy a pint... or four. I'll never forget everything you did for me, right up to the last second. I will spend my life forever in your debt and forever owing you that last two quid for that beer. I'll get married and you'll be my best man. I won't be able to see you but I know you'll be standing right next to me, patting me on the back. If I have a son, me and the Mrs will call it Joe – I'll take him down to the river like we used to do, and we'll climb trees as we used to. I love you, brother, and I hope you're happy where you are. Wait for me and I'll see you up there soon enough, best regards, Charlie.

I dropped the pen and sunk into the chair, letting the sadness hold me like a mother holds her child. I sat with my head buried in my arms well into the night until sleep called and I obeyed willingly.

32 years later ...

The barn door groaned and creaked as I forced it open. Dust flew into the air and hovered around the open space, making intricate patterns through the rays of sunlight that shone through gaping gaps in the roof. I strode in and placed my calloused hands on my hips. Breathing in the smell of choked hay. Wood. I need wood, I muttered to myself. I spied the ladder that lead up to the platform above and started to climb it. As I placed my hand onto the platform, searching for a plank of some sort, I felt a sodden material. Pulling the heavy object over the edge so I could see what it was, I realised it was a box. Struggling down the ladder, I brought it to the ground with a thump. Rummaging through it, I realised what the contents were. Photos of me and Joe, his shirt, an acorn, and his favourite a toy car. Then, there it was: the letter I'd written to him so long ago. My heart raced. I gently opened the crinkled paper and scanned the page. Holding it close I took a deep breath.

'Dad?'

'I'm in here, Joel!' I called. My eleven-year-old scampered in so I climbed down and hugged him tightly. Looking up to the sky I whispered, thank you for giving me a happy ending.

www.tara-wright.com



Update from the Chichester Prevention Team



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While you are away on holiday, your home could be at a greater risk of being broken into.

With the holiday season upon us, we would like to offer some tips to help you make your home more secure and to reduce this risk whilst you are away.

- Make your home look occupied by asking a trusted relative, neighbour or friend to check your home, collect mail, water plants and to park their car on your drive etc.,
- Consider using the Royal Mail's 'Keep Safe' service – They will keep your mail for up to two months whilst you're away.
- Don't leave curtains closed in the daytime as this shows the house is empty.
- Use automatic timer switches to turn your lights on when it is dark.
- Cancel regular deliveries such as newspapers and milk.
- Avoid discussing holiday plans publicly on social media or where you may be overhead by strangers.
- Cut your lawn before you go.
- Consider leaving important documents and valuable items with other family members, a bank or in a safe.
- Consider leaving valuable items kept in your shed in the house.
- Put all your tools, including ladders, away so they can't be used to break into your house.
- Don't forget to lock all external doors and windows removing and hiding keys.
- And finally lock/padlock any external gates and set the burglar alarm if you have one.

If something is stolen report it to us online at: <https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/> or by calling **101**. Always call **999** if the crime is happening now.

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**My pet mouse Elvis died today.
He was caught in a trap.**

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WIGHT

The jewel lying out in the bay
that sliver of land far away
at one inch in height
sits the Isle of Wight
its passage of time in delay

Your eastern hills dull greyish blue
to the west a more watery hue
then repair begun
by the warm summer sun
a misty outline to renew

By a lighthouse of red and white hoop
where seagull and cormorant swoop
white chalk Needles rise
into late August skies
and bright coloured sails re-group



Quite commonly shrouded in mist
that for days at a time can persist
only crystal clear
forty days of the year
one could quite forget you exist

At a privileged distance off shore
with nonchalant mood to the fore
neither pompous nor grand
that small Vectis land
just a quirky charm hard to ignore

So the place lying out in the bay
that oft' hidden land far away
although lost to the gaze
by a slight Solent haze
will never its welcome outstay.

JOHN BYRNE AUGUST 2011
ARTWORK: JASON BETON

**A hospital
ran out of
maternity
nurses -
it was
suffering
a mid-wife
crisis.**

**I once met a
girl with 12
nipples,
sounds
funny, dozen
tit.**

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Dogs" a tribute?**

**18) "At the Hop" was the only
success for which group?**

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Water is life

The most revered thing on earth is surely water. Not only because it is vital to our survival, but also because it is the essence of all life. When we look at how the universe is made up, we learn that water exists in a variety of forms, whether it is ice, or vapour, from planets to comets to clouds. Water comprises 70% of the earth's surface and 70% of our bodies. How interesting is that!

When we take a look at the size of our oceans, we realise that these interconnected bodies of water are home to a majority of the life on our planet. Our seas are integral to sustaining our world's natural systems of flow, regulating our climate, mediating temperatures and determining rainfall, droughts and floods. Our oceans absorb carbon dioxide, just as the plants on the land, and are integral to the oxygen we breathe. It is not only home to millions of species of life, but also an incredible water farm that feeds a billion people each day.

When we enter the sea, we immerse ourselves in this liquid life, water gently colliding with our skin, cleansing, infusing joy, health and serenity into every cell of our body. The sound of the water drowns out any noise happening on the land and washes away the worries that began there. In the water there is an aloneness that is not lonely. It accentuates the feeling of being alive, heightening emotions, underscoring a sense of peace to be immersed in nature, either at one with ourselves, or in the company of others who share the experience with us.

In Selsey, surrounded by the sea, we have this gentle reminder each day of the value we should place on our earth and ourselves. It is our duty to be the caretakers of our planet. Since water is the essence of life, it is good to remind ourselves that it, too, is a living thing. If we can learn to flow like water, to become as water, we will understand the importance of the interconnection we have with all of life.

And on that note, our community venture, Selsey Sea Bathing Society continues to flourish. Launched in May and crowdfunded partly by the West Sussex Community Initiative Fund, we've now had three gatherings where we sea bathe (or paddle) together and then have tea and cake. The Society is all inclusive and free to attend and seems to have created a life all of its own - an environment full of lovely people who get together and bond over their love of the sea. Some of us don't feel confident enough to go into the sea alone, others just want company as sea bathing is a really sociable activity and so much more fun done with others.



Our next gathering is Saturday 17th August as part of the Selsey Festival programme. All are welcome. We'll meet at 11am at 1 Clayton Court, 23 Clayton Road, Selsey. Please sign up on the website to attend www.selseyseabathingsociety.org

See you there!

Justine Clement



We would like to introduce ourselves as the Selsey basketball team, Selsey Magic.

We have been running informal sessions in Selsey for the last 6 years, but last year we decided to set up a competitive team and joined the Basketball Sussex league.

We are now going into our second season in the league, which runs from October-April.

Our matches are held at The Academy School on Thursday nights, 7-9pm, and we will have around 10 home games this season. Anyone is welcome to come along and watch these games, all we ask is they uphold our standards of respect for the referee and players.

We also run a junior session every Monday evening from 6-7pm, ages 9-15, boys and girls, with all abilities welcome. Junior sessions are open through the school holidays.

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Date: 14 June 2019

Selsey RNLI all-weather lifeboat aids motorboat with machinery failure.

At 8.30am on Friday 14 June the Uk Coastguard received an emergency call from a 52ft motorboat stating the vessel had machinery failure and were unable to continue their passage. The position of the vessel was 11 miles east of Selsey lifeboat station with three adult males and a dog on board.

The Selsey Shannon class all-weather lifeboat (ALB) was launched at 8.43am and headed towards vessel position. The weather on scene was wind south westerly force 5-6 sea state moderate in cloudy sky. At 9.06am the ALB arrived at the vessel and a line was quickly passed from the lifeboat to enable the tow rope to be hauled to the vessel.

A tow was established between the lifeboat and the casualty vessel and a course was set for Littlehampton Harbour. When close to the harbour entrance the tow was shortened for the passage into the harbour. At 10.10am the motorboat was safely berthed alongside the visitor's pontoon. The ALB



waited in the harbour till 12.00pm to allow the tide to drop away back at Selsey. This allowed for a safer recovery of the boat on to the carriage.

The Alb arrived back at station at 12.33pm and was recovered straight away. The crew today were Coxswain Rob Archibald, 2nd Cox Colin Pullenger, Mechanic Phil Pitham , Geoff Mellett, James Albrey and Dan Langford.



Despite the fact that he is suffering from cancer and C.O.P.D. Cliff Reeves, who resides in Selsey, will again this year, be giving a concert in support of the Youth of Selsey.

Cliff, who is 92, has had a long association with music and young people.

August is the Selsey Festival Month but Cliff acts independently to ensure that all proceeds from his concert go to the Snak Shak, a local charity that provides a haven for young people who might otherwise find themselves at a loose end.

Cliff was always ready to pass his love of music on to young people and finally achieved his ambition to start a Youth Orchestra in Selsey. Since his retirement he has taken the opportunity to support local youth whenever he can.

Continuing this theme he will once again be entertaining the people of Selsey on 7th August 2019 in the St Peters Church Hall, Selsey at 2.15pm.

Admission £3.00

Date: 30 June 2019

Selsey RNLI Inshore lifeboat launched to assist Kite boarder

The Inshore lifeboat (ILB) launched at 7.29pm on Sunday 30 June after the UK Coastguards received a report that a Kite boarder was in difficulties off Pagham harbour.

The ILB made best speed to Pagham arriving on scene at 7.42pm. Nothing could be seen in the immediate area accept whilst on route they passed a person on the beach at Park copse at the eastern point of Selsey so went back to talk to the person. The man said he had been having problems on his Kite board and his friend helped him ashore with his paddle board. After reporting this to the Coastguard the ILB was released at 7.54pm.

The ILB was immediately tasked to conduct a search for a possible person in the water in the vicinity of Bognor pier after clothes and a mobile phone were found on the beach. The weather on scene was wind westerly force 4-5 sea state slight in good visibility. The ILB searched along the shore line gradually stepping out until they were a mile off shore. At this stage they requested the assistance of the All-weather lifeboat (ALB) which launched at 8.50pm.

At 10.08pm both lifeboats and the Selsey Coastguard team were released after the police interrogated the Mobile phone and guaranteed the male would not be in the water. Both boats returned to station the ILB beaching at 10.35pm and the ALB at 10.43pm.

The crews today were ILB Helmsman James Albrey, Andy Lee and Harry Emmence.

ALB Coxswain Rob Archibald, 2nd Cox Dave Lamdin, Mechanic Geoff Mellett, Will Moir, Neil Hopcraft and Terry Healy (Trainee)

The annual RNLI Pimms & Canapes party was held on Sunday 30 June, by kind permission of Mrs Eve Branson. The weather was perfect with a slight cooling breeze, and our team of food experts excelled themselves, providing plenty of really delicious and varied canapes.

The attendance figures were good, similar to last year, which was welcome as the early ticket sales were rather slow. We had 81 guests, donations of £50.00 and an excellent raffle result of £340.00. Total takings for the RNLI - £1,317.00.

Many thanks to Eve Branson, the garden looked particularly lovely, and to all supporters, especially Tod Anstee for buying the Pimms, and Runcion Farm Shop for their veg. box for the raffle.

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European Eel

Alternating currents by Michael Blencowe

In August many of us migrate towards the sea; exchanging our familiar habitats for a few weeks in someplace sunnier and sandier. As we leave our county a mysterious creature, born in the dark depths of a distant ocean, is heading towards Sussex for a holiday of its own.

Let me take you 3500 miles west to the wide Sargasso Sea, an area of the North Atlantic known to superstitious seamen (and Barry Manilow fans) as The Bermuda Triangle. Today the once mythical Sargasso is infamous for being the North Atlantic's waste dump where surface currents deposit our non-degradable floating flotsam. But the Sargasso still holds one last mystery. Each year millions of transparent slithers, like a blizzard of tiny polythene leaves, rise from its depths. It's almost as if the seaweed and the spirits of sunken sailors have merged with the PVC and plastic to create the leptocephali; the larval stage of the European Eel.

These see-through seafarers go with the flow and slowly drift across the North Atlantic on a three-year Gulf Stream cruise.

Upon reaching Britain's coastal waters their appearance changes.



*Eel c Derek Middleton
Sussex Wildlife Trust*

They are now wriggling transparent tubes with black eyes; 'glass eels'. Riding the Rother, Ouse, Cuckmere, Arun and Adur they swim upstream. In these brackish waters their bodies darken; a tidal tan. They are now elvers. They finally make it to their Sussex holiday homes, exchanging saltwater for freshwater in the myriad of streams and brooks that feed our county's rivers. Yellow-bellied and small-eyed these are yellow eels and will holiday here for around 15 to 30 years. But, as with all holidays, the day comes when you have to return home. In the depths of the eel's mind a primeval urge is awakened. The Sargasso is calling. Their bodies harden, their eyes widen, their stomachs shrivel and yellow eels become silver eels and start their epic journey home. Nothing gets



*Eel c Derek Middleton and back into the river system.
Sussex Wildlife Trust*

They'll pass Rye, Shoreham, Exceat, Newhaven and Littlehampton and head out over the great Atlantic Shelf and into darkness. Here's where the silver eels vanish. Exactly where they go and how they get there is unknown. Yet each year the Sargasso will mysteriously spawn a new cloud of transparent tourists hell-bent on holidaying in Sussex by the Sea.

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Chichester Conservancy Volunteers Tasks for August 2019

WISBOROUGH GREEN Sunday 4 August

Conservation – Meadow Management on The Mens with Scott Robertson of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers from 10.00 am. 01243 552113/07815 021331

AMBERLEY Sunday 11 August

Conservation – Wetlands Management, clearing ragwort and repairing fencing with Scott Robertson of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers on Amberley Wildbrooks from 10.00 am 01243 552113/07815 021331

WOOLBEDING Sunday 18 August

Conservation –Dry Stone Walling with Alan Walker of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers on Woolbeding Common from 10.00 am 01243 825091/07539 090509



RSPB Events for August 2019

PAGHAM Wednesday 14 August

Evening Bird Walk along Pagham Harbour North Wall with Kerry Jackson of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet at end of Church Lane, Pagham PO21 4NU, Map Ref: SZ880976 at 5.00 pm 01243 262833

SIDLESHAM Tuesday 20 August

Day Bird Walk to the Ferrypool, around Church Norton and The Severals with Kerry Jackson of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet in RSPB car park by church PO20 9TD, Map Ref: SZ872956 at 10.00 am 01243 262833
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Early June's unpredictable weather put paid to our 4th Car Boot Sale, some stalwart volunteers and traders defied it but a unanimous decision decided it was no go. Let's hope the weather gods will be on our side for a successful end to our season on Sunday 1st September. for our last Car Boot on the Recreation Ground . School Lane , Selsley.

Since then Summer arrived and as pleasant as it has been, I know from my befriending this heat can be as challenging as extreme cold, to the frail of health or elderly , and those who care for them. Selsley Carers exists as a group to give support in many ways to the Carers and the ones they love and care for .

Our successful Old Fashioned Afternoon Tea , held on June 21st. in The Selsley Centre was one such occasion , Carers and loved ones who came enjoyed sandwiches, homemade cakes and fancies, all served on beautiful Bone china tableware, while waiting at tables were our committee and volunteers. Sue White our events organiser also held a well received Charity Raffle, everyone enjoyed the lovely afternoon.

Carers Support West Sussex and Selsley Carers invite you , family and friend Carers to come along and meet us and other Carers , for information on the advice and support we can offer you. Meetings will be on the 3rd. Thursday Monthly. 1-30pm. to 3-00pm. in Selsley Methodist Church Hall , 50, High St. Selsley.

Selsley Carers also hold a regular Coffee Morning , 2nd. Thursday every Month, 10am. to 11-30am. Open to everyone, Carers and those new to Selsley can meet others in our community, not feel isolated by circumstances , and enjoy a friendly cup of coffee or tea.

I will close by saying Selsley Carers exists to help and befriend Carers in out community and give them and their cared for the chance to join in our Social Events held during the year. As I write this for August, a coach outing to Country Market Retail Outlet and Garden Centre for Carers will take place on August 9th. Sue White our events organiser will then be busy finalising details for Christmas events for our Carers.

If you're interested in joining us you will find us in The Care Shop, 121, High Street, Selsley. Telephone **01243-201616**.

As a group we work within Selsley Community Forum.

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The Selsley Centre festival events

Bouncy Castle Day Tuesday 6th August in conjunction with Bounceabout from 10am-2pm Bookable 1-hour sessions £2 per child strictly 8years and under. All children must be supervised by an adult. Sorry children over 8 years will not be allowed in to the hall for safety reasons. Advance booking and payment essential. Payments are non-refundable. Tickets available now at the Selsley Centre.

Saturday 10th August Abba Inferno Tribute Concert 7pm-10pm tickets £12 each available from the Selsley Centre or by calling Mick on **01243 602623** or Sally on **01243 604104**.

Thursday's summer fun 2pm-5pm £1 entrance fee fun and games for ages 8-14 years for more information please contact Youth Dream on **01243 601739**.

Seal Island WI Annual Quiz night £7 per head to include a ploughman's supper and wine, Teams of 6 prizes to be won. Tickets available from Highhouse Insurance High Street Selsley. For more information please contact **01243 607637**.

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From 12.00pm until 16.00pm
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Recent Callouts

01/06/19 13:56

Team paged to reports of a missing 9 year old child at West Wittering Beach.

Thankfully stood down en route with child found safe and well, team returned back to station.

01/06/19 14:39

Team paged to reports of 3 missing children between the ages of 4 and 7 years old at West Wittering Beach.

One child was found safe and well en route. Littlehampton Coastguard Rescue Team, Selsey Inshore Lifeboat and Sussex Police were also tasked to support us.

The 4 year old was found safe and well not long after we began searching.

The 7 year old was last seen in the water between the red and yellow flags and thankfully was found again safe and well around an hour and 15 minutes later by a mixed Coastguard and Police search team.

All assets were stood down to return to station.

01/06/19 17:09

Team paged to reports of a missing 3 year old at West Wittering Beach.

Stood down as we were leaving the station with child found safe and well.

**** Thankfully all children were found safe and well today and were reunited with their families. Please remember that free children safe wristbands are available at the Lifeguard Tower on West Wittering Beach, please use them and put your contact number on them and keep an eye on your children at all times while visiting the beach!****

01/06/19 17:18

Team paged to reports of a 54 year old female who had slipped on the shoreline between the last rock armour and Medmerry Breach and had an ankle injury.

Littlehampton Coastguard Team were also tasked and we also requested the support of Selsey Inshore Lifeboat.

The team were able to stabilise the injury before she was then transferred to Selsey Inshore Lifeboat with a Coastguard Rescue Officer and was taken ashore at Selsey Lifeboat Station.

The casualty was then taken to hospital from there.

03/06/19 07:09

Team paged to reports of two people cut off by the tide on Kirk Arrow off Marine Beach.

The two people had been fly fishing off the bank and hadn't realised how quickly the tide changes there and how strong the water runs. Selsey Inshore Lifeboat was also tasked and picked up the casualties and brought them both safely to the shore where we met them.

Safety advice was given and both casualties were extremely thankful.

We don't recommend you walk out to Kirk Arrow as the tide changes very quickly and the current is very strong.

Thank you to everyone that dialled 999 and asked for the Coastguard, you did the right thing!

09/06/19 11:56

Team paged to reports of possible ordnance on Marine Beach, Selsey.

We met with the first informants who showed us where abouts the item was and were able to describe it to us; unfortunately it had been covered by the tide.

09/06/19 20:32

Team re-tasked at low tide to locate the possible ordnance.

Once the tide had gone out far enough to reveal the object the team took photos of it, which were then sent to E.O.D. (Explosive ordnance disposal team).

We were then stood down at 22:15.

09/06/19 23:40

Team tasked to meet E.O.D (Explosive ordnance disposal team) after they had received the photos of the suspected possible ordnance.

E.O.D. carried out a careful inspection of the item and were able to declare the object safe and not ordnance.

The item is likely to be an old barrel.

Stood down at 00:45

Thank you to the first informants for doing the right thing, but thankfully not ordnance this time.

If you come across something on the beach that you're not sure of or you think it maybe possible ordnance, please do not touch it and dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard straight away. Ordnance found in our area before has been found to be highly Explosive so please do not touch it. Ordnance comes in all shapes and sizes.

11/06/19 23:22

Team paged to reports of a person in the water 150 metres East of Bognor Pier.

Littlehampton Coastguard Team and both Littlehampton Lifeboats were also tasked with Sussex Police and the Ambulance Service.

The casualty was rescued by the lifeboat and passed to Coastguard Rescue Officers and brought to shore where they were transferred into a stretcher and taken to the awaiting ambulance.

Once the casualty was safely in the ambulance we were stood down leaving the casualty in the care of the ambulance service and the police.

Returning to station at 1am.

22/06/19 17:00

Team paged to reports of clothes floating in the River Arun 300 metres north of the bridge on the A259.

The team commenced a search of the river and located the clothes, taking a closer look at the various items of clothing we believed no one was in danger and the clothes had been stolen and dumped as some still had hangers and tags on them.

The clothes were gathered up and photos were taken and sent to our Operations Room and the Police have been informed.

The team were then stood down to return to station.

29/06/19 13:14

Team paged to Bracklesham Beach, to reports of a person in difficulty in the water after they had fallen from their vessel.

Hayling Lifeboat and Chichester District Councils Safety boat were also both on scene.

Thankfully the person managed to get back aboard his vessel and was all ok, Hayling Lifeboat requested the casualty to see us on the beach where safety advice was given.

The team were then stood down to return to station.

29/06/19 16:27

Team paged to West Wittering Beach, to reports of a missing child; en route we were informed another two children were missing.

Thankfully all children were found shortly after arriving on scene. FREE child safe wristbands are available at the Lifeguard Tower at West Wittering Beach. Please make sure you use them and keep an eye on your children at all times when visiting the beach.

The team were then stood down to return to station.

29/06/19

As the team were just leaving the car park at West Wittering Beach after looking for missing children, we were flagged down by staff members from the Estate to return immediately to the Lifeguard Tower due to a sand hole collapse on the beach.

A 9 year old child had become trapped in the sand after she had

been digging a hole and the sand giving way covering her. The parents of the child, lifeguards and the team would like to thank the quick thinking of the members of the public that were on the beach for helping the child and digging her out with their hands. The child was checked over by Lifeguards and a Coastguard Rescue Officer and thankfully the child was ok although a little sandy and shocked.

Sand hole digging dangers:

Why digging deep holes in the sand can be dangerous.

Sandhole collapses are rare but can be lethal if you become trapped in one. There's nothing wrong with digging holes at the beach and filling them with water for your kids to play in. But if you dig a hole so deep that your head is barely poking out or burrow into a sand dune then you could be putting your life at risk. If it's taken you three hours to dig your hole - that's how long it might take someone to dig you out.

These deeper types of holes are highly unstable. The wet harder sand that you dig out will dry out in the sun making it loose and the deeper you dig the more danger there is of the hole collapsing inwards and potentially trapping you inside.

The best way to rescue someone is to create a circle of people digging with their hands, then another outer circle will do the same while also removing the sand from the first circle, more circles of people digging will be added as they become available. This will then create a wider shallow hole with no risk of any further sand hole collapse.

We want you to enjoy yourselves at the beach - that's what it's there for - just take extra care when digging large holes that could trap you if they collapse.

Let's share this and tell as many people as we can in time for the school holidays.

Stay safe folks and remember to call 999 and ask for the coastguard if you see someone in difficulty.

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

19) Who did Trudie Styler marry in 1992?

20) Which Manic Street Preacher disappeared in 1995?

21) Who was the first femal singer to have ten no 1 UK singles?

30/06/19 19:23

Team paged with Selsey Inshore Lifeboat to a kite surfer down and in possible difficulty between Park Copse and Pagham Harbour entrance.

Thankfully the kite surfer had made it ashore safely and all was well the call was made with good intent.

All assets were then stood down to return to station.

30/06/19 20:00

As we were stood down from the previous incident and returning to station we were tasked to a possible missing person from Bognor Seafront after personal items had been found on the beach.

Selsey Inshore Lifeboat were also tasked followed by Selsey All Weather Lifeboat later on to join the search, with two Coastguard Search Teams searching from the shore, and Sussex Police making further enquiries inland as well.

With no further information at this time and a full search pattern carried out with the information we had been given all assets were stood down and the incident was left with Sussex Police returning to station just before 23.00.



Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team



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Selsey Walking and Outdoor Festival (SWOF) 2019

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Selsey Walking and Outdoor Festival this year. The event was a huge success and your participation helped to raise an amazing total of £3136 for our chosen charity the Selsey Community First Responders. Gary Sharp from the First Responders gives an overview below on what this money will help to provide.

The Selsey Community First Responders (SCFR) Scheme wish to say a huge thank you to the Selsey Walking and Outdoor Festival/ Open Gardens team for their organisation of a fantastic event and to all the garden owners who chose to present their gardens in such a fabulous way to be enjoyed by all those who visited on the day of the Selsey Open Gardens event.

Everyone's hard work culminated in SCFR being presented with a cheque for a magnificent £3,136.

Whilst South East Coast Ambulance (SECAMB) recruit and provide the initial and on-going training for our Responders ensuring that they are always compliant with best practise, CFR are responsible for ensuring that the Responders are fully supported to fulfil their

roles, which are given on a voluntary basis.

We supply our Responders with a defibrillator, medical supplies, a uniform and the transport to respond when assigned to a 999 emergency call by SECAMB.

SCFR has a fleet of 3 cars at present bought from contributions made by Selsey Town Council, local businesses and the people of Selsey. Each vehicle has to be taxed, insured and serviced, as required.

In addition, SCFR has over the past 2 to 3 years procured and installed defibrillators in eleven locations throughout Selsey.

It is hoped that with the continued generosity of the Selsey community,

the installations of the defibrillators will be extended in the coming years but our first priority will always be to keep our Responders on the road helping to save lives in the community.....every second counts.

For more information about the Selsey Community First Responders Scheme or how to make a donation please see www.selseyfirstresponders.org or info@selseyfirstresponders.org



For those of us who value the natural environment, we are so lucky to live in Selsey; although we have gradually become a largely urban community over the past 75 years, we still retain much of the feel and heritage of the rural and coastal village that we once were, where fishing and agriculture were the main activities. While we no longer have working farms and riding stables in our midst, as was the case until the 1970s, we still have an active community based fishing industry; and we are still surrounded by agricultural and horticultural land producing crops- though sadly we have lost the dairy, pig and poultry farming activity. The up-side is that we have lost the occasional whiffs of farm and stable aroma, and the annual “muck-spreading” pong we once experienced. The smell of rotten fish may still assail us from time to time, though- but if that is the price for keeping our fishing industry, then I for one am willing to pay it!

With the expansion of the “built environment” in our town, wildlife in all its forms has to a great extent been displaced to the outer fringes of the community and beyond; though some pockets of undeveloped land remain where wildlife can still retain a foothold, and there are plenty of parks and managed amenity areas in the town where wildlife can still be found. This creates a problem for residents and wildlife alike, as too many of us are unaware how they should behave when they are in contact with wildlife living among us.

Those who have grown up in a rural or coastal community learned to live with wildlife in all its manifestations and know how to co-exist with nature without intruding on it. Those who come from an urban background have little opportunity to absorb such knowledge in the same way as their “country cousins”- and while an hour or two of nature study for our young people in the class-room each week at our “Academies”, with a couple of “field trips” into the countryside or along the beach each year are better than nothing, they will not of themselves close the knowledge gap. The fact that many adults who now live in Selsey were brought up and educated in an urban environment also adds to the problem.

The clue to the problem lies in the word “wildlife”; these are wild creatures, to be admired and studied by us from a distance, but otherwise allowed to live out their natural lives without interference or intervention from us. By seeking to “prettify” their natural habitat as so often happens because “it spoils the view from our window”, we are in effect denying them the right to live as nature intended. If we compound this by treating them as a slightly more nomadic version of domesticated animals, then again we do them no favours.

Leaving out human food- particularly processed food- for the “top” predators such as foxes is not good for their health or their digestive systems. It dulls their hunting instincts, as they will naturally seek out the easy pickings. Likewise, throwing out vast quantities of bread and similar items to wild birds in our gardens, or to waterfowl at the East Beach pond, has a similar effect.

Put out suitable bird-seed (or grain for the waterfowl) in the depths of winter by all means, as that will cause no long term harm; but going beyond that will. Over-provision of food- even suitable food- will cause over-population of their habitat, and destroy the natural balance. Whether it is in the wild undeveloped areas of our town, or in the managed amenity areas, there is a natural limit to the number of creatures that can be supported. Too many wild birds being fed the wrong food creates pollution, as happened at East Beach not so long ago, killing off their natural food and leading to a collapse in bird numbers. By leaving them to their own devices, and allowing them to live off their natural environment- rather than supplementing their diet with unnecessary and possibly harmful human food- things do eventually return to normal.

The same applies to the predator wild animals and birds, such as foxes, crows, and gulls; by feeding them when it is not necessary, they overbreed and over-predate; left to their own devices, they will find the natural balance that can be sustained in their habitat. If there isn't enough food for them here, they will soon move on to pastures (or woods and copses) new, re-establishing the natural order of things.

A good illustration of the whole problem is the way so many of us reacted to the recent incursion onto our beaches by a seal. Seals have been a part of Selsey's (and the wider Solent area's) wildlife scene for centuries; the very name of our town derives from “seal's lea”, or seal's meadow. Seals used the marshy meadows around Selsey, Medmerry, and Chichester Harbour as “haul out” areas, where they could rest, bask in the sun- and perhaps breed. Seals often turn up around our beaches, but are not always as visible as this year.

Unfortunately, instead of just walking past the seal, or observing it from a distance (100 metres away is quite close enough), too many of us could not resist treating the animal who came ashore last month like an exhibit in a zoo; it was even given a pet name, as if it was a domestic or farm animal to be stroked or petted. It is a wild animal; and while most people had the sense to remain above the high water mark and didn't try to get near it, or touch it, they still remained too close and for prolonged periods. This gave the animal no chance to rest and bask, as it was constantly on the lookout for people trying to get even closer. In fact one young couple who had seen the seal bobbing about just off the beach, making sure that the coast was clear (sorry!) - then sat on a groyne near the water's edge, waiting for it to come ashore- not a chance with them there!

Seals are very inquisitive by nature; there's many a time when someone swimming at East Beach has been frightened out of their wits by a seal suddenly popping its head out of the water right next to them, just to see what's going on. As soon as it's obvious that no harm's going to be done to them, they can be quite happy to frolic around the swimmer all the time they remain in the water- just don't try to get closer, AND DON'T TRY TO TOUCH THEM!

Seals weren't always too popular among the fishermen, though, as they often robbed the lobster pots of their contents; on occasion they would decide that an unattended dinghy on a mooring was the ideal platform to haul out for rest and recuperation- and 100-150 kgs of seal trying to get aboard a small boat afloat on the water can cause quite a bit of damage! They weren't always popular with the Lifeboat crew either, as they seemed to think that the old off-shore boathouse slipway was a good spot to haul out..... Seals also make a sound easily mistaken for the human voice when they are calling to each other at sea; this is especially disconcerting when it is misty, as the noise they make is very much like a human crying out for help- so much so that a member of the lifeboat crew was genuinely taken in by this one misty morning, and called out the inshore lifeboat. I hear he did live it down- eventually!

I think we all have to understand that if we are to sustain wildlife in our midst, then we must treat it as such, and not treat it as we do our domestic animals- beyond providing emergency rations and fresh water for the birds in the depths of winter. It may seem cruel and heartless, but so is nature. These are creatures of nature living in their natural environment; if we treat them as such, no matter how cruel that may seem, then natural selection will enable them to survive and thrive.

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**What is red and bad for your teeth?
A brick.**

**If you ever get cold, just go and stand in a corner for a while.
They are usually 90 degrees.**

Donna’s Deliberations

Happy August, my fellow Selsonians! How are we all? I trust this finds you all well and enjoying the wonderful weather – unless, of course, it’s pouring with rain, in which case, we can mutually commiserate. This is the drawback of writing for monthly publications, you’re constantly behind. Mind you, my monthly offering to Selsey Life isn’t as bad as when I was writing for weekly magazines, we would be working months ahead which meant that nothing was ever really ‘current’ and we had meetings to try to ‘guess’ what might be in vogue four to six months ahead. Every edition would take weeks to put together. I’m not sure how things are now – better, I suspect, in these days of instant communication – but, I guarantee that editors are already in full Christmas flow or even beyond.

When I was doing a lot of writing for a popular women’s magazine, we’d be celebrating Christmas in June and sorting the summer in January; it was most peculiar. We even went to the extreme of trying to make our environment as ‘seasonal’ as possible - so while everyone else was slapping on the coconut oil and frying outside, we’d be closeted indoors, albeit with the windows open, (no air con!) trying to create a festive environment! We’d have a tree in the corner of the office, a few tubs of sweeties and would pull crackers. Quite sad in some ways but....it did get us into the mood, sort of!! We even exchanged presents one year; we actually did a Secret Santa in July! Totally bonkers! Did it work? I have no idea! It was seriously weird though!

Speaking of the C word...I was in Bognor with the family in July and we popped into a restaurant for a meal before going to the cinema (love the Picturedrome in Bognor - £4.50 a ticket at the weekends, bargain) and what did I see....? Leaflets advertising ‘Festive meals’ – I know, - shocking. I can just about cope with August and we all know the shops are full of Christmas stuff in September, but July? Really? Frankly, the mere fact that they are already advertising is enough to put me off going there again. There is a limit.

Anyway, to matters other.... I’ve had a couple of complaints, well, I prefer to call them observations – apparently, I’ve been distinctly unamusing of late and my ramblings have become too serious for a few of you. I apologise unreservedly. A fair and just observation. It’s an interesting one because we writers have, as I’ve said before, a very special relationship with our readers and to some extent, our moods are reflected in our narrative; we give something of ourselves and the way we feel at the time is bound to be mirrored in what we say. However, message received and understood! Actually, I really like it when people contact me – at least I know I’m not talking to myself!

July was indeed a lovely month weather-wise but, sadly, the sun and I just don’t get on. Unfortunately, I never turn brown, I just end up resembling a Neapolitan ice cream. I decided to take drastic measures this year and I bought a hat. I didn’t want anything big, just something I could wear without feeling too self-conscious walking around the High Street. I actually thought I’d found something both serviceable and suitable, but my family think I resemble some sort of remnant from the Raj! Charming – but frankly, probably true! It has, however, meant that I have avoided a bright red face so who’s going to have the last laugh, I wonder?

We took advantage of the weather and popped over to the Isle of Wight (quite a few times, infact!) The island is one of my favourite places and if we didn’t live in sunny Selsey we’d be living across the water, no doubt. It’s amazingly easy to get to – if we don’t take the car we pop over on the Red Cat from Southampton to Cowes; takes 25 minutes so we are door to door in an hour and a half. Five minutes up the road from Cowes is the ‘Floating Bridge’ which takes you from West to East, cutting off a long walk, which we

- 24) In which style of wrestling are holds below the waist forbidden?
- 25) Which temperature has the same value in Farenheit and Celsius?

usually take if we go to Osbourne House. I don’t know if it’s entirely unique but the island is the only place I’ve seen such a conveyance. It crosses the tidal river and apparently it can be traced back as far as 1859. It could probably be replaced by a physical bridge but I’m rather glad it hasn’t been – there’s something quite quaint about a ‘floating bridge’.

One place I always try to go to, on one of the few days it’s open, is the Chamomile Field up in Sidlesham. Absolutely lovely. You can literally sit in the middle of a field, sipping freshly brewed chamomile tea, breathing in the air and just ‘zen’ out. It was particularly wonderful this year – the weather was just perfect. I learnt something as well, the track by the field was once used by the Selsey Tram. Personally, I think we should bring it back!

July really must go down as one of the hottest months we’ve had for some years. I came out of a council meeting up at East Pallant House on one occasion and honestly felt like I’d just opened the oven door! It was awful! I totally understand that some people relish the heat but, seriously, I just feel like hibernating till it’s all over. Talking of hibernating, anyone else noticed that we seem to have more hedgehogs that usual? I absolutely love them! We have a family of them living near us – not too sure where, but they are very welcome. Mr Hedgehog loiters around the front of the house, much to our cat’s dismay who doesn’t seem to quite know what to make of him while Mrs Hedgehog frequents the back of the house, always at 8.30pm. She is to be regularly spotted wandering across the lawn, then doing a circuit of our garden and popping through a fence onto our neighbour’s patio. Infact, we had to recently change the fence panel and my son has cut a bit out of it, right at the bottom, to make sure said hedgehog can still go back and forth! It’s very sweet and lovely to see these little creatures, so welcomed by gardeners, going about their business.

Before I take my leave this month, I must remind everyone about the Selsey Festival. It runs from the 3rd August through to the 1st September and there really is something for everyone. Festival brochures are available in lots of the shops, pubs, cafes, the library, surgery and the Town Hall; some have been hand delivered to your door! I am unashamedly promoting my friend Ben Thapa former tenor from G4 (they came 2nd in the first ever X factor and have gone on to achieve great things.) He will be coming to the Town Hall on the 30th August at 7pm – drinks and nibbles available! Not sure what he’ll be singing but it will be a mix of classical and contemporary. He’s a bit of a globe trotter is Ben so we’re lucky he’s managed to fit us in.... although, it may have had something to do with the lobster and Chichester gin I’ve promised him! Any queries about the festival, call the Town Hall on 605803 or visit the website www.selseyfestivities.co.uk

Another two events running at the same time as the festival are the French Market up by the Medical Practise on the 25th August and the Beer Festival which is being held in the passageway by the Pavillion. That runs between 11 and 5pm and apart from the obvious there’s live music to keep us all entertained. Hope to see you at some of the brilliant events we have happening here in Sunny Selsey this month.

Take care all, sun cream at the ready and remember – only one more month to wait before the Roses (and other brands of confectionary) are back in the shops!

Donna donnajohnson270@gmail.com

So take it easy, all – of course by the time this goes to print, the weather may have broken and we could all be back in ‘pac a macs’ and wellies – we can but hope.....

- 26) The island of Nantucket is off the coast of which US state?
- 27) The Fields Medal is awarded for the highest achievment in what?

Selsey are still celebrating one if the best starts to a League season in many years, well done to Captain Tom Cripps and the Selsey First XI.

Even with all the success, we are still looking for new Members Playing and Non Playing to join Selsey Cricket Club, we are hoping to find new players for both Saturday League Matches and Sunday Friendly Matches.

We would love to hear also from People who would like to umpire or score.

Social members are also very welcome, and we have a bar that open in match days, and Friday evenings and Sundays.

If you would like to join Selsey Cricket Club, please email us at info@selseycc.co.uk or pop in and see us during a match day on on a Friday or Sunday, we are a friendly club that welcomes new members.

Selsey Cricket Club have taken part in The ECB All Stars Cricket (WWW.allstarscricket.co.uk) programme for the first time this season.

Eight hourly sessions for 5-8 year olds have been run on a Monday evening at the Recreation Ground Paddock Lane. Aimed at providing the children with a great first experience at cricket, sessions are aimed at delivering fun and personal development.

For a fee of £40 the children receive all stars cricket and back pack along with activity books for recording what they have done in the sessions.

The aim for Selsey Cricket Club is to have a full colts programme session for 5-16 years olds for 2020 to help reignite cricket participation at all levels of ability, gender, ethnic origin etc. So anyone who has anyone enquiries please feel free to visit the club or contact via colts@selseycc.co.uk.

We would also be interested in volunteers whether coaching, helping out on sessions etc.

We are now near to this years Selsey Cricket & Social Club’s famous Beer Rounders and Family day which will be on the Recreation Ground, as part of Selsey Festival 2019 on Sunday August 11th 2019

We hope that people will share this event, to get as many people in our community to take part as teams or spectators.

It promises to be a fantastic day out for all the family, with lots of things to see and do, so



come along and enjoy the fun.



Ground open from 10:30 matches start at 11:00 am. There is a Pay Bar in the Club House open all day until late, open to the public, offering cheap alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks.

Attractions on the Field to include:

Burgers; Hook a duck; Tin can alley; Lucky dips; Key rings; Dreamcatchers; Mind Charity Stall; Friends of Selsey Medical Centre Tombola; Burnetts Fairground Rides; Sir Patrick Moore 3D exhibition in the Pavilion.

So along wether you are local, or visiting Selsey, everyone is welcome, and have a fantastic day out.

Further information can be had by emailing us at info@selseycc.co.uk or phoning the President John Reeve on 01243 604924

Every team will get a minimum of two games. Make up a team (7 persons) book a team or Turn up on the day, or just come along to watch and enjoy the day.

Selsey Cricket Club is located at The Sir Patrick Moore Pavilion, Recreation Ground, High Street, Selsey, PO20 9BB, car parking in the new Co-Op behind the fire station, or at Selsey Medical Centre.

On Saturday 17th August, during the Festivities, Manhood Classic Car club will be holding their Summer Classic car show on the Cricket Field from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

In 2018 over 160 cars were on display.

The Selsey Cricket Club Bar in the Club House will be Open to the Public during the show, selling Alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks .

For more information please go to their Website.

<https://www.manhoodclassiccars.com>

Selsey Cricket Club will be Open to the Public, on various days during August when the fair is on the ground, and will be open to the public on Burnetts Fireworks day from 2pm untill late.

For more details check our Website at

www.selseycc.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming new members and to visitors to the Club.

Ricky Halpin Selsey Cricket Club 07968 961323

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03/08/19	Slinfold CC - 2nd XI	1st XI	League	13:00
04/08/19	Stirlands CC - Friendly XI	Sunday 1st XI	Friendly	14:00
10/08/19	Ram CC - 2nd XI	1st XI	League	13:00
11/08/19	Beer & Rounders		Event	11:00
17/08/19	1st XI (to be Played at Bosham CC)	Crawley Eagles CC - Crawley Eagles 3rd XI	League	13:00
18/08/19	Petersfield CC - Sunday XI	Sunday 1st XI	Friendly	13:30
24/08/19	No League match			
25/08/19	Barns Green CC - Sunday XI	Sunday 1st XI	Friendly	13:30
31/08/19	1st XI	Littlehampton, Clapham & Patching CC - 2nd XI	League	13:00
01/09/19	Selsey Carers Car Boot Sale		Event	08:00
01/09/19	Bognor Regis CC - Regis Rebels Sunday XI	Sunday 1st XI	Friendly	13:00
07/09/19	Lynchmere CC - Saturday XI	Friendly XI	Friendly	13:30
08/09/19	Littlehampton, Clapham & Patching CC - Sunday Club XI	Sunday 1st XI	Friendly	13:00
14/09/19	Friendly XI	Bedhampton Mariners CC - Friendly XI	Friendly	13:00
15/09/19	Sunday 1st XI	Pathfinder CC - Friendly XI	Friendly	13:00
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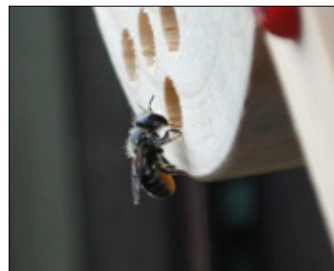
A bit of a buzz at Pagham Harbour

Our new wildflower area in our Discovery Zone is proving a magnet for bees, butterflies and a host of other insects of all shapes and sizes. Taking a moment to stand still and just look, I quickly loose count of the variety of bees and wasps busily going about their frenetic lives. There are tiny ones maybe 2 mm in length, large round bumble bees and all manner of sizes in between, gathering pollen from the daisies and thistles gently swaying in the light summer breeze.

In the UK there are approximately 270 species of bee and 9000 species of wasp. Of these only 9 species of wasp and 20 species of bee are social, nesting and living in colonies. The rest are solitary and generally harmless. Many are fantastic pollinators while others hunt and predate other insects, often controlling pests in our gardens and allotments.

On the bee bank digger wasps and mining bees make short work of burrowing into the sand where they will lay their eggs left with a food provision of pollen, or prey if they are predatory.

Mason and leafcutter bees have moved into our bee hotels. Like the miners, they deposit a cache of pollen before laying an egg and sealing the chamber. Mason bees seal each chamber with



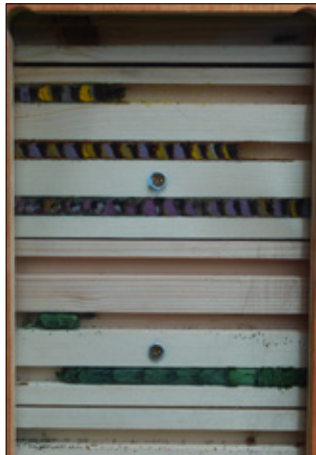
Orange Vented
Mason Bee

mud, while the leafcutter bees, as their name suggests, use leaves which they also like to line the nest with. They then start the process again, making many chambers in one nest hole. In the autumn the larvae will spin a cocoon in which they will overwinter eventually emerging as adults in spring and summer the following year.

Moving from flower to flower collecting pollen, they vie for space with the hoverflies and beetles, while grasshoppers chirrup below and butterflies flit among the stems and dance above the blooms. Resting in a clearing in the sunshine, I spot one of my favourite butterflies. A small copper. When open, the forewings of this small pretty butterfly are bright orange with dark edges and spots, while the hindwings are dark with an orange edge. All these insects are just a tiny part of this flourishing ecosystem, which in turn supports other wildlife. Now is the time to take a summers walk in the countryside and see what you can discover among the wild flowers.



Red Tailed Bumblebee



Solitary Bee Chambers



RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry

August

Saturday 10 August, Artists Wildlife Painting Workshop. This all-day workshop gives an introduction to the basic techniques of watercolour painting combining a little theory with a lot of practical application and advice. Although wildlife based, the principles can be applied in a wider context. The session is aimed at beginners and those returning to an old hobby after work. Good quality paints, paper and brushes will be supplied, just bring your enthusiasm.

9.30am (duration 7 hours)

Booking essential, £22 per person / £18 members

Sunday 11 August, Medmerry by Bike. Covering more ground whilst being active, discover the wildlife and history of Medmerry with this guided cycle ride. Hobbies, yellowhammers and corn buntings are among the many potential sightings.

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

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

Booking essential

£7 per person / £4 members

Thursday 15 August, Salthouse Sundown. As the sun sets over the harbour, the Friends of Pagham Harbour invite you to relax with a drink and nibbles – what better way to end the day! **7.00pm Salthouse, end of Church Lane, Pagham, PO21 4NX** (park at Church Lane, or meet 6.30pm at Sidlesham Quay to stroll down with us to the party).

Free.

Sunday 18 August, Someone to Guide You.

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

10am – 1.30pm Drop-in. Free

September

Sunday 08 September, Discover Medmerry (East) Guided Walk. As summer gives way to autumn, this is a great time to join our guides for a walk around the east side of our Medmerry reserve.

10am (duration 4½ hours), meet at Pagham Harbour Visitor Centre PO20 7NE at 9.45am.

Booking essential, £7 per person / £4 memberskes'.

Family events

August

Thursday 01 August, Sensory Arts & Crafts. Starting with a walk taking in the sights, sounds, smells and feel of spring to inspire us, we'll return to create works of art using things we've collected along the way.

10.30am (duration 2 hours)

Booking essential £3 per child / £2 members

Tuesday 06 August, Discover birds of prey! Learn more about this fascinating group of birds and make a raptor kite to fly at home.

10.30am (duration 2 hours)

Booking essential £3 per child / £2 members

Thursday 08 August, Seashore Safari! Can you find sharks on our shoreline? In a special beach-combing event we'll discover who lives in our seas and on the beach. **Meet 10.30am at Church Norton car park PO20 9DT (duration 2 hours)**

Booking essential

£3 per child / £2 members

Tuesday 13 August, Pond dipping and Bug hunting! Come and discover what weird and wonderful creatures lurk in the depths of our lovely new pond and live in our Discovery Zone.

10.30am (duration 2 hours)

Booking essential £4 per child / £2 members

Thursday 15 August, Dragons, damsels and things that flutter by. Dragonflies zoom on agile wings while damselflies and butterflies are far daintier. Learn about their fascinating lives and create winged marvels to take home.

10.30am (duration 2 hours)

Booking essential £3 per child / £2 members

Tuesday 20 August, Mudlarks & crafts! Mud, glorious mud – that's what a lot of our wading birds think! Come and find out what it is that lives in our mud that attracts so many birds, before making your own monsters that might hide in our mud.

10.30am (duration 2 hours)

Booking essential £3 per child / £2 members

Thursday 22 August, Seashore Safari! Can you find sharks on our shoreline? In a special beach-combing event we'll discover who lives in our seas and on the beach. **Meet 10.30am at Church Norton car park PO20 9DT (duration 2 hours)**

Booking essential £3 per child / £2 members

Tuesday 27 August, Marvels of migration. Learn about the amazing journeys our summer visitors will soon be making before creating migration inspired art!

10.30am (duration 2 hours)

Booking essential £3 per child / £2 members

Thursday 29 August, Pond dipping and Bug hunting! Last chance of the summer to discover what weird and wonderful creatures lurk in the depths of our lovely new pond and live in our Discovery Zone.

10.30am (duration 2 hours)

Booking essential £4 per child / £2 members

Check out our website www.rspb.org/paghamharbour for full events program.

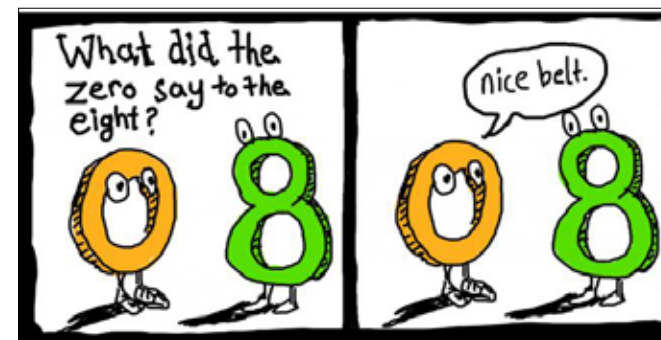
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We will also have our usual mix of craft stalls, books, Chindi Authors are making a return after a successful visit last year. Caroline's Dairy Ice Cream, tea/coffee and cake will be available in the marquees along with hundreds of plants for sale at bargain prices. The garden has many shady spots if it is too hot, garden games and croquet on the lawns. We hope you will come along and support our exhibitors.



Adults entrance fee still only **THREE POUNDS** each and children aged 15 and under are **FREE**.

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selsey golf club



June and July are probably the busiest months in the golfing calander. Many matches both home and away and Captains Days have been played throughout the club. Many golfers from visiting teams have commented on the incredible condition of the greens and the course as a whole. Thank you to Martin Kaye and Roger Cawte for all their hard work. Of course with so many matches and special days the club has kept the catering staff very busy and have prepared superb food, again much commented on by guests and appreciated by all.

Veterans Section

Club matches are well and truly underway with wins at home against Bognor Regis, Foxbridge, Southwick Park and away against Gosport and Stokes Bay, losses away against Southwick Park, Portsmouth and Avisford Park. Our 4 match competition against Southsea for the Millennium Salver began with a hard fought battle at home which ended in a 3 – 3 draw. We followed that up with a 4.5 – 1.5 win at Southsea but we then lost 4-2, again at Southsea. Having said that we still take a 1 game lead into the final match to be played at home in September.

The Presentation held on Wednesday 17 July was well supported with a raft of trophies being presented:

1st Responders Cup was won by Bobby Moore.

Craig Newman won the Arthur Powis Cup, Paul Boughton won the Eddie Maghie Trophy.

Paul Hinshelwood and Brian Rainer came first in the Brexit Cup and Jack Wildgoose Cup was won by Frank Fewster.

And finally the Captain's Team -v- Vice Captain's Team match held on 3rd June was won this year by the Captain's Team.

Thanks go to Kevin Fielder for organising the Presentation and to our guests Eddie Williamson who presented the Arthur Powis Cup and to Liz Watson who presented the 1st Responders Cup. The Captain, Brian Rainer, was also delighted to present to Liz a cheque for £125 on behalf of the Veterans Section.

Overall the Veterans have benefited from some very good weather which has led to some excellent golf being played by a very strong and growing Section.

Mens section

The Men have continued with their Club and Cup matches. On Saturday 8th June they played a friendly match against Chichester GC at Hunston. The result was a loss to Selsey, the result being 1 ½ to 4 ½.

Having lost in the second round of the Oliver Trophy. Selsey are now playing in the plate competition. They had a bye in the first round and played the second round at Slinfold on Saturday 22nd June. The result was a draw and under the rules of this competition Selsey being the away team went through to the third round. The next match was held at Selsey against Goodwood and Selsey won 7 ½ to 4 ½ and now go forward to the semi finals on Saturday 17th July. They will be playing Haywards Heath at a neutral ground. This will be played at Sweetwood Park Golf Club.

In the Southern Counties Scratch League, the men are doing well, having lost to Sutton Green in the first round, the second round result was good. They beat Royal Winchester GC 4 – 1. The third round will take place at the end of July.

On Saturday 13th July the Birchwood Trophy team beat Piltdown GC 3 – 2 in the third round. They will now play Manning Heath GC in the semi-final on Saturday 27th July.

Having lost in the second round of the Cyril Blake, Selsey are now playing in the plate round, the Gilbert Plate. On Monday 3rd June Selsey played Ham Manor at home. At the end of 18 holes the match was a draw and the teams had to play two more holes before getting the Selsey took the victory on the 2nd hole. In the second round played on 24th June Selsey beat Holtie GC 2 ½ – 1

½. In round three, played on 8th July, Selsey played Sidlescombe, and again a draw on the 18th hole meant another play-off. This time only 1 hole needed to be played and Selsey won the match. The team is now in the semi-finals.

Selsey are now in all three of the Sussex County Golf Union Competitions semi-finals so well done to everyone involved in these teams. There is a great buzz around the Men's Locker room at the moment and all good wishes go to the teams for their semi-finals.

On 29th June the Club Captain, Mr. Steve Gowns held his Captain's Day. The weather was good and 55 members played. The First place went to Ian Glew who scored 43 points and second was James Belcher with 41 points. Following the match the players were joined by their families and friends and a BBQ followed the competition. A great evening was had by all.

On Sunday 16th June the Club Championship was held. This annual 36 hole event is always well supported, all golfers trying to be the Club Champion. This year the competition was even more exciting as two players could not be separated at the end of 18 holes and a play-off had to take place. The players were Malcolm Cawte and Billy Aspital. On the 3rd hole Malcolm secured the win and became the 2019 Club Champion.

Ladies Section

Another busy month for the Ladies starting with the Bronze and Rabbits trophies. The Bronze Trophy played by the under 30 handicap players was won by Eddie Williamson and the runner-up was Trudy Hynes. The Rabbits Trophy played by players with handicaps of 30 and over was won by Jaqui Towns and second was Judy Sharpe.

7th June was Lady Captain's day. Carol Wheeler, Lady Captain for 2019 arranged a really superb day. Carol was even lucky with the weather which was sunny and very warm. The competition was great fun with prizes to be won for nearest the pin on the 3rd



7th 12th and 16th holes. and nearest to the straight line on the first hole. The winner of the Lady Captain's Prize was Caroline Newton, second was Trudy Hynes and Sheila Watmore took third prize. (photo shows left Sheila, Carol Trudy and Caroline) The golf was followed by a carvery served in the Club house overlooking the golf course. The raffle was held for the Lady Captain's charity, Selsey First Responders, and raised £76

The Margaret Bond Cup was played on 17th June and won by Trudy Hynes and Judy Sharpe was the runner-up. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Competition was played on 24th June and won by Linda Cook and second was Barbara Winter. (right photo of Linda and Carol)

On June the 1st The Grandmother's Trophy was played. This competition is always looked forward to by the ladies and all the grandmothers would so like to win this beautiful trophy.

All ladies who have grandchildren qualify to play in this competition. This was first presented 24 years ago by Meg Mearns on the birth of her first grandson. The competition is always followed by afternoon tea and is quite an occasion. Of course all ladies are included but only a grandmother can win the trophy. This year the trophy was won by Jaqui Towns who was particularly thrilled because it was her grandson's 8th birthday on the day. The



all guests commented on the excellent condition of the greens. The golf was followed by a cold meat buffet and strawberries and cream. A raffle was held and this raised £85 for the Captain's charity. Again there were prizes for nearest the pins and line. The winners were Meg Mearns and her guest Kirsten Claxton and the runner-ups were Sheila Watmore and her guest Gail Grant who all received beautiful baskets of plants as their prizes.

trophy, a bronze statue of an early 20th century lady golfer was presented to Jaqui by Alison Weller, this year's Vice Captain (photo Left Alison and Jaqui)

On 12th July the Ladies held their Invitation Day. The ladies and their invited partners played the 18 holes in very warm, sunny weather, the course looked amazing and

My friend named his dogs Rolex and Timex.

They are watch dogs.

I don't trust atoms - I hear they make up everything.

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We continue our run of success with our friendly matches and now our Competition Finals Weekend fast approaches.

The Chalet Owners Challenge was a great day enjoyed by all. The Bowlers only narrowly beat the Chalet Owners on this bright and sunny day. The BBQ, which followed the bowling, was once again provided by the Chalet Owners with the Bowlers providing the desserts.

Newcomers always welcome. We can be contacted via the above email address or our website.

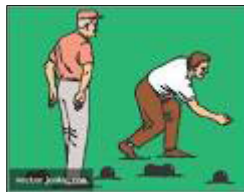


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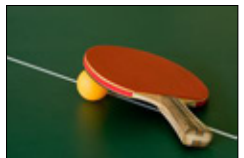
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Whilst writing this report on the comings and goings at Crablands about the varied sports we have on offer here, there is a choice of watching on the t.v. or listening on the radio to tennis, cricket, netball, motor racing, golf, rugby league, and to a smaller extent football! Possibly, you the reader may be all "sporting" out, on the other hand you might well be thinking that tomorrow I will do something to join all these sports people in some small way and if that is the case then why not come and join us.

There is green bowls, or short mat bowls, tennis on all weather courts or grass and as a member you could also play table tennis and mini-tennis some evenings in our sports hall. You could take advantage of our ball machine where you can play you against the machine, practice on the practice wall, try your hand at croquet and add to all this the varied and enjoyable social evenings organised by some hard working volunteers here at the club.



All work carried out at the club whether it be keeping the sporting areas in tip top condition or the surrounding areas looking great this too is all down to volunteers without whom we would struggle and all done with good grace and a smile.



A reminder too that we have coaching available for bowls indoors and out on the green plus tennis coaching for adults and on Saturday morning for juniors of all ages.

For any further information of how to come and join us contact Chris on [601859](tel:01859) for green bowls: Jim on [606172](tel:01859) for short mat bowls: and Jo on [606890](tel:01859) for tennis.

SELSEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Meets at Medmerry Primary School, School Lane
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Hello everybody! It's me Markus the office cat bringing you all the news from The Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre.

I can't believe it's almost our Summer Fayre already. I'm so excited to see lots of lovely people here supporting us. It's our biggest fundraising event of the year and the money made from it will go a long way towards keeping The Centre running. Don't forget the date Sunday 11th August 2019 11am-4pm. Entry is £2 or a donation of some cat or rabbit

food. There will be lots going on including stalls, raffle, games, food and drink and you can see some of the animals looking for their new homes.

This year CRRC is holding a pet photography contest! How exciting is exactly what I thought until they told me that I was not allowed to enter, guess it's because I'm so good looking that I would win of course. But they did say I could help with the judging, so along with a couple of other human judges we will be picking our favourite photos to be displayed at the Summer Fayre. The winner of the competition will be announced on the day and they will win their photo framed by Art for All in Chichester. I have really enjoyed seeing all your photos and there is still time to enter. You can enter by going to our website (<https://crcc.co.uk/photography-contest/>), there is a small entry fee of £2 to go towards looking after the animals at The Centre. A massive thankyou to Art for All in Chichester for their donation of the prize for this completion. Please visit them for all your framing needs.

If you are interested in adopting a cat, kitten, rabbit or guinea pig then please call us here at the centre on [01243 641409](tel:01243641409) between 9-4pm during the week.

PS: We have a Viewing Day Saturday 24th August 2019 12-2pm. Viewing days are non-appointment days so people thinking of adopting a cat can pop along. Otherwise we rehome 7 days a week by appointment only.



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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

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

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

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Pet of the Month



This month allow us to introduce you to the gorgeous bunnies, Elderflower Gin and Raspberry Gin. These girls have been with us at The Centre since the 8th December 2018 because their owner was no longer allowed to keep them where they were living. Elderflower Gin is the white lop bunny and she is 2 years old. Raspberry Gin is the grey Lionhead and she is 10 months old. These two are both very sweet and inquisitive bunnies who like to come over and see the staff when they clean them out. They are both happy to be handled and enjoy having a fuss made of them. If you're considering adopting a pair of rabbits these two would make a great addition to your home. They would happily live with older, calm children.

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

THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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

Also find us on facebook

www.facebook.com/catandrabbitrescuecentre




Brent Lodge Briefing – It's heating up at the hospital

It's been a busy summer already in the hospital, with an abundance of wildlife in need. The staff have truly been run off their feet, at this time of year we always see an influx of young wildlife, who are all very needy requiring several feeds around the clock. We have seen everything from herring gulls to the tiniest of garden birds and not forgetting our baby mammals.

The staff have already become fond of a few of our patients including this tiny pipistrelle bat, believed to be caught by a cat. We have also seen a very high number of dehydrated wildlife brought to us which is due to the extreme heat. As a result of the influx of patients, we are desperately in need of extra help from more volunteers. Our hospital staff always need help to clean and feed the many wildlife patients in our care, this is something we are eternally grateful for on any day of the week.

Whilst most of us have been enjoying the warm weather of late, please do remember your wildlife friends who can find it increasingly difficult to find water for drinking and bathing, during this very hot period. Providing regular bowls of clean water in your garden can help birds, hedgehogs and their young survive these very testing times.



This swan was brought to us with a fishing hook in its mouth it is now receiving treatment by our vet. An important message for people to tidy up after themselves when fishing, we receive many sea birds that have either ingested or become entangled in fishing lines or hooks. We have now raised enough funds to purchase 6 new swan bags to help with transportation to and from vet appointments.

The mobility of swans should be restricted during transportation; they should ideally be unable to stand or "flap", and this can be easily achieved with purpose made swan transportation bags. We are currently using large IKEA shopping bags but as you could imagine these do not restrict their movement enough.

We hope to see you at our Supporters Day on Saturday 17th August 11am to 4pm. The day will be focused on our work, our mission as well as a chance to see our future plans as we move towards our 50th anniversary in 2021.

We look forward to updating on more Brent Lodge news soon! If you would like to find out more or to support our work visit www.brentlodge.org or text BLWH 10 to 70085 to make a £10 donation + your standard network rate. Thank you

BRENT LODGE SUPPORTERS DAY

SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST 11AM - 4PM

Come along to learn more about what we do, how your donations support us and see our wildlife impacts. An opportunity to see the improvements we have been making onsite and a chance to view our future plans.

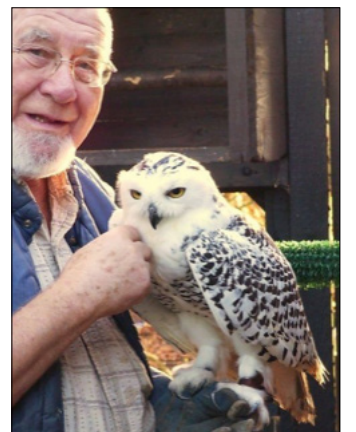
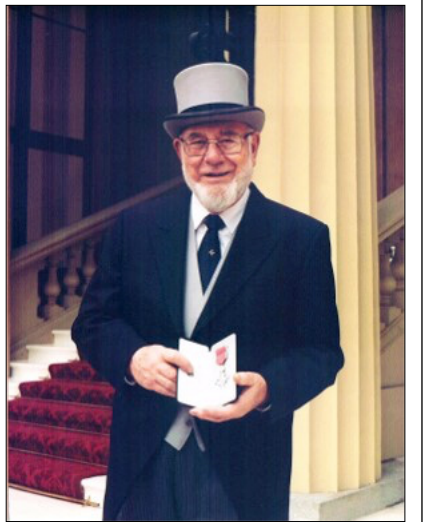
Refreshments available, please no dogs.



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our Founder, Dennis Fenter. He passed away on 17th July peacefully in his sleep. We would like to send our sincerest condolences to his wife Yvonne and all of his close friends and family. We are all thinking of you at this difficult time.

It has been hard to find the words that do such an amazing man justice. Dennis was a selfless, larger than life man who dedicated his life to caring for animals and his community. From humble beginnings in Eartham where he began his journey of helping sick, injured and orphaned wild animals and birds to the incredible charity that he created that is still continuing to care for over 3500 wild animals every year. We are all incredibly proud to be a part of the legacy that Dennis has left behind. We will work hard to ensure his passion continues well into the future and will continue to spread his message about caring for all creatures, great and small.

Rest in peace Dennis. We will always strive to make Brent Lodge the best it can be and make you proud. It has been a true privilege to know you and work along-side you.



RETURN TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Wednesday 7th August 2.30pm

at East Beach Church

This is the exciting new Café-style Dementia-friendly service for the Selsey community

Open to Carers and those interested in Dementia too

Tea & Scones provided!

East Beach Church in partnership with **Selsey Dementia Action Alliance Group**

The Selsey Dementia Action Alliance is part of Forget-Me-Not, a project to create and sustain Selsey as a truly dementia-friendly community

CRISS-CROSS (or KRISS-KROSS, else FILL IN) CROSSWORD PUZZLE
Fill in the blanks with the words provided. Two letters are already in place.

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EXIT
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LARK
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FABLE
GOMER
KAREN
RURAL
SCENE
STATE

6 letters:
BRAZIL
EARNER
NAGANO
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SPOUSE
SUNDAE
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ZODIAC

7 letters:
CLIMATE
DIVIDER

8 letters:
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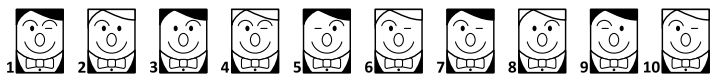
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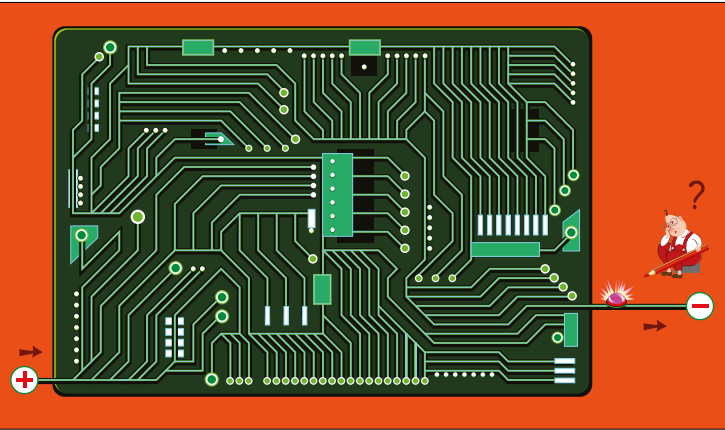
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EARLY BIRD
RAIN DANCE
STILL LIFE

10 letters:
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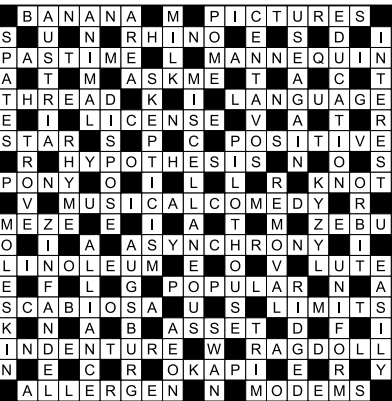
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VISUAL PUZZLE
Can you find the two identical pictures?



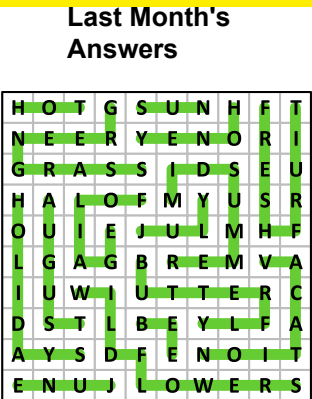


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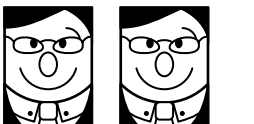


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17 - yellow. 14 - blue. 16 - light blue. 15 - dark blue.



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GRAND AFTERNOON TEA

EAST BEACH CHURCH
MARISFIELD PLACE PO20 OPD

SATURDAY
3RD AUGUST
2PM - 5PM

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Sandwiches,
Cakes, Scone,
Jam, and
Clotted Cream*

All for only £5



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Scout HQ, School Lane ~ every Saturday
between 10 am -12 noon
Bric-a-brac ~ Clothes ~ Et al

JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY
*Do you like doing Jigsaws?
Would you like to be able to borrow rather than buy?*

2nd Thursday of each month - 14 Green Lane, Selsey - you can
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The Membership Fee is just £3 and puzzles can be
borrowed for a £1 a month each. Over 300 to choose from.
From information on 605942.
All proceeds in aid of The Sussex Snowdrop Trust (charity
no. 1096622)

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**Selsey Baking Club meets on 3rd Wednesday of each month at
St Wilfrids Church Hall, Church Road, Selsey at 7.30pm. Please
find us on Facebook to find out this month's theme or email us at
selseybakingclub@hotmailcom**

Crafty Natter Club
Selsey Methodist Church
1st and 3rd Wednesday ~ 2-4pm (in the large hall)
For more information contact Lisa Allinson on 601032

Darby & Joan Club Selsey
The club meets every Friday between 2.00 & 4.00 at
St. Peter's church hall
for a game of prize bingo and raffles
and of course a nice cup of tea and chat.
Also during the year we have subsidised days out
to garden centres for cream teas and a bit of shopping.
Transport to the hall is supplied by Selsey Venture bus,
if you are a member of this great service they offer.
We are a club are affiliated to the R.V.S
For more information please call Kim or Graham
on 01243 937 730 or 07838 549 034

**SELSEY CANCER RELIEF FUND DATES
TO REMEMBER Methodist Church Hall 10am**
Saturday 3rd August Jumble Sale 10am
Saturday 7th September Odds & Bobs 10am
Saturday 5th October Jumble Sale 10am
There is ample parking behind the Fire Station.

Selsey Bridge Club
All welcome
Friendly group of mixed ability
Thursday afternoons
2pm - 5pm
Selsey Centre Manor Road
call Carole Kinross 01243 602250
for information

THE WRITERS CIRCLE
meets on the first Tuesday of every month in The Methodist Hall,
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If you are already writing or a complete beginner you will be given
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Membership is £12 per year and £2.00 per session.
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For more information contact Pat Read Tel: 601550

Selsey Model Boat Club
The Club meets twice a week at the pond on
East Beach, weather permitting, when
members sail their radio controlled boats
Times: 10.00am until noon on Sundays and
Wednesdays
The first Sunday of each month is Race Day
New members welcome
or just pop along to have a look and a chat
contact Chris on Selsey 601550

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CAR BOOT SALES 2019
SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER
Cars £8.00 / Car & trailers £10.00 / Vans £15.00
To be held on
The Recreation Ground, School Lane, Selsey
(Weather permitting)
From 7.30am to 1.00pm

Exciting new stock at The Shop!

Hashtag Hearts, an enterprise run by lovely Selsey lady Bea, has produced a lovely range of items for children. As well as really pretty hair clips, there are cute tooth fairy tins and delightful unicorn money boxes. Both of these items can be personalised with your child's name. Simply come into The Shop to choose your tin or money box, let us have the name you want and we will arrange it for you.

We also have thank you gifts for teachers, paintings and photos, handmade craft items as well as a range of ethnic and 'seasidey' gifts. Why not pop in and see us? You can enjoy a delicious fair trade coffee, tea or hot chocolate while you browse.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday 3rd August

2pm - 5pm - Grand Afternoon Tea

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All proceeds given to RNLI



Sundays 4th, 11th, & 25th August

10am - All-age Service

Wednesday 7th August

2.30pm - Return to Sunday School

Our new Service in partnership with Selsey Dementia Action Alliance group

For more information call or email the church

Thursday 8th August

2.30pm - Tea & Chat

Sunday 18th August

10am - Baptismal Service

Sunday 1st September

10am - All-age Service

5pm - Songs of Praise

Sunday 6th October

10am - Harvest Family Service

Harvest Lunch follows the service. All are welcome

No Lunch Club in August

Childrens & Youth Clubs start again first week September

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

For information on our regular weekly activities

www.ebecselsey.org.uk or call 607741

Marisfield Place - opposite East Beach Shops

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

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

Rooms in our premises including kitchen facilities, are available for hire. Please phone 01243 601439 for details.

Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 601032



SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4th August 10.30 am Mr Mike Nicholls

Sunday 11th August 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson

Holy Communion

Sunday 18th August 10.30 am Mr Stephen Waters

Sunday 25th August 10.30 am Mrs Wendy Corney

Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 01243 601032

Bits of Bruce:

Summertime, Summertime ! Yay I just love August, it's time for Holidays, Festivals and Relaxation. Four weeks of glorious sun and fun. It's time for the Selsey Festival, lots going on to do and see. See what's going on in the Festival booklet, probably available where you got your copy of Selsey Life, if you are lucky.

To all our visitors welcome! There is a lot to do and see in Selsey, we have some great places to eat and plenty of places to drink, some offering live music. So eat, drink and be happy. Even the sea is nice and clean and great for a quick dip and swim about, great also for a bit of fishing. Fun for all the family! There will be much going on, come along and enjoy what Selsey has to offer.

We have four churches in the area, Roman Catholic, Church of England, Evangelical and Methodist. You can find their details on the 'community page' of this magazine. But I really want to point you in the direction of 'The SHOP' 89 the High Street. Open Monday -Saturday in the mornings from 9:30 to about 1pm. SHOP stands for Selsey House Of Prayer' please do not be put off, it is a great place for coffee and a chat, and they sell such wonderful goodies. It's a great place to find peace and comfort and a small gift, a place to gently revive the spirit. Please pop in, and enjoy.

All the churches are pretty good too, they are welcoming and comforting and here in Selsey we offer a complete range of theologies, and are open on Sunday mornings.

In closing, I would love to share a short Celtic summer prayer with you all.

O Sacred Three encircling me with your warming Sun.
O Sacred Three encircling me with your gentle breeze.
O Sacred Three encircling me with your summer song.
Weave a summer dance through my life that lifts my spirit:
O Sacred Three make my life a song to be sung, a song of your love. Amen

So this is it - SUMMER! The sea is warm and the breeze hopefully, light, a time for relaxation, holidays and rest. Enjoy the summer recover from the dark days of the winter; get over your exams, and stress at work, give thanks for their passing and thanks for the blessing of this glorious summer.

But most of all give thanks for Jesus, Son of God, and Saviour. But then I would say that wouldn't I. Just Chill and enjoy your summer and may your God be with you.

Rev. Bruce Allinson OCC

The Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Wilfrid

Church Road, Selsey, PO20 0LS

Tel: 01243 602312

Mass Times

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Sunday: 10.00 am

Monday & Friday 10.00 am*

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm

Parish Priest: Fr John Healy

*Subject to change please see website:

www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk

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Contact: Sylvia Gill on 01243 605897



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

Sunday 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Sung Eucharist

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

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

Tuesday 9.30am Said Eucharist

Wednesday 9.30am Said Eucharist

Thursday 7pm Said Eucharist

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

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