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Hello everybody, and welcome to our wonderful August issue of the Selsey Life magazine.

With the easing of the lockdown measures, some societies and events are able to start re-opening, and we have some included and returning in this issue. Support them if you can.

Also, as last month, may we urge you to shop local wherever possible and help to support our local traders.

It appears I am forgiven for my mistakes whilst the Boss was exiled abroad, so at the moment it is all sweetness and light (until my next error).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sylvia Taylor and Marjorie Graham for their generous contributions to the magazine, it is much appreciated, and good to know people enjoy the magazine.

Last month the Selsey Seagull was on the advert for Amanda's Gardening, congratulations to all who found it.

This month, we are pleased to be able to offer a family ticket to go to Jay Miller's Circus courtesy of Bunn Leisure.

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

Enjoy August, and the Bank Holiday weekend, especially if you are one of the lucky ones who were able to return to work. Any comments, reports or articles you would like to share about what happens in August we would be happy to publish, so please send them in (and, of course, anything else!)

All submissions are appreciated, and if you have any thing you would like to see in print please send it in for consideration.

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Stay safe everyone, and follow the social distancing guidelines. Good luck with the competition. See you all in September.



To win the family ticket to go to Jay Miller's Circus, kindly donated by Bunn Leisure, all you have to do is find the Selsey Seagull hidden somewhere in the magazine, (not this page) and then send you answer by email to: selseylife@btinternet.com. Please include 'Selsey Seagull' in the title. The draw will take place on **Friday 14th August**, so you have to be quick. Please note telephone entries **are not** accepted. PS We were privileged to see the opening show - it is very good!



- 1) Did Matthew Pinsent row for Oxford or Cambridge?
- 2) What opens and closes on a camera to let in the light?
- 3) What was the BBC's teletext service called, Oracle or Ceefax?
- 4) What borough in New York did the native Indians call Keskeskeck?
- 5) What is the process of adding a soundtrack to a piece of film?

Selsey Community First Responders

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NEWS FROM THE SELSEY FIRST RESPONDERS

Thank you to all our supporters for your continued support to our charity.

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

Our volunteers continue to respond to Cardiac Arrest calls when assigned by SECAMB. (South East Coast Ambulance Authority) As a reminder, if you have a concern regarding the Coronavirus, Covid-19, ring 111.

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

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

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

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Another month has gone by and thankfully, the lockdown is starting to be relaxed. We still all need to be aware and take necessary precautions in everything we do.

If you have managed an appointment with your hairdresser----- well done! Just think about all the money you may have saved from no visits in numerous weeks.

Dare we suggest a donation of a small percentage to your local favourite charity such as the Friends???

Check out the Medical Centre web-site and view their Summer 2020 News Letter to find out how our wonderful NHS staff have been managing to continue to look after the residents of Selsey.

Some of the adaptations made have been possible with the financial help of Friends so by making a donation or joining for just £4 year (or more if able) you can also help to make the Centre an even better place to visit and for the Staff to work.

There is no requirement on you to participate other than to pay the annual subscription, unless you would like to become an active member, perhaps help on one of our fund raising events or join the Committee.

Membership forms can be found at the Centre.

A big thank you goes you to all existing members.

Please continue to support Friends in 2020

For information contact Rosemary Cook (01243) 945263
or e-mail diablo1066@outlook.com.

The Selsey Shantymen 'in and out of lockdown' an update by founder John Bradley

The Selsey Shantymen formed in 2019; the timing was perfect and caught the imagination of the public, eventually 1 person became 12 (although it took some time) and we 'went out there' taking Sea Shanties to all. We sadly lost one of our original 'Shants' (Pete Gosden) half way through 2019, that made our bond even stronger and we have managed to recruit and maintain numbers ever since. If we ever got together again in a proper group I am pleased to say we would be at full strength.



Before Covid 19 became a reality for all around March 23rd, the last time The Selsey Shantymen actually got together to sing 'Shouty Songs' in public, was at the Selsey Community Charity Christmas lunch in the town, sad to say as the lunch was so popular there was no room for us to perform so we retired to a local pub and sang songs with a beer or two, a quiet end to what had been an eventful year for all of us. Little did we know what was around the corner in 2020.

As expected January was a quiet month; soon the bookings started to come in; private parties, an appearance at Fordwater School, St Georges Day and VE Day celebrations, S.S. Shieldhall anniversary in Southampton, Shanty Festivals in Port Isaac and Harwich, Selsey Lifeboat Weekend, Southdowns Folk Festival not to forget singing in local Care Homes and other Charity events. Then came March 23rd and all drifted away before our very eyes and the diary was blank again! It must have been as soon as the next week that someone threw us a lifebelt with 'Zoom' written on it and that has kept us afloat ever since.

"Can you hear me?" "You're muted!" and "Turn on original sound" are still phrases we use each week even after 16 weeks of regular use. All of a sudden members of our Shantyman group became animated



portraits on a computer screen each one framed and spot-lit; shock horror all were now required to sing solo or not take part. These guys all joined the group to sing together not sing solo's; it was like starting all over again. Zoom is a voice conference application and it's great for an on line meeting but singing together is not an option due to broadband lag. But slowly and surely everyone gained in confidence singing solos and now it is the norm for us. I doubt whether that kind of exercise would ever have been done with any Choir for an extended period of time under normal circumstances. The 'Shants' rose to the challenge and got it done!

Our Zoom gatherings have taken place every Tuesday evening without fail and a few weeks ago we started to meet (in real life form) in the garden;

maximum of 6 each week, with lots of social distancing (3mts+) and with regular cleansing of hands with alcohol gel. We are majoring on getting the harmonies right, so no singing 'shouty songs' for the time being. Who knows when we will be able to perform in front of 'unscreened people' in the open air again? We will continue to alternate between Zoom and garden rehearsals until we hear anything that allows us to expand our numbers or even contract and like everyone else we shall wait to see what the future brings. We will be taking part in a photoshoot in the near future with one of the 'Little Ships of Dunkirk' as our backdrop which we are all looking forward to.



The value of anyone being part of a social group should never be underestimated especially it seems for men and especially at this time. Phrases such as 'life saver' have been used by members when referring to our group. In the beginning I was amazed at how difficult it was to recruit men to sing in a group now we all appreciate the value of it and would recommend to all that you reach out to others and don't think twice about it.

To know more about or to contact The Selsey Shantymen visit www.theselseyshantymen.co.uk or find them on FB @theselseyshantymen



SCHOOLSWORKS ENCOURAGES PRIMARY SCHOOL WRITERS WITH SHORT STORY COMPETITION

South Coast Academy Trust Supports Creative Writing with Inter-School Challenge

One of the competition winners - Zach from River Beach School in Littlehampton - with his story and certificate



More than 200 pupils from seven Schoolsworks schools have taken part in a short story writing competition. All children, including those learning from home during lockdown and key worker children at school, were challenged to write a creative short story of their choice. All the winners and runner-ups received book vouchers and certificates, which were presented by their teacher, or their parent if they were still at home.

The entries were judged across three age categories, with a winner and four runner ups selected in each group from the shortlisted stories.

The winner in the reception and Year 1 age group was Zach from River Beach with his story 'Night Ninja' about a policeman called Dan who turns into a ninja at night. In the Year 2 and 3 category, the winning story was 'Freedom' by Elodie from Year 3 at Rustington. 'Freedom' tells the story of a troll and his animal friends who emerge into a woodland following a period hiding away from the outside world. The winning entry in the Year 4 to Year 6 category was by Jack from Year 6 at Rustington with his powerful story 'Caged' about a magical incident that occurs between a lion and a visitor at a zoo.

Each of the winners and runners up have been sent a prize of book vouchers, with all the winning and highly commended stories to be published in a special collection that will be available in every Schoolsworks school's library.

Chris Seaton, CEO of Schoolsworks, commented: "This competition was a great way to get all of our children - whether working at home or in school - involved in a rewarding activity. It was wonderful to see so many entries coming in, and over the last few weeks, a team of judges - myself included - have been busy reading and shortlisting stories in each age category. The standard of writing and the level of creativity was very impressive, so a huge thanks to every child who entered the competition."

The winning stories are available to read online at: www.schoolsworks.org/News/Schoolsworks-writing-competition-results/

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Photos in the Selsey Life are so realistic they even confuse butterflies.

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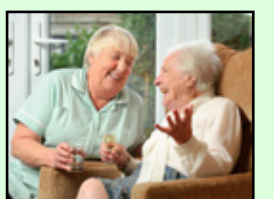
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Council tax hardship scheme expanded to help more economically vulnerable residents in Chichester District



Leading councillors have agreed to expand a scheme which helps economically vulnerable people in Chichester District pay their council tax.

In March, the council was issued with £699,000 of Government funding to help those experiencing financial hardship as a direct result of COVID-19 to pay their council tax.

As a result, all working age recipients who already received the council's own Council Tax Reduction support automatically received £150 and all new Council Tax Reduction recipients who are eligible will also receive £150 for the 2020-21 financial year, subject to funding being available.

It is estimated that providing support to existing and future working age recipients of Council Tax Reduction will account for around half of the funding. To ensure that as many people are supported as possible, councillors have agreed to extend this support to pension-age recipients of Council Tax Reduction and all council tax payers that are financially vulnerable as a result of the pandemic.

Applicants will need to demonstrate that they are financially vulnerable as a result of COVID-19 and are finding it difficult to pay their Council Tax.

"The funding is there to complement our own existing Council Tax Reduction Scheme which supports residents on low incomes," explains Councillor Peter Wilding, Cabinet Member for Finance and Revenues at Chichester District Council. "The Government is allowing local authorities the freedom to decide how best to use any remaining funding for council tax support.

"We wanted to extend this support to include other council tax payers that may be financially vulnerable as a result of Covid-19 and it will allow us to support those who are in the most need. We already have plans to proactively contact those residents who will benefit from this help.

"We understand that this is a difficult time for many people and I would urge anyone who is struggling to make payments to apply for Council Tax Reduction. This is a means tested benefit and does not take account of outgoings. If you think you may be eligible, please visit our website for further details and to apply at: www.chichester.gov.uk/myaccount

"If you are already in receipt of Council Tax Reduction and are still having difficulties paying your bills, you can now apply for this new support by filling in the Discretionary Council Tax Reduction Payment application form at: www.chichester.gov.uk/benefitforms

"Residents can also contact us by emailing benefits@chichester.gov.uk or calling 01243 534509."

Chichester Wellbeing launched online Move it and Lose it workshops



Chichester District residents looking to lose weight, get fit, and lead a healthier lifestyle can join Chichester Wellbeing's online Move it and Lose it workshops.

The workshops were launched on Tuesday 28 July, led by a Registered Nutritional Therapist. Another course will be launching in September, at the time of writing there are no confirmed dates but you can contact Chichester Wellbeing or visit their Facebook page nearer the date for more details. The workshops are designed to help people lose weight, get back on track and feel healthier. They also offer advice and information about eating a healthy diet that can be maintained for life.

In order to comply with the current Government social distancing guidelines, all workshops will be held online. During the course, clients will receive:

a Move it and Lose it handbook posted out to them;
a weekly newsletter with video presentation and a recipe for six weeks;
weekly phone support for 12 weeks; and,
one-to-one guidance throughout the course.

"We know that the coronavirus lockdown has had a big impact on people's lifestyles, which in turn may have affected their weight, fitness levels, and general wellbeing," says Councillor Roy Briscoe, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Culture at Chichester District Council. "Our Move it and Lose workshops focus on healthy eating, nutrition, exercise and education to help people lose weight and lead healthier lifestyles.

"We recently received some lovely feedback from a previous client who said that they found the course to be an excellent learning curve in how to respect and treat their body. They commented that their diet had become increasingly diverse during the course to include healthier foods which they not only enjoyed eating, but also made them feel better too."

Residents can sign up or for more information about Move it and Lose it by contacting Chichester Wellbeing on 01243 521041 or emailing info@chichesterwellbeing.org.uk. People can also find out more by following the Chichester Wellbeing Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/ChichesterWellbeing/

Beach goers urged to follow foreshores safety guidelines this summer

Chichester District Council is reminding people to follow its Foreshores Code of Conduct and maintain social distancing to ensure that everyone can enjoy the district's beaches safely this summer.

The Foreshores Code of Conduct applies to Bracklesham, East Wittering and **Selsey** beaches and offers guidance on a range of seaside activities, from sunbathing and picnicking, to walking, horseriding and kitesurfing, offering simple advice on how beach goers can keep themselves and others safe.

Everyone looking to enjoy these beautiful beaches this summer are asked to be respectful and courteous to each other by following this code and by maintaining social distancing to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

Horseriders are reminded to take care when passing children and dogs on the beach, ensure they clear up after their horses on slipways and in car parks, and avoid riding in large groups or in poor weather conditions.

Kitesurfers are advised to find a quiet area away from other beach users to launch and land their kites. They should also act responsibly, being mindful of the weather conditions and their own kitesurfing ability, in order to keep themselves and others safe.

The code also includes general advice around picnics, barbecues, and bathing. Barbecues are permitted on beaches but they should be kept away from other beach users and private properties. People must ensure barbecues are fully extinguished and disposed of responsibly, along with any other litter, before leaving the beach.

Children must always be supervised while bathing in the sea, and people should be extra careful when using inflatables as these can easily be carried off out to sea by offshore winds.

"We are lucky to have some beautiful beaches in our district, which we hope people will be able to enjoy this summer, but it's



really important to follow the guidance that's in place to ensure you stay safe," says Councillor Penny Plant, Cabinet Member for the Environment and Chichester Contract Services at Chichester District Council. "Only last month, the council's Foreshores Team rescued two young girls who were in danger of being blown out to sea, and rescued a man who jumped off an inflatable and had to be rushed to hospital.

"Our Foreshores Code of Conduct sets out clear guidance for all beach users, and I would encourage everyone to check this before visiting."

"If you need any assistance while you're at the beach, our Foreshores team can also help by providing information about up to date weather conditions, tide tables, and general information regarding the beach and foreshore."

The Foreshores Code of Conduct is available to read and download at: www.chichester.gov.uk/coastalrecreation

People can contact the Foreshores team by visiting the office at the end of Bracklesham Lane, Bracklesham, or by calling: 01243 672133.

Residents and visitors in Chichester District urged to dispose of litter properly over the summer



Members of the public are being urged to dispose of their litter and instant barbecues properly this summer as people head out to enjoy the sunshine.

Litter Enforcement Officers have been working with Chichester District Council's Environmental Protection Team to tackle littering and dog fouling offences across the district.

"Since lockdown restrictions began to be relaxed a few weeks ago, we've seen a huge increase in the amount of litter being left behind when people leave our parks, beaches and beauty spots, as well as an increase in roadside litter, particularly fast food packaging," says Councillor Penny Plant, Cabinet Member for Environment and Chichester Contract Services at Chichester District Council.

"We know that the majority of people are responsible and many people have been in touch to say how upset they have been to see the amount of litter being left. I want to reassure residents that our teams are working as hard as they can to clear this litter, and our litter enforcement officers are focussing on hotspots and busy areas to assist with this, but the public also have a crucial role to play.

"I would really urge everyone to think before they leave at the end of their visit. Please dispose of your rubbish properly or if bins are full then take your litter home with you and recycle as much of it as possible, and encourage others to do the same – do not leave it behind to ruin our beaches and countryside. What we have been seeing recently is completely unacceptable. Please remember that dropping litter is a crime and if caught, people will be given an on the spot fine of **£100**."

Disposable barbecues have also become an issue, with scorch marks found in the grass of public parks and spaces where people have put them directly on the grass. There have also been instances of barbecues being buried in the sand and shingle on the district's beaches and then left, or people simply leaving them while they are still hot which poses a serious danger to other beach users, particularly young children and animals.

People can find out more about the council's #AgainstLitter campaign and the work of the Litter Enforcement Officers at www.chichester.gov.uk/againstlitter

Residents encouraged to have their say on dog control rules in the Chichester District



Chichester District Council is reviewing the rules for dogs in public spaces and is asking people to give their views in a new public consultation starting Friday 17 July.

The consultation offers the opportunity for district residents, community groups and businesses to have their say on the council's proposals to amend and continue the current Public Space Protection Order for dogs in public spaces until 2023.

The council introduced the current Dog Control Public Space Protection Order in October 2017, which made it an offence in specific locations such as parks, playgrounds and public spaces to:

- Fail to remove dog mess immediately;
- Not put and keep a dog on a lead when instructed to by an authorised officer; and,
- Allow a dog to enter an area in which dogs are excluded.

A breach of an order can result in offenders being issued an on-the-spot Fixed Penalty Notice of **£100**.

The proposal is to extend the current rules for a further three years from October 2020, with some small amendments.

The suggested changes are designed to address public feedback and take into account the council's experience in managing land and enforcement issues in relation to the current dog controls. The amendments include allowing dogs on East Wittering and Bracklesham beaches from May to September — while retaining the dog exclusion zone on **Selsey** Beach during the same period — as long as dogs are put on a lead if directed to do so and that all dog mess is cleared up straight away. It is also proposed that the rules are extended around dog fouling to include additional footpaths and cycleways not currently covered.

Councillor Penny Plant says: "We want to make sure that everyone — with or without dogs — can safely enjoy the many beautiful public spaces we have in our district.

"We know that most dog owners are responsible, but unfortunately there are a small number who do not pick up after their dog or allow them to run out of control. This Public Space Protection order means that we can tackle these issues, which can negatively affect our communities, our wildlife, and spoil people's enjoyment of our beaches and open spaces, while at the same time encouraging responsible dog ownership."

"Our Foreshores team carry out the majority of dog control enforcement in our coastal and beach areas, but we also work with Litter Enforcement Officers from East Hampshire District Council to enforce litter and dog fouling rules across the district. One of the proposals we are putting forward would enable the Litter Enforcement Officers to enforce all aspects of the dog control PSPO, and not just dog fouling. This would give us more resources to deal with dog control issues.

"This consultation is a chance for people — residents, business owners, organisations and visitors — to share their thoughts on our proposals, and we are keen to hear a wide range of views from as many people as possible.

"It takes 5-10 minutes to complete our quick survey, and people can choose to respond to the aspects that interest them."

The consultation will go live on Friday 17 July on www.chichester.gov.uk/letstalkdogsinpublicspaces and the deadline for responding is **midnight on 14 August 2020**.

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There is also a list of frequently asked questions to help put the survey into context and explain some of the terms used. People can request a paper copy of the questionnaire by emailing letstalk@chichester.gov.uk

People who would like to get involved with more consultations and surveys in the future can also join Chichester District Council's Let's Talk Panel. By signing up, they will be automatically notified of any consultations by email, and can decide whether or not they want to take part. People can join by visiting www.chichester.gov.uk/letstalkpanel

Chichester District Council announces boost to tourism sector

A major long-term investment in developing and promoting tourism - vital to local jobs and the post-Covid economy - was made by Chichester District Council on 21st July.

"Tourism is a vital sector within the district - it accounts for £470 million within the local economy and 14% of all jobs - and will play a large role in helping to get our local economy back up and running following the coronavirus pandemic," says Cllr Roy Briscoe, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Culture at Chichester District Council.

Chairman of Visit Chichester Francis Hobbs welcomed the council's decision to treble its annual funding to £150,000 as part of a five-year plan to ensure that the communities of Chichester, Petworth, Midhurst, **Selsey** and the neighbouring villages are able to benefit in full from the tourism pound.

The Board of Visit Chichester - which comprises of representatives across the district from quality venues, retail outlets, the arts, the festival theatre, and the cathedral - is pioneering new approaches to attracting visitors to the region. The council's financial injection will prove invaluable in taking the next, critical steps forward.

Mr Hobbs said: "Our restaurants, arts centres, theatres, museums, gardens and shops are superb - and given the wonderful architecture, heritage and geography of the district from the downs to the dunes, there is no better place for visitors to come.

"Following lock down, we know just how important visitors will be to securing jobs as well as the assets that make this district such a special place in which to live and work. We are hugely appreciative of the confidence shown in us by the district council. Everyone who lives here will benefit directly or indirectly from this decision today."

Visit Chichester is preparing to unveil its new brand, website and vision for the future along with detailed plans for supporting the tourism economy and is committed to working with partners and businesses across the region.



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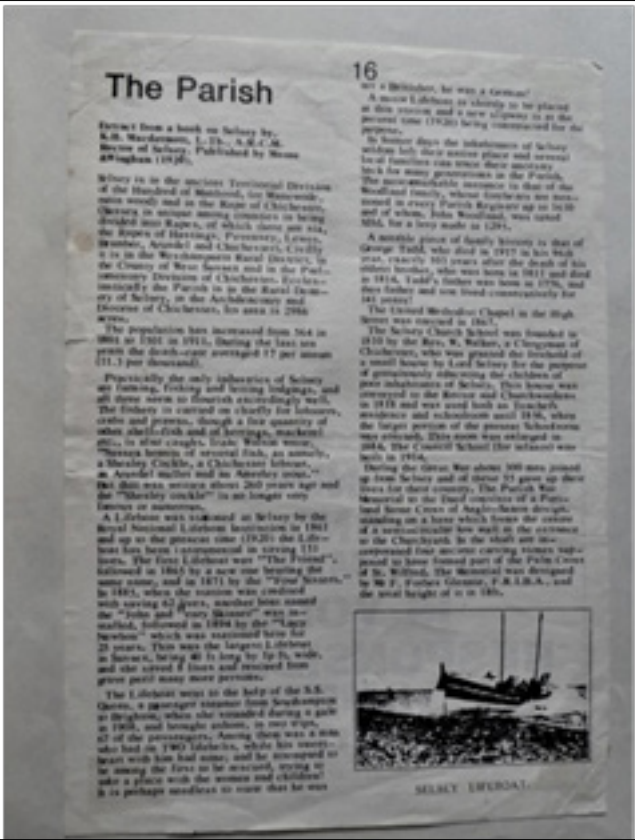
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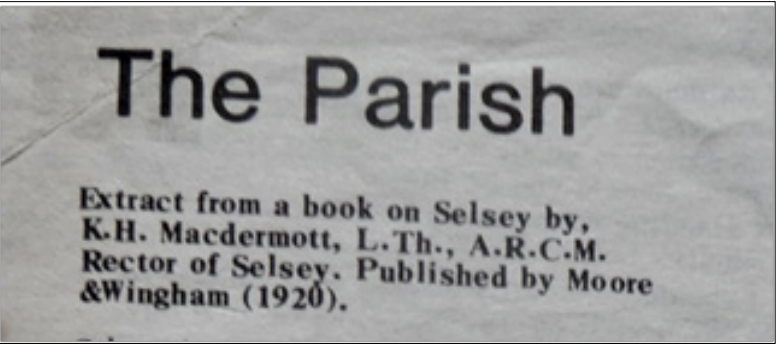
REV. K H MACDERMOTT’S GUIDE BOOK
AND THE MARINE HOTEL

Several years ago, I wrote about Rev. Kenneth Holland MacDermott at some length, never thinking that I would come across him again. But you can’t keep a good man down!

While looking for inspiration I opened one of Mollie Tupper’s photo albums and found the following page pasted in it.



What caught my attention was the **Bold** type at the top:



I apologise for the fact that the photo is a touch skewwhiff.

I then came across Mollie’s copy of the Guide to The Parish Church of St Peter on Selsey Bill, Sussex written by Edward Heron-Allen, FRS in 1935. It cost 6d.

On page 18 he writes:

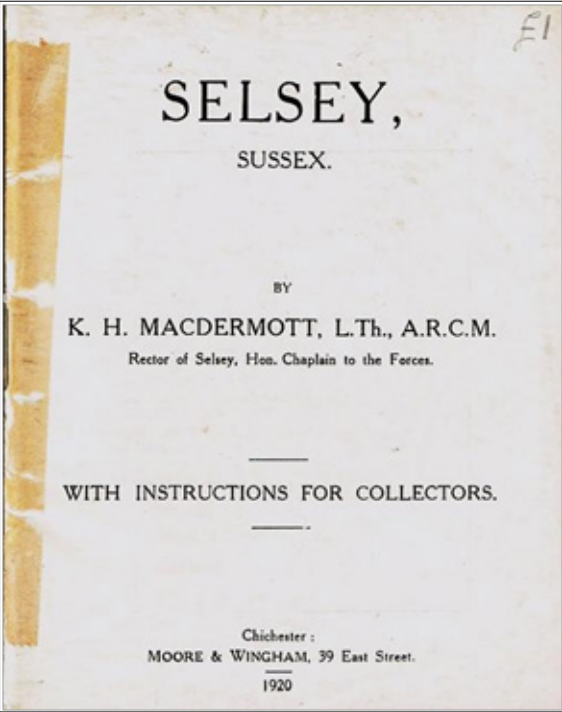
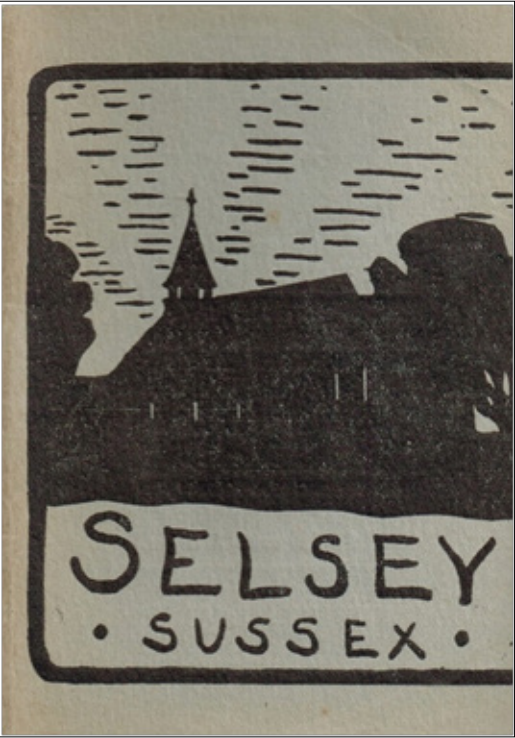
‘From the interesting and useful little Guide to the Parish now out of print and unattainable, published in 1920 by the Rev. Canon MacDermott, Rector of the Parish

from 1915 to 1935...I take, with his permission, the following account’. He then continues with a description of the Selsey Church Band.

As many of you know, I believe I have one or two genes from a Jack Russell Terrier and I eagerly grasped the metaphorical gauntlet and set about looking for this Holy Grail. (I love a mixed metaphor!)

I have the Revised Edition of EHA’s Guide but this made no reference at all to Rev. Mac who died in 1956.

And so I surfed the Net. This is not quite the slick presentation that I was expecting. It’s only 5 x 3 inches. Nevertheless, I was pleased with the results.



The guide is full of snippets of information I’ve not seen elsewhere. The Prefatory Note starts as follows:

‘This little book must be regarded as a history of Selsey in tabloid form, and it is mainly intended for the mental digestion of the casual visitor or temporary resident, who may be glad to have his mind diverted for a few minutes from enjoyment of the present to contemplation of the Past.’

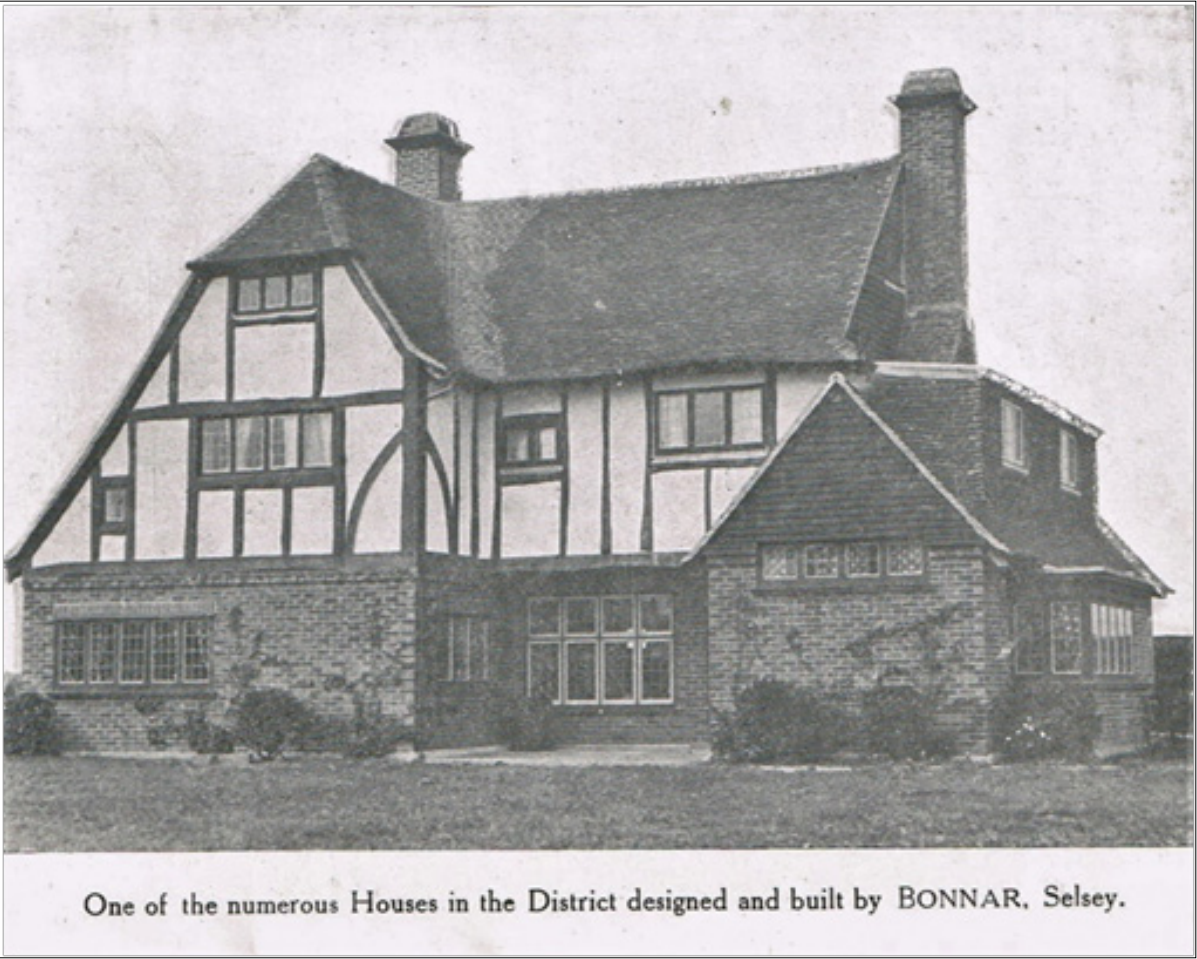
Rev. Mac writes of the Lucy Newbon lifeboat that *‘it was the largest lifeboat in Sussex being 40ft long, 10ft wide...’* He also mentions the Woodland family, *‘whose forebears are mentioned in every Parish Register up to 1630 and one of whom, John Woodland, was taxed XlId (12 pence) for a levy made in 1295.’*

He also says that *‘St Wilfrid founded his Monastery and built a Church, dedicated to St Peter, probably near the site at Church Norton formerly occupied by the present Church’* thus scotching the rumour spread by William Camden, in 1607, *‘In this isle remaineth only the dead carkasse, as it were, of that ancient little citie, wherein those bishops sat, and the same hidden quite with water at everie tide, but at a low water evidente and plaine to be seen’.* This tradition was perpetuated through the ages by James Dallaway in 1815 and Thomas Walker Horsfield in 1835 and many more historians since then. Rev. Mac also postulates that Norton Priory *‘was probably built on the site of the old edifice used by the monastery founded by St Wilfrid, and parts of it still standing date from the 14th Century. . .two stones near a fire-place have scratched upon them the initials and dates: WI 1439 and AC 1489’.*

Chapter VI is entitled *‘FIRST-AID FOR COLLECTORS’* and is written by Edward Heron-Allen, FRS. It talks about what collectors might find and where to find them covering Fossils, Agates, Gold, and Pre-Historic Remains. He then refers the reader to ‘Selsey Bill 1911’ for further particulars.

There are few advertisements in this Guide Book. One is for the Selsey Hotel; another is for E Gardner who sold Edward Heron-Allen’s books and pamphlets. Also included is Mrs S Woodland both in her capacity as Proprietress of Beacon House and also as Post Mistress.

The best advert is probably that of Bonnar, New Road, Selsey. House and Estate Agent, Builder, etc.



As always, if you live in this house, I would be glad to know where you are and when the house was built. This information will be treated in strictest confidence unless you tell me I may use it.



Moving on to a totally different topic, I came across two pieces of ephemera from two different sources but both relating to the Marine Hotel.

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BLAZE IN THE NIGHT

The dramatic picture below was taken at the height of the blaze which last night swept the 40-bedroom Marine Hotel at Selsey.

To secure the picture (above) of the damaged roof and upper storey of the hotel, the photographer perched himself on the top of the firemen's 80ft escape ladder.

We know this fire was on 29 November 1961 but, despite my best efforts, I have been unable to ascertain which newspaper the cutting came from. If I have infringed anyone's copyright I hope they will get in touch in order that I may apologise in the next issue of Selsey Life.




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Being security conscious in the warmer weather

Given the recent hot weather we are all understandably opening our windows and doors in an effort to cool down. Sadly, there are some who will seek to take advantage of this. A property which presents to someone as insecure is far more likely to be targeted than one which has been properly secured.

When at home we ask that you be mindful of the number of windows and doors you have open and ensure that nothing valuable is left within reach of an open door or window. It can take seconds for a thief to steal your belongings. Valuables of particular interest to burglars will be mobile phones and other electronic devices, jewellery, wallets / purses and car keys (then your car!).

Should you be working outside in the back garden then make sure windows and doors at the front of the property are secure. When leaving the property always double check that windows and doors are closed and locked. It can be tempting given recent temperatures to leave windows open but even a small open window can entice a burglar.

Ensure that side entrances, sheds and outbuildings are secure and that any power / garden tools are securely locked away.

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THOUGHTFUL BOYS



Dear Selsey Life,

We went down to the pond today (29 July) and these two young boys were by themselves and picking up litter from around the pond and putting it into nearby refuse bins. They said their names were Scott and Jake, and I thought it worth mentioning, that they had decided to do this.

Pat Read

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19 June 2020

Selsey RNLI all-weather lifeboat called to injured person on yacht

The UK Coastguards had received an emergency call via mobile phone from a small yacht with two people on board reporting that they were struggling in the conditions, both suffering from sea sickness and the female now had sustained a head injury. They gave their position as 5 miles south east of Selsey Bill.

The all-weather lifeboat (ALB) launched 12.41pm and made best speed to the position but when on scene nothing could be found visually or on radar and the yacht had no radio to use direction finding equipment. The vessel was eventually found 4 miles away from the given position. The conditions on scene were Wind Southwesterly force 6-7 Sea state moderate in sunshine. The yacht was on passage from Eastbourne to Chichester Harbour and had been at sea for 30hrs

The coxswain decided to put a lifeboat crewman aboard to assess the head injury and sea sickness. Once the transferr was completed the casualties were checked over by the lifeboat crewman (a retired paramedic). After consultation with the coxswain it was decided that both were well enough to stay aboard the yacht whilst the vessel was towed to safety with the lifeboat crewman monitoring them on route. The woman would require further medical assessment ashore as she had been knocked out. A line was passed to the vessel and a tow was established between the ALB and the yacht. A course was set for Shoreham harbour which would be the most comfortable for the casualties on the yacht in the conditions.

The 16 miles to Shoreham was completed at 4.45pm and once inside the harbour Shoreham inshore lifeboat was launched to take the vessel under tow to an anchorage just off the lifeboat station. The Selsey ALB was released by the Coastguard to return to Selsey arriving back at 6.16pm. The ALB was recovered washed down, refuelled and made ready for service by 8.00pm. The crew today were Coxswain Rob Archibald, 2nd Cox Colin Pullenger, Mechanic Jake Harnett, Sam Corcoran-Smith, Dan Langford and Terry Healey.

20 June 2020

Selsey RNLI inshore lifeboat investigates unoccupied paddleboard.

The inshore lifeboat launched at 5.50pm on Saturday 19 June after the UK Coastguards received reports of a paddleboard drifting unoccupied off the shore at Bognor Regis.

The inshore lifeboat (ILB) made best speed to the area arriving on scene at 6.03pm where nothing could be seen. Selsey and Littlehampton Coastguard teams were also tasked and Selsey

CG reported they could see a kayak and guided the ILB towards it. This kayak had one person onboard fishing so the ILB carried on searching. They soon came across an unmanned paddleboard and the Coastguards on the shore confirmed that it was the paddleboard the first informant had been concerned about. On further investigation the lifeboat crew found a line attached to the board which was attached to the owner who was snorkelling/spear-fishing. He wasn't showing a surface marker buoy (SMB) or dive flag (A flag) and was also alone.

After questioning the owner about this safety equipment he informed the lifeboat crew he had both but had accidentally burst them earlier in the afternoon but carried on spear fishing. UK Coastguards were informed and were satisfied this was a false alarm with good intent so released the ILB to return to station. The ILB returned at 6.45pm and was recovered straight away washed refuelled and made ready for the next call by 7.30pm. The crew today were Helmsman Colin Pullenger, Will Moir and Neil Hopcraft.

21 June 2020

Selsey RNLI inshore lifeboat launches to report of three persons in the water off Pagham

The UK Coastguards had received an emergency call reporting that a small Rhib had capsized and three people were in the water.

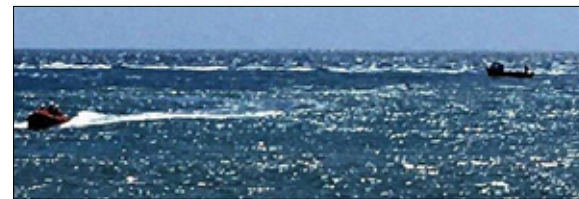
At 6.24pm on Sunday 21 June the inshore lifeboat (ILB) launched and made best speed to the area just off Pagham yacht club. Arriving on scene at 6.34pm the crew quickly spotted the upturned Rhib, at the same time Littlehampton Coastguard team reported that the three casualties were ashore safe and well. The ILB recovered the Rhib and a board to the shore where the Coastguard team were. Littlehampton RNLI lifeboat and the Coastguard rescue helicopter from Lydd were also tasked to this incident. The weather on scene was wind South West force 4-5 Sea state moderate in sunshine.

The two men and a 12yr old girl had been rescued by a man who witnessed the capsize from his house and launched his jet ski bringing the girl and one man ashore first then returning to get the other man. With all persons safe and with the Coastguards, the ILB was released at 6.58pm to return to station arriving back at 7.20pm. The ILB was recovered, washed down, refuelled and made ready for the next call. The crew today were Helmsman James Albrey, Craig Sergeant and Harry Emmence. The lifeboat crew thanked the jet ski owner whose quick response prevented what could have escalated to a more serious incident.

22 June 2020

Selsey inshore lifeboat called out to persons in the water

The UK Coastguards received an emergency call from a member of public reporting two persons in the water near a small boat close to Kirk Arrow shingle bank on the west side of Selsey.



The RNLI inshore lifeboat (ILB) launched at 2.12pm on Monday 22 June and made best speed to Kirk Arrow. Selsey Coastguard rescue team were also tasked to meet with the first informant. The ILB arrived on scene at 2.24pm but no persons were seen in the water so they approached the fishing boat and the two persons aboard said they hadn't seen anyone in the water.



The ILB crew reported that there were some fishing marker buoys near the boat and Selsey Coastguard confirmed that the first informant was looking at these believing they were people. The ILB was released at 2.19pm. The weather on scene was Wind South west force 4 Sea state moderate in sunshine. The ILB returned to station at 3.05pm and was recovered straight away. The crew today were Helmsman Sam Corcoran-Smith, Colin Pullenger and James Albrey

26 June 2020

Selsey RNLI inshore lifeboat assist Coastguard with medical emergency.

The UK Coastguard had received an emergency call reporting a 12 year old boy had his leg trapped in the rock armour on the west side of Selsey

With the tide still rising the inshore lifeboat was requested to assist the Selsey

Coastguard rescue team. The lifeboat launched at 2.00pm on Friday 26 June and made best speed to the rock armours. Just before the Coastguards arrived on scene the boy managed to free his leg and get higher up on the rocks away from the breaking waves. The weather on scene was wind south west force



4-5 Sea state moderate in sunshine.

The Coastguards decided to use their basket stretcher to get the boy off the rocks on to the beach where casualty care could be administered. The inshore lifeboat was beached and the crew went up on the rocks to assist with moving the stretcher.

When the boy was on the beach casualty care was given before an Ambulance arrived to check the boy over. Once the Ambulance crew had checked him over the boy was able to go home and all assets were stood down. The inshore lifeboat returned to station at 2.58pm and was recovered, washed down, and made ready for service. The crew today were Helmsman James Albrey, Max Wiseman and Dan Langford.

The two friends of the trapped boy done exactly the right thing calling 999 and asking for the Coastguard so well done to them.

4 July 2020

Selsey RNLI lifeboat responds to emergency call from 27ft yacht.

The UK coastguards had received a Pan Pan emergency call from the yacht with three persons aboard. They reported that the yacht had rigging failure and the engine was making no headway in the conditions.

The all-weather Shannon class lifeboat (ALB) launched at 12.45pm on Saturday 4 July with a volunteer crew of six. The position of the yacht was reported as 2.5 miles south west of Selsey Bill and the ALB made best speed to the casualty. The weather on scene was Wind South westerly force 6-7 Sea state rough in cloudy skies.



Photo Andy Wilkes



Photo Andy Wilkes



The ALB arrived on scene at 12.55pm and after confirming the three crew aboard the yacht were all ok a line was passed to them and a tow was established between the two vessels. At 1.07pm the tow commenced towards Chichester Harbour against the prevailing weather but the shortest route to a place of safety.

The entrance to the Harbour entrance was reached at 2.55pm and once inside the yacht was brought alongside the lifeboat to take into Sparkes marina where the Hayling Coastguard team were waiting to assist in berthing and take details from the yacht crew. The yacht was safely berthed alongside in the marina at 3.26pm and the lifeboat was released by the Coastguards at 3.45pm and left Sparkes to return to Selsey at 3.50pm

The ALB arrived back at Station at 4.40pm and was recovered by the shore crew straight away. The lifeboat was washed down refueled and made ready for service by 6.00pm. The ALB crew today were Coxswain Colin Pullenger, Mechanic Phil Pitham, Max Gilligan, Max Wiseman, Pip Skeet and Neil Hopcraft.

- 6) What, in film making, does a foley artist do?
- 7) Which musical instruction means "becoming quieter"?
- 8) What do Americans call a pimple?

5 July 2020

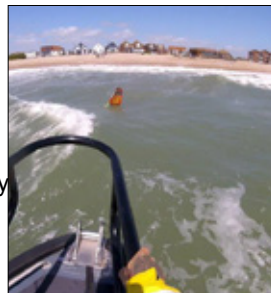
Selsey RNLI all-weather lifeboat joins search off Bracklesham

The UK Coastguards requested the lifeboat to assist Hayling RNLI lifeboat and Selsey Coastguard team search an area off Bracklesham Bay where a kite or sail was seen in the water with no one with it.



Photo Josh Hammett

The all-weather lifeboat (ALB) launched at 1.59 pm and made best speed to the area arriving on scene at 2.07pm. The Coxswain was asked if it would be possible in the conditions to try and recover the item and an attempt was made but it appeared to be stuck on something beneath the surface. The Coastguards requested the ALB conduct a shoreline search from the eastern end of Bracklesham to East Wittering stepping out after each leg.



The weather on scene was Wind westerly force 6-7 Sea state rough in sunshine. The Coastguards decided with no one reported missing and the kite or sail not recoverable that the search would be called off. Selsey ALB was released at 3.11pm and returned back to the beach at Selsey at 3.35pm. The crew this afternoon were Coxswain Colin Pullenger, Mechanic Phil Pitham, James Albrey, Kristina Dolan, Harry Emmence and Jake Harnett.



Photo Josh Hammett

The Holiday Season is nearly here. Can you solve these cryptic clues to popular holiday destinations at home and abroad? You may be lucky and be able to travel to some of them.

1. Wander eternally (4)
2. A tub full of water (4)
3. BBBBBBBBBB (7)
4. A Cornish lavatory (4)
5. M1 A1 M4 (6)
6. My sisters daughter is not nasty (4)
7. I came across a bigamist on my way here (2,4)
8. Zealot ran confused to this island (9)
9. You'll need this when you change the locks (7)
10. Mothers entrance (7)

Quiz kindly supplied by U3A.
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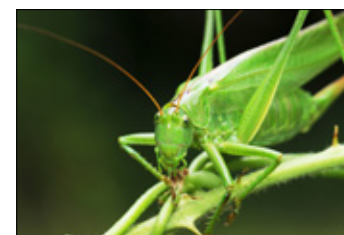
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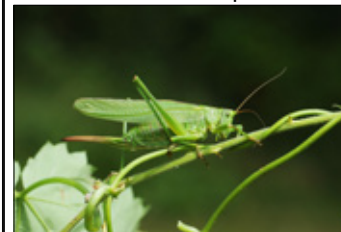
I'm a huge fan of sci-fi B-movies and they don't come any better (or worse) than 1957's Beginning of the End. It's the usual story; overeager government scientists intent on increasing crop yield inadvertently create giant irradiated grasshoppers the size of doubler decker buses, which set about destroying Chicago. There are some similar creatures lurking around Sussex. OK, they're not going to come stomping around Sompting any day soon but they're still mighty impressive.

The Great Green Bush Cricket can claim to be Britain's biggest insect. Yet this Godzilla of the undergrowth is surprisingly hard to see. Its long, leaf-like body blends in amongst the brambles rendering it almost invisible. Bug eyes, impressive jaws and twirling antennae give it some monster movie credentials but there's nothing to fear from this harmless native.



Great Green Bush Cricket
c Derek Middleton Sussex
Wildlife Trust

There are about 35 species of crickets and grasshoppers (Orthoptera) in Britain.



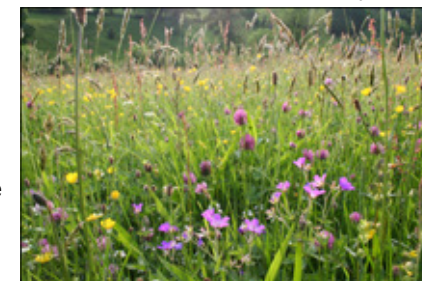
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Crickets differ from grasshoppers by having much longer, thread-like antennae and they 'sing' by rubbing their wings together (while grasshoppers rub their legs against their wings). This song, or stridulation, is the male's way of romancing a female – who, if interested, will reply. The best chance

of finding the Great Green Bush Cricket is to head out on a warm August evening and listen for their downland duets – a loud, incessant rattle. Imagine an enthusiastic maraca player.

I recently went for a walk through the flower-rich meadows of Sussex Wildlife Trust's Southerham reserve. I was blown away by the wall of sound created by hundreds of crickets and grasshoppers but it became apparent that not everyone could hear this orthopteran orchestra. The sad truth is that as we get older our ears can't tune in to the higher frequencies produced by these insects and species by species they fall silent. I have a compilation CD of the chirps and buzzes of Britain's crickets and grasshoppers – a sort of 'Now That's What I Call Stridulation'. I played it this morning and track 24 had gone. It was there a few years ago but now... silence. I've started to lose my crickets. The beginning of the end.

It isn't just me who will be hearing less wildlife in the future. Our countryside is becoming quieter as crickets, bees and birds vanish. Wildflower meadows, the home to crickets and grasshoppers, have been lost and the wildlife that depends on them have silently disappeared. The 'Silent Spring' predicted by Rachel Carson in 1962 has seeped across every season. This August, get out and listen to the sounds of summer before they fade.



Wildflower Meadow c
Trevor Dines Sussex
Wildlife Trust

Black lives matter

There is no doubt that that is true. What we should not forget is that Native American Indians, Aborigines, Maoris, Palestinians, Gypsies, Christians, Jews, Muslims, the poor throughout the world also have lives that matter. The list goes on and on. The repression of any minority just because they are a minority is repugnant but has been going on for millennia. The powerful and their influence, have repressed these issues to suit their own interests but the resurgence of the BLM movement and the incident in the USA has revitalised has created a real opportunity for real change.

In Britain we are proud of the Industrial Revolution and the influence that had on the manufacturing capability of the world. Everywhere has benefitted from the engineering inspiration that created the machinery to raise production levels in every field. However, it should not be forgotten that the money to pay for the revolution came from the slave trade and the exploitation of those unfortunate enough to be captured and sold as nothing but a commodity. That bit of the story is not so well told in the UK.

Having said that, I was not there so I carry no guilt for the slave trade. I count myself as a Christian, but I am not responsible for the Crusades nor the Inquisition. All of these happened in their time, but the guilt of the fathers cannot be passed to the sons nor their descendants. Those of us fortunate enough to be born British are without doubt, beneficiaries of the injustices of the past. No matter what colour your skin or your beliefs, be they religious or atheistic, being British gives you a lifestyle that many in the world would love to enjoy. If this were not so why would refugees walk halfway across the world, travel through hostile countries, hide away under trucks and risk their lives in tiny unseaworthy boats to get here? That is not to say that life here is perfect, far from it. I can see no reason why we still have poverty in Britain. There is absolutely no excuse for this as there is, even now, plenty of money in the system but it is unfairly distributed. In some ways, not much has changed since the slave trade really. If some employers can pay such low wages that their employees have to rely on government benefits to get by, is that not close to the Victorian system of the mill owners having all the money and

paying their workers a pittance? You could argue that workers in the mills had a freedom to walk away, a freedom that slaves didn't have. That is true, but, starving to death under a hedge or being shot by a bounty hunter, the end result would be much the same.

No child is born a racist! That is a skill taught by adults and historically it has been taught very well by many adults across the world and, sadly, it is a lesson that is well remembered. Suppression of any minority or subjugation of any individual or group of individuals is an obscenity. The starting place for change is, as the song suggests, the man in the mirror! It is time for us all to examine our own consciences as well as the collective conscience of those of us with privileged lifestyles. What lessons do we want our children and grandchildren to learn? The answer to that question is one that only you can answer. We have an opportunity to really make a change or to continue to live in our own little bubble and hope the real world does not get up a bite us.

I am proud of the younger members of the population (current virus issues aside) who, regardless of the colour of their skin have walked together and taken up the baton to make the world a fairer and better place. Those of us who are older and have benefitted for much longer must either stand with them or at the very least get out of their way. The old saying that "We didn't inherit the world from our parents, we have it on loan from our grandchildren" has never been more true than now. Let us give the world back to our children and grandchildren in a better state than we received it and that means valuing each and every individual regardless of colour, class or creed. Dare I say that this includes the environment, political stability, economy and armed conflict. None of us can be proud of the state of the world as it is currently and, we, the baby boomers, have to take our share of the blame. Fortunately, we have the opportunity to make amends for some of the excesses perpetrated in the past from which we have benefitted, and others have suffered as a result. If the time is not now, then when? If the responsibility is not mine, then whose?

Mike Beal

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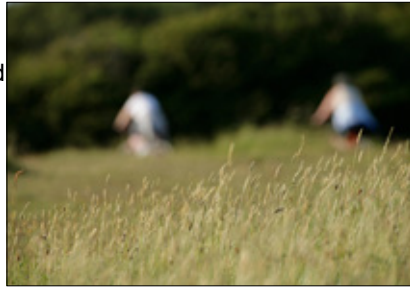
Other gardening activities

All weather dependent

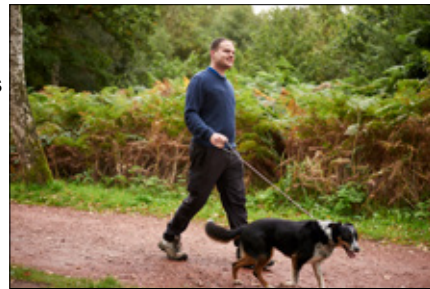
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Pressures on our countryside.

With the easing of lockdown there has been a sharp increase in the numbers of people visiting the countryside and beauty spots across the country. It is great to see so many people enjoying the outdoors with a renewed sense of freedom, appreciating the wonders of the natural world and the beneficial effects it has on our well-being, both physically and mentally. However, with the increased footfall comes greater pressures on the flora and fauna that brings us so much joy to see, hear and be amongst.



Cyclists
c Chris Gomersall



Dog
c Stephen Morgan



Tern Sign
c Ben Andrew

The 'Code' is as relevant now as it was when it was first laid out in the 1930's, maybe more so with the upsurge in people visiting the countryside, in light of our renewed interest in getting out in the natural environment. With the rising numbers of users, there has also been a rise in the amount of anti-social and inconsiderate behaviour, with a knock-on effect of increased accidents as a consequence. The local and national news has featured litter left by visitors, increases in dog fouling and a general disregard for following local advice and signage. We have accepted that we need the countryside for our wellbeing and in doing so, we must accept our responsibility to look after it.

This all comes at one of the most significant times for wildlife the natural world and the environment. We are in danger of losing the laws that protect our wild spaces. Combine this with the constant threat of climate change and the dramatic declines in species throughout the UK that has already been documented, if we value our wildlife, we need to act now. There are many ways to take action from simply protecting our local countryside or joining conservation organisations to lobbying MPs and signing online petitions.

For more information and ideas, check our website
www.rspb.org.uk



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If you feel you need support or a friendly chat then please do contact us at The Care Shop which is open from
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and from 9am – 1pm on a Saturday.

Remember you do not need to be coping alone.

STANE STREET LEGEND

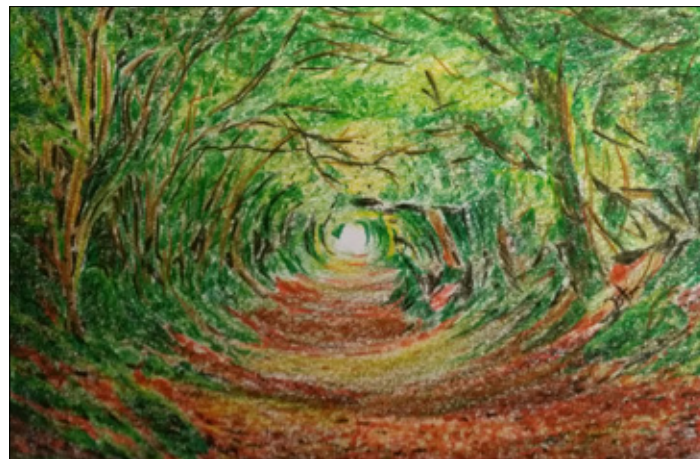
What hides neath the laneway by Halnaker Hill?
that keeper of treasure from ages ago
what priceless relic in Southern Downs earth?
discarded there by some earlier foe
concealed, undiscovered millennia still

Where lie the bleached bones of raiders from Rome?
randomly scattered 'cross commandeered lands
for theirs were the kingdoms the power and the glory
the mountain, the valley, the seas and the sand
creators of empire so distant from home

No time tunnel then, skirted Halnaker Hill
to grant their emergence in centuries hence
with vexed Viking warriors never to clash
no fierce longbow action with fortified French
we Englanders only, to challenge at will

Forbiddingly high reached the walls of the city
its legionnaire soldiers marched far in the rain
despised with a vengeance extreme English weather
tested to breaking their will to remain
with governance relinquished, all roads led to Rome.

JOHN BYRNE JULY 2019
ARTWORK: JASON BETON



Selsey COVID-19 Mutual Aid



When you see this article you will find that the Selsey Covid 19 Mutual Aid Group will have just ceased. This was a gradual process, scaling down due to the changing needs of our community and as lockdown has lifted. People who have been shielding have become more confident in accessing shops and services directly themselves. Some buddies have been able to return to work and now need to focus on that. Relationships have now developed across the community and neighbours will no doubt continue to look out for each other. Many of the buddies have chosen to remain as volunteers with the charity and will be inducted to become either part of the regular activities or to drive forward as part of **Selsey Buddy Support**. It will continue to support the vulnerable residents of Selsey and address some of the new themes that have emerged across all ages as well as continuing to provide responsive services, which will be particularly useful as we approach the Winter. We shall continue to work in partnership with other local and statutory organisations to enable us to respond to any unforeseen events or deal with any future crisis.

By the end of August, we shall have put together a comprehensive public report of the Selsey Covid19. This will give us an opportunity to really reflect on the whole process, recognise the amount of work and collaboration of all partners involved, and review the process to ensure it continues to be a responsive and relevant community service. Feedback will be sought from the recipients of the services offered, coupled with the valuable responses from our buddies, and then collated and included in this document.

Some of the highlights from the Selsey Covid 19 Mutual Aid (Contingency Planning) have included:

During the **12 weeks** we have:

- ✓ circulated information throughout the pandemic **6000** Selsey Senior News to those shielding
- ✓ delivered **1800** meals made by our local **Grumpy's Cafe** (3 meals a week to 60 people)
- ✓ **15,900** leaflet dropped (3 times with updates to 5300 households)
- ✓ provided **100** Easter treats to those who would normally come to church afternoon teas- supported by **Waves Cafe** and the local **Co-op**
- ✓ provided VE Day Treats to **100** of our service users – supported by local businesses **Umble Pies**, and the **Irresistibly Scrumptious Cakes and Cupcakes**
- ✓ said thank you to our **140** buddies with treat boxes celebrating **"Volunteers Week"** supported by the **Seal**
- ✓ said thank you to our **108** Carers on our books already during **Carers Week** supported by **Grumpy's**
- ✓ worked with **Bunn Leisure** to deliver **300** Harvest UK food boxes to **25** people

- ✓ provided around **5,040** services (essential shopping, medication and welfare checks)
- ✓ made **3,780** telephone calls to those on our books already by the volunteers working from home
- ✓ developed a **Lockdown Lending Library** of donated **1000** x books, **70** x jigsaws, **800** x DVD's and **30** x Audio Books, based at the Selsey Town Council Offices (kindly donated use of until November) all items were quarantined for **72** hours and individually sanitised by two of our Buddies delivered by Buddies and gratefully received and reused after sanitising by our residents needing meaningful methods of mental stimulation to promote wellbeing

The Selsey Covid19 Mutual Aid Group has been an immensely successful operation that meet the needs of the community during these challenging times. Due to the established relationships and partnerships, and reputation of the Selsey Community Forum Charity, funding has been made available to ensure the success of this vital operation. It has proven that a community can come together to meet the needs of those most vulnerable and will continue to do so. However, it has also highlighted new and complex needs of some people which we know we cannot be complacent about.

We now have time to reflect, reboot and revitalise ourselves as a community in case there is a second wave. Local care providers have worked incredibly hard at keeping the virus out of Selsey, and many managers and staff are exhausted. We hope that they too can take stock and refresh themselves. The next challenge will be the Winter Pressures. However, as a community we know that we can work well together in a crisis and the Covid-19 Project has been an excellent example of this.

We have set the bar very high as a community, but we cannot afford to sit on our laurels. I think we are all acutely aware that to enable sustainable growth we need to work together to go forward, supporting each other, sharing our experience, knowledge and skills, being kind but also being frank and honest about what is achievable.

Our thanks go to all those that have worked with us to enable this operation to take place, the support from individuals, families, partners, trustees, staff, and incredible volunteers. This has been a real team effort. Long may it continue.

Please remember we are here to assist if you need support regarding being carer, information and advice regarding dementia, befriending, volunteering, emotional health and wellbeing please contact the **Selsey Care Shop**. If you need any further information about the **Selsey Buddy Support** please contact the **Selsey Care Shop**: **01243 201616**



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Recent Callouts

03/06/20 07:29

Team paged to a kayak washed up in the surf at Aldwick.

Photos and details of the kayak were sent to our Operations Room for investigation.

03/06/20 15:19

Team paged to ordnance at Medmerry Beach.

Unfortunately due to the tide the ordnance was covered before E.O.D. (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team) could arrive. Team stood down to return at the next low tide.

04/06/20 13:55

Team re tasked to ordnance at Medmerry.

A cordon was put in place and the beach was closed to the public and a further search of the beach was also carried out locating a few other pieces.

Photos were taken and sent to our Operations Room and passed to E.O.D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team). E.O.D. arrived on scene and a controlled explosion was safely carried out.



If you come across any ordnance on the beach or something you are unsure of please do not touch it and call straight away and ask for the Coastguard! Ordnance comes in all shapes and sizes and ordnance found on this beach has been found to be Highly Explosive, so please do not touch it and call the Coastguard.



06/06/20 13:13

Team paged to reports of a large floating platform which had broken loose, towing a large pink mooring buoy with it.

The team managed to get eyes on the item which had now drifted around the Bill and was heading West about half a mile out to sea.

The item was monitored and we believe it will eventually wash up on a beach by itself.

If you see the floating platform on the beach please report it to the Coastguard.



06/06/20 16:48

Team paged to reports of two vessels drifting out at sea off James Street, Selsey.

On arrival the first informant a fisherman had gone out in his boat to try and retrieve them. We had eyes on what had been reported and confirmed that it was the same floating pontoon we were called out too earlier with a pipe attached to it which had drifted back around the Bill and was now on the East Side of Selsey.

The fisherman attached a tow line to it and tried to tow it back in, unfortunately the tow line broke and he deemed it too dangerous to continue and came back ashore and spoke to us.

We requested the launch of Selsey Inshore Lifeboat which was launched and managed to fix a tow line to it and brought it ashore. Thank you to the first informant and Selsey Lifeboat Crew for their assistance this evening.



07/06/20 12:50

Team paged with Hayling Coastguard Rescue Team and Coastguard Helicopter Rescue 175, to an unconscious casualty that had been pulled from the water at Itchenor.

The casualty had fallen into the water from their vessel, a passing vessel made the 999 call and with assistance from another vessel pulled the person to safety and brought him ashore.

The casualty was passed to the ambulance service, and Rescue 175 was stood down as the casualty was now conscious and well enough to travel to hospital by ambulance. The team made sure all other persons were safe, well and accounted for including the rescuer who had entered the water themselves.

With everyone accounted for all assets were stood down to return to stations.

Thank you to the rescuers for their quick thinking today, Chichester Harbour Patrol and Harbour Masters and everyone else for their assistance on this tasking.

Always wear a lifejacket when on the water!

#LifejacketsSaveLives



08/06/20 20:53

Team paged to reports of a person potentially cut off by the tide at Park Copse, Selsey.

On arrival person was ok and not in trouble, and was making their way back in after fishing.

False alarm this time but the call was made with good intent and was the right thing to do.

09/06/20 08:58

Team paged to reports of concern, for a 25ft yacht that was struggling against the tide around Bill Point and was heading towards the west.

The team located the vessel and managed to get eyes on it. The vessel was now in very shallow waters by Kirk Arrow.

Selsey Inshore Lifeboat was launched and they spoke to the vessel which had suffered engine failure and had no sails. The inshore lifeboat connected a tow line to it and dragged it out to deeper waters, where Selsey Lifeboat was then requested and was launched to take over the tow, and took the vessel to Sparks Marina.

Hayling Coastguard Rescue Team were tasked to meet and assist Selsey Lifeboat with the yacht when it reached Sparks Marina. Once the boat was safely moored up, a welfare check was made and safety advice was given to the yacht owner before the team returned to station.



09/06/20 19:52

Team paged to reports of a person in the water shouting for help in front of the Lifeboat Station.

Coastguard Helicopter Rescue 175 was tasked as well as Selsey Inshore Lifeboat.

Thankfully the casualty was pulled out of the water by a local fisherman and into his punt as the team arrived on scene.

We made sure the casualty was ok, after they had been diving off the beach and got into difficulty with the current.

With both divers accounted for and all safe and well all assets were stood down to return to station.

Our thanks go out to the first informants for calling it in and to the local fisherman for bringing the casualty ashore.

11/06/20 18:03

Team paged with Hayling Coastguard Rescue Team and Hayling Inshore Lifeboat to reports of 2 people in the water and shouting for help after their tender capsized at Bosham.

One casualty had been pulled from the water by a passing vessel

and brought ashore and handed over to us.

The other casualty was also pulled out of the water by another vessel and then transferred to the Lifeboat.

The Lifeboat crew brought them ashore and over to us where we checked them both over and issued both casualties with blankets to try and keep them warm as they had been in the water some time and were very cold.

An ambulance was requested and the casualties were checked over by the paramedics and warmed up in the back of the ambulance.

Both casualties were ok, our thanks goes out to the first informants for calling it in and to the local vessels for assisting with the rescue.

Always wear a lifejacket when out on the water!

#LifejacketsSaveLives



20/06/20 17:07

Team paged to reports of a missing 6 year old child at West Wittering Beach.

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

Free child safe wristbands are available at the Lifeguard Tower at West Wittering Beach, please use them and always keep an eye on your children at all times when visiting the coast.

20/06/20 17:37

Second Callout was to reports of a drifting kayak/paddleboard with no one on it at Bognor.

Selsey Inshore Lifeboat was launched and Littlehampton Coastguard Team were also tasked.

We arrived on scene and managed to get eyes on what was a paddle board with someone sat on it fishing.

When the lifeboat arrived on scene we were able to direct them to the paddleboard, where they checked on the casualty and all was ok.

The paddle boarder had been snorkelling, hence no one seen on the paddleboard when it was reported.

Safety advice was passed by the lifeboat and all assets were stood down.

The first informant did the right thing by dialling 999 and asking for the Coastguard.

21/06/20 15:24

Team paged with Hayling Island Coastguard Rescue Team and Portsmouth Coastguard Rescue Team to a vessel that lost power and drifted onto the mud with the tide and wind, North of Thorney Island Sailing Club with 2 persons on board.

Chichester Harbour Patrol were also on scene and assisted us by transporting 3 Mud Technicians (2 from Portsmouth and 1 from Selsey) and our mud equipment to the other side of the Channel where the casualties were.

Both casualties were brought back safely to Thorney Island Sailing Club, no medical assistance was needed and their vessel was put on a mooring.

Thank you to the Army and Chichester Harbour Patrol for their assistance with this incident. If you get stuck in the mud at the coast dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard straight away.

#MudSticks



22/06/20 14:08

Team paged to reports of 2 persons in the water from their fishing boat on Kirk Arrow.

Selsey Inshore Lifeboat was launched.

We met with the first informant on arrival and he pointed out what looked like two people in the water near a small fishing vessel.

We got eyes on the objects and believed them to be fishing pot markers.

The inshore lifeboat spoke to the occupants on the nearby vessel

who reported all was ok, and they hadn't seen anyone in the water. The lifeboat also confirmed that the objects reported by the first informant were indeed fishing marker buoys.

With this confirmed all units were able to stand down and return to station.

The first informant did the right thing by dialling 999 and asking for the Coastguard, better to be safe than sorry!



24/06/20 12:26

Team paged to reports of 2 missing children last seen in the water at West Wittering Beach.

Hayling Lifeboats were both launched and Coastguard Helicopter Rescue 175 was also on scene.

The two children were found safe and well, and then a further 2 were reported missing, but found safe. The lifeboats and Helicopter were stood down and we stayed on scene for the afternoon and assisted with multiple missing children and a couple of medical incidents. We would like to praise West Wittering Estate and the lifeguard service for their well organised set up and efficient team work. Team returning to station at 17:00



FREE CHILD SAFE WRISTBANDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LIFEGUARD TOWER ON WEST WITTERING BEACH. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU USE THEM AND KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES WHEN VISITING THE BEACH.

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE:

Car Parking at West Wittering Beach needs to be Pre booked via the Just Park website or App.

Do not travel to the area if you have not booked. You will not be allowed to enter the car park and there is no local parking.

25/06/20 14:43

Team paged to reports of 2 missing children last seen in the water at West Wittering Beach.

Both Hayling Lifeboats were both launched and conducted a shoreline search.

One child was found safe and well on arrival, and the other child was also found by a Coastguard Rescue Search team safe and well and reunited with parents.

We would like to praise West Wittering Estate and the lifeguard service for their well organised set up and efficient team work. Team returning to station at 16:55

26/06/20 13:40

Team paged to reports of a 12 year old boy who had slipped on the rock armour at West Beach, Selsey and was stuck with an incoming tide.

As the team were making their way over the rock armour to get to the boy he managed to free his leg from the rock and climb to the top of the rocks and out of the water.

Selsey Inshore Lifeboat was requested to assist us for safety cover, and to assist us with extracting the casualty off the rocks.

The casualty was safely transferred into our basket stretcher, and with the lifeboat crew who were now with us up on the rocks we carefully worked together to get the casualty back safely off the rocks and onto the beach.

Once the boy was on the beach casualty care was given while we waited for an ambulance to check him over.

Once the ambulance service was happy the boy was free to go home and all assets stood down.

A huge well done to the boy's two friends who stayed calm at all

/cotd.





Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team

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times and dialled 999 and asked for the Coastguard. Knowing who to call in an emergency, and calling the right emergency service when on the beach and you're in trouble is vital as sometimes minutes really do matter. It's great that these two young lads knew what to do and asked for the Coastguard - well done!

Please do not climb on rock armour, rock armour can become incredibly slippery and there are also some huge holes and gaps in it, and if you fall you could become seriously hurt and stuck.

27/06/20 07:52

Team paged to reports of a vessel ashore at East Beach, Selsey.

27/06/20 14:21

Team paged to issue safety advice and provide safety cover while two persons were trying to recover their vessel that we were called out to this morning.

Due to the tide, breaking waves and weather conditions on scene it was proving difficult and also dangerous for the safe recovery of the vessel.

Selsey Inshore Lifeboat was also requested to stand off to give safety cover with us, as the two persons were in the water with the vessel and breaking waves. We persuaded the owners that it was too dangerous and with their vessel filling up with water it would be best to remove any belongings and we assisted with tying the vessel to the groynes to prevent it from any further damage.



27/06/20

Team tasked while on the previous incident to reports of two people possibly wading in Medmerry Nature Reserve, and the first informants had now lost site of them.

Three team members left the previous incident to investigate leaving enough safety cover on scene at that incident. We arrived on scene had eyes on two possible casualties that we could see that were on the wrong side of the reserve fencing and not on the footpath.

Team members made their way over to them, the two people were ok, although they didn't know where they were and had tried crossing the reserve to get to the other side.

Please do not attempt to cross the reserve via the breach, it is

dangerous and not possible at high tide and it isn't safe at low tide either!

Please stick to the clear and safe pathways at Medmerry Nature Reserve, not just because of nesting birds and wildlife, but Medmerry Harbour is tidal, has fast flowing water, strong currents, lots of rifs and mud.

28/06/20 09:09

Team paged to reports of a 25ft yacht in trouble and at ground on West Wittering beach by the windsurf club with three persons on board.

Hayling Lifeboat was also tasked but with all persons safely ashore and ok and due to the weather conditions and swell on scene and the fact the vessel was completely aground now the lifeboat was able to stand down and return to station.

Details were taken of the vessel and sent to Solent Coastguard. An anchor was put out to try and secure and hold the vessel for when the tide comes in.

Safety advice was given and the owners have been left to organise and get a salvage company in to recover the yacht.



28/06/20 13:35

Team paged to West Wittering Beach to the 25ft yacht that was aground this morning, with the occupants trying to refloat her in dangerous conditions and with no lifejackets or safety equipment on board.

The team monitored the situation liaising with Solent Coastguard and Hayling Lifeboat Station.

Solent Coastguard received a 999 call from the skipper of the boat saying that they wanted to get off the vessel.

Unfortunately with the weather conditions on scene this was not an option at this time as it was unsafe to do so.

It was decided to launch both Hayling Lifeboats who put a crew member on board and a tow line was connected and the vessel was taken out to deeper waters and back into Chichester Harbour where a crew member assisted them into Wilsons Boat Yard.

The team kept eyes on the tow and the lifeboats until they safely made it into the entrance.

Chichester Harbour Patrol were also on standby just inside the entrance if required as weather conditions were far from ideal.



Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team

@HMC GSelsey



The Boss's cousin is doing very well. He is out in Sweden, and has written a best selling book about slimming. He has been nominated for an award.

He is up for the No belly Prize.

Is it true that before they invented X-Ray machines they used to hold the patients up to the light?



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**VJ Day 75th Anniversary
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The Write Zone with Tara Wright



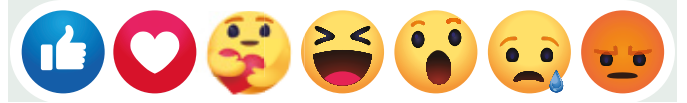
A few days ago, I was doggedly manoeuvring my heavy shopping trolley to my car when I was reminded that life feels so much more delightful and uncomplicated when people are nice to each other. I had parked 'nose out' which would have meant squeezing in between cars to unload my shopping into the boot. I just hadn't given it much thought as I'd swung into a bay. But my parking angel saved the day. By the time I finished shopping, the parking space behind my car had miraculously been vacated, eliminating the need for any squeezing at all. I made a beeline for it. However, I wasn't fast enough. In spite of plenty of other spaces around me being free, another motorist spotted 'my' parking space, and pulled straight in. I stopped and stared. He was kidding, right? Of all the spaces available to him, he had to choose this one? I stood there, mildly incredulous at his attention deficit as he turned off his engine and fiddled around behind the wheel for a few seconds. When he finally looked up he saw me frozen to my over-burdened trolley, and I saw the penny drop. To my amazement, he re-started his engine and with a cheerful smile and a wave of his hand he backed out and parked in the next row along. A few seconds later, as he was walking past me, I had the opportunity to thank him for being so considerate. What a nice chap.

I'm sure you're wishing I'd get to the point. So here it is. If you follow my page, you'll know that I lean towards social and political neutrality. Barbs aimed at the foibles and fractured logic of my fellow humans is not what this page is about – it's for those interested in writing (and anyone amused by my own foibles and fractured logic). However, writers should have a voice on social matters, and there's not much room for the abstract when it comes to being an author. At some point you have to nail your colours to the mast. In spite of there being a lot of middle ground I could stand on, and in spite of the purpose of this page, I wanted to comment on one of my pet hates: mocking or criticising others on social media. Put simply, it makes my skin-crawl.

I don't read the newspaper. There's no single point of truth as far as I can make out, only opinions based on ill-researched facts and, worse still, rumour. If it's not bad news, it's not news at all. Whatever is written today will change tomorrow, because journalists 'write to market.' If the public is interested, they'll write the story. If the public isn't interested, they'll spin a story. And most of those stories are churned to promote fear at one level or another. Newspapers, and social media, for that matter, feed our worst fears, and we keep coming back for more. Gradually we turn those fears outwards as criticism as if this is enough to keep the monsters at bay.

People like to blame social media for a rise in bad behaviour, but social media is merely the Speakers Corner on which the aggrieved

and entitled stand. People get high on sad or startled emojis,



bolstering their view that they are the victims. Whether they know it or not, people set the traps in their own thinking: they'd rather be right than put things right. They'd rather spend time criticising others than critiquing their own calcified viewpoint. They'd rather complain to a faceless readership as if the subject of their complaint is going to sit up and take action, than properly address the root cause of the problem. Complainants are not seeking redress: they're seeking sympathy. That's one of the keystones of the victim's mentality. If they really wanted a solution, they'd muster the courage to walk up to those teenagers breaking bottles on the beach and ask them not to do it. If they really wanted redress, they'd telephone the retailer who gave them poor service, give them some helpful feedback and ask for a refund, not write a glory-story that risks damaging that business's chances of thriving over what might be nothing more than an innocent mistake; if they really wanted a quiet night they'd visit their neighbour, explain why their yapping dog is driving them nuts and ask them to control their dog. But a lot of people don't think or act this way. Responsibility has been replaced by disrespect. Complaints on social media are akin to shouting into a hurricane. The consequences of this behaviour is more damaging than the personal risk that goes with taking affirmative action in a responsible way. And we're all paying the price.

Social media gives us a fabulous window into the lives and loves of others, and an opportunity to be inspired by so many worthy causes and all the truly wonderful things that people think, do and say. I believe that most people in the world are wonderful and trustworthy. Some of you will think I'm soft, or daft. That's your right. I believe in the power of Attraction, and that thoughts become things. You might think that's hokum. And that's your right too. But I wouldn't slam you on social media for disagreeing with me. The point of my one and only rant (so far) on this page is that we each have a choice: play the victim or be the responsible participant. That motorist who parked his car behind mine at the supermarket was just getting on with his life, exactly like me and, just like me, was not only distracted but lacked the mind-reading skills that we seem to so often demand in others.

So here's what I think: let's stop indulging the victim-mindset and encourage in ourselves and others a new habit of dealing with things assertively and sensitively. Let's start being at positive cause and eliminate the toxicity that's infecting our social media pages. Let's stop expecting others to mind-read. Last but not least, there's no need to start a war of words when simple actions and a little humility are all that's needed to put things right.

Tara

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- 9) If you suffer from ochlophobia what are you afraid of?
- 10) In Around The World In 80 Days what is the name of Phileas Fogg's club?
- 11) Who wrote the classic sea tale "Two Years Before The Mast"?
- 12) Who did Honor Blackman play in the TV series The Avengers?
- 13) Which character in The Muppets plays the piano?
- 14) In which TV sitcom was Sharon Theodopolopoulos a character?
- 15) Who succeeded Stalin as leader of the Soviet Union in 1953?

16) Where can you see the Rosetta Stone?

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Train and prune Wisteria, Honeysuckle and Clematis before the shoots get out of control.

If there's been a spell of hot and dry weather, set the mower on a slightly higher cut and mow less frequently.

Old Raspberry and Loganberry canes should now be cut back after the fruit has been harvested. Reduce the new shoots to a few of the strongest, healthiest ones.

Weed and clean Ponds regularly and keep surrounding plants well trimmed. Remove dead leaves and stalks. Thin out oxygenating plants, making sure not to harm or disturb the fish too much. Keep Ponds well topped up but don't overfeed the fish as any uneaten food will rot and pollute the pond.

Cut back perennials such as Campanulas, Lupins, Santolinas and Delphiniums as soon as they finish flowering. Apply a good mulch such as well-rotted Horse Manure and also some Blood, Fish & Bone Meal and water well in. There is every chance of another flush of flowers in the Autumn.

Dead-head Roses on a regular basis. Rather than snipping off individual blooms, cut off the flower heads to three or four buds further down the stem, and also apply some feed to encourage later blooms.

Spray Runner Beans with a fine mist in evenings to encourage better fertilization. Spray Tomatoes mid-morning on sunny days.

Tip Top Tips

- Pick early Pears and Apples and so avoid them falling off the tree and bruising.
- Houseplants will benefit from a spell in the open air. Place them in a semi-shaded area.
- Dead-head Hanging Baskets, Window Boxes and Containers regularly and feed weekly. Replace gaps with summer bedding. They should provide continuous colour well into October/ November.
- Cut Sweet Peas regularly for wonderful colour and scent in the house. Faded blooms will become seed pods and prevent further flowers developing.
- Fuchsias are very worthwhile for any gaps in shadier areas of the garden. They will bloom for many months and will usually rise again the next year.
- Give hedges a last clipping for the season and remove all dead flowers and stalks from summer flowering shrubs except those that bear attractive berries.
- Some ideas for glorious, beguiling, alluring and romantic evening scents:-
- * Honeysuckle - fragrance day and night but is at it's best during the evening
- * Nicotiana (Tobacco Plant) is unobtrusive but effective
- * Night-scented Stock (Matthiola bicornis) - small but powerful and potent
- * Evening Primrose (Oenothera biennis) - yellow moon-like flowers with a delicate and sweet scent at dusk
- * Border Phlox (Paniculata 'Eventide') - lilac, pink and white with a most evocative and arousing fragrance
- * Sweet Rocket (Hesperis matronalis) - tall lilac or white flowers which are alluring and highly perfumed.



The Hidden Garden

a Selsey Community Garden for all to enjoy. Come and join us and meet other passionate gardeners, learn seasonal gardening ideas, swap seeds & plants and help grow fresh vegetables and flowers to take home.

Open every Saturday 10-4pm
at The Bridge Support Centre
behind Selsey Library, PO20 9EH

Contact Paul on
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Selsey Gardening Club

Due to the restrictions in place at the moment we are unable to resume our monthly meetings.

It is unlikely that we will be able to commence meetings again until the New Year but will of course keep you posted of any developments.



In the meantime take care, stay safe and enjoy your garden and hope to see you all again soon.

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

For any further information regarding the club please contact Amanda (Chair) on [604634](tel:0604634) or Tony (Vice Chair) [07546 491353](tel:07546491353)



Dahlias
by Meryn
Woodland

DONNA'S DELIBERATIONS

So, how are we all then? Hopefully, this finds you well and enjoying the lovely summer weather - maybe! Goodness knows we could all write an entire thesis about the peculiarities of our meteorological goings on! When I taught English to my overseas students, I always explained to them that a good conversation starter would be the weather - it's a constant source of material, let's be honest, and there is nothing more British than talking about the weather. I would always teach my students a few essential words and phrases that they would need when describing it - overcast, drizzle, brass monkeys, nippy and bucketing it down, usually did the job!

I have no idea where I found it, but I used to have this poster in our teaching room:

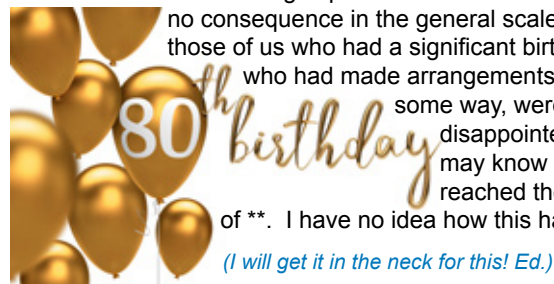
How the seasons work in the UK
January - Cold, **February** - Still cold,
March - Still cold, but snow now, **April** - Rain, **May** - More rain,
June - Why is it still raining? **July** - BEES,
August - Oh, god, it's so hot! **September** - I really miss the heat,
October - Heat is simply a memory, **November** - Cold,
December - Cold but with capitalism

It always made me smile and my students were amused that everything they had been taught about our weird weather systems was probably actually true! We shouldn't grumble, though - think about it, how would we start those conversations while we wait for a bus? They were always surprised at how quickly things could change as well, we had more than one barbeque under an umbrella, with my students never failing to send a video home which was always received with incredulity and hilarity. It could only happen here!

Truthfully, I don't think we've done too badly this year; weather during the height of 'lockdown' was generally pretty good and we had many a walk along our beautiful seafront. Living nine miles down a cul de sac has its drawbacks, not least is the fact that it takes you half an hour to get anywhere, but it's a small price to pay for living in such a beautiful spot.

Lockdown was something of a blessing and a curse - for a while the world slowed down and many of us were fortunate enough to have some time to enjoy 're-connecting' with where we live but there were many who will feel the not so positive ramifications for some time to come. We were lucky enough to be able to spend quality time with each other, but I'm well aware that many families would have experienced stress and conflict being stuck in a small space, day in, day out. Speaking to friends and family, a few observations were made: some of them saved money because there was no impulse buying, they were driving less so saving money there as well and obviously, causing less pollution. (Apparently, it has been scientifically proven that the air quality, particularly within more industrial areas has been significantly improved.) Some have walked a lot more and the lack of eating out has meant that they have cooked at home so they've been eating more healthily. Interestingly, my daughter also mentioned that as we've not been exposed to others so much, the usual coughs and colds which many of us experience in the spring, just haven't materialised. Everyone's situation is uniquely different - we all have our own challenges, but perhaps there have been a few positives - a few crystals to find - in what has been an overwhelmingly negative situation across our entire planet.

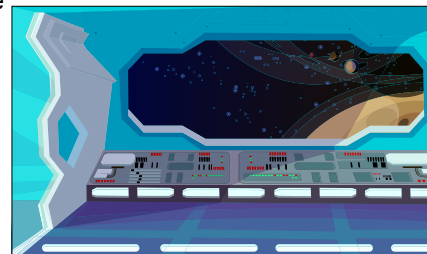
One of the more irritating aspects of the current situation - albeit of no consequence in the general scale of things - is that those of us who had a significant birthday in 2020 and who had made arrangements to 'celebrate' it in some way, were somewhat disappointed. A few of you may know that in July, I reached the ripe old age of **. I have no idea how this happened and



there is a part of me which is ever so slightly annoyed at it because I genuinely feel that I'm just getting into my stride. I had hoped for a bit of a do, but obviously that fell by the wayside and has been 'parked' for another day. My lovely family though, arranged a special surprise I was pretty busy on my actual birthday, I had an early meeting so was up at stupid o'clock and the phone just never stopped ringing with one thing or another; we popped out for a lunchtime tippie (unknown for me, usually) and I spent half of it on the phone! Fairly normal, really! Tim and I had a zoom meeting with some CDC colleagues scheduled for 5pm and at ten to, I sat down to check emails while Tim did all the logging in stuff.

It was then that things started to go a bit weird.... First of all my daughter started giggling - this is extremely strange, she is not a giggler. I asked her what the issue was and got some equally strange response to do with the fact that her brother needed a shower because he'd just had a work out. (Our conservatory has become a gym, it seems.) By now, it's gone 5pm and the conversation between Tim and I went something like this - Me: Who organised this meeting? Have you sent people the wrong zoom link? Tim: No, I didn't organise it, don't know what's happening. Me: why are you emailing on your phone when you should be sorting out the tech problems? Tim: How about you go and make a cup of tea and I'll shout you when we're on.....Now, given that I'm a bit of a tea addict, that seemed like a very good idea.

Two minutes later, Tim calls from the dining room (which now resembles the Bridge of the Starship Enterprise, due to our both working from home) I glance at the computer monitor expecting to see the usual faces, instead of which, on screen are two of the guys from G4 (regular readers will know that I have become something of a groupie in my old age) My family had told Jonathan Ansell and Mike Christie that it was my ** birthday and they were kind enough to have an online chat with me - it was absolutely brilliant! Tim recorded it and I have to say it is the singularly most embarrassing half an hour of my life! I've usually got the war paint on when I see them - and I'm somewhat more - shall we say - 'composed'. This time I was taken totally unawares.



The first sentence out of my mouth was " Oh my days...I haven't done my hair, my make up, I haven't changed my tee shirt!" Mike was his usual gracious self and assured me that I looked 'gorgeous' - a word certainly not borne out by the recorded evidence, but nice to hear nonetheless. I will never live it down. My usual contrived composure went totally out of the window and I'm sure I will be reminded of it for years to come. It was, however, an incredibly thoughtful surprise and was followed up by a personal shout out from Jon who did an online concert the day after. The recording will, I'm sure, be preserved for posterity with my grandchildren thinking that Grandma Donna was ever so slightly bonkers!

Take care all - see you in the Autumn....

Donna (donnajohnson279@gmail.com)



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

My lovely Selsey Life Readers I'm super happy to let you know that the centre is starting to feel a bit more like normal again. My staff that I have missed over the last few months have come back off their furlough so that obviously means lots of strokes for me. I'm starting to see lots more people visiting to adopt animals as well. Although I know it's hard for my staff as they have to be careful about how many people they book in one day, they also have to spread them out throughout the day to allow for cleaning between their visits. This means that we are generally not able to book as many people in as we used to but everyone is just happy to be rehoming again.

We started our rehoming in phases, in phase 1 we started off slowly with the people who had already had home visits from us and some had been waiting since before lockdown. Phase 2 was when we started to open to new applicants but we started off with just rehoming our priority animals who were more needing of a home. Phase 2 was amazing we got so many of our long timers homes. Now we are in our phase 3 where there are lots more animals available, but we are asking people to go to our website to see if there is a specific animal they would like to adopt before contacting us. It has gone really well so far and I can't wait to see more animals go off to their forever homes. My staff are just thankful that everyone has been so lovely and patient with us while we get used to a new way of rehoming.

Also some other good news is that our charity shops are now open again so please do come visit us and help support the centre.

Lovely to chat to you all again, see you next month.
Love Markus x

P.S. Please check our website www.crcc.co.uk to see how we are now rehoming. If you are looking to adopt an animal, please do have a look at the adopt a pet pages of the website to see if there is anything suitable before contacting the centre.

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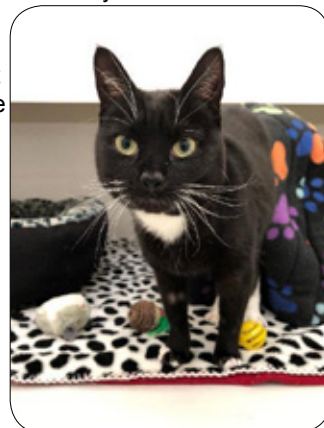
Have you visited the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre Charity Shop at 9 The Parade, Selsey?

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.

Pet of the Month August 2020

This month please let us introduce you to Katy Purry. Katy Purry is a 4 year old black and white female cat. She has been living here at The Centre since the 22nd of February because her owners could no longer afford to look after her. You see Katy has an ongoing issue with her skin that requires medication, but this will be covered by the Centre's part foster care scheme. This means that she can come back and see the vet here at the centre for any problems relating to her skin. She is a really sweet girl who loves to have a fuss made of her, she can have a little bit of a sassy side but not too much. If you go into her pen and spend time with her you will see what a sweet and friendly girl she is that deserves to be happy and settled in her forever home. Katy would be suitable with children 10 years + but not with other pets.



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

OPEN UP

Open your eyes and look around,
How does the world see you?
Take your eyes off the ground.
Look around and see who's who.

Open your ears and listen well.
Speak out good words of cheer.
For all to hear and all to tell.
Leave none with 'owt to fear.

Open your mind to all that's fair.
Treasure that and take heed.
Change your ways. Show how much you care.
Put your thoughts into deeds.

Open your heart to every race.
Is yours an open gate?
Keep a smile on your face.
Save the world before 'tis too late.

Open your eyes and ears and mind.
Make a start. Cleanse your heart,
And love all of humankind.
Show all the world you'll play your part.

Alistair Tait

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Brent Lodge Briefings – Stowaway Squabs

In these trying times it is nice to come across a heart-warming story, especially when it exposes the softer side to our Royal Navy. Personnel aboard HMS Defender were surprised to discover a nest containing two baby pigeons, tucked away so discretely that they went unnoticed until after the ship had set sail on its 5 day maritime adventure. Once the birds were discovered the challenge was on for those onboard to find a way to get them safely back onto dry land. The animal care staff were pleased to offer advice on how to keep the tearaway twins alive until they docked, using the limited resources available.

Once HMS Defender safely docked back in Portsmouth, the wannabe Royal Navy stowaway squabs were brought to the wildlife hospital, where they were treated to a meal and given a comfy warm bed. This will be their home, along with the many other patients currently residing at the hospital, until they are able to be released.

We remain open to take in wildlife casualties across West Sussex and East Hampshire. We are in the middle of our busiest season and the seasonal influx of sick, injured or orphaned wildlife casualties are keeping the animal care staff busy. We are still functioning without our network of volunteers, so staff are working hard day and night to ensure patients are well cared for despite having fewer hands to help.

We have several Kestrels, Buzzards and other birds of prey in our care which are all growing fast and developing into stunning strong juvenile birds. Once fit and healthy they will be released back into a suitable natural habitat.

As the ease of the lockdown restrictions take place across the UK, please remember to keep a look out for any wildlife in need of assistance. Although unlikely you will discover a stowaway aboard your boat, you will be surprised how easy it is for wildlife to get themselves into trouble. Many local nature sites have gone undisturbed for many weeks and may now be claimed by a brooding mother or resting bird, so please continue to tread carefully while exploring. If you do find a wildlife casualty please always call us (01243 641672 ext 1), we are more than happy to help. Our new mobile-friendly website is full of wildlife advice and useful tips to help you while you are out and discover a wild animal in need, it also highlights the many ways in which you can help your local wildlife hospital.

Unfortunately, we are unable to host our onsite Open Weekend, but we are hosting a Virtual Open Weekend instead. Visit us online from Friday 28th - Sunday 30th August where we have an auction, quiz, behind the scenes tour, patient stories and wildlife advice planned as well as ways you can support us. Please visit www.brentlodge.org/events or visit any of our Social Media pages to get involved.

www.brentlodge.org



Kestrel

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SUBMISSIONS FOR ENTRY INTO
NEXT SELSEY LIFE IS 16TH AUGUST



The following letter was sent into the Selsey Life:

Hi Selsey Life.

I BUY your magazine every month, and read it cover to cover. Especially Donna's Deliberations & the guy who unfortunately stopped writing an article for you.

During this pandemic we have all been, rightly, clapping & praising the NHS for all their efforts - hard work, also key workers, delivery people & all waste collection personnel etc.

But I especially wanted, through your medium, to say a great enormous THANK YOU to Brent Lodge for being available and answering their phone on 5 separate occasions when my husband & I had to call them during the last 6 months. Our garden had been and still is a haven for wildlife at this edge of Selsey. The amount of hedgehogs, foxes, birds & insects who seem to use this as a stop off point has been amazing. But finding at various times over these months 5 sick hedgehogs was quite upsetting. I have Brent Lodge's number on speed dial. We rang them straight away not expecting anyone to be available. But they answered. What relief. They never hesitated to help us, & asked us to bring the very sick hogs right up. Their quarantine control was well organized no waiting. The hogs were taken straight inside to be treated & cared for. A heartfelt thankyou.

Let's not take this excellent "service" for granted. Just be aware of how much they do for sick creatures in their calm, quiet way, and support them however we can.

Name and address supplied



"Daddy gets worse and worse at Hide and Seek every year."

The Catholic Parish of

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Wilfrid

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Mass Times
Subject to change please see website:
www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk
or Church Noticeboard

The Parishioners of

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Wilfrid

announce the sad news of the passing of their dear Parish Priest, **Fr John Healy**, who died suddenly on 28th June 2020. Please remember him in your prayers as well as his family and parishioners. He was a quiet, humble man, much loved and well known around the Community of Selsey. He will be greatly missed.



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Rest in Peace



St. Peter's Church

Rector: Fr Andrew Wilkes
Email: rector.selsey@gmail.com
Tel: 01243 601984

St. Peter's Church is open for personal prayer from 10 am to 12 noon on Sundays and Wednesdays.

There will be a service of Holy Communion at **10am** on **Sunday 6th September (booking required)**.


Please contact the Reverend Andrew Wilkes (**601984**) for more information.

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

On September 1st, we welcome Revd. John Scrivens as he takes up his appointment as Minister.



The church is still not open for services, nor for groups or organisations to meet, apart from Foodbank which continues to operate from the premises on Friday mornings.



East Beach Church

It was a great joy to open the Church again on 11th July for our Sunday morning services, albeit rather surreal with the necessary social distancing, no singing, and no stopping for Tea & Coffee afterwards! We have now been meeting again together for a month or so but are still streaming our services as well. If you would like to attend, current guidelines mean we would ask you to call in advance to book a place (Tel: **607945**) please.

Two days later Wycombe Wanderers FC were promoted to the Championship as the Buckinghamshire club secured their place in the league after a 2-1 play-off victory over Oxford United at Wembley. Striker Adebayo Akinfenwa publicly gave God all the glory following his team's momentous victory. He was seen kneeling on the pitch and openly praising God for the result. In his post-match interview, he declared that "God made the impossible possible", before noting that just four years ago he was "technically unemployed". Wycombe almost dropped out of the English Football League back in 2014 and were expected to be relegation candidates this season based on their performances over the previous years. Now, they are headed to the second-highest league in the country. With manager Gareth Ainsworth a committed Christian, the club has a pattern of offering opportunities to players that have been let go or rejected by other clubs. It is not unknown for up to 10 to gather on the pitch before a match to pray that whatever the result, that God will be glorified. The video of the players praying at Wembley that night went viral. The Club story here is much akin to the Christian message. Jesus himself was rejected by many in His time here on earth. Despite perhaps going through difficult and challenging times in our own lives at times, rejections, relationship breakdowns, employment and financial struggles maybe, there is still hope for us. As Wycombe Wanderers have reached out and helped turn around the lives of some that have joined the Club, so too does Jesus. Remember the story of

Zacchaeus and how he repaid those he had cheated after he met Jesus? We are minded in Luke 19 of the new hope on offer to us when Jesus said to him, "Salvation has come to this house today, for this man, also, is a descendant of Abraham. The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." As offered hope for Zacchaeus, so He does for you & I too.

A reminder too that all are free to come in and use the church for meditation and prayer Monday to Friday 1pm-4pm at present.

As well as meeting together Sunday mornings, we continue to live stream all our services. Afterwards, the recordings will remain on YouTube to view at your convenience. Just a reminder that if you do not have internet access, we are still copying our **Sunday Services**, the popular **Songs of Praise**, and another of our broadcasts onto DVDs each week. If you do not receive one already but would like a copy, please call me (**07771 914 277** - Richard) and one of us will drop a copy through your door.

Below is our updated weekly online schedule for those that can join us online. Just load up 'YouTube' & then search for '**East Beach Church, Selsey**' for both live and recorded services. We do continue to pray that you remain safe and well and are now able to enjoy the easing on lockdown restrictions to see family and friends once again.

YouTube Live Stream, Upload and Playlist Weekly Schedule

The link is the same for our YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG2cNeKLX1osDgC4iGFgiRg>


Day	10am	7pm
Sunday	All-age Worship	Evening Worship
Monday	Songs of Praise <i>(for Care Homes and others)</i>	Life Group <i>Worship, Bible Study & Prayer</i>
Tuesday	Thought for the Day	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	No live stream	No Live Stream
Thursday	Thought for the Day	EBC Face to Face <i>using Zoom</i>
Friday	Sunbeams <i>Songs & Stories for parents, carers and toddlers</i>	No Live Stream
Saturday	No Live Stream	No Live Stream

Helvetica and Times New Roman walk into a bar.
The barman shouts "Get out! We don't serve your type in here".

Did you hear about the mathematician who was afraid of negative numbers? He would stop at nothing to avoid them.

They are going to open a new restaurant in Selsey called Karma. There is no menu, you get what you deserve.

I threw a boomerang a few years ago. I now live in constant fear.



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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SELSEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB

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Wednesday & Thursday evenings at 7pm & Sundays at 10.00 am & 3pm.
All equipment provided.
New members welcome
Contacts: Sylvia Cox on 681663
Annette Iskett on 606227 email: annetteiskett@hotmail.com
Jean Tolhurst @ royandjean325@gmail.com

We do not play during August. Because of the coronavirus, opening date and times may have to be adjusted, this will be reviewed in September.

Remember
it's just a
bad day,
not a
bad life.



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