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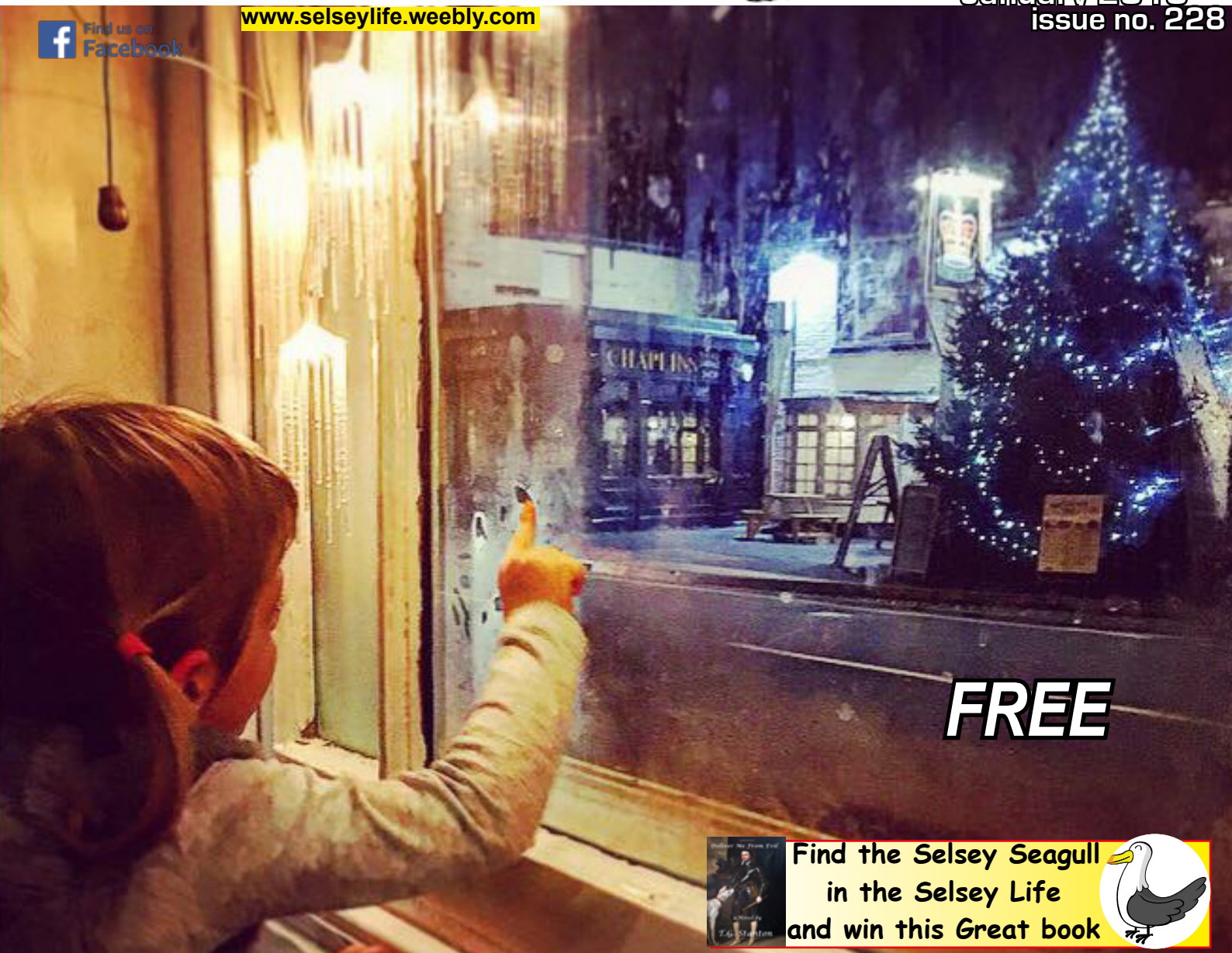
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Remember Someone Special this Christmas with St Wilfrid's Hospice

This December, St Wilfrid's Hospice is holding a new event at which everyone is welcome to come along and remember loved ones at this special time of year.

The 'Lights of Love' event is taking place on Sunday 17th December at Hotham Park, Bognor Regis. LED tea light candles will be available for a suggested donation to 'light' in memory of a loved one. These will be displayed around the park's bandstand and in other locations around the park, providing a poignant way to remember the lives of those dear to us this Christmas time.



The Hospice's choir will be singing Christmas songs and carols, Spirit FM will be attending, there will be stalls offering festive fare and the popular Hotham Park Café will be open.

Starting at 4pm the event is suitable for all the family and will finish at 6pm. Parking is available at Hotham Park, on the surrounding streets and within the University campus.

Once again this year, St. Wilfrid's will be running a Christmas appeal. To make a donation, please visit www.stwh.co.uk/christmas or call 01243 755827.

St. Wilfrid's Hospice Chichester 01243 775302 www.stwh.co.uk



- 1) What is the currency of Papua, New Guinea?
- 2) Generally, what do Americans call a notepad? (The paper one..)
- 3) What colour is Malachite?
- 4) What is floating debris at sea called?



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Date: 17 October 2017

Selsey RNLI inshore lifeboat searches for missing woman.

The volunteer crew at Selsey launched the D-class lifeboat (ILB) at 7.38pm on Tuesday 17 October to assist Sussex police and the UK Coastguard search for an 82 year old woman missing from her home in Pagham.

The ILB crew were asked to search close inshore from Pagham harbour to the east with Selsey and Littlehampton Coastguard teams conducting a shoreline search. At the time of the call the Selsey all-weather lifeboat was exercising south of the lifeboat station so made best speed to the area to assist the ILB. Both lifeboats arrived on scene at 7.49pm.

The weather on scene was wind North Easterly force 2 sea state calm with good visibility. After ten minutes of searching the woman was found safe and well between Felpham and Littlehampton. All units were stood down and returned to station. The ILB crew tonight were Helmsman Will Moir, Craig Sergeant and Andy Lee.

Sunday 22 October 2017

UK Coastguard requested the launch of the all-weather lifeboat (ALB) on Saturday 21 October after receiving a report of persons in the water close to Bognor Pier.



The Selsey Shannon class lifeboat Denise and Eric with six volunteers on board launched at 2.05pm and made best speed to the Pier. The weather on scene was wind south westerly

force 8-9 in rain showers, sea state rough. Also on scene was the Coastguard helicopter Rescue 175 and both Selsey and Littlehampton Coastguard teams.



The area was comprehensively searched by all the assets. At approximately 3.30pm two surfers who had been surfing earlier in the day made themselves known to the Police on scene after hearing the

search was going on.

After comparing times it was concluded these were the two persons reported and at 3.36pm all units were stood down. Both Selsey ALB and Coastguard unit were re-tasked while returning to Selsey to investigate a windsurfer



down in the water off Bracklesham bay but were stood down on route.

The all-weather lifeboat returned to station at 4.11pm and was rehouse washed down and made ready for the next launch by 5.15pm.

The crew today were Coxswain Martin Rudwick, 2nd Coxswain Dave Lamdin, Mechanic Gary Pearce, Willy Pledger, Max Gilligan and James Albery.

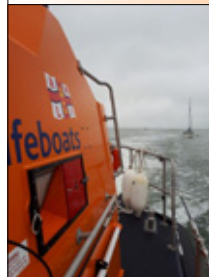
Date: 26 October 2017

Selsey RNLI all-weather lifeboat called to yacht sinking.



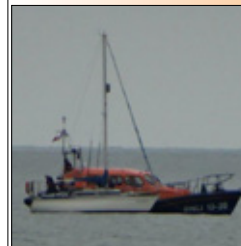
UK Coastguard requested the immediate launch of the Selsey all-weather lifeboat (ALB) after the crew of the 8.5 metre yacht *Paper Moon* reported they had lost their propeller shaft and had water

ingress. The *Paper Moon* gave their position as one mile east south east of the boathouse.



The Shannon class lifeboat *Denise and Eric* was launched at 11.43am on Thursday 26 October with a crew of six volunteers. The ALB was quickly on scene and transferred two lifeboat crew and the salvage pump to the yacht. As a precaution the two people on the yacht were taken aboard the lifeboat. The weather on scene was wind south west force 2 sea state smooth in overcast skies.

After pumping out the water from the bilges the water ingress was stemmed with rags and a bung by the two lifeboat crew. At 12.10pm a line was passed to the *Paper Moon* and a tow was established between the two vessels. At 12.15pm a course was set for Chichester harbour and the tow commenced.



The tow to Chichester was uneventful with no further ingress of water and the harbour entrance was reached at 2.30pm. After bringing the *Paper Moon* to an alongside tow the yacht was taken to Sparkes marina and safely berthed alongside at 2.45pm. The ALB departed Sparkes marina at 3.15pm to return



to Selsey arriving back at station at 4.15pm. The crew today were Coxswain Rob Archibald, Mechanic Geoff Mellett, Sam Troughton-Smith, Steve Somner, Max Wiseman and Harry Emmence.



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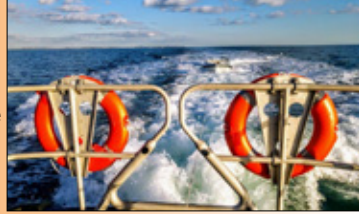
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Date: 27 October 2017

Selsey RNLI all-weather lifeboat launches to power boat with engine failure

The volunteer crew at Selsey were paged on Friday 27 October after the UK Coastguard had received an emergency call via mobile phone from the owner of the 18ft power boat *Halo* reporting his engine had failed.

The *Halo* reported they were west of Selsey Bill but could not give any better position and that they had two adults and three children aboard all wearing lifejackets. The Selsey Shannon class lifeboat *Denise and Eric* launched at 4.06pm and made best speed to the area.



Approximately one mile west of Selsey the lifeboat crew sighted what appeared to be a flare so headed towards that position. The lifeboat arrived on scene with the *Halo* at 4.14pm at a position three miles west of Selsey Bill. The skipper confirmed he had let off the flare and that they were all well on board. Before establishing a tow with the *Halo* all the persons aboard the vessel were taken on to the lifeboat.

One of the lifeboat crew went aboard the *Halo* to rig the tow line and stayed with the vessel during the passage to Chichester harbour. The vessel was towed to Sparkes marina and safely berthed alongside at 5.10pm. The lifeboat departed Sparkes marina at 5.30pm to return to Selsey.



At 6.05pm the lifeboat arrived back at station and was rehousing straight away. The crew today were Coxswain Rob Archibald, Mechanic Phil Pitham, Geoff Mellett, Gary Pearce, Sam Troughton-Smith and Kristina Dolan.



Max Gilligan Selsey RNLI Volunteer Lifeboat Press Officer 07956 415429
Max_Gilliagn@rnli.org.uk

Date: 4 November 2017

Selsey inshore lifeboat conducts search after clothes found.

The RNLI inshore lifeboat launched at 8.27pm on Saturday 4 November to conduct a shoreline search after the UK Coastguard received a report of clothes found at the Marine beach Selsey.

The D class lifeboat *Betty and Thomas Moore* with a crew of three volunteers was requested to search close inshore from Selsey Bill to the Bunn leisure complex to the west of Selsey. The Selsey Coast Guard team were also tasked to search the beach. The weather on scene was wind north west force 3-4 sea state slight in clear skies with good visibility.

After a comprehensive search of the area with nothing found all the search units were released at 9.49pm with the lifeboat returning to station at 9.54pm and rehousing straight away. The crew tonight were Helmsman Colin Pullenger, Max Wiseman and Harry Emmence.



You can contact your local team in the following ways:

- Call us: on 101 to report a crime
- or 999 if it's an emergency.

- Email us: chichester@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Operation Crackdown

Operation Crackdown is a joint initiative run by the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership and Sussex Police which gives the Sussex community an opportunity to report specific instances of anti-social driving/riding as well as any abandoned vehicles left on the roads

What constitutes as anti-social driving?

The phrase 'anti-social driving/riding' can cover many different behaviours on the road which may include:

- Speeding by individuals
- Using a mobile phone at the wheel
- Not wearing a seat belt
- Careless/aggressive driving

It is important to note that Operation Crackdown **should NOT** be used for **emergency situations** (such as obvious drink-driving) – these should be reported via the 999 emergency number.

How can you report anti-social driving/riding?

Operation Crackdown has its own [dedicated website](http://www.operationcrackdown.org) www.operationcrackdown.org which you can use to report anti-social driving/riding.

Alternatively, you can call **01243 642222** during office hours to speak to an operator.

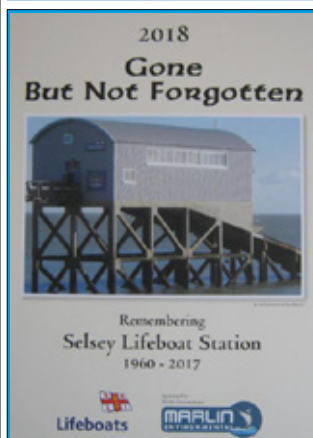


What information will you need?

In order to make a full Operation Crackdown report, you will need the following:

- The vehicle's make, model and licence plate number
- The location of the incident – the more information you can give, the better
- Any more information about the driver/rider – rough age and gender.
- If you do notice that the vehicle has no valid tax disc, please let us know as well.
- You will be asked for your contact details at the end of the form. These will help us keep you up to date and also give us the opportunity to contact you again should we need any more information. You will not be identified if the offending driver/rider is contacted.

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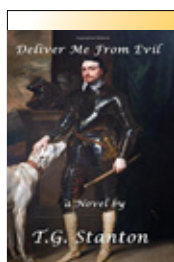


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If you are not lucky to be picked first there will be 3 runners up prizes of a Selsey Seagull

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On the 15th October, Ordinary Cadet Rose Gibbens, serving with Chichester Harbour and Selsey Sea Cadets and who lives in Selsey travelled to the Royal Artillery Stables in Windsor.



Rose had made the last 10 from all the Horse Riding Cadets in the country to attend the final selection for the Tri Service Showjumping Team to compete in the International Uniformed Services Show, which took place on 4th November at Windsor.

Rose was riding an ex Kings Troop horse but unfortunately didn't make the final 4. Afterwards Rose said that although she didn't make the final 4 she had a wonderful time and it was a great opportunity which will give her more experience for the future.



At the Annual Presentation evening in October at the Sea Cadets Unit in Chichester Rose received 3 Major Awards for Boating, Attendance and Smartest Cadet, well done Rose and good luck for your next horse riding competition.



SELSEY LIFEBOAT ASSOCIATION

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FRIENDS OF SELSEY MEDICAL CENTRE (FSMC)

This month, we hope that the provision of new check in screens and TV call screens supplied by the Friends in October for the downstairs waiting areas are proving beneficial to one and all.

Those of us who have visited the Medical Centre in the past few weeks will have noticed some changes in this regard. Seating has been rearranged in the waiting areas to make for a more comfortable experience for patients waiting to be called in by the clinicians. The new, easier to see, call-in screens, and additional community information is, we hope, a welcome improvement.

As became apparent, the changes highlighted the need to freshen up the décor. So the Friends once again came to the rescue, providing a new and welcoming environment. Amazing what a little new paintwork can do!

Please do consider joining us if you are not already a member. To join, call our Membership Secretary, Lesley Webber on [01243 606878](tel:01243606878) or alternatively pick up a Membership form at the middle desk in the Medical Centre. And we continue to seek a new Activities Officer to take us forward! Could you help? We are a friendly group.

As Christmas approaches, and on behalf of my fellow trustees on the Friends committee, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy festive season, and a happy and healthy 2018.

Rosemary Sparrow
Publicity Officer



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By the time you read this, Selsey Carers' Support new premises will be up and running.

It has been a difficult time for all the Trustees and myself. Hard decisions have had to be made but we have emerged stronger and more resilient. I would like to say a big, personal thank you to all the Trustees and our wonderful volunteers for their enormous support – it has been much appreciated.

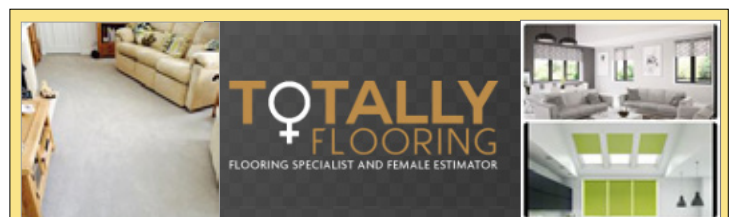
Running a Charity is not easy these days and it was essential to cut costs and look at ways of ensuring our sustainability.

The move was not without its challenges but the fact remains that our premises at 109 High Street were not financially viable and we have to ensure that we can fulfil the aims and objectives of the charity which is to support the Carers in our town.

I am not unaware that the changes have been unsettling for some; I regret that this has been the case but the important thing is that we now move forward, positively and ensure that we do the best we can for our members. We want to pro-actively help and ensure that they feel supported

We are anticipating holding a few 'open' coffee mornings – everyone, whether a carer or not will be very welcome and we very much hope that you will take this opportunity to come and have a cup of something with us, maybe a piece of cake and hear more about what we are doing.

Once again, many thanks to our fellow residents for their support..



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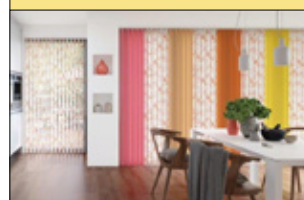
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Ladies come and join us at our next meeting on Wednesday 13th December at 2.15pm, Selsey Town Hall. This will be our Christmas Party and Andy and Carol Beaumont will be entertaining us with Seasonal Music

If you would like more information, please contact Stella Crist 01243 603221 or Heather Coleman 01243 604603.



SELSEY WI

A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE LADIES OF
THE SELSEY WI

Ladies why not come and join us in the New Year.

Our next meeting will be on
Wednesday 10th January 2018, 2.15pm Selsey Town Hall.
Our Speaker will be Janet Denny
"The Man on the Mantlepiece"

If you would like more information about joining us please contact
Stella Crist 01243 603221 or
Heather Coleman 01243 604603.
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L.I.N.C Ladies in Contact

We do not hold a meeting in December, but would like to take this opportunity in

"Wishing You All a Very Merry Christmas together with Best Wishes for 2018.

The first L.I.N.C meeting for 2018 will be on
Thursday 18th January when

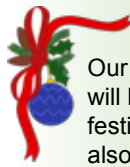
Richard Moorey from Chichester District Neighbourhood Policing Team will be giving a Scam Presentation.

Please contact either Beryl Fletcher On 603750 or Mary Grantham on 604718 should you require any further information. Look forward to seeing you there.



Picture taken when L.I.N.C celebrated its 25th Birthday in October with a musical party evening of songs and music supplied by Sally Paice of Ukeley fame the evening very much enjoyed by the forty three ladies who went along.

SEAL ISLAND WI



Our next meeting on Thursday 7th December at 7.30pm will be our Christmas party, when we will be joining in lively festive singing with Belinda from a local choir. There will also be fun, games, prizes and lots of Christmas food and drink to enjoy. Our Christmas dinner is on Thursday 14th December at 7pm at Chichester College.

The first meeting of 2018 is on Thursday 11th January at 7.30pm (please note the later date due to New Year), when we will be welcoming Terri Robinson, who will be giving a talk on canal history and a demo of her barge painting.



Our February meeting is on Thursday 1st February at 7.30pm when Linda MacDonald will be giving a talk on Shape & Style to Flatter Your Figure.

Why not come and join us, we are a friendly bunch, always happy to receive new members and ladies of all ages will be made welcome at our meetings normally on the first Thursday of the month at the Selsey Centre, Manor Road at 7.30pm – first meeting is free. Our events programme flyer can be picked up at the Centre. For further information please ring Melanie on 01243 604059.



Our next meeting is on
Friday December 15th
in the Selsey Centre at 2.30pm.

We shall be starting to celebrate the festive season with a bevy of goodies both culinary and entertaining.

We would like to wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and we shall look forward to seeing you at the party and in the New Year.

Our first meeting for 2018 will be on Friday 26th January.

The speaker will be James Kenny.

His topic the archaeology of Medmerry.

For any further information please contact Sue our membership secretary on 07710658331

We can also be emailed at info@selseyu3a.org.uk



Selsey Horticultural Society

Seasons Greetings
and Happy New Year.
Look forward to seeing you in 2018



Any further information available from Amanda on 604634



The above arrangements were made in our last meeting by our members after being shown how to make them by Diana Shambrook.



Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team

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Recent Callouts

07/10/17 12:34

Team paged to a report of a possible surfer in difficulty out at sea off East Beach Road.

The team met up with the first informant and other members of the public and we thank them for all their help and the information they gave us.

Both Selsey Lifeboats were then paged to carry out a search off Pagham Harbour, a Kayaker was found and had been in the water for some time. The kayaker was exhausted and had been in the water for some time. The kayaker was then taken to Littlehampton where Littlehampton Coastguard Team and Littlehampton Lifeboats were also tasked.

The kayaker said he was one of a group of seven kayakers so a search took place to find the others and to make sure they were all ok.

Selsey Lifeboats found the group of Kayakers who were all safe and well and all had the right safety equipment with them and radios.

All assets were then stood down to return to stations.

17/10/17 19:02

Team paged alongside Littlehampton Coastguard Team and Selsey Inshore Lifeboat to assist Sussex Police with the search for an 82 year old missing person.

Teams were tasked to search the Pagham area around the persons home, where they were last seen, with plenty of Coastguard Rescue Officers on scene four search teams were deployed to cover the area.

Thankfully, shortly after the teams had started their searches, it was confirmed that the person had been found safe and well between Felpham and Littlehampton.

All assets were then stood down to return to stations.
Returning to station at 20:45.

21/10/17 09:09

Team paged to a kayak washed up on the beach between James Street and Lifeboat Way.

Details and photos sent to Solent Coastguard and an investigation was carried out and the kayak taken back to station.

If you have lost a kayak please contact us!

21/10/17 13:47

Team paged with HM Coastguard Littlehampton, Coastguard Helicopter Rescue 175, Sussex Police, and the Shannon Lifeboat from Selsey Lifeboat Station, to reports of a person seen in the water on their back that had lost their body board over in Bognor.



All coastguard rescue teams mustered and five search teams were deployed from the shore. Coastguard Helicopter Rescue 175 carried out a search pattern of the area as did Selsey Lifeboat. While the search continued two people made themselves known to us, and said they had been out on their boards. With all details taken and fed back to Solent Coastguard we were happy that these were the people that we were searching for and all assets were stood down to return to station at 15:45.

21/10/17 15:56

On route back to station from the previous incident, Solent Coastguard had taken a 999 call from a member of the public who had seen a windsurfer off Brackelsham Bay that looked like they were in difficulty. Team proceeded immediately towards Brackelsham, Selsey Lifeboat was also tasked to this incident, but we were stood down on route with reports the windsurfer was now out of difficulty and ok.

Returning to station to repack and do the wash down.
Leaving station at 17:15.

A safety patrol of the local area was also carried out this morning and advice given where necessary to members of the public.

22/10/17 15:11

Team paged alongside Hayling Lifeboat to reports of a windsurfer in difficulty/possible log off Bracklesham.

The team carried out a shore line search and carried out investigations with surfers and other sea users in the car park. A very large log was found, and with the first informant confirming that this was probably what he had seen, and with no one else seeing anyone in difficulty the team and the lifeboat were stood down to return to station.

A false alarm this time but with good intent.

28/10/17 12:56

Team paged to an injured Kitesurfer that needed medical assistance at West Wittering.

The team assisted the ambulance service and helped the casualty off the beach in our stretcher to the ambulance; the casualty was then taken to hospital.

04/11/17 20:12

Team paged to a potential missing person after clothes were found at Hillfield Car Park.

Two search teams were deployed to the East and the West and Selsey Inshore Lifeboat was also tasked and carried out a search pattern.

With nothing found and no reported missing people in the area all teams and the Lifeboat were stood down to return to stations at 21:55.

**Selsey Coastguard Team would
like to wish you all a very Happy
and Safe Christmas.**

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THOMAS MANNINGHAM DD

1683 – 1750

Thomas Manningham was the eldest son of Thomas Manningham who was consecrated Bishop of Chichester on 13 November 1709 and the grandson of Richard Manningham, Rector of Michelmersh, Hants. His mother was Elizabeth, maiden name unknown. He was baptised on 24 September 1683 at East Tisted, Hampshire and admitted to Eton College as a King's Scholar which meant that he would have lived in the College. This was from 16 September 1697 to 1701. From there he was admitted to King's College, Cambridge on 14 December 1701 where he matriculated. He was a Fellow from 1704 to 1712. Thomas gained a BA between 1705/6. On 18 December 1708 he became Deacon, being ordained Priest exactly one year later by Bishop John Moore at Ely Cathedral.

At this point I contacted Cambridge University Library and received a very informative email from Colin T Clarkson, Head of the Reference Department, which gives us a very good idea of Thomas Manningham's duties. I quote:

'Thomas Manningham must have been chaplain to Bishop Moore at some point between his own ordination and Moore's death on 31 July 1714. Moore employed, I believe at his expense, a succession of Chaplains, sometimes more than one simultaneously. I have no special knowledge of the subject, but it is my impression that a Chaplain would be expected to attend on the bishop for much of the time as a member of his household or entourage. However, it was not unknown for one of his chaplains simultaneously to have held a living, although his parochial duties might in turn have been delegated to a Curate. Among the Chaplain's duties would have been the giving of communion to the Bishop.'

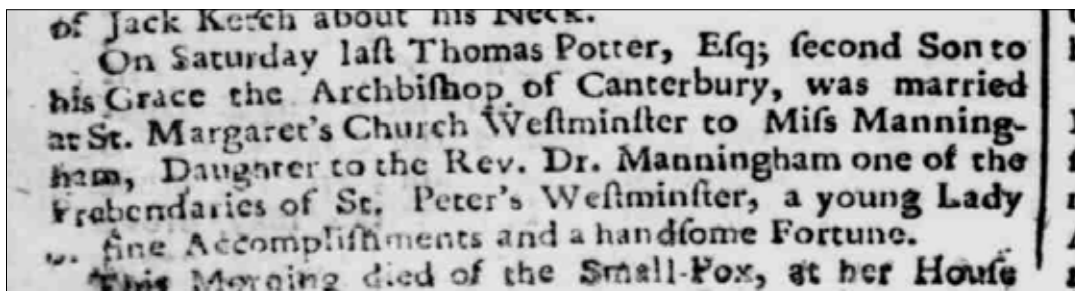
Atypically, at least some of Moore's chaplains were also involved in the management of his library (held at Ely House in London). As David McKitterick says in Cambridge University Library: a history, vol. 2 (p. 58) ...

'as bishop, Moore was relieved of much of the necessity of dealing in person with payments to booksellers, and on many occasions the task, with sundry other mundane ones, fell to his chaplains.'

This was no mean task as the library was a collection of up to 30,000 volumes, including some 1800 manuscripts. Thomas went on to gain his MA in 1709.

On 13 July 1713 Thomas married Mary Yates at Warnham in Sussex. Mary was the daughter of Thomas Yates, Esq., MP for Chichester from 1734 to 1741. They had a daughter Elizabeth who was baptised at Slinfold on 13 July 1714. Sadly, Elizabeth died on 12 November 1733, aged 19 and she was buried in the North Cross at Westminster Abbey.

Then came another daughter, Ann who was baptised 22 March 1716. Ann married Thomas Potter and the marriage was reported in the Stamford Mercury of 28 February 1740.



We shall hear more of Thomas Potter later.

Thomas and Mary's first son, Thomas, was baptised on 24 February 1717. He became Vicar of Wisborough Green, died in 1777 and was buried at Slinfold.

The last child was Richard Manningham who was baptised on 8 February 1718. He died in 1745 and was buried in Slinfold on 5 May of that year.

But to return to our Rector.

Between 7 August 1711 and 25 May 1750 Thomas Manningham was the Prebendary at Chichester Cathedral as well as receiving the prebend of Iphthorne which was a considerable estate. And here I am indebted to Reverend Dr. Alison Green, Curate and Safeguarding Officer, Chichester Cathedral, who explained that a Prebendary is a priest who had a seat in the Cathedral while a prebend was a monetary grant which enabled the employment of priests and vicars to carry out tasks in livings on behalf of the incumbent. In 1724 Thomas was made Doctor of Divinity.

Simultaneously, Thomas held the post of Rector at Slinfold from 6 October 1711 until 1750, Rector of Selsey, upon the death of William Nicholls, from 23 May 1712 until his own death in 1750 and Treasurer at Chichester Cathedral from 17 September 1712 until 1750. He was also Prebendary of Westminster from 1720 to 1750 and Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons at the same time. So you would expect Thomas to be rather busy, wouldn't you?

But consider the logistics. Today, in a car, with modern roads, it takes at least an hour to get from Selsey to Slinfold. Thomas may have had a horse and/or a carriage but the journey would have been very long and tedious. Slinfold is a rectory, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Chichester plus income. Selsey is a Rectory and Vicarage united, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Chichester plus income. Given that the Bishop is also Dad, does this come under the heading of 'providing for the family?' Both Selsey and Slinfold were sinecures i.e. positions requiring little or no work but giving the holder status or financial benefit.

And as Thomas had so many responsibilities I think it is safe to conclude that he would have employed curates to assist him. We know

for certain that his son Richard was curate of Slinfold but what of Selsey? Where was our curate? And what was Thomas doing?

In Edward Heron-Allen's Selsey Bill, page 190 we find the following entry concerning the Church at Church Norton:

'In 1724, during the Rectorship of Dr. Thomas Manningham, Commissioners appointed to report upon the structure, reported that 'the church is in good repair. There wants a new common prayer book. The communion plate is a pewter flagon, and a silver chalice, with a cover. There is a poors box and a chest for the surplice. Four bells, but not hung up, the tower where they formerly hung is fallen down. They seem to be good bells, worth hanging. The Chancel is repaired by the Rector.'

Just the one surplice you notice!



Between 1731 and 1743 a book was published, in instalments, in London, at the author's own expense, entitled *'Mark Catesby's Natural History of Carolina, Florida and the Bahama Islands'* and a digital version is available on line. Our Rev. Thomas is listed as an 'encourager of work'.

In 1741 another gentleman, Johann Dillenius, wrote a tome entitled *'Historia Muscorum'* which sought to enumerate all of the 'lower plants' that he knew. 250 copies of the book were published and cost one guinea each but the book sold poorly and was a financial failure. The Department of Plant Sciences of the Oxford University Herbaria tells us that *'The majority of specimens in the Herbarium of the Historia Muscorum were probably collected by Dillenius... However there are numerous known contributors'* one of whom is Rev. Thomas Manningham. I am grateful to Dr. Stephen Harris, Druce Curator of Oxford University Herbaria for his permission to use this data.

As recently as 25 February 1994, Rev. Thomas Manningham appears in reference books, specifically the *'Dictionary of British and Irish Botanists and Horticulturalists including Plant Collectors, Flower Painters and Garden Designers'*. It was compiled by Ray Desmond and published by Taylor & Francis in conjunction with

the Natural History Museum. The volume states *'Thomas Manningham introduced rare plants to Slinfold'* but no mention is made in his potted history of his being Rector of Selsey.

Thomas Manningham died on 4 May 1750. He had made his will on 15th July, 1748. His son, Thomas Manningham, was bequeathed *'all those my farms and lands (in and around Slinfold) as well as 'my two barns and gaterooms situate and being in the Parish and Island of Selsey...my share, right and interest of and in the Rectory or Parsonage and (undeciphered word) tithes of Walberton...'* He also inherited *'all my household goods, books, cabinets and other goods and chattels in and about my dwelling house and premises in Slinfold and elsewhere.'*

I am led to believe that 'a gateroom' is a sort of utility room, usually separate from the main dwelling...a low status structure or it is an obsolete term for "a lodge at the gate of an estate", i.e. something a little more up-market than a garden shed.



A postcard of Slinfold printed in Saxony when Inland postage was ½d and Foreign postage was 1d. The current church was built in 1861 on the site of the original medieval parish church and does not have a steeple. It is described in Lewis' Topographical Dictionary of England' dated 1848 thus: 'the church is an ancient edifice with a low tower'.

The card is dated around 1902 as that is when a division between the message and the address was introduced. The image can be no later than 1860 unless anyone out there knows better!

At some point, our Vicar had granted to his son-in-law Thomas Potter, Esq. all his farmlands situated in Slinfold and now he was asking him to transfer them back to son Thomas.

Thomas Potter junior, his Grandson, was to receive *'all my capital stocks in the public funds to whit my old and new South Sea Annuities...'*

Quite how valuable these were is debatable. I'm sure we all know of The South Sea Bubble and the uproar it caused in England. The South Sea Company was founded in 1711, peaked in 1720 and crashed later that same year. In 1721 formal investigations exposed a web of deceit, corruption and bribery, MP's were sacked and the Clergy and Gentry lost their life savings. Perhaps Thomas had held on

to the stocks hoping the tide would turn and they would, again, be worth something.

Thomas also made several small bequests to servants (£5 each to be paid within six months of his death).

He appointed Edward Carleton of Arundel, gentleman, to be the Sole Executor of his Will and left him the sum of £100 with which to carry out his wishes. Edward Carleton was a Lawyer living in Arundel High Street. He was Mayor of Arundel between 1746 and 1759 and his memorial in Arundel Church reads: *'Sacred to the memory of Edward Carleton, Esq., (many years an active and conciliating magistrate of this county, and Major-commandant of the Arundel Volunteer Battalion), who died, universally regretted, March 10th AD 1813 in the 63rd year of his age.'*

But all did not go smoothly. Thomas Potter senior had been granted the right to 'administer' his son's inheritance *'for the use and benefit of the said minor...'* as junior was under 21. He must have felt hard done by because he maintained that there was a second Will dated 7th October 1748 and that he was the Executor of this later Will. Quite why this should be I cannot fathom. We know from his marriage that his wife had *'a handsome fortune'* and she had died in 1743/4. We also know that he was the son of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Newcastle Courant from Saturday October 31 – Saturday November 7, 1747 reported *'we hear that Doctor Potter, the late Archbishop of Canterbury, died worth near ninety thousand pounds which he has chiefly left to his son, Thomas Potter Esq., Member of Parliament for St. Germain's'* (which is in Cornwall). A goodly sum even today!

The upshot was that everyone took everyone else to Court for a judgement. The Court room must have been packed on 3 December 1750. There were proctors (solicitors) acting on behalf of Edward Carleton and Thomas Potter while Mary Manningham and her son Thomas shared another, all the proctors *'praying justice to be done to his party'*.

Thomas Potter must have been even more upset as the word 'pretended' crops up repeatedly in the Court records. It is tempting to regard it as meaning 'fake' although perhaps 'claimed' would be a more polite and accurate term. The October Will, Executor, and the date were all 'pretended'.

John Bettesworth, Doctor of Laws and Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury did *'pronounce, decree and declare that the aforesaid pretended Will...was and is null and invalid...'* and the Will was proved the same day. He and George Hay signed the judgement. George Hay was the Judge at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

On 2 July 1751 Mary Manningham died and was buried in the North Cross at Westminster Abbey with her daughter on 5 July. According to the registers at Westminster Abbey *'The Funeral Book gives her age as sixty-two...Her will, dated 27 April 1751 was proved 6 July following, by her son, Rev. Thomas Manningham, of Green, co Sussex, to whome she left all her estate.'*



Collegiate Church of St Peter at Westminster
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To return to the earlier question of curates in Selsey, these appear to be the unsung heroes of the Clergy often being paid a pittance by their employers. According to Edward Heron-Allen in Selsey Bill 1911 there were several assistant curates in Selsey during the incumbency of Thomas Manningham:

1702 – 1712 John Darling BA, 1719 – 1744 Thomas Lamprey, 1744-1768 Richard Downes so perhaps it is these people we should be researching!

Historian and Reverend James Dallaway held the living of Slinfold from 1803 to 1834 (although he resided at his other living in Leatherhead) and his County History of the Western Part of Sussex (1815) stated, of Selsey, that *'No vicar has been appointed for many years past.'* This was duly copied by Thomas Horsfield in

1835. British History Online says *'Although the Rectory is called a sinecure and the Vicarage is said to be in the gift of the Rector in the 18th century, no vicar seems to have been instituted after 1663.'* But we know Selsey is a Rectory and Vicarage united so perhaps it is merely the 'title' of vicar that hasn't been used.

And one further oddity arises:

The Church in Selsey is the Church of St Peter, The Church in Slinfold is the Church of St Peter while the formal title of Westminster Abbey is The Collegiate Church of St Peter at Westminster. Coincidence?

Thanks are also due to Mrs. Eleanor Hoare, College Archivist, Eton College Library for her potted histories of the Manningham family and to Julian Bell, Curator, Weald & Downland Living Museum

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this is how it's done....

As many of you will know, we have been fitting Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) around Selsey and there are now six in place with at least 2 more to come. But we know also that people are very wary of them indeed, one may say, frightened. To show that there is no magic in using them we decided that we needed to give 'hands on' demonstrations as to their use.



We have given demonstrations in the past to selected groups and on Lifeboat Day. However, a more general event was needed and, thanks to St Wilfrid's Catholic Church for giving us the use of their Hall and to many members of the Church for their considerable help, the event was arranged. But, how many people would come - 10 ... 20 ... -, we had no idea. In the end, over 100 people attended. A figure well beyond our expectations. The business and residents of Selsey funded the PADs and it is clear that they have a great interest in how to use them and the success of the scheme.



We will be holding general demonstrations at different locations in the future and these will be advertised well in advance. More photographs and further information will be appearing on our website very shortly. Finally, as you can see, you are never too young to learn the skill of defibrillator operation. www.selseyfirstresponders.org

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Selsey Library Christmas Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 19th December
10.30am - 11.30am**

Join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a mince pie to celebrate the festive season!

At 10.30am we will be holding a special Christmas Baby Rhyme Time, come and join in with some fun festive songs.

Parents and carers are asked to remain with their child for this activity



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Medmerry Primary School said farewell to one of its most long-standing friends on Friday 10th November as school crossing patrol officer Annie Winsor hung up her lollipop for the last time.

Annie has patrolled the crossing at School Lane for over thirty years, and now has become used to seeing parents crossing the road who were once pupils at the school. To celebrate her retirement from the role, Annie attended an assembly at the school where she was presented with a leaving card, flowers, a specially-crafted lollipop crossing cake, and a collection of gift vouchers bought by parents, staff and friends of the school.



In her final words to the children, she recounted some stories of her work over the years, including seeing a fox and a wood mouse across the road after the rush of children!

Mr Tidd, headteacher at Medmerry Primary School said, "In the short time I've been at Medmerry, it is clear how valued Annie has been, and what a central part of the school community her role is. She will be missed by the school and its students, but also by parents and those in the area who have seen Annie getting children across the road safely in all weathers for three decades."

After years of serving come rain or shine, Annie's retirement plans already include a holiday in the south of France.



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What started out as an innocent Facebook post showing an elderly lady with only a broken mattress, and a thought to be mindful of others quickly progressed to the people of Selsey getting together and providing her with a new upright rising chair, curtains, cutlery and warm bedding and food.

We also started a just giving page, with those same eager people dipping in their pockets allowing us to provide the rising chair. In fact we raised so much money that we had an excess of £500!

We wanted to help those people who are vulnerable and alone, especially those alone at Christmas. We spoke to Julie and Danny from the Selsey Community Forum and found out about the fantastic work it does and the dinner it provides on Christmas Day for those people on their own and also about the food packages they deliver along with buying food for the food bank.

It was decided to donate the money to them to help with Christmas.

Louise and I would like to thank the wonderful people of Selsey for everything they have given and donated, and want to wish everyone a Lovely Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Terry Stevens and Louise Latchford



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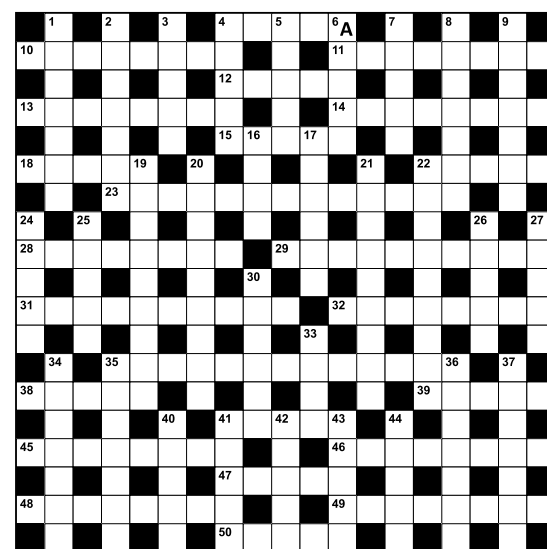
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Selsey RNA Wines, Dines & Remembers

The Royal Naval Association, Selsey Branch, held its 39th Trafalgar Night Dinner/Dance since its inauguration, this time, for the first time ever outside Selsey, at The Chichester Park Hotel on the 19th October. Some ninety members and guests, including contingents from adjacent RNA branches, were superbly hosted and catered for in a very pleasing environment.

Our Guests of Honour were Robin Tubbs and his wife, Molly. Robin, a RN Korean war veteran, and former Police Chief inspector, is our RNA No. 3 Area President. He met Molly when he was with the RN in Malta and she was serving in the WRNS.

By kind donation from so many individuals and businesses we are truly grateful that our raffle raised over £500. We especially thank: F A Holland; The Old Piggery Farm Shop; The Anchor Inn; The Seal Hotel; The Riviera Restaurant; Nature's Way; Highhouse Insurance Services; The Crab & Lobster, Sidlesham; Brick Kiln Garden Centre; West Dean Gardens; South Downs Planetarium; Runcton Farm Shop; The Royal Maritime Club in Portsmouth; Birdworld in Farnham; Stansted Park at Rowlands Castle; and Uppark House at South Harting.

Our Trafalgar Dinner, closely followed by Remembrance Sunday, not only invokes reflection on those who were lost or injured in formal battle but for all who have been adversely affected by conflicts, wherever our service personnel have served. And, sadly, once again this year the Grim Reaper has called on a few of our fine members, whom we sorely miss.

Even so, we still maintain a strong membership of eighty, enjoying a comprehensive social programme throughout the year, and enjoy giving a helping hand in the community where we can.

From us all in The Selsey Branch of the RNA, we wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year.

Gavin Roriston

Hon Sec & PRO, RNA, Selsey Branch

All who served in the Royal Navy or one of its branches, including the Royal Marines, QARNNS, RFA or WRNS are welcome to join with us in social events, games and outings. Don't hesitate in contacting us. Alternatively, simply come to our meetings held at 2000 hours, every second Tuesday of each month in The Selsey Club to enjoy a tot and our brand of comradeship.



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Tue 5th: 5.30pm Mundham and Runcion Area.

Weds. 6th: 5.30pm Beach Road, Marrisfield Place, Kingsway, Albion Road, Sunnymead Drive & Close.

Thurs 7th: 5.30pm Church Road, St. Peters Crescent, Wellington Gardens, Malthouse Road (+cul-de-sacs), High Street, East Street, North Road, Netherton Close.

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Sun 10th: 5.00pm Manor Farm Close, Chichester Road, Hunisett Close, Millington Drive, Fidler Close, Petts Close, Robinson Close.

Tue, 12th: 5.30pm Marine Drive, Broad View, Eastway/Bank, Fontwell Rd, Gillway, Chichester Way.

Weds 13th. 5.30pm Hunston: Foxbridge Drive, St. Leodegars Way, Orchard Side, Westlands Road, Little Boultons.
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Sun. 17th: 5.00pm Grafton Rd (from Grove Rd), Lifeboat Way, Coxswain Way, Wright Way, Barnes Close, Canadian Crescent, Pacific Way, Jones Square, Beacon Drive, Lawrence Close, Mixon Close, Sparshott Rd, Pennycord Cl.

Mon. 18th: 5.30pm Sidlesham Area

Tue 19th: 5.30pm East Beach Rd, Drift Rd, Solar Drive, Tranquillity Way, Lunar Crescent, Orbit Gardens, Halley View, Jordell Place, Wheatfield Rd, Manor Lane

Wed 20th:5.30pm West Street (+ cul-de-sacs), Bonnar Road, Clayton Road, Seagrove, Vincent Road, Coxes Road, Warner Road.

Thu 21st: 5.30pm Bill House, Byways, Solent Way, Seal Road, York Road, Tythe Barn Road, Green Lane, Windsor Road, Grove Road, Orchard Avenue, Southern Road, Longacre (Beaufield), Woodlands Road, Beach Gardens, Cherry Gardens, Ursula / St. Itha Road



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The winning image:
ARCTIC TERN by Graham Ainge

2) Mr. Tony Baverstock who judged the Manhood Peninsular competition



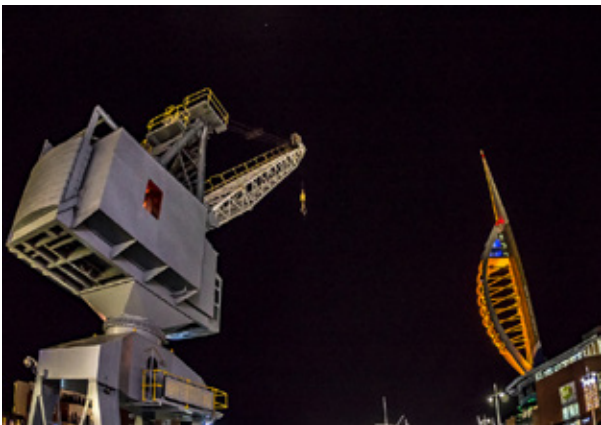
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LIFT OFF by Tony Storey

We have also had a very interesting talk by Walter Benzie (the recently retired President of the Royal Photographic Society) illustrated with examples of panels submitted by photographers attempting to obtain one of the 3 levels of distinction that RPS offer.

Recently we enjoyed a table top practical evening. Dave Johnson set up a varied array of objects which we could rearrange to create different effects and compositions.



Our latest meeting was an evening photoshoot in Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth.



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NEW SPECTACLES

by

Ellis Berg

I must not bow my head these days
Or duck my chin or search the shelf
For books beneath bifocal gaze:
I hit my head and hurt myself.

Three times this week (you'd think I'd learn),
I thought my eyes were level-lined
Up with my scalp. A screaming burn
Of blood and wood and skin combined.

To spring the anger and the hate,
I held my head and gently crooned
Of pillows soft, inanimate,
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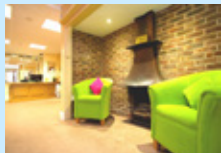
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Buses will commence pick-ups for this event at 10.30am to give adequate time for all to find their places in the hotel. The price for this meal shall be £17.00 which is non-refundable because of pre-booking conditions.

Booking can be made in advance by phoning the Club on [605115](tel:01243605115). Payment is required to be made to Alison or Nigel who will be at the Club between 10.00 and 11.00 on Tuesday 5th and Friday 8th of December.



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The Club is a registered charity and operated entirely by volunteers. Membership is open to those over sixty and to the disabled who are residents of Selsey. If you are interested in joining or require more information why not give our office a call on [605115](tel:01243605115)? Membership is currently just £10.00 a year.

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THE PENDRAGON PAGE

LONDON'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The first street lights to appear in London were in 1680, when households and shops were legally required to hang a lantern outside their property. By the early 18th Century early gas lamps cast gloomy pools of light on London Bridges and streets.

The first electric street lamps were invented by the Russian, Pavel Yablochkov in 1875. These worked by passing an alternating electric current through carbon. In 1878 London's first electric street lamps were installed at Holborn Viaduct and Thames Embankment.



In 1881 The Savoy Theatre was the first building in the world to be lit entirely by 1,200 Swan Incandescent light bulbs. In 1882 Richard D'Oyly Carte decorated the principal fairies of the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera *Iolanthe* with miniature bulbs, which became known as fairy lights. Tiny bulbs were then hand painted in red and green and used to decorate trees in houses that had electricity.

It was not until the 1950s that Christmas lights first appeared in London's West End.

In 1900 the West End of Oxford Street was an unfashionable collection of non-descript shops. In 1906 Harry Gordon Selfridge

opened his first department store in London's West End.

Selfridge was a visionary who revolutionised shopping. He believed that shopping could be a leisure pursuit, stores should be an inviting place for people to browse and socialise, and of course do most of their shopping in one place.



To encourage shoppers into the store, Selfridge created an element of theatre by arranging elaborate window displays. The displays were kept covered by silk curtains and the dates of unveilings were announced in national and provincial newspapers. Viewing the Christmas window displays soon became a tradition in London.

The idea of a trip to London to see decorations and do the Christmas shopping grew. It was not until 1954 that traders in Regent Street first came together to decorate the street with Christmas lights in a bid to entice shoppers away from competing shops in Oxford Street. Lights first appeared in Oxford Street in 1959.

In the late 1970s Oxford Street Traders announced that their Christmas lights would feature a new invention, laser light. Thousands flocked to see the lights switched on, and were either amazed or disappointed as they stared at a single green laser light that zig-zagged down the street, as it bounced off the upper floors of the buildings.

Over fifty years London's Christmas Lights have become an attraction in themselves, with celebrities switching them on. Lights now include lasers and LEDs, and lighting designers are brought in to develop bigger, better, and brighter displays.



Streets and towns across the country soon saw the advantages of colourful lights during the busy Christmas shopping period and Carnaby Street has developed a distinct style for bold, kitsch decorations.



This year Selfridges is once again leading the trend by becoming the first department store in the world to unveil their Christmas windows two months before Christmas and having two themes. The first, '*With Love From...*' was unveiled at the beginning of October, and at the end of November the store will unveil its second themed display.

Despite the huge growth in online shopping, the tradition of London's Christmas Lights looks set to excite and delight for many years to come.

NEXT MONTH: HAPPY NEW YEARS



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A story for Christmas..

WHITE OUT

by Pat Read

He'd heard of a white out, but never experienced one until this moment, and now he knew how it got its name. The dense blizzard had slowed his car to walking pace and he wondered how long before it came to a complete halt. He could no longer see the road ahead, even though it was a wide road under normal conditions, but he had to get home. Had to get home to tell Ann he loved her, had to get home to explain things, to stop her leaving him alone this Christmas. If he could only turn the clock back, she'd be there waiting for him in the warm, a meal ready for him, the tree bedecked with glitter and lights. He looked down at his mobile again. 'Blast this thing, blast this weather!', there was still no signal.



Suddenly, beyond the swirling mayhem of shards of white came a powerful light, it came out of nowhere, a blinding flash causing him to lift his arm across his forehead for protection. The noise, the roar, all he could see was white, floodlit and blinding. What was happening? He felt his body shake, and still this dazzling light, and then.....nothing.

He opened his eyes, the car was dark and all was quiet. 'What the hell happened?' he asked himself. Struggling to comprehend the situation, he tried to open the car door, but it was wedged shut by the deep snow. The car was tilting over at a frightening angle and the passenger seat was now sloping upwards. He grabbed the outer side of the seat to pull himself over, first grabbing a torch from the glove compartment before struggling to push the passenger door upwards. It was free of snow and with difficulty he heaved himself over the seat and out of the car whilst trying to keep the door from slamming shut on him. He tumbled into the deep, soft snow.

He shielded his eyes against the blizzard, but the dark night made it impossible to know even in which direction he was pointing. The torch gave some light and he saw that his car was badly damaged. 'What on earth.....'. Slowly realisation struck that the blinding flash and noise was the result of something powerful smashing into his car, but there was no sign of another vehicle. He shouted, but all was now silent. He shouted again, 'Is anyone there?' but still nothing. If he was where he thought he was, he knew there was no house for miles. It was Christmas Eve and most people were where they wanted to be for Christmas on a night like this. He felt strangely light headed, as though he'd had a few drinks, and when he pulled himself up to full height, he experienced a weird feeling of weightlessness. He thought if he wrapped himself in the car rug, which he kept in the boot for emergencies, he may manage to find help before the snow completely buried his car and made the road impassable by foot.

He was just about to tackle the problem of getting the boot open, when he thought he saw a faint light through the thick veil of snow. He shielded his eyes and tried to focus. Yes, thank God, it was definitely a light. Forgetting the rug he struggled towards the dim glow, each step sinking further into already knee-deep snow. To haul each foot out again for the next step was exhausting, but thankfully the light grew closer.

His calculations must be wrong, but as he struggled on, the ghostly image of a building became clearer and he saw lights inside. A noise made him look up, it was the whining and squeaking of rusty hinges holding an old metal inn sign, swinging within its wooden frame. He squinted, trying to make out a name. A large tiger with piercing green eyes looked down at him with the words The Tiger Inn now clearly visible. His confusion as to how he had arrived at an inn, which he knew was not on this road that he travelled regularly, was overridden by his joy at finding warmth and sustenance, and hopefully a landline so that he could call Ann.

He stumbled towards the entrance. The heavy oak door was stiff, but he managed with all his might to give it a hefty push with his shoulder, causing it to burst open and for him to fall inside with a crash.

Warmth and light hit him and the scene that met his eyes was a party in full swing, now brought abruptly to a halt by his clumsy and noisy entrance. Conversation stopped as the gathered eclectic mix of partygoers all turned towards the door, only the background band music played on. After a few seconds of shocked silence, an elderly man in a pin striped suit, stiff shirt collar and bow tie, and a moustache, which gave him a rather distinguished look, leapt forward and took his hand. 'I say old chap, are you alright? Here let's get you a chair.'



Another couple jumped up to help and a chair was brought, along with a brandy glass, which the barman, seeing his distress, hurriedly filled with a measure and handed it to him. He gratefully knocked the brandy back, and spent a moment to take stock of his surroundings.

There were four ladies in the room, all dressed stylishly and shimmering in cocktail dresses, embellished with jewellery, furs and feathers. There were seven men, also suitably attired, he presumed for a Christmas Eve party.

'I'm afraid my car was hit by something and has spun off the road, just a few hundred yards from here. Where am I, I thought I was on the A6 near Carlisle, but I'm now rather confused?'

'You are on the A6 old boy', said another man. 'Beastly night to be out though, good job the old Tiger Inn was nearby. We're all marooned here until this darned blizzard gives over, not where we expected to be on Christmas Eve. Lucky we've got supplies eh, like another one?'

'I'm sorry, I'm completely baffled, I know this road well and there's no pub near here.'

One of the ladies gave him a smile and a chuckle, 'Sounds as though you've had a bump on the head. Let's get you nearer the fire and I'm sure there's some warm soup in the kitchen. Harold! Get this gentleman some of your delicious soup.' She shouted to someone

through what was probably the kitchen door, beyond the bar.

'Can I use your phone? My mobile hasn't any signal, and I must speak to my wife.'

The group exchanged quizzical glances, before one of the men spoke. 'Er, you're not making a lot of sense, but we do have a phone, if it's still working. I'll get the exchange for you, what's the number old chap?'

He gave his number to the man, who turned to the barman, 'I think we need to get that soup down him, and give him a bit of time to get over his ordeal. He might then be able to remember his phone number.'

He was now aware of his surroundings and the strange attire worn by the people in the room. The ladies looked very different from his usual acquaintances and he'd only seen an elegant cigarette holder such as the one held by one of the ladies, in old films. It must be a fancy dress party, he thought.

A bowl of steaming soup appeared in front of him, along with a thick slice of bread and butter. 'It's very kind of you, but I must make a phone call.'

'Sorry old boy, phone seems to be as dead as a do-do, but get this down you and as soon as we have a connection or this damn weather changes, we'll try to contact someone for you. Meanwhile, let's enjoy ourselves. Cheers!' The man held up a champagne glass and the rest of the party laughed and chinked glasses, which sparkled with fizz and cocktail cherries.'

He reluctantly turned to the soup and bread, but had to admit that it was one of the best he'd ever tasted. He ate hungrily and was grateful for the tankard of ale, which also appeared before him.

The man in the pin-striped suit was leaning with one elbow on the bar and looking at him. 'I don't think you're going anywhere tonight old boy. Why don't you make yourself comfortable in one of the bedrooms upstairs, you look as though you could do with a lie down.'

He wasn't feeling too good and the brandy and ale had made him feel sleepy. 'I think I'll do that for a couple of hours if you don't mind.'

'Not at all old boy, just call if you need anything.' The man turned to his companions, 'Merry Christmas everyone. Bottoms up, and turn that music up.'

He got up and with the help of the banisters, hauled himself up the stairs. He was now so tired, each foot seemed to be a dead weight. He opened the first door he came to on the landing and found the light switch just next to the door. There was a made up bed in the small room and he went straight to it and flopped down on the old-fashioned feather eiderdown. Before his eyes closed, he caught sight of a calendar on the far wall. Squinting and trying to focus on the writing at the top, he could have sworn he read December 1946. 'What the hell.....?' He must be dreaming.

At that moment the light went out and he was in complete darkness, but too tired to question what was happening. His eyes slowly closed and he thought of Ann who was waiting for him, before sleep took over.

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The loud knocking on the door woke her suddenly. She switched on the bedside light. The clock showed 6.30 a.m. and it was still dark. It was Christmas Day and the children weren't even awake, who on earth was banging on the door? 'Oh God', she muttered, 'please don't let us have another row and confrontation in front of the children on Christmas morning.'

She quickly put on her dressing gown and went downstairs. She called, 'Joe, is that you?'

'It's the police Mrs Davies.'

Her heart filled with fear as she slowly opened the door. 'What's happened, has someone been hurt?'

Two officers, a man and a woman, stood outside the door. 'We're very sorry to wake you up at this hour on Christmas morning madam, are you Mrs Ann Davies?'

She paled and started to shiver uncontrollably, 'Yes.'

'Can we come in? I'm afraid we have some bad news concerning your husband, Mr Joseph Davies.'

She let them in and showed them into the lounge where she sat down, her white face and eyes glued to the policeman who was speaking. 'Joe? Is he OK?'

'We're very sorry to have to tell you that Mr Davies had an accident in his car last night. I'm afraid he was pronounced dead at the hospital. It was a terrible night, and his car was hit by a lorry in the blizzard.'

She stared at the two officers. 'Where?' Her voice was barely audible.

'On the A6 near Carlisle. There's a very nasty bend there, locals call it The Tiger's Tail. Visibility was almost nil last night.'

She stared up at the officer, her voice weak. 'The Tiger's Tail, why?' her voice trailed off.

'It's a notoriously unlucky stretch of road Mrs Davies. Not just because of accidents in recent years, but there was once an inn on that bend on the old road, called The Tiger. It was destroyed by fire on Christmas Eve in 1946. They had a blizzard on that night too, which caused a power failure and it's believed candles caused the fire. Very tragic as there were a few people who'd been stranded and were spending the night there. They all perished.'

THE END

Once again, thank you to the Selsey Writer's Circle for permission to publish their story. Think you can do better? Get in touch with the Writer's Circle, (see advert on page 36) and have a go. They will offer help and guidance in a friendly atmosphere.

The Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group: Powered by Local Volunteers!

The Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group (MWHG) is your local wildlife charity, and volunteers from across the parishes have done some fantastic work in helping to survey 38km of ditch, restore relict ponds, create hedges and meadows, and manage local wildlife sites, like East Beach pond in Selsey. The enthusiasm and energy they have for improving their local environment not only benefits wildlife, but helps reduce flood risk and improves the quality of spaces for everyone to enjoy. With funding from the FLOW Project, the MWHG has ambitious plans to survey and restore further areas for wildlife, and we need more local people to get involved and help keep our work rolling. So what it's like volunteering for MWHG? We've asked four volunteers to give their story.

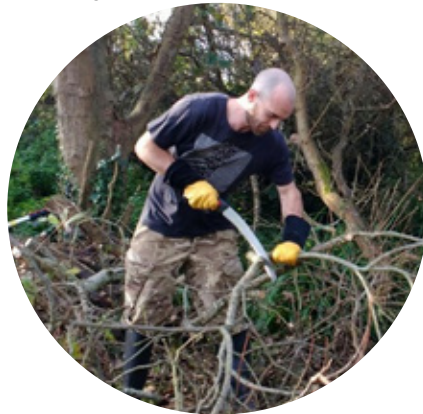
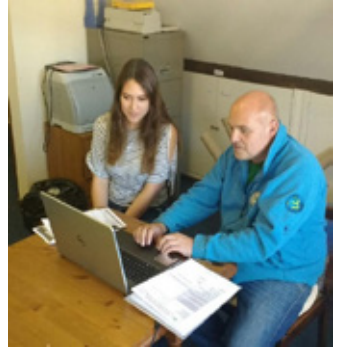


Hello I'm Sheila. I am a retired office worker and have lived in Selsey for 45 years. I love nature and the outdoors, and first got involved with MWHG after being offered a Plant Identification course. After that, I joined a work party at East Beach Pond in Selsey, and was hooked from there! As a volunteer for MWHG I particularly like doing physical work outdoors in good company. It is satisfying to see the results of the work we do, for example clearing scrub, and the new wildlife habitats that are created. It's not all hard work though, and I get a lot of enjoyment from sharing experiences, the banter and general chit chat over refreshments!

Hi, I'm Faye. I'm local to the area and study Biology in Chichester. My studies motivated me to become a volunteer with MWHG as I found the conservation and ecology topics very interesting. I also wanted more field experience to apply the theory I'd learnt at college. With MWHG I enjoy the practical outings, including surveys and moth trapping, and also the

opportunity to take part in GIS mapping and data-recording. Volunteer experience is crucial for a career in conservation, and being at MWHG has given me lots of new skills and opportunities to expand my knowledge.

Photo: MWHG Wildlife Officer Chris Drake trains Faye on GIS



Hi, I'm Max. After completing a Conservation Biology degree I've returned home to Chichester. I currently work as a landscape gardener, but am looking for a career change to work in the field of conservation biology. When I heard about the work the MWHG were doing with water voles (Britain's fastest declining mammals), I was keen to get involved. Volunteering with MWHG is good fun and a chance for me to gain lots of valuable practical experience in land management, wildlife surveys and computer mapping using GIS software.

Photo: Max clears scrub at The Wad, West Wittering

Hello, I'm Veronica. I was born in Donnington and have lived in the area for nearly 80 years. For many years I worked on an LSA holding with my husband and later at a plant nursery. I've always had green fingers and enjoy my garden, especially the wildflowers and observing the

insect-life. I became involved with the MWHG after the Wildlife officer, Sarah Hughes, gave a talk at a local meeting, I put my name down to join the group, and the rest is history. With Sarah, I helped create a conservation group in my local parish, and took on the role as team leader. When I first started as a MWHG volunteer, I thought I already knew a lot about wildlife, but I'm still learning so much! I always look forward to the work parties, it's an escape from everyday concerns, and gives me a real sense of satisfaction to see what we achieve for wildlife. I enjoy the camaraderie, conversation and common purpose that comes with working with other volunteers.



Photo: Veronica in action, putting the final touches to a laid hedge, West Wittering.

At the MWHG we have a range of volunteering opportunities to suit different interests and abilities, from wildlife surveys and habitat restoration, to ranger work and helping out at events. As a volunteer, you'll find us a welcoming and supportive group, and it's also a chance to meet new friends, learn new skills and get involved with some great projects in your community. No special skills are necessary and you don't have to be super-fit either, just keen and interested.

Volunteering for MWHG couldn't be easier and there's no obligation to make a regular time commitment, so why not come along to one of our weekly events for a taster? For more information on how you can get involved, please email us on hello@mwhg.org.uk or for an informal chat please ring Rebecca on: 07379 503 033.

MWHG Diary of Events: December 2017

If you wish to attend one of the events below, please contact Jane for details on: 07743 824049. Our events are also listed on our website www.mwhg.org.uk and on Facebook/Twitter at mwhg.page

Date	Where	What	Meeting place
Fri 08 Dec 2017	The Wad, West Wittering	Pushing through to the next section of the site	The wetland area is at the back of The Wad, West Wittering. PO20 8AH. There is limited parking in Pound Road and The Wad. *
Sat 16 Dec 2017	Florence Pond, Sidlesham.	Cutting back vegetation along a ditch and pond.	Florence Pond, Church Farm Lane, Sidlesham PO20 7RE. There is parking at St Mary's Church Hall and we will put a hi vis jacket up at the gate.
Tues Dec 6th, 12th, 19th 1.30pm – 3.30pm	East Beach Pond, Selsey	Vegetation clearance; flora and fauna surveying	East Beach Pond Car park. PO20 0SN To attend one of these events, please contact Sheila on 01243 602303
Fri Dec 8th, 22nd 9.30am-12noon	Manor Green Park, Selsey	Managing the Sensory garden and other borders	Selsey Centre Car park. PO20 0SE By the orchard at the side. To attend one of these events, please contact Sheila on 01243 602303



THE PENDRAGON PAGE

HAPPY NEW YEARS

If you are planning a list of New Year Resolutions that you know you will break by 2nd January, have no fear. There will be plenty of opportunities to start again.

The Gregorian calendar replaced the Julian calendar in 1582. Named after Pope Gregory the XIII it is the most widely used calendar today.

The end of the Gregorian year is traditionally celebrated on 31st December, New Years Eve. Friends and family get together to reflect on the past year, and often plan to make changes in the coming year.

Around the world the new year is greeted with celebration and fireworks.



Other cultures and religions mark the beginning of a new year at different times throughout the Gregorian year.

In 2018 Chinese New Year will be celebrated on 16th February. It is marked on the eve of the first New Moon in the Chinese Lunar Calendar which falls between 21st January and 20th February.

Colourful street festivals of Lion and Dragon dances take place in Chinese communities around the world. Paper lanterns and fireworks are part of the centuries old Chinese New Year traditions.

A time for families to come together to pay respects

to deities and ancestors, in China many people are given annual leave to travel thousands of miles back to their home village. The Chinese Zodiac has a 12 year cycle and the coming New Year will be the Year of the Dog.



Jewish New Year is called Rosh Hashana and will be on the 9th September in 2018. It marks the beginning of the agricultural new year when harvest is gathered and new seed is sown.

A *shofar* (a hollowed out rams horn) is sounded to mark the beginning of the two day festival.



Families come together to share a special meal, and in modern times it has become common for apples dipped in honey to be served to signify the wish that everyone enjoys a 'sweet year'.

On the 11th September 2018 Muslims will celebrate the Islamic New Year. The Islamic calendar is lunar based and the year is 11 to 12 days shorter than the Gregorian Year of 365 days.

It is celebrated on the first day of Muhurram, the first month in the Islamic Calendar, which began in 622 AD. 2018 AD corresponds to 1440 AH.

Samhain is on the 31st October and is celebrated by many Pagans as the beginning of a new year.

It is a Gaelic festival marking the end of the farming year that falls half way between the Autumn and Winter

Equinox. There is evidence that the Celtic festival dates back to Neolithic times and it is mentioned in early Irish literature and Medieval texts. Communities would come together to record their harvest and livestock. Huge bonfires were lit on hill tops and people would take a burning torch from the fire to their homes.



Diwali signifies the Hindu New Year and will be on the 7th of November 2018. Known as the Festival of Lights, once again fireworks, lanterns and candles form an integral part of the celebrations.

Diwali marks the triumph of light over darkness. It is traditional for people to wear new clothes and decorate their homes inside and out with many candles. *Mithai* (sweets) are shared to ensure a happy new year for everyone.



Light and sweet treats are a recurring theme among many new year traditions, all of which focus upon family, friends and community and the desire for a healthy and happy new year for all.

Wishing you good luck with your resolutions and Happy New Years.

Next Month: With This Ring



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- 13) What name is both a god of fire and an RAF bomber?
- 14) Luik is the Flemish name for which Belgian city?
- 15) In the film Titanic, what is the name of Kate Winslet's character?
- 16) Who marched the Israelites around the walls of Jericho?
- 17) Which two books in the Bible have a woman's name in the title?
- 18) How many 'Road' movies did Bing Crosby and Bob Hope make?
- 19) How does Marshall Bruce Mathers III choose to be known?
- 20) In which German city was Anne Frank born?

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The Staff at The Selsey Centre would like to wish all their Users and Hirers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please note the Centre is closed on Friday 22nd December and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January at 9am.

All our regular activities are continuing this month but will all be taking a well-earned break over the Christmas period. Please check with your activity instructor/organiser for finish and re-start dates.

There are two Baby & Toddler Play sessions arranged for December on 5th and the Christmas Party on 12th December. For tickets to the Baby & Toddler Christmas Party please contact either Bounce About on Facebook Bounceabout baby and toddler play or The Selsey Centre for more information.

Special Feature – Christmas Art Club on Thursday 21st December from 1 – 5pm with Anita Beckwith. Come along and enjoy designing and making your own Christmas decorations, presents and cards. Children 5 years and over can be left, parent participation required for 5 years and under. However please feel free to join in with your children of any age in the Christmas Art activities and games. Drinks and snacks will be available! To Book your place please contact Anita on 07801816625 OR email her on anitajbeckwith@gmail.com

Looking forward to 2018, note for your diaries our next Table Top Sale is on Sunday 18th February from 9am to 12.30pm. Tables/ Spaces are already selling out fast please contact us to book your place now on 01243 603836 OR by email info@selseycentre.com

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This Year? Next Year? Sometime? NEVER!

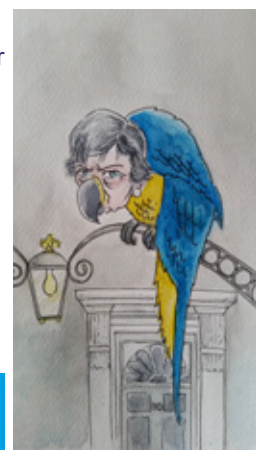
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It seems there is talk of a new referendum
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In the Garden

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

Jobs for December

Provide food and water for the birds to help them get through the Winter. Put out some fat blocks or fat balls as fat is necessary in the bird's Winter diet. Continue feeding with seed mixes and peanuts.

This is a good time of the year to treat timber of sheds and fences and other structures with preservative.

Early in December, cut a few shoots from Winter flowering shrubs such as Viburnum, Primus and Winter Jasmine. Put the shoots in water and keep them in a cool place indoors. The buds will open and they make an excellent addition to Christmas decorations.

Jobs for January

Tidy up hardy perennials by cutting away any dead top-growth. Trim the stems off at soil level, making sure that you don't leave any spiky stubs which could be painful to the hands. Remove all the debris and add to the compost heap. Mulch the borders with a rich garden compost.

If a hard frost is due, move any container plants under cover for extra protection. A cold drying wind can also be damaging. Excess rain can saturate the compost which can freeze solid. Stand pots and containers on feet to assist drainage.

Prepare trenches where Beans are going to be grown. Dig the trench and gradually half fill with compost, vegetable peelings and other organic waste. Cover with soil and then sow Beans on top in April or May.

Place a terracotta forcing jar, old dustbin or deep bucket over some Rhubarb as soon as there is the first sign of growth. The protected dark condition inside will encourage the growth of early and very tender stems which are bright pink, succulent and very sweet. They will be ready to harvest in just a few weeks.

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Tip Top Tips for December

Check over all Bulbs, Corms and Tubers in store for any signs of disease. Disease such as botrytis and rotting can spread rapidly. Remove any affected bulbs immediately.

Amaryllis bulbs make excellent Christmas presents. Pot some up as presents and set them so that the nose of the bulb is just at the surface of the compost. Place them somewhere cool and light to grow a little before Christmas.

Bring bulbs being forced for Christmas, such as Hyacinths, Narcissus, Daffodils, Dwarf Tulips and Crocus', into light and gentle heat. If heat is too high, they will become too leafy. They should flower in time for Christmas, Hyacinths are very popular as they will fill the room with their delightful scent.

Christmas presents such as winter flowering Cyclamen need special care. Cyclamen needs a cool room and good light and should be watered from underneath.

Poinsettias need warm rooms and should be kept moist but they must not get water-logged, so take great care with watering. A mist spray, occasionally in the morning, is beneficial.

Houseplants, in general, should be kept slightly moist and never place any plants anywhere near radiators or heaters.

Never move Christmas Cacti until they have finished flowering or they will drop their flowers and buds.

A thought for Christmas - *"A good mind, a good heart, warm feelings - these are most important things."*

Tip Top Tips for January

- Plant any new Roses before they start growth.
- Purchase Summer flowering bulbs, corms and tubers for planting in early Spring.
- Cover some beds with polythene or cloches to warm up the soil for early planting.
- Plant bare root Trees and Shrubs.
- Early Broad Beans, Peas, Parsnips and Carrots can be sown under cloches later in the month.
- Soak roots of Amaryllis before planting.
- Prune greenhouse Grapevines.
- Don't let potted Azaleas dry out - keep well watered with rain water.
- Make sure bird baths are kept frost-free and bird feeders are kept full.
- Use Christmas Holly decorations, when dry, to place in flower and vegetable borders to deter cats.
- Bend over a leaf on Cauliflower heads to prevent frost damage.
- Leave a corner of Nettles as it will encourage many species of Butterfly to lay their eggs.

I wish everyone a very relaxing and blessed Christmas and the very best of luck in the garden in 2018.

On an Optician's Door:

"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

Seen on an Electrician's van: "Let us remove your shorts."

Seen on a Plumber's van: "We repair what your husband fixed."

With thanks to Jon from Felpham. "Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many."

Seasonal times at Manor Nursery



It's time once again to visit the inspirational Christmas department at Manor Nursery, which is bursting at the seams with Christmas cheer. You will find a wide range of baubles, tree trim, tinsel, lights candles, cards and wrap, not to mention fresh English Christmas trees, holly and door wreaths. A wide range of gifts, toys and puzzles make super gifts – and make your Christmas shopping a pleasure.

Then there are a superb range of houseplants and planted baskets, cyclamen, azalea, poinsettias, and gorgeous flowers and Christmas arrangements to add that final touch to your Christmas table.

You can order your flowers online and have them delivered to help relieve some of the stress at this busy time. There's lots going on at Manor Nursery in the weeks leading up to Christmas, when Father Christmas will be in his grotto on a variety of dates and times.

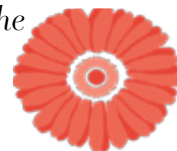
Activities for young visitors include free face painting, Punch and Judy shows, school choirs, a model railway and mulled wine with mince pies.

Book your Christmas lunch party in the Palm House Restaurant where you can enjoy home-cooked lunches, tea, coffee, cakes and scones.

A visit to Manor Nursery is a great festive day out for all the family. There is free parking and disabled access.



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I have just been to the optician - he asked me when my eyes were last checked, I said they have always been blue..



- 21) Ne is the chemical symbol for which element?
- 22) Cleveland comprises former parts of which two counties?
- 23) Of which US State is Sioux Falls the largest city?
- 24) What is odd about the way the Water Boatman aquatic beetle swims?
- 25) What is Scotland's oldest University?



DONNA'S CHRISTMAS DELIBERATIONS

So, here it is....in the inimitable words of Noddy Holder....'IT'S CHRISTMAS!! (Slade, circa 1976) So, brace yourselves for the never-ending Christmas music in the shops and accept the fact that by December 25th you will have everything in your wallet you could possibly imagine – except money.

I have absolutely no idea where 2017 went - suffice to say, though, I'm quite glad that it's almost done. Some years are generally good, others not so good and sadly, the Johnson family's 2017 left a lot to be desired. I am hoping for a far better 2018. Funny how life has a habit of occasionally biting you on the leg, isn't it?

So, are we ready for the big day, then? That was, by the way, a rhetorical question – I have no real desire to know that you have completely finished your Christmas shopping and are sitting there, probably justifiably feeling quite smug, that whilst the rest of us run around like headless chickens for the next three weeks, you can sit down with a nice G and T or whatever your favourite tipple is.

Regular readers will know that I'm pretty disorganised when it comes to Christmas but somehow it all comes together. Despite every year determining to make sure I'm prepared, I never am and find myself having a mini breakdown on Christmas Eve. It is, I keep telling myself, just one day out of 365 (or indeed 366) but it's a day when we can lay down memories and that's what makes it all worthwhile.

Last month, in an effort to look intelligent I mentioned Oliver Cromwell and mince pies (in the same sentence, which I think was pretty impressive) and said that I would have a look for some more 'fun facts' associated with this auspicious month. So, get the notebooks out and prepare to impress friends and family over the Brussels sprouts....

Hanging out the Christmas stockings is, in fact, a Dutch custom which goes back to a time when they would leave shoes packed with food to feed St. Nicholas' donkeys. As a thank you, he would leave small gifts in return.

The now largely ignored custom of putting tangerines in Christmas stockings comes from the 12th century nuns who left fruit and nuts at the houses of the poor.



The first commercial Christmas cards were commissioned by civil servant Sir Henry Cole in London in 1843. Featuring a family drinking wine, one sold for £8,469 in 2014.

Robins on cards started as a joke 150 years ago when postmen wore red tunics and were named after them.

Rudolph the red nosed reindeer was actually invented by an American firm for their Christmas promotion in 1938.

The man himself has to visit 822 homes a second in order to deliver all the presents. He travels at 650 miles a second. In order to do this he invokes Christmas magic which, of course, makes all things

possible on Christmas Eve.

90% OFF

Just round the corner from Christmas, of course, is January. The turkey's been eaten, the presents unwrapped, the Queen's speech has been listened to and that can only mean one thing....the sales! Now, January is a very disturbing month for me because so many of my family members were born in January – my daughter included. The only positive I draw from that is that all the sales are on! Trouble is though, that you really should think before you shop especially if, like me, you were cursed with expensive tastes but a low budget. No matter how much we've over indulged during the festive season or how many presents we've unwrapped there's always something about the sales. Despite the cold and the damp, we're there! Don't treat January sales like a bit of fun, though – you may tell yourself that you're only window shopping but, trust me on this, it's very hard to avoid walking past the window if you've just spotted a bargain.

The other problem is, of course, being enticed into buying something you don't need or will never wear so, if you find yourself saying something like 'oh wow – those mustard coloured 1970's style flares are 90% off' – it might be better to just step away from the sales completely.....Trouble is that we are just sucked into all these signs which say 50% off or 'unrepeatable offer'. There's something about those big red signs that makes our hearts soar. For me, I actually enjoy the chase – I get a strange sort of satisfaction hunting the bargains down. The problem there is that there's always the possibility of buying something we don't really want or need just because we're scared of missing out of something. So, take this from one who knows – Beware!

So, as 2017 draws to an end, I'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has taken the time to call, e-mail me or indeed speak to me in person over the last year about my monthly 'Deliberations'. Writing is a strange job – it's quite solitary and can be a bit isolating so it's brilliant to know that some of my fellow residents actually enjoy my ramblings. Even if you don't, feel free to tell me but I would recommend that you get me on a 'good day!'

So, all the very best to you for Christmas and 2018. Look after yourselves and keep warm. One last thing...remember, you're never too old to bonk someone over the head with the wrapping paper tube.

Until next year....

Donna donna.johnson@tesco.net

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

26) Who composed the music for the ballet Coppelia?

27) What does Tchaikovsky's '1812 Overture' celebrate?

28) Which play begins: "If music be the food of love, play on"

29) Who was asked to "Play it again" in Casablanca?

Art Matters

Our need for a dedicated art centre continues to grow as people of all ages become involved with our various art-based activities. New members will receive a friendly welcome and are encouraged to become involved.

At the Art group meetings on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings a wide range of materials is available which members are free to try out before deciding upon what to purchase for their own use. Help is always at hand as we learn from each other or at workshops run by local professional artists or a group member with a particular talent. For example some of us recently benefitted from a session with Janet Woods-Lemon as she taught us how to create colourful art coasters with fused glass – see Arts Dream website or on Facebook.

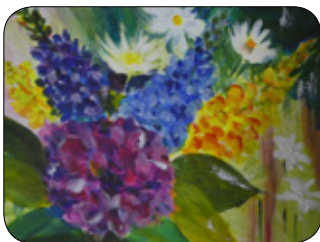


Our most recent project has been figure drawing run by Clare Pretorius and Nicola Aspin when the tables were turned into easels and everyone was able to create large



drawings of Clare, suitably attired in black with white tape stripes to show how the body can be divided up into sections – it was the Great British Art Competition all over again! Our sincere thanks to Janet, Clare and Nicola!

This week we had an all day workshop with popular artist and wonderful teacher, Soraya French. Almost as soon as she arrived she launched into an exciting demonstration of how to paint flowers with acrylic inks and paint. Silence reigned as the flowers emerged from a colourful background. Then it was our turn to get to work! No problem? Well, with Soraya always at hand to help we all achieved better results than if we had been left to our own devices – which has happened on occasions. Needless to say, tutors are selected very carefully and discussions with members of other art groups do come in useful!



We are very grateful to Susan Field for organising an exciting workshop programme for 2018 so we have plenty to look forward to! On January 19th Anita Beckwith will be in action in St Wilfrid's Church Hall for an Experimental Day using acrylics with a new and modern twist!

These all day workshops are open to anyone so for more details please contact Jan Bush 01243 607821 or Angela Benwell 01243 603332.

Beginners & Returners

Do you sometimes long to pick up a pencil and start to draw again – or consider joining an art group but lack the confidence to come and have a go?

We have two thriving art groups where many of the members have not drawn or painted a picture since they left school who suddenly find that they are enjoying themselves and making friends in the process.

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Seasonal delights at Pagham Harbour & Medmerry

Christmas is upon us and robins adorn many a yuletide card with their bright red breasts amongst the green holly, but according to legend it was originally a plain brown bird! There are a number of stories telling how the robin got its crimson hue. One version says it was touched with the blood of Christ as he hung on the cross while trying to remove thorns from the crown, another whilst trying to staunch the wound in Christ's side made by the legionnaire's lance.

A more seasonal tale however, suggests that when the baby Jesus was in the manger, a fire was lit for warmth which flared up strongly. The robin flew down to protect the child from the blaze and in doing so was scorched by the flames.



Despite being characterised with the festive season, robins are of course with us all year round and for some the appearance of winter thrushes is a more significant symbol of this harsh time of year. Flocks of fieldfare arrive from Scandinavia, Iceland and Northern Europe ahead of freezing fronts that push them south

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in search of food. These large thrushes sport slate grey heads and rumps, chestnut backs, black tails and speckled arrows on their orangey chests. As their name suggests they travel across the land, chuckling as they go with a 'chacker, chack, chack', often in the company of their smaller cousins the redwing. Both

birds can be seen in the hedgerows and fields across Pagham Harbour and Medmerry reserves.

Our resident siskin and redpoll populations are boosted with migrants, also from Scandinavia and Northern Europe. These pretty little finches normally feed in the countryside but are attracted to nyjer and nut feeders at this time of year.

Siskins have streaky green-yellow bodies with yellow wing bars and redpolls have stripy brown bodies, red foreheads and little black bibs.

If you would like to learn more about how to identify these and other bird species, we are running another Bird Watching for Beginners course starting in January 2018.



Need inspiration for Christmas gifts? We have vouchers for our Bird Watching for Beginners, Wildlife Photography, Artists Wildlife Painting courses and our Guided walks as well as RSPB membership packs, all available from our Visitor Centre on the B2145 north of Selsey. Check out our website for a full events listing, including New Years' Day walk, www.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour

RSPB Pagham Harbour & MedmerryDecember

Sunday 10 December, Someone to Guide You. Unsure of what that bird is? Our friendly guides will be at the **Church Norton Hide, Pagham Harbour PO20 9DT** to help you spot and identify the wildlife that you see.

12pm – 3pm Drop-in, Free

January

Monday 01 January, New Year's Day Guided Walk. What better way to start your 2018, than with a New Year's Day walk in the countryside. While winter wildfowl and waders provide the seasons soundtrack of honks, quacks, whistles and squeals, join us for a walk down the **west side** of our **Medmerry** reserve. This 4 mile walk combines birds and wildlife, with Medmerry's history and its creation into the reserve you see today. **10am (duration 3½ hours) meet Earnley car park PO20 7JL at 9.50am. Booking essential £7 per person / £4 members**

Sunday 14 January, Someone to Guide You. Unsure of what that bird is? Our friendly guides will be at the **Church Norton Hide, Pagham Harbour PO20 9DT** to help you spot and identify the wildlife that you see. **11am – 2pm Drop-in, Free**

Saturday 20 January, Bird Watching for Beginners. Have you ever wondered what that bird is that you've just disturbed with its flash of green and red, long undulating flight and shrieking call? Well join us in a series of 5 monthly classes to find out.

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17 February 2017
17 March 2017
21 April 2017
26 May 2017 10am (duration 3 hours)

Booking essential
£10 per person (£8 RSPB members) per class or
£40 per person (£32 RSPB members) for the whole course

Sunday 21 January, Wildlife Photography Workshop. This all-day practical workshop gives an introduction to basic techniques for wildlife photography, combining theory with opportunities to practice what you learn on our beautiful reserve. Includes basic post processing. **8.30am (duration 8 hours)**

Booking essential, £18 per person / £14 members

Saturday 27 January, Artists Wildlife Painting Workshop. This all-day workshop gives an introduction to basic techniques of watercolour painting combining a little theory with a lot of practical application and advice. Although wildlife based, the principles can be applied in a wider context. The session is aimed at beginners and those returning to an old hobby after work.

Good quality paints, paper and brushes will be supplied, just bring your enthusiasm.

9.30am (duration 7 hours)

Booking essential, £20 per person / £16 members

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

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Wake Me Up When It's Over

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Well that was a scary year wasn't it? Nuclear threats, freak storms and headlines filled with hate. Never before in my life have I felt such a strong urge to just curl up in a ball and go to sleep for a very, very long time. This defeatist attitude is a way of life for the hazel dormouse who each year scrawls the words 'do not disturb' across its calendar for November, December, January, February, March and April and turns in for a long, long nap.

The feeling that your future is quickly becoming uncertain and dangerous is one which we can now all relate to. For the dormouse it's an annual event. The onset of colder weather each autumn signals that the dormouse diet of flowers, fruit, seeds, insects and nuts will soon vanish. So each winter instead of struggling to survive it simply shuts down and sleeps. Dormice are nocturnal, feeding at night amongst trees and bushes. In October they can double in weight as they stock up on food before hard times arrive. Which reminds me, I need to pick up a few trolleys full of tinned goods next time I'm in Tesco.



When they have sufficiently stuffed their cute little faces these rotund rodents descend to a ground-floor dormitory, a tightly woven nest under moss and leaves, and become dormant. Heart-rate and breathing reduce by over 90% and body temperature is dropped to just a few degrees above freezing. This means dormice don't need much energy to stay alive and valuable fat reserves are burnt very slowly. Not many British mammals actually hibernate. Sure, badgers and squirrels enter a deep sleep for longer periods but they're not hibernating – they're merely in 'stand by' mode and can reawaken quickly. Full hibernation requires a complete shutdown, pulling the power plug (almost) completely out of the wall. Of our British mammals just dormice, hedgehogs and the bats hibernate.

Yet it isn't just Britain's longest lie-in that has earned the dormouse its sleepy reputation. Even after it has woken up in May the dormouse will readily hit the 'snooze' button and drop back into a torpid semi-hibernation as a way of avoiding any hassle. Not much food available yet? Back to sleep. Too wet to go out and find food? Back to sleep. Simply can't be bothered? Back to sleep. Sleep seems like an easy alternative to life's problems but hibernation and torpor have a high price; if a predator finds you you're too tired to wake up and run away.

So as our world shuts down around us and compassion, respect and hope get stripped away we can't just shut down and forget about it like the dormouse. We can't let 'em catch us sleeping. We have to stay wide awake and vigilant, ready to stand up and make the world around us a better place. Let's hope that when that sleepy ol' dormouse wakes up again in 2018 the world will be a little bit brighter. For everyone.

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Chichester Conservancy Volunteers December 2017

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Sunday 3 December

Conservation – Heathland Management with Claire Wilton of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers on Lavington Common. Meet in National Trust car park at 10.00 am
01243 788833 or 07952 054239

HEYSHOTT

Sunday 17 December

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

January 2018

LAVINGTON

Sunday 7 January

Conservation – Heathland Management with Richard Wilson of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers on Lavington Common. Meet in National Trust car park at 10.00 am
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SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST December 2017

No planned events for December

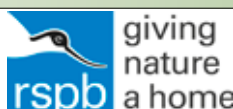
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CHICHESTER

Tuesday 30 January

Illustrated Talk by Andrew Elms, on 'Trials and Tribulations of Lordington Lavender' to the Sussex Wildlife Trust, Friends Meeting House, Priory Road, Chichester at 7.30 pm

Entrance Members £3-00/Visitors £4-00
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RSPB Events for December 2017

WEST WITTERING

Sunday 3 December

Morning Bird Walk on East Head with Kerry Jackson of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet in West Beach car park at 10.00 am, Map Ref: SZ778985 01243 262833

PAGHAM

Wednesday 13 December

Morning Bird Walk around Pagham Lagoon and North Wall with Chris Vine of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet in Church Lane at 10.00 am, Map Ref: SZ880976 01243 262833

DELL QUAY

Saturday 30 December

Morning Bird Walk on Chichester Harbour with Roger Morris of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet at end of Apuldrum Lane at 10.00 am, Map Ref: SU835029 01243 262833

January 2018

CHICHESTER

Thursday 25 January

RSPB Members' Evening with quizzes, talks and refreshments at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester at 7.30 pm. Entrance free 01243 262833
wheelchair access

THORNEY ISLAND

Sunday 28 January

Morning Bird Walk around Thornham Lane and the Great Deepes with Tony Nevard of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet in Thornham Lane, Map Ref: SZ756049 at 10.00 am. 01243 262833

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Crablands, Selsey, PO20 9BD

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL MEMBERS OF CRABLANDS

AND TO ALL READERS OF SELSEY LIFE



The end of yet another twelve months of "fun and games" here at Crablands - the fun has been on the evenings when members and visitors alike have enjoyed our Friday evening Open Sessions for experts and learners who together enjoy a sport followed by a social get-together, and the games cover the more serious matches and competitions both outdoors playing green bowls and tennis and indoors where the short mat bowlers too take their

sport seriously: all this is wrapped around by very varied and fun social evenings all diligently organised by a team of hard working members who also make sure that at some of these events you get fed as well.

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email: annetteiskett@hotmail.com

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Charity No 1142665

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Selsey Power Rangers
Sundays 9am Hillfield Car Park
Seal Island Swimming Club
Meet At Oasis Pool Wed/Fri 9.30am
Selsey Specials Friday Football 6pm at The Academy
Girls Football Tuesday 6pm at The Academy
Selsey Basketball
Mondays 5pm age 7-11
6pm age 12 plus
at The Academy Sports Hall
Thursday 7pm Adult Basketball
at The Academy Sports Hall

Wednesday Workout
Wednesdays 9.15 at Selsey Centre
Selsey Striders Meeting At Hillfield Car Park
Mondays 6.30pm for all who can run 3 miles
Saturdays 8.30am suitable for all
Netball For All Mondays 6pm The Academy small hall
Tuesdays 7pm at Sports Hall
provided by Purple Dolphins Club
Selsey 5k Prom Run from OVAL FIELD at 9am first
Saturday every month.
Selsey Fitness Equipment
On The Recreation Ground & Winter Lighting
Selsey Outdoor and Walking Festival

Kindly mention The Selsey Life when
replying to an advert in this magazine

Toys

E	K	P	R	O	C	K	I	N	G
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Find all the words from the word list
(ignore spaces and dashes, if any):

BALL
BUILDING BLOCKS
KALEIDOSCOPE
KITE
PAPER PLANE
PINWHEEL
PORCELAIN DOLL
ROCKING HORSE
RUBBER DUCK
TEDDY BEAR
YO-YO



This is zigzag word search puzzle. Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle. There are no unused letters in the grid, every letter is used only once.

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Grid size:
10 x 10 squares,
10 x 10 letters,
90 x 90 mm.

Square size:
9 x 9 mm.



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

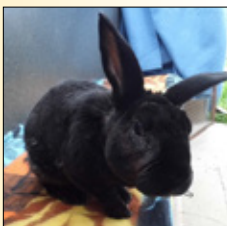
THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

Tel: 01243 641409 Reg. Charity no. 1010000

Email: info@crcc.co.uk www.crcc.co.uk

Double Chocolate Magnum

This December let us introduce a handsome gentleman called Double Chocolate Magnum. He is a stunning 10 year old male rabbit. He came to the Centre in July 2017 after his owner who loved him very much passed away. He is very friendly and loves to have lots of fuss and cuddles. His favorite time of day is the morning when the staff goes in to check the rabbits and he runs over excited that someone is coming to talk to him. He has a special bed he sleeps on complete with a pillow and loves his food. He would love to be homed as either a single house bunny or he can be bonded with a spayed female. He is unneutered as our vet feels he is too old to be put through the operation. He would love to find a forever home to live out his golden years and be loved again. Please if you think you can offer Double Chocolate Magnum the new home he so desperately deserves, please do not hesitate to contact us here at the Cat and Rabbit rescue centre. _



Hulky Bear November

Hello it's me again your out and about reporter for the Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre, Hulky Bear.

Welcome to my final report of 2017. I don't know where this year has gone it has flown by so quickly.

Some sad news to start I lost a good friend a few weeks ago. Solomon passed away suddenly he was one of the out and about cats for about 20 years. I am told he just turned up here and never left. He didn't want the staff to touch him but liked to sit and watch them working. He loved all the other cats and we are missing him lots as he used to snuggle up to us in the garden room and always had some great stories about the centre to tell.



One of my other friends here is Ada Pretty she also has lived here for about 20 years and as a lady we do not talk about her age. A few months ago she had a very bad eye. It made her very sad. Our vet had to remove the eye. She recovered well but I wanted to do something to cheer her up after her operation. I started a training programme for her on how to do some reporting under my supervision of course. She is now writing features and coming along really well. Losing her eye has made her even more pretty and she is now looking amazing.

The staff here have now put all our rabbits and guinea pigs in their winter accommodation it gets very cold out in the rabbit enclosure so they need to be in more sheltered pens during these cold months.

Don't forget we stop homing over Christmas, all the animals will be looking forward to special treats on the day. Of course no turkey bones for the cats as it can cause injuries but some fresh turkey for lunch will be on my present list. I want to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. I hope to see you all in 2018.

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

PS: We have a Viewing Day **Saturday 27th January 2018 12-2pm**. Viewing days are non-appointment days so people thinking of adopting a cat can pop along. Otherwise we rehome 7 days a week by appointment only.

Brent Lodge Briefings – Back to the wild

The last few months have been busy for us with releasing many of our rehabilitated bird patients, before the winter really kicks in. These included a variety of species such as Tawny Owls, Sparrows, Little Owl, Collared doves, Greylag geese, Pheasants, Buzzards, Kestrels, Feral pigeons / Woodpigeons and many many Gulls. Lots of our hedgehogs have been released from inside the hospital too with many more due for release over the coming few weeks.



On the subject of releasing, one of our dedicated volunteers, Mike has been busy at work, designing and building a new portable release aviary that can be taken to different locations to release our birds. These can be anything from sparrows to owls. He has designed it to be an easy to assemble flat-pack that fits perfectly into our van. It can be taken to a location and set up in minutes

which is great. So, a huge thank you to Mike for all of his hard work.

This great new aviary is already being put to use in some private woodlands, where 3 of our tawny owls are being soft released. They will be able to get familiar with their new surroundings from the comfort of their nice new little aviary. Then the release hatch in the roof of the aviary will be lifted so they can find their way out. The owner of the woods will continue to provide food for them for a while to support them until they 'find their wings' and no longer return for food.



In the new year we hope to finalise the plans for our hospital extension, where we plan to nearly double the size of our hospital site creating 2 running wards, which means we can accommodate more wildlife patients in need than ever before. Our 3-year plan will see some very exciting changes at the hospital, where we will be knocking down and rebuilding all sorts of different infrastructures over the site including new aviaries, larger enclosures, improved rehabilitation areas and most importantly a modern hospital ward. Keep an eye out for our updates in 2018 and ways your support can help us achieve this.

In the meantime we hope you have a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to sharing more Brent Lodge news soon!



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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

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

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



The Apuldrum Centre

(a local independent charity, 1/2 mile south of Chichester) has been a prime training centre for over 25 years supporting adults with learning disabilities, including many Selsey residents.

Over that period we have been able to engender and extend the sense of self responsibility and independence for those who choose to attend the centre. This work is undertaken by staff and volunteers whose belief in the Apuldrum ethos is the mainstay for our success. Our services enable the people we support to take part in a wide range of occupational related activities that demonstrate ability rather than disability and disadvantage.

The Apuldrum Centre is pleased to announce that from 16th November through to 22nd December we will operate a pop up shop from 129 High Street, Selsey, from Thursday to Saturday, 9.30am to 4.30pm.

The aim of the pop up shop is to sell goods made by the Apuldrum community, to promote the work of the charity, to give the people we support an opportunity to work alongside volunteers in the shop and to inform residents and businesses about the way they can partner with us to make a local difference.

We do hope the you can come along to browse, chat or buy, we really do look forward to meeting you.

To find out more telephone
01243 783 370 or
email info@apuldrum.org



May I take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful people of Selsey for the generosity shown during the recent Poppy Fortnight. The collecting boxes have been opened and counted by my friends at Bunn Leisure and I list below the results (so far).

May I also take the opportunity to thank all the dedicated Poppy Collectors who once again gave up much of their free time to collect for this worthy cause. For the first time in many years the response to my advertising for more collectors was so great that I actually had to put a husband and wife on my reserve list for

next year as, on paper, every street in Selsey had a collector this year (and it's been a long time since I have been able to say that). Fantastic.

Eight new collectors joined the team this year but some others have been with us for so long that I had the honour to present them with long service awards. They were:

10 YEARS

Julie Dann, Chris Donovan, Ann Grundy, Karen Kennett-Clay and John Mair

15 YEARS

Brian Hall

20 YEARS

Denny Warwick

30 YEARS (The very first one to a lady in Selsey)

Kim Wilson

Thank you all once again and remember that although we only sell poppies for 15 days each year the appeal actually goes on non-stop so donations are always welcome.

Here are the results of the Poppy Collection for 2017 (so far)

The House-To-House collecting was £3560.91, Street collecting £2073.15 and boxes in shops, pubs, schools etc. £2594.36 a combined total of £8228.42 This is an incredible increase on last year's total of £1183.89.

So far 8 organisations have given a donation for their wreaths totalling £285, the Remembrance Service collection was £172.58. Add to all that various private donations and the full total collected so far to this day (Thur. 16th Nov) is a magnificent £8927.69.

My heart-felt thanks to all the generous people of Selsey and Best Wishes to you all.

Adrian Wilson
Poppy Appeal Organiser Selsey

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St Wilfrid's Church

Church road Selsey

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 2nd Dec 10-1p.m.

Festive prizes in our 'Grand Raffle'

- Bottle Tombola
- Chocolate Tombola
- Home-made Cakes
- St Wilfrid's Kitchen Jams
- Christmas Decorations
- Religious gifts
- 'Good as New' stalls
- Books for Sale
- Festive gifts
- Kids Toys
- Bric A Brac



... Father Christmas and his special post-box will be with us too! Come and see Santa; take a photo, ask him to record a special message on your phone for someone far away. Post your Christmas letter and he will write back.

Refreshments and hot mince pies on the day
www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk

(ALL DONATIONS MOST WELCOME)

SELSEY FOOTBALL CLUB
CHRISTMAS BINGO
TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER 2017
AT THE VIKING CLUB,
BUNN LEISURE,
SELSEY, PO20 ONA.
DOORS OPEN 6:30pm
Eyes Down 7:30pm
ALL THE USUAL PRIZES /
RAFFLE + MORE...
COME ALONG FOR A
GREAT NIGHT
Everyone Welcome!



Selsey Royal British Legion
Fishing Club
 New Members Welcome.

 For details ring Brendon
 01243 601009

Darby & Joan Club Selsey
 The club meets every Friday between 2.00 & 4.00 at St. Peter's church hall
 for a game of prize bingo and raffles
 and of course a nice cup of tea and chat.
 Also during the year we have subsidised days out
 to garden centres for cream teas and a bit of shopping.
 Transport to the hall is supplied by Selsey Venture bus, if you are a member of this great service they offer.
 We are a club are affiliated to the R.V.S
 For more information please call 07838549034


THE WRITERS CIRCLE
 meets on the first Tuesday of every month in The Methodist Hall,
 High Street, from 2.00pm until 4.30pm
 If you are already writing or a complete beginner you will be given
 a warm welcome by our small, friendly group of ladies
 and a few gentlemen
 Membership is £12 per year and £2.00 per session.
 Tea or Coffee included.
 For more information contact Pat Read Tel: 601550

SELSEY CANCER RELIEF FUND DATES
TO REMEMBER Methodist Church Hall 10am
December 2nd Christmas Fayre 10am
January 6th Jumble Sale 10am
February 3rd Jumble Sale 10am
There is ample parking behind the Fire Station.

Selsey Bridge Club
All welcome
Friendly group of mixed ability
Thursday afternoons
2pm - 5pm
Selsey Club Coxes Road
call Carole Kinross 01243 602250 for information
Very basic beginners lessons available

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

SELSEY CAMERA CLUB.
 A friendly and informal camera club
 for all photographers from beginners to experienced
 Visitors are welcome to join us at
 St Wilfrid's Church Hall at 7.30pm
 Please also visit our website: selseycameraclub.co.uk


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
 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

SELSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS
 All meetings are held in the Parish Hall and start at 7.30 pm
The Council look forward to seeing you there

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P^{of}
Praise



From 5-6pm
 on 1st Sundays of the month
 in February, April, June, September, November

An hour of worship with
 Great hymns & songs
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 Great testimony
 Great poems
 Great fellowship

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SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday 9th December

9.00am to 1.00pm

Christmas Table Top Event

The hall will be decorated,
yummy refreshments available,
a Nativity scene in the Church,
Christmas music

Lots of stalls with loads of bargains.....
all in a friendly atmosphere.

Join us and have a great
morning out.

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

2nd Thursday of each month - 14 Green Lane, Selsey - you can
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From information on 605942.

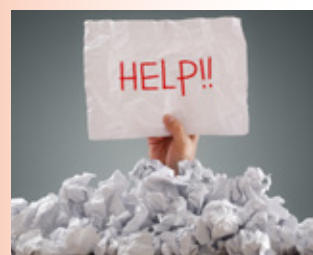
**All proceeds in aid of The Sussex Snowdrop Trust (charity
no. 1096622)**

**SELSEY VENTURE CLUB**

We need some help in our office

MONDAYS 9.30 - 11.30am AND
OR FRIDAYS 2.30 - 4.00pm

If you can help, please call into
the office or call **605115**

**SELSEY VENTURE CLUB**

**WE WILL BE HAVING A
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**DONT FORGET OUR POPULAR FURNITURE SALES
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**Selsey Football Club
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**ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

December 16th

7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

@ Solent View, Bunn Leisure,
Selsey, PO20 9BH

Only £32.50 per person

Includes a 3 course sit down meal, live entertainment &
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Tickets available from Dickie @ Selsey Properties or
Call 07885619849

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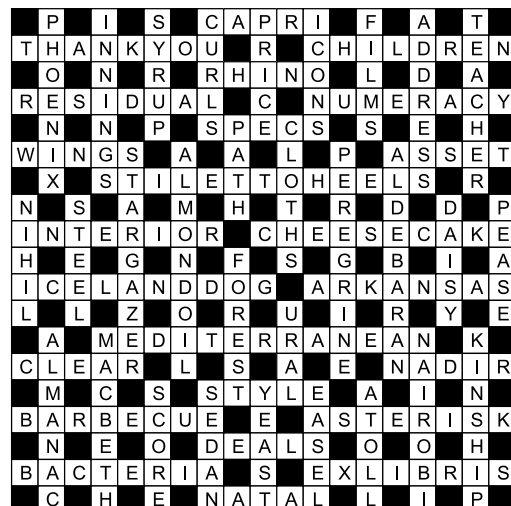
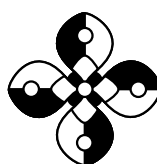
- 1) Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. 2) Antelope
- 3) Charles Goodyear (how many thought it was Dunlop?)
- 4) A hair stylist 5) Charles II 6) Purple Heart 7) Edward II
- 8) Le Mans 9) Sebastian Vettel 10) Plane crash
- 11) Billie Jean Moffitt 12) Scat 13) Boston
- 14) Judgement Day 15) 1997 16) Hobgoblin (Bet there were
some good answers to this) 17) The Clermont Club
- 18) William Burroughs 19) John Williams 20) Zither
- 21) Henry Mancini 22) Making Your Mind Up
- 23) The Shangri-Las

Match the halves **ANSWER:**
of the cards.

Which number
is the greatest?

883 : 1 - 6 (238), 2 - 9 (652),
3 - 4 (835), 5 - 15 (335), 7 - 12 (693),
8 - 14 (883), 10 - 16 (298),
11 - 13 (562).

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November Selsey Seagull winners were

Julie Fullick,

Mrs Daisy Turner

The seagull was on page 29.

Octobers Selsey Seagull was on the Jumble and Jam
advert.



To advertise your club or event in future
copies of Selsey Life please contact
selsey@btinternet.com
or phone us on 01243 602729/ 07534 364 943

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

Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid ('St Wilfrids')

Church Road Selsey PO20 0LS Tel: 01243 602312

Parish Priest Fr. John Healy

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 23 December 5.30 p.m. Evening Mass

Sunday 24 December 10.00 a.m. Morning Mass

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24 December 6.00 pm Service of carols and readings followed by

6.30 pm First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day

Monday 25 December 10.00am Mass of Christmas Day

Regular Mass Times

Saturday Reconciliation 4.45pm – 5.15pm

Evening Mass 5.30 pm

Sunday Morning Mass 10.0 a.m

Weekday Masses see Newsletter or Website

Coffee & chat after Weekend Mass; 1st Weekend of the month All welcome!

'Our Church Hall with Car Park is available for your Meeting or Celebration'

E mail parishpriest@stwilfridselsey.co.uk

www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd December 10.30 am Revd. Anthony Trevithick

Sunday 10th December 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson

Holy Communion

Sunday 17th December 10.30am Revd Pauline Crispin

Sunday 24th December 10.30am Revd. Bruce Allinson

Sunday 31st December 10.30 am Revd. Bob Sneddon

Sunday 7th January 10.30 am Mrs Wendy Corney

Sunday 14th January 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson

Holy Communion

Sunday 21st January 10.30am Mr Brian Kelley

Sunday 28th January 10.30am Revd. Bruce Allinson

Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 01243 601032

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

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

Our minister is Revd [Bruce Allinson](mailto:Bruce.Allinson@selmch.org) 601032

Crafty Natter Club

Selsey Methodist Church

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

For more information contact Lisa Allinson on 601032

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ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

Rector: Fr Andy Wilkes

Tel: 01243 601984 Email: rector.selsey@gmail.com

Sunday 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Sung Eucharist (with Sunday School)

Sunday Messy Church at 12 noon in hall on last

Sunday of the month

Tuesday 9.30am Eucharist

Wednesday 9.30am Eucharist

Thursday 7pm Eucharist

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

Our Church Halls with Kitchen and Car Park are available to hire for your meetings and celebrations please contact our Hall Manager John Irwin on

[01243 606570](tel:01243606570) or jjmirwin@waitrose.com

St. Peter's Church

Sunday 3rd December 4pm - Annual Service of Christingle at St. Peter's in support of the Children's Society caring for disadvantaged and vulnerable children.

Saturday 9th December 7pm - Songs and Music for Christmas performed by the Chichester Voices in support of the upkeep of St. Peter's and Selsey First Responders - Tickets £10 with interval refreshments from Sally on 01242 604104 or on the door

Saturday 16th December 4pm- Annual Carols Round the Christmas Tree followed by hot refreshments in the Church all welcome but remember to wrap up warm and bring a torch all proceeds to The Snowdrop Trust and Selsey RNLI.

LIGHT

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during
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East Beach Evangelical Church

DECEMBER & JANUARY SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday 3rd December
10.00am - All-age Service

Saturday 9th December
3.00pm - Carols at 'The Seal'
(Hillfield Road, Selsey)

Sunday 10th December
10.00am - Morning Service
5.00pm - Evening Communion Service

Thursday 14th December
2.30pm - Tea & Chat

Sunday 17th December
10.00am - Morning Service
6.00pm - Community Carol Service
Favourite Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 21st December
6.30pm - The Nativity Story (PG)
FREE Film Show
(see ebecselsey.org.uk for trailer & more details)

Sunday 24th December
10.00am - Family Service

Christmas Day
10.00 - 10.45am - Christmas Day Service

Sunday 7th January
10.00am - All-age Service

Sunday 21st January
3.00pm - ResBite Tea
(Aimed at those who might not see other people over the course of a normal weekend ~ Lifts available)



Look out for the **Alpha** course which starts on January 30th. **Alpha** is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. **Alpha** is run all around the globe, it's free, and everyone's welcome. Taster evening is Tuesday 30th Jan at 7.15pm. More details on our website

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

For information on our regular weekly activities

www.ebecselsey.org.uk or call 607741

Marisfield Place - opposite East Beach Shops

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

Sunbeams

A Pre-school group
for carers, babies and toddlers



Every Friday during term time
10.00-11.45am

Lots of toys and games,
craft time, song time,
story time, drink and biscuit.

East Beach Church, Marisfield Place - 01243 607741 - office@ebec.org.uk



A Youth Group for Schools Years 7-11
Every Thursday during term time
from 7.30-8.30pm

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Bright Sparks



For children in school years 1-4
Every Friday in term time from 5-6pm
Lots of fun, games, music, craft, Bible Stories

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Tea and Chat

For those who like a
little company and
learning something new

- *FREE to all
- *Tea or coffee
- *Selection of cakes
- *Informative talks on diverse topics



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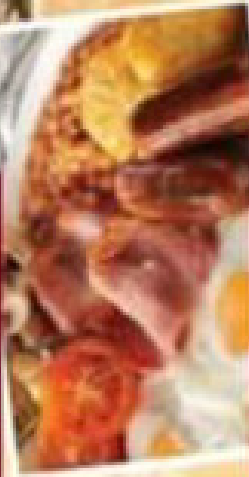
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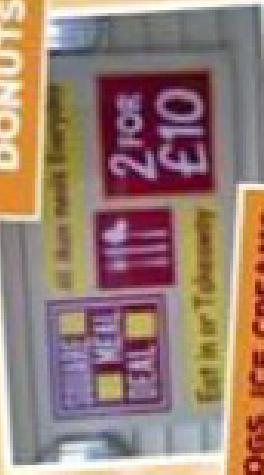
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