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Vicky Edwards as the
Good Witch
Drew Donnell as the Wicked Witch (last seen as Cruella in
'Cinderella')
And introducing Katie Bennett as Dorothy



The Regis Centre, Belmont Street, Bognor Regis PO21 1BL
Phone: 01243 861010

Welcome to the combined December/January issue of the
Selsey Life magazine.

This is a bumper issue (you can tie it to the front of your car.)

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

So, December has arrived - are you all ready for the event? Here
at the Selsey Life bunker it is all still to be arranged, but we are
sure a tin of soup on Christmas Day will be a novelty - we will see.

Sadly, we bid farewell to LINC this month, they were unable to get
any volunteers to take it on. We wish Beryl and the others all the
best for the future.

Perhaps we could have a little poll on which Christmas advert
you prefer? Send in your thoughts, we would be happy to publish
them. (Kevin the carrot anybody?)

As usual, good luck with this month's competition, have a lovely
December and January, and we hope you enjoy reading the
magazine. We look forward to seeing you again in February. As
usual we are happy to receive submissions and comments.

**Amanda and Steve would like to wish all their advertisers,
distributors, readers and their printers a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year, and thank you all for your support.**

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take place on Friday 27th
December mid-day. Entry by coupon only, no copies accepted.



Good Luck, and a big thank you to Coastal JJ for the prize.

Congratulations to last month's competition winner, Alan Pardoe,
drawn by Katherine at Country Gardens, who wins a family
voucher to see the Wizard of Oz at the Regis Centre. Thank
you to the Regis Centre for the prize, if you have not won why
not book tickets to see this pantomime? The seagull was on the
Selsey WI advert.

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Children in year Six at the Seal Primary Academy have completed this display to showcase work they have been doing on WWII and their understanding that we should remember those that fought in conflicts across the world.

The Kemnal Academies Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales under company number 7348231. Its registered address is The Atkins Centre, Kemnal Technology College, Sevenoaks Way, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5AA. Seal Primary Academy is a business name used by The Kemnal Academies Trust.



Unfortunately this was received between publication dates, but it was uploaded to our What's on page on our website. We print it here to show what Medmerry achieve and for any parents that may want to keep as a record.



Medmerry Primary school is having their Christmas Fair, where you can come and win lots of prizes on the raffle and tombola. I love the Christmas Fair because you get to see Father Christmas and he usually gives you a present.

Why don't you come along and join us and win lots of prizes too?

By Bella-Rose Lee
Year 2

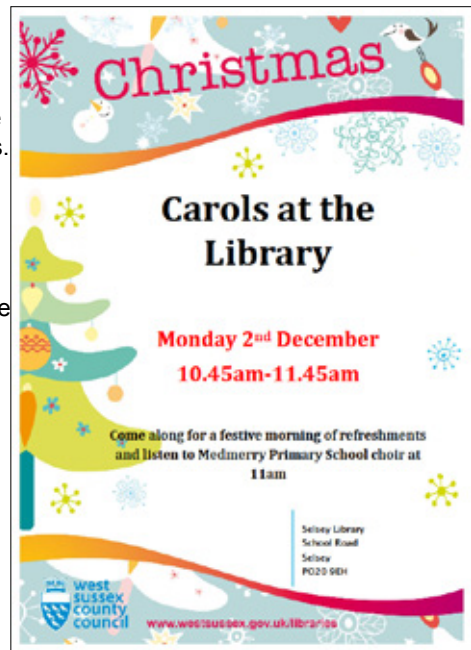


Children from Medmerry School have formed a choir and are singing at the Library this Christmas.

We sing every Wednesday at lunch time and practise lots of different songs. I love the choir because singing makes me happy and I get to sing with my friends.

Come along and watch us spread the Christmas Cheer!

By Lottie Lightning
Year3



The children and Staff of Medmerry Primary School wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!



Taskmaster creator comes to Sidlesham.

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, children at Sidlesham Primary School were excited to be joined by Alex Horne, comedian and creator of the television panel show Taskmaster.

Mr. Horne challenged pupils with a range of tasks designed to encourage the children to communicate positively and work collaboratively, inspired by the hit TV series. This learning experience aims to increase tolerance, patience, resilience and understanding of each other.

Mr Horne said, "I'd heard about the Taskmaster shenanigans at Sidlesham so wanted to see for myself what was going on. I was blown away by the positivity, teamwork and creativity of the kids. The teachers were very impressive too! Massively inspired, I'm hoping to pass on some of their ideas to my own kids' school and others around the country. Thank you Sidlesham Primary!"

Deputy Headteacher, James Blake-Lobb, explained, "Following the success of our first Taskmaster Week in 2018, we wanted to make it bigger and better this year by getting everyone in school involved. We couldn't believe it when Alex said he would come and see us. It was a real privilege to be joined the creator of the show who inspired the whole week. He was very generous with his time and was excellent with the children, who did not disappoint by displaying phenomenal teamwork and problem solving skills. The assembly was hilarious and will live long in school memory."

Following the assembly, Alex was interviewed by the children on Sidlesham radio, which can be heard here: <https://soundcloud.com/jamesblakelobb/taskmaster-interview-with-alex-horne>



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From information on 605942.

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



I was once friends with a humble fishmonger. He knew his plaice.
I got another bill from the Electricity - it said Final Notice, thank heavens they won't bother me any more.

Selsey & District Lions Club Christmas Santa Float Routes December 2019



Sunday 8th December 4.30pm: Manor Road, Mountwood Road, Broomfield Road, Elm Tree Close, Manor Road. Grafton Rd. (up to Grove Rd.) James Street, Chayle Gardens, Western Road

Monday 9th: Mundham, Runcton and Sidlesham area.

Tuesday 10th: Beach Road, Marrisfield Place, Kingsway, Albion Road, Sunnymead Drive & Close.

Wednesday 11th: Church Road, St. Peters Crescent, Wellington Gardens, Malthouse Road, High Street, East Street, North Road, Netherton Close.

Thursday 12th: Merryfield Drive, Burlington Gardens, Tretawn Gardens, Constable Drive, Gainsborough Drive, Landseer Drive, Hannover Close, Lingfield Way, Littlefield Close.

Friday 13th: Manor Farm Close, Chichester Road, Hunisett Close, Millington Drive, Fidler Close, Petts Close, Robinson Close.

Saturday 14th: Marine Drive, Broad View, Eastway/Bank, Fontwell Road, Gillway, Chichester Way.

Sunday 15th: Hunston: Foxbridge Drive, St. Leodegars Way, Orchard Side, Westlands Road, Little Boultons. (For Safety Reasons there will be no collections on the B2145 main road)

Monday 16th: Ursula Square & Avenue, Seal Road & Square, Mariner Gardens, Hillfield Road, Bridge Way, Peachy Road, Green Lane, Meadowlands, Latham Road, Langton Close, High Street, Bridleway, Croft Way

Tuesday 17th: Grafton Road (from Grove Road), Lifeboat Way, Coxswain Way, Wright Way, Barnes Close, Canadian Crescent, Pacific Way, Jones Square, Beacon Drive, Lawrence Close, Mixon Close, Sparshott Road, Pennycord Close.

Wednesday 18th: East Beach Rd, Drift Rd, Solar Drive, Tranquillity Way, Lunar Crescent, Orbit Gardens, Halley View, Jordell Place, Wheatfield Rd, Manor Lane.

Thursday 19th: West Street, Coxes Road, Warner Road, Bonnar Road, Clayton Road, Seagrove, Vincent Road.

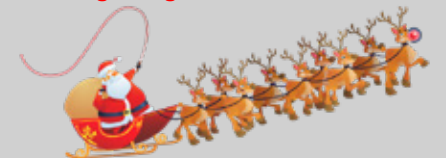
Friday 20th: Bill House, Byways, Solent Way, Seal Road, York Road, Tythe Barn Road, Green Lane, Windsor Road, Grove Road, Orchard Avenue, Southern Road, Longacre (Beaufield), Woodlands Road, Beach Gardens, Cherry Gardens, Ursula / St. Itha Road

Saturday 21st : 5.30pm, Old Farm Road, Spinney Close, Granary Lane, Mc.Nair Close, Honeysuckle Lane, Blackberry Lane, Donaldson Close, Colt Street, Acorn Close, Horsefield Road, Coppice Lane, Saddle Lane, Paddock Lane, Horseshoe, Large Acres, Crablands.

Static Collections: Friday 29th November EAST BEACH, **Saturday 30th HIGH STREET, Saturday 7th December** EAST BEACH, **Saturday 14th CO-OP, Saturday 21st HIGH STREET.**

Regretfully, due to a change in the Chichester District Council licensing regulations, our collections now have to be completed within 14 days continuously. This has restricted our collection days and as a result it may not be possible for us to visit every location, particularly if there is inclement weather.

Selsey & District Lions Club thank the residents of Selsey and the surrounding villages for their continued support.



Today, 28th November, I paid the last of the monies into the bank, delivered all the "Thank You" cards and packed away all the Poppy Appeal collecting paraphernalia.

Poppy Fortnight 2019 is over - and what a very busy two weeks was.

The House-To-House collecting brought in £3009.05, the Street collection £2830.35 and all the boxes in the shops, pubs, schools etc raised £2873.15.

The collection taken at the Service of Remembrance was £200.13, a raffle in the Legion Club afterwards raised £474 and an auction of various donated items realised £300.

So far 13 organisations or individuals have made donations for their Poppy Wreaths to a total of £365. Add to all of that various donations, great and small (some of which I mentioned in October's Selsey Life) and our grand total so far is a fantastic

£10,781.56

My heart-felt thanks to all for your generosity and a special big Thank You to all the wonderful collectors who, as usual, braved some pretty awful weather to carry-out their tasks.

What wonderful people you are!

Well Done Selsey.

Adrian Wilson
Poppy Appeal Organiser, Selsey
602047



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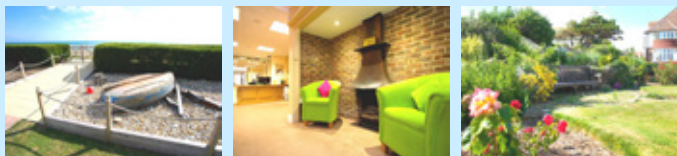
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THANK YOU FROM THE SELSEY COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS SCHEME

As we approach the end of 2019, The Selsey Community First Responders Scheme would like to thank all of our supporters, who have given so generously to the Scheme during the past year.

From our Corporate Partners (Bunn Leisure, S-Fabs and Trident Structures), local organisations and clubs (Selsey Open Gardens and Walking Festival, Manhood Classic Cars, The Shantymen, Gainsborough Singers, Sue Bringlee Yoga Class, Selsey Golf Ladies and Veterans, West Sussex Carpet Bowls, Crablands Bowls, Selsey Fireworks, The Lions, St Wilfrids Swimathon, The Local Business Alliance, The Seal, Brian Ridley (the busking flautist) and all of the good people of Selsey who have put a donation into our collection boxes distributed around the town. And to our own team of fundraisers for their fantastic commitment and hard work in attending Lifeboat Day, the Village Fete, numerous Table Top Sales and for organising a very successful Curry and Quiz Night and the recent Christmas Market at Selsey Town Hall.

Finally to Colin Rose (Rose Electricals) who gives his time free of charge installing the Defibrillators around the town.

Every penny received is invested back into the Scheme.

The Scheme is totally dependent upon donations to operate as we receive no financial support from either the local ambulance authority (SECAMB) or the NHS.

Whilst SECAMB are responsible for the recruitment and training and the on-going assessment of our Responders, our Scheme is responsible for providing everything else, from vehicles, uniforms and maintaining the operability of the defibrillators around the town.

The Scheme also purchases defibrillators for each of our Responder team, who are all volunteers giving up their personal time to help the Selsey community when asked to attend a medical emergency by the ambulance authority.

The base annual cost, to the Scheme, of car tax, car Insurance, vehicle maintenance and maintaining the Defibrillators is £3,500 and additionally, each Responder defibrillator costs £1,000+

To date, with the donations from the Selsey community, the Scheme has been able to purchase and install 11 Public Access Defibrillators (PADS) around the town. Given our relative remoteness on the Manhood peninsular, a combination of Responders and PADS (each defibrillator and cabinet costs in excess of £1,500) is vital in helping to save lives in the community.

Where every minute counts

For more information about the Scheme, how you can help to support the Selsey Community First Responders, or if you have an interest in becoming a First Responder go to:

WWW.SELSEYFIRSTRESPONDERS.ORG OR EMAIL:

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Selsey Community First Responders

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Community First Responder Recruitment RECRUITMENT OPENS

On 1st December 2019, for the recruitment of new Community First Responders.

Anyone in Selsey and outlying villages/hamlets that are interested in applying should apply via NHS Jobs

<https://www.jobs.nhs.uk>

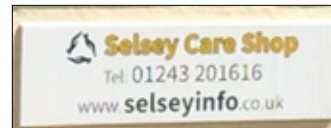
December is upon us, 2019 has flown by in a flurry of Events for our Carers and Car Boot sales, that raise much needed funds to give our Carers the help and respite they need.

Soon it will be New Year and the whole sequence will begin over again and we will be ready to carry on supporting unpaid Carers in our community.

On this note Selsey Carers Support want to wish the Town of Selsey and its Generous Community, our Volunteers, the Carers we know, and Unknown Carers in our community, also the other groups we work alongside within Selsey Community Forum at the Care Shop on Selsey High Street, telephone **01243-201616**,

A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS 2019
and

A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR in 2020.



Christmas at Chichester Cathedral

Everyone is warmly invited to the Cathedral over the Festive Season to enjoy one of the many carol services, concerts, Christmas lunches and more. The Cathedral website gives full details of all services and events, alternatively please call **01243 782595** for an Events Leaflet or booking information (if applicable). A few highlights include:



CHRISTMAS LUNCHES AT 4 CANON LANE

During December (Tuesday – Saturday from 12 noon). Three courses with coffee £25. Booking essential on 01243 813585.

MINI CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thursday 5 – Saturday 7 December and Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 December. Browse stalls featuring local brands in the Cathedral Cloisters.

FRIENDS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 7 December 10am, Vicars Hall. Featuring all your favourite stalls, entry is £2 per person, including a cup of coffee. Pay at the door (cash only please).

PREBENDAL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday 12 December at 7pm, free to attend.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Saturday 14 December at 7.15pm. Performed by vocal ensemble NMH with Three Parts Vied, directed by Charles Harrison. Tickets from the Cathedral Shop or via the website.

CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICES (free) Thursday 19 December 6pm, Friday 20 December 6pm, Saturday 21 December 3pm. Seating in the nave and side aisles is on a first come, first served basis, doors will open an hour before the service.



SELSEY VENTURE CLUB NEWS

This month we will begin by clarifying an important point, which is that although we are recognised as a community transport organisation, we can only carry our own Club members. Please do not ask our drivers to take you home because unless you have valid membership not only will the Club be breaking the law but also the driver, and in addition we, could lose our operating permits.



Now on a good note we have very recently attended the Neil Sands "Christmas Memories" concert at the Alexandra Theatre Bognor Regis. The show was something of a nostalgic look at Christmas with songs and costume changes relating to the era. All members got into the Christmas spirit with active participation. Neil Sands is back with another of his shows next year so watch this space as they say. On the 25th November we visited Garsons Garden Centre near Titchfield in Hampshire to see their Christmas displays and stock up on a gift or two. Later in December on Friday 20th we are off to the Pantomime 'The Wizard of Oz' at the Alexandra Theatre Bognor Regis.

Our seasonal meal has been arranged and will be once again at the "Park Hotel" in Chichester. The meal will be on Monday 20th January 2020 with pick-ups commencing at 10.30am. Please put your names down and be prepared to pay and make your menu choice on Friday 6th or Tuesday 10th December when Alison Cooper will be at the Club between 09.30 and 11.00am. Look at the notices in the Clubhouse and/or minibuses for more information.

We are as desperate as ever for minibus drivers with a current D1 licence; however we do have one bus that may be driven on a car licence. We need drivers for weekdays and occasional weekends and we have to consider cover for volunteers when unavailable. Can you help? Call into the Club in Elm Grove Selsey or phone the office on **605115**.

Nigel Cooper Transport Manager
& Alison Cooper Social Secretary.

1) Which two great military adversaries were born in 1769?

2) In which century was the Taj Mahal built?



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The Ladies of the Selsey WI would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas



Ladies come and join us at our next meeting on Wednesday 11th December at 2.15pm, Selsey Town Hall. This will be our Christmas Party and we will be entertained by Katharine Collett “Deck the Halls”

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

LADIES- IN – CONTACT L.I.N.C

Sad to say that L.I.N.C was disbanded with the very last meeting held on Thursday 21st November.

We would however like to send “Merry Christmas and A Very Happy New Year for 2020 to All.”





Dear Selsey Life,

Thankyou for putting our Coffee Morning ad. and write up in the November Selsey Life. The Coffee Morning was a great success and we raised £802.03 which is amazing. Thankyou and we'd also like to thank everyone who came and also donated cakes and lovely things for us to sell.

Best wishes

Deirdre Hoggarth and Sandy Lewis

[Thank you Deirdre and Sandy, we are very pleased it was such a great success, very well done. As always, we are more than happy to advertise any such Charity events in the Selsey Life]

- 3) Who were known in Scotland as 'gaugers'?


4) What type of bird is a merganser?

5) At which racecourse is the Prix de l'Arc ce Triomphe run?

SEAL ISLAND WI

Our Annual Meeting in November was very well attended and June thanked everyone for their support during the year. We have had a very successful year with interesting speakers, meals out, walks and outings. Francesca Seagar stepped down as Treasurer after six years and was thanked for her excellent money management. Gillian Derbyshire has stepped into the breach and will be our new Treasurer.

With the business out of in (literally!) to making Christmas baubles, accompanied by Great fun was had played with fabric, and sequins.



the way we got stuck Christmas baubles, cheese and wine. by all as we glue, pins, beads and sequins.

We are planning to go out for a Christmas dinner at The Walnut Tree for our December meeting, so our next meeting at The Selsey Centre will be on Thursday 9th January at 7.30 pm when we will be welcoming a visiting speaker from The Aldingbourne Trust. Do come along and join us. We are a very friendly group and we welcome visitors and new members.

If you would like more information you can call June on 607637.

Seal Island would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming you in 2020



Selsey Gardening Club

Our December meeting is our members' Christmas Social




Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year from Selsey Gardening Club



Our first meeting of 2020 will be in February this will be our AGM

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



The Shop.

The volunteer staff and trustees at The Shop would like to wish all our customers a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and blessed New Year.

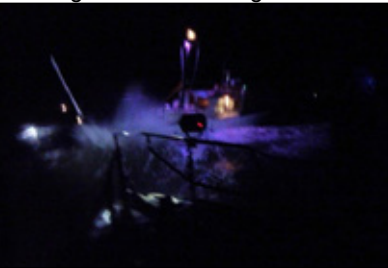

There is an annual tomato fight in Bunol, a Spanish town. It would appear that around 25.000 people can take part, hurling altogether nearly 100 tonnes (220,000 pounds) of tomatoes at each other. It is reported that the streets can be up to 30cms (12 inches) deep in juice.

Date: 01 November 2019



Both Selsey RNLI lifeboats respond to Mayday call.

On Friday 1 November UK Coastguards requested the launch after receiving a Mayday distress call from a 60ft Motor boat that had run aground on the Mixon reef 1.25 miles off Selsey Bill. The Skipper reported that there were two people aboard and they had water ingress.

The Selsey inshore lifeboat (ILB) was first away at 6.45pm closely followed by the All-weather lifeboat (ALB) at 6.50pm. The ILB was first on scene shortly followed by the ALB at 7.00pm. At this stage the skipper reported they had about 8 inches of water in the bilge. The vessel had gone aground just before low water. The ILB made two attempts to get near the vessel but these proved unsuccessful due to the breaking seas. With the weather deteriorating the Coxswain decided to pass the tow line to the vessel using the ILB which manoeuvred as close as it could to the casualty before throwing a heaving line with the larger tow line attached.




Three attempts were made before the man on the casualty vessel held on to the line and hauled the larger tow line on to the vessel. After receiving instructions via radio the tow was finally established between the ALB and the Motor boat at 8.19pm. The ALB held the casualty and waited for the rising tide. At 8.43pm the vessel started moving off the reef and immediately the skipper asked to be evacuated from the vessel as they now had 4ft of water in the bilge. The ILB made an attempt to recover the two men but conditions were too rough so the ILB was released to return to station. The weather on scene by now was wind south west force 5-7 rough sea in rain showers.



The Coxswain instructed the skipper of the Casualty vessel to release the tow and make ready to be recovered by the ALB. After the tow line was recovered to the ALB the first attempt was made to evacuate the two casualties resulting in one being recovered at 9.10pm. On the second attempt the skipper was recovered at 9.15pm.


Unfortunately the skipper sustained a head injury whilst transferring and first aid was administered, he also declared a previous heart condition so the ALB requested an ambulance meet them on return to station. The coxswain said the vessel was taking a pounding rocking from side to side with seas breaking right over the boat.

At 9.35pm the ALB returned to the beach and was rehousing immediately to disembark the two casualties before washing down and refuelling. They were given dry clothes and a hot drink while their wet clothes were dried. The ambulance could not give an




Lifeboats



eta so at 11.15pm the station Lifeboat operations manager took both casualties to St Richards hospital. Tonight's crews were ALB: Coxswain Colin Pullenger, 2nd Cox Rob Archibald, Mechanic Geoff Mellett, Sam Corcoran-Smith, Neil Hopcraft, and Terry Healey. ILB Helmsman Will Moir, Andy Lee and Max Wiseman



Leaseholders at Medmerry Park, Earnley recently held their 6th annual October "Dash to Splash" event raising over £650 for Selsey RNLI.



25 people, ranging in age from 10 to 82 braved the elements to take to the sea on a bright but chilly day. The kind weather contributed to a fun outing for all .



Twin safety messages combine to raise awareness of the dangers associated with the sun and sea during the summer months and contribute very welcome funds to the RNLI.

Staff at Rowlands Pharmacy in Westbourne recently chose to support Selsey Lifeboats by holding a raffle and running a joint promotion in their store of the RNLI's 'Respect The Water' campaign alongside their annual 'Stay Safe in the Sun' one. Their pro-active approach to the dual perils facing local people as well as visitors to the Sussex coast resulted in them raising the fabulous sum of £308



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THE BILL HOUSE
GRAFTON ROAD, SELSEY

One of the largest and most imposing buildings in Selsey today is, without doubt, The Bill House so it seemed remiss not to investigate its history, particularly when one is allowed to copy this picture:



Here we see The Bill House and its tower but, in the background, part of the roof and a single storey building are waiting to be completed and there is scaffolding still in place. The twenty workmen are standing in a row with their hats firmly on their heads, wearing their waistcoats, aprons and overalls.

We can almost exactly date this photograph thanks to the fact that in the 1990's The Bill House was listed by Historic England. The architect was Mackay Hugh Baillie Scott, born in 1865, and he designed this house in an Arts and Crafts vernacular revival style, L-plan with service wing to the north and main wing to the south in 1907. He also collaborated with Archibald Knox on the design of stained glass and fire-grates so he was an important man!

The roofs were constructed of 'graded slate' which was carted from the station to the house by Harry Prior with the biggest slates being placed just above the roof plate and the lightest higher up.



John Gibson Jarvie, Barrister, was the owner in 1930. He, at least, had a connection with Selsey as Ted (Edward Morton) Barford, son of Percy Crompe Barford MB, LRCP, one of Selsey's much loved GPs, worked in the barrister's office.

He then sold the House to Sir Felix John Morgan Brunner, Bart. Lady Elizabeth Brunner was the grand-daughter of Sir Henry Irving, the famous Victorian actor/manager. Sir Felix continued to live at Bill House and referred to it as his 'country seat'.

And here is a picture of the man himself, taken in 1934.

The stones in the courtyard were laid by Bill Lelliott, senior, who said they were taken from the beach. It is unlikely this occurred when the house was built as Bill Lelliott senior wasn't born until 1910 but perhaps the courtyard was refurbished later,

Kelly's Directory of 1909 shows that the owner of Bill House was Byron Peters and he continued to own it until at least 1917. He's a very interesting man and will be the subject of a follow-up article.

In 1918 the House was owned by Lieutenant Colonel C Smith, hotly followed in 1920 by Captain John A Hare and his wife Selina. They had been long-time residents of Selsey and had lived in East Street since 1881.

By 1927 the House had changed hands yet again and its new owner, Mr C F Chapman, was offering one of his rooms to be used as a Chess Club.

Government Equipment Sale
Tenders amounting in the aggregate to £657 10s., have been accepted by the Rural District Council for the disposal of surplus Government equipment at Bill House Hostel, Selsey.

We know the Brunners still owned The Bill House in 1935 but from there on we have a gap until 13 July 1946 when The Chichester Observer reported the item on the left.

It is interesting that the word 'Hostel' is used because, upon investigation it seems likely that The Bill House was requisitioned for evacuees for the duration of WWII.

And now we are entering the territory of living memory so I'm looking for help from here on in. In 1950 Cecil Stone and his merry men, including a very young John Mariner, refurbished The Bill House. The main job was to install central heating. John tells me that the pipes were too long to go up the internal stairs without being cut into small sections so they scouted round the house and found ventilation holes in a gable end. They erected scaffolding, carried the pipes up and fed them through the holes. Once the major works were complete the house was painted inside and out.

In 1954 Roy Saunders owned the property. Roy was a member of the Selsey Players who played the part of a doctor in a production of 'Suspect' in November 1955. He was well qualified to do this as, in real life, he was a member of the medical profession.

Now we can take up the story of the House again because, in 1957, the League of Friends of Normansfield was formed by Lady Brain and Colonel Symmons and money was raised to provide, amongst other things, The Bill House at Selsey, Sussex as a holiday home. Normansfield was founded in May 1868 by Dr John Langdon-Down and his wife, Mary, as a private home for those with a learning disability, especially for the children of the upper classes whom they sought to educate and train to the full extent of their capabilities. Normansfield was in Kingston Road, Teddington and John Langdon-Down is the physician who first identified and described Down's Syndrome (in 1868) although the condition did not bear his name until the mid 1960's.



The Friends of Normansfield & Richmond Foundation published a leaflet containing this photograph and have kindly allowed me to show it to you.

The titles concerning The Bill House are: The Bill House holiday home at Selsey, Sussex; A room in The Bill House; A view of the gardens from the sun lounge.

I am assured by the Manager, Carol Belcher, and a young lady named Zarina that these views look the same today.

In that same year, the West Sussex Gazette of 19 September 1957 contained an advertisement from Messrs. Wyatt & Son who made a Preliminary Announcement concerning The Bill House.

They had been instructed to Auction a great many lots of surplus antique and modern furniture on the premises on Tuesday, 1st October 1957.

The Bognor Regis Observer of 27 September 1957 contained the advertisement on the right.

This brings up an interesting anomaly. I found a newspaper cutting a transcription of which appears below.

This did not take the form of an advert but rather as an article in an unidentified newspaper – unidentified because the newspaper cutting lacks the banner which would give us the newspaper and the date it was published.

'On Selsey's foreshore

Rarely does such an individual property become available with a wide foreshore frontage as the Bill House at Selsey which is just on the market and for which Fox and Sons are inviting offers in excess of £150,000.

Subject to planning consent, this imposing property offers excellent potential for continuation of use as a holiday home or as a hotel, club or rest home.

BILL HOUSE, SEAL ROAD, SELSEY-ON-SEA
Messrs. WYATT & SON
(having sold the property) are instructed to **SELL by AUCTION** on the above premises, at 12 noon, on **TUESDAY, 1st OCTOBER, 1957** the **Surplus Antique and Modern FURNITURE and Effects, including gentleman's mahogany wardrobe, divan and other beds, mahogany and other wardrobes and chests of drawers, kneehole writing desk, corner cupboards, side tables, occasional tables, 3 sets dining chairs. Oak and other dining tables, settees, easy and fireside chairs, draught screens, mirrors, rugs, bedside and other cabinets. Outside Effects.** On view morning of sale from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon on production of catalogue (price 6d.) from the Auctioneers, Messrs. Wyatt & Son, 59, East Street, Chichester (Tel. 2296/7), High Street, Selsey-on-Sea, Bognor Regis, and Havant.

Standing in grounds of about one and a quarter acres there are superb sea views from many rooms and a foreshore frontage of about 245ft.

The spacious accommodation in the main residence includes six bedrooms (three of 20ft plus), two bathrooms and four reception rooms.

The lofty lounge has part-panelled walls, timber studding and beams and an inglenook fireplace. Across the courtyard and archway is the annexe with two/three bedrooms, living room, kitchen and bathroom.

Leading off from the hallway is the three storey tower approached by a narrow spiral staircase and from the top floor are magnificent panoramic sea views.

There is also a detached bungalow in the grounds with two bedrooms, living room, kitchen and bathroom. Outbuildings include a detached games room and the lawns extend on all sides of the main house with ample scope for parking.'

Nowadays, The Bill House is a dementia care home operated by Alexander Park Homes Limited.

And finally, here are some more pictures of The Bill House. The first two are from Historic England:



1928 – EPW024675
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Here we can see the house with its gardens and tennis court. Perhaps the bathing huts were for family members. I'm intrigued by the fact that they seem to be divided into two groups and I wonder if this was Ladies and Gentlemen's huts. Who knows? Perhaps someone does and will let me know.



1949 – EAW022176
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The huts are gone but the tennis court remains. You can see the extent of the coastal erosion over the preceding 20 odd years. Some sea defences have been erected by the tennis court and groynes installed. There are many more people on the beach and 8 cars are parked in the road. Some trees seem to have disappeared while the gardens have a slightly unkempt look.

Below, Shoesmith and Etheridge, Hastings




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Despite my best efforts I have been unable to ascertain the source of the 'On Selsey's foreshore' quote. If I have infringed anyone's


copyright, I apologise and will issue an acknowledgement in the next Selsey Life. Acknowledgements:

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Update from the Chichester Prevention Team
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



In an emergency, or if you see a crime in progress, always call 999

Door-to-Door Scams

Many legitimate businesses sell products door-to-door (windows, solar, panels, cleaning products, home maintenance, tree surgeons etc.). Gas, electricity and water companies will also visit to read meters. In addition charities may visit to ask for donations or post collection bags for you to fill and leave out for collection. However, scammers also do the above to part you from your money, gain entry to your home to steal, or profit by posing as charities in order to collection donations.

What you should know:

Door-to-door scams involve selling goods or services that are not delivered or are very poor quality. You won't get value for money and you may get billed for work you didn't want or didn't agree to. Some scammers conduct surveys so they can obtain your personal details or disguise their real intent to sell you goods or services you don't want or need (e.g. unnecessary roofing work or patio replacement).

Door-to-door sales are normally uninvited and the people selling MUST leave if you ask them to.

Even when a genuine business and product is being sold, unscrupulous employees can sometimes still act illegally. If someone knocks at your front door claiming to be from a company also check their ID. If you are not happy then do not let them into your home.

Never ring the telephone number on the ID card. Tell them to wait outside, shut the door, and ring the genuine number from the telephone book or website.

Front office opening hours
Monday - Saturday 9am -8pm.
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Kingsham Road, Chichester, PO19 8AD

Selsey RNA Branch News



On the 17th October The Royal Naval Association, Selsey Branch, held it's 41st Trafalgar Night Dinner/Dance. Over fifty members and guests, including contingents from adjacent RNA branches and two Sea Cadets from Chichester Sea Cadets, were again superbly hosted at The Chichester Park Hotel.

We were delighted to have, as our Principal Guests, the General Secretary of The RN Association, Capt. Bill Oliphant and his wife, Ann. Before his retirement, Capt. Oliphant was responsible for HM Dockyard, Portsmouth, where one of his responsibilities was ensuring the deep dredging of the naval harbour in order to enable berthing of our new, large aircraft carriers. Not surprisingly, several vintage explosives were dredged up in the harbour, making the exercise less than straightforward.

Inside four days in mid-September, Bill rode his bike from London to Paris, via Caen, in company with a small team and raised over £2,000 for the Royal Naval & Royal Marines Association.

By kind donation from members and businesses, our Trafalgar Dinner raffle raised £516. We especially thank: Buildbase; The Crab & Lobster, Sidlesham; The Coop, Southern Group; High House Insurance; Manor Nursery; Nice Plaiice; The Riviera Restaurant; Roar Betting; The Seal Hotel; Village Flowers; WK Thomas; Brasserie Blanc, Chichester; Butlin's Resort, Bognor Regis; Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Goodwood Richmond Enclosure; The Royal Maritime Club, Portsmouth; Stansted Park, Rowlands Castle; Waitrose, Chichester and West Dean Gardens.

On the same evening, our Branch awarded Chichester Sea Cadets Group £300 for their general fund.

As a branch, we have had a busy social calendar. In the process we have raised £880 for charities of which £443 was awarded to SSAFA - the Soldiers, Sailors and Airforce Families Association.

Not for the first time, I remain totally overwhelmed by the numbers and ages of the attendants at the Remembrance Services, culminating in the 11:00 service at Selsey War Memorial. It is truly uplifting to know today how deeply so many good people honour the bravery and sacrifice of those who have fallen and those whose lives have been affected by conflict.

We continuously remember our own shipmates, no less. Those whom we have loved and lost since our Branch's commissioning over forty years ago.

From all in RNA Selsey Branch we wish you a Happy Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year.

We are still keen to know about any relative, friend or neighbour who has previously been a veteran on the Royal or Merchant Navy's payroll (wherever they live) and is not connected to the internet and could benefit from being so. Across the UK, over 670 Apple iPads have so far been deployed by the RNA to help veterans contact old service friends and their own families wherever in the world they live. Many users now accumulate their photos, and/or build their life stories, and share them in text, picture, or audio ways. All the Apple iPads are deployed and set up by trained RNA personnel free of charge, apart from the monthly cost of the internet connection charges. For more information, refer to Project Semaphore at www.royal-naval-association.co.uk. Failing that, contact me.

Gavin Roriston
Hon Sec & PRO, RNA, Selsey Branch

We welcome all MOD Royal Navy veterans from any of its branches, including the Royal Marines, QARNNS, RFA or WRNS, to join with us in social events and outings. Don't hesitate in contacting us. Alternatively, simply come to one of our meetings, held at 2000 every second Tuesday of each month, in The Selsey Club and enjoy the comradeship you once knew.

The Write Zone with Tara Wright



Well I never ... it's a new year, and a new decade. Happy New Year to everyone who's reading this and may your next twelve months be wonderful.

With only a short while to go, you might be midnight-carousing to auld lang syne and clinking glasses to herald in a New Year full of wistful expectation. With that in mind, and in the best traditions of this page, I'd like you to turn your creativity to a short

story that marks the promise of new beginnings. In no more than one hundred words I'd like you to add your own punchy ending to this opener:

'My Lord, there is a gentleman to see you.'

There was a pause as Walstaff considered this intrusion He lowered his newspaper and looked up.

'Who is it?' he enquired, his tone mottled by impatience.

Greaves hesitated. His master loathed interruption and his spirit had suffered mightily since Miss Emily had departed for Italy with her governess eight months before. She had written no more than half a dozen letters to her devoted papa, despite promises to write weekly. Walstaff had employed an army of civil servants in the Foreign Office to trace the girl, but to no avail, Worry and extreme grouchiness had since governed all of Walstaff's interactions with his household.

'It ... it is your brother, sir.' Greaves emphasised the relationship in pungent tones.

Walstaff straightened like a forest animal scenting danger. Inexplicably, his startled gaze turned to the dining room window as if his wayward younger brother might be standing upon the lichened terrace. Nothing but the rich expanse of ornamental

gardens for which Walstaff Manor was famed, loomed out of the fog of this dank January morning.

Walstaff threw his paper to one side and stood up. 'My brother, eh?' he muttered. He withdrew his pocket watch and glanced at it. It was not yet nine o'clock. For Landburn to show his face at the family home so early in the day – nay, so early in the year – could only mean one thing: he was in trouble. Lord Walstaff sighed. He had already bailed the scallywag out of financial embarrassment twice in the past year and, with no hope of recompense, had made it clear to Landburn after his last disastrous brush with the cards, that enough was enough. Although, he ruminated, clearly not enough to deter the man, for what, if not some gaming disaster, had brought him here at this hour? Well, he thought, testily, he was ready to put his foot down and turn the n'er-do-well away. Gruff with mounting indignation, he turned to Greaves.

'Show him in to the morning room, Greaves, and tell him I will be there in due course.' He sat down again, heavily, and snapped his newspaper open.

'There is one other thing, my Lord,' the butler added cautiously.

'What is it?' Walstaff glared.

Greaves coughed discreetly 'My Lord, if you please,' he has brought Miss Emily home.'

Walstaff's lips parted, undone by this revelation.

'Good God man, why didn't you say?' Walstaff barked. Springing to his feet, he marched to the door and wrenched it open ... (to be continued)

Send your entry in an email to me at authortarawright@gmail.com. On the subject line you should write: *New Year writing competition*. The winner will be announced in the February edition of Selsey Life. Good luck!

Tara

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St. Peter's Church Events

Saturday 14th December – 4pm St. Peter's Annual Carols Round the Christmas Tree which will be held outside in the grounds of St. Peter's supporting The Snowdrop Trust followed by hot refreshments in Church – **(weather permitting)**

Sunday 22nd December 4pm St. Peter's Church Carols and Nine Lessons

Tuesday 24th December 4pm Nativity Service and Blessing of the Crib where we would like to see as many shepherds, wise men, angels all sorts of fancy dressed children as animals or just as you are to enjoy our special Christmas story then home and early to bed shhh shhh!! – followed at 11.30pm for Midnight Mass when the bells ring out to remember the joyous birth and Christmas.

Wednesday 25th December 10am Christmas Day Service

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For Sport, Leisure & Pleasure

Welcome

We have availability for parties on Saturday, or Sundays the price starts at £30 for 3 hours. Please contact us for more details on [01243 603836](tel:01243603836).

New Classes

Gentle Yoga for your joints Wednesday 4.30pm £5 contact Vince on [07817135472](tel:07817135472)

Beginners Yoga Wednesday 5.30 £5 contact Vince on [07817135472](tel:07817135472)

MF Fitness a fun way to workout, helping others to feel comfortable and confident with themselves £5 per class Wednesdays 7.45pm please contact Mitchell on [07809210612](tel:07809210612)

Regular classes please contact the instructor for more details

Monday- Roz Dance and Tone at 9.00 followed by Pilates at 10.30 contact her on [07702109985](tel:07702109985)

Monday Clare 4.30pm beginners Pilates 5.45 intermediate Pilates contact [01243 603077](tel:01243603077)

Tuesday – Art class with Anita 9am-12 drop in

Tuesday - Zumba with Lisa Neno at 6.30 contact her on [07775607409](tel:07775607409)

Wednesday Roz Dance and Tone at 9 followed by Fitter Sitters contact her on [07702109985](tel:07702109985)

Thursday – Zumba with Sarah Belcher at 6.30 contact her on [07805161167](tel:07805161167)

Friday- Steady and strong at 11.15 followed by Paracise with Heidi contact her on [07826924923](tel:07826924923)

Friday – Clare 8.30 advanced Pilates 9.45 Beginners Pilates

Are you looking for somewhere to hold regular meetings or exercise classes? Pop in or ring us to see what we have available

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Blackcap

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Home for Christmas

Sussex is no place for a warbler in winter. As daylight, temperature and their insect food dwindles, blackcaps, whitethroats, chiffchaffs, reed, sedge and willow warblers all evacuate England. Each September their fragile, feathered bodies fly to Spain and sub-Saharan Africa on the promise of warmth, food and, ultimately, life. So finding a blackcap swinging on your birdfeeder in December will be as unlikely as seeing Santa at a midsummer barbeque. But at Christmas miracles can happen.

Blackcaps return to England in April. Cuckoos and chiffchaffs, also early migrants, broadcast their arrival with their monotonous two-note tune but the blackcap lets loose a rich, full-throated, joyous warble; a defiant announcement that he's cheated death for another winter.



*Blackcap c Tony Houlton
Sussex Wildlife Trust*

This colourful song comes from a colourless bird, yet there's something stylish and continental about the blackcap's appearance. Their two-tone grey suit and black beret pulled over dark eyes make them look like some Parisian beatnik. You'd expect to catch one sat in a willow smoking Gauloises and

muttering about Sartre. The female bird's beret is a rich chestnut brown; hardly qualifying her to use the name blackcap at all.

The laws of nature clearly state that all European blackcaps must migrate south for the winter. But in the sixties a small gang of nonconformist blackcaps in Germany started a revolution. They headed south-west instead of south, ending up in England. Mother Nature is not kind to those who disobey her rules and this suicide squad was surely sentenced to a frozen death in our frosty winter. But instead they found a new England. A land of mild winters, ornamental berry bushes and kind people who hung balls of fat in their gardens. They didn't freeze and starve. They survived.



*Blackcap c Roger Wilmshurst
Sussex Wildlife Trust*

Not only that; the following spring's short flight home to Germany meant they arrived ahead of their law-abiding neighbours, who were still struggling back from their long-haul holiday. The returning rebels were able to claim the best territories and produce larger families. They raised more revolutionaries who returned to England each winter. Now a small population of blackcaps make our gardens their winter home; exotic apparitions of summer amongst the robins and frost. They'll be gone again by the time 'our' British blackcaps return, exhausted and oblivious, in April.

Animal migration is amazing. Each year across Europe millions of perilous journeys are undertaken as birds, bats, butterflies and other wildlife flee hostile conditions. Each year we as our own species have been forced to make dangerous migrations to survive. The paths of refugees and migrating birds will cross as both are forced on journeys over the same treacherous mountains and seas. Let's hope they all find someplace safe this Christmas.

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RSPB Events for December 2019

WEST WITTERING**Tuesday 10 December**

Morning Bird Walk on East Head with David Hart of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet in West Beach car park at 10.00 am, Map Ref: SZ766984 01243 262833

DELL QUAY**Saturday 28 December**

Morning Bird Walk on Chichester Harbour with Roger Morris of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet at end of Apuldram Lane at 10.00 am, Map Ref: SU836028 01243 262833

RSPB Events for January 2020**PAGHAM****Sunday 5 January**

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

CHICHESTER**Thursday 23 January**

Illustrated Talk by Glenda Law on "Wildlife of the Florida Everglades" to the RSPB Chichester Local Group at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester at 7.30 pm

Entrance members £2-50/visitors £5-00 01243 262833
wheelchair access

BURPHAM**Saturday 25 January**

Bird Walk on The Burgh with Chris Vine of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet at T junction Burpham Map Ref: TQ042096 at 10.00 am – 3.00 pm approx. Bring lunch 01243 262833

Chichester Conservancy Volunteers December 2019

SELSEY**Sunday 1 December**

Conservation with the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group and Rob Eadie of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers at 10.00 am 07776 150863

LAVINGTON**Sunday 8 December**

Conservation – Heathland Management on Lavington Common with Scott Robertson of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers at 10.00 am 01243 552113/07722 025339

SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST December 2019**No planned events for December****SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST January 2020****Chichester****Tuesday 29 January**

Illustrated Talk by Steve Webster, Site Manager on 'Pagham Harbour' to the Sussex Wildlife Trust, Friends Meeting House, Priory Road, Chichester at 7.30 pm

Entrance Members £3-00/Visitors £4 01243 262833
wheelchair access



Business Plan Consultation

The Selsey community are urged to have their say on Selsey Town Council's Business Plan

The aim of the Business Plan is to give Selsey residents and businesses a clear understanding of what the Town Council is trying to achieve and the initiatives which will help to deliver this. It details what the Town Council intends to focus on over the next four years, having taken on feedback from the community through various public consultation events including Selsey Vision. The Business Plan once consulted on will be used each year to plan activities and set the budget for the coming year.

Selsey Town Councillors are looking for your views on this draft plan so that together we can agree on a strategy which will provide a framework for the Town Council to improve facilities, services and long-term sustainability.

The public consultation starts on **Monday 9 December 2019** with the Business Plan published on www.selseytowncouncil.gov.uk alongside a link to the consultation questionnaire. During this week Selsey Town Councillors will deliver printed copies of the Business Plan direct to residents' homes, with a detachable survey form, for your feedback.

Selsey Town Councillors will be collecting completed responses direct from residents during the week of the **6 January 2020**. This is also a good opportunity to share your views with your Councillor personally.

Additionally, the Town Council will be hosting a Consultation Evening on **Wednesday 8 January 2020 at 6:00pm** at the Selsey Town Hall, giving you another opportunity to have your say and speak directly about the proposed Business Plan with Selsey Town Councillors.

The consultation closes on **Friday 10 January 2020 at 4:00pm** for printed copies to be returned to the Town Council Offices (55 High Street, Selsey, PO20 0RB) and at Midnight for online responses.

Selsey Town Council thanks you in advance for your support in shaping Selsey's future.





A flamboyance of finches!

Just as the numbers of our winter wildfowl and waders build up at this time of year, large flocks of songbirds gather in the fields around Medmerry. These mixed flocks are typically made up of finches, pipits and buntings.

Goldfinches are immediately recognisable with white cheeks, red face and yellow wing bars. Chaffinch have white shoulder patches and stripes on their wings. The males have a blue-grey head and pinkish breast.



Goldfinch - Ben Andrew
Linnets, a finch of open countryside and farmland, are typically brown but the males sport crimson chests and foreheads. Corn buntings, yellowhammers and meadow pipits usually make up the other species in these mass accumulations, which may number well in excess of a

Chaffinch - Andy Hay

thousand birds. Like an explosion, the air erupts in a cloud of birds signifying the arrival of a hunting peregrine or merlin hurtling onto the scene like a missile. The sight of predator and prey locked in aerial pursuit is an experience to quicken the pulse and never be forgotten. This is nature in its rawest and most fundamental form, an intense life and death battle of agility, strength and guile. It may not be the Serengeti, but these natural spectacles can be just as exhilarating.

Meanwhile, the bleaker weather draws some more unusual finches to our feeders outside the Visitor Centre. Siskins and redpolls are resident all year round, but their populations are boosted in winter with



Siskin - Ben Andrew

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



Redpoll - Jenny Tweedie

Join us on New Years Day for a guided walk and see how many species you can find or if you would like help identifying our winter birds, we are running a Birdwatching for Beginners workshop on Sunday 19 January. For more information pop into our Visitor Centre on the B2145 south of Chichester or check our website www.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour

Don't forget Big Garden Birdwatch returns from 25 – 27 January 2020. Being an annual survey, it allows us to monitor trends and understand how birds are doing and your results really do help. All you need is a pen, paper, an hour and a comfy seat. Cup of tea and biscuit are optional! For full details on how to take part and identification tips, check out our website www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch where you will also find a handy online counter!

Let's give nature a home



RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry

December

Saturday 07 December, Binocular and Telescope Open Day. Come along and try our wide range of binoculars and telescopes and have a chat with our friendly optics experts. Whether you're a complete beginner, an experienced birder or buying as a Christmas present, we'll be happy to help.

10am – 4pm, Free event, no need to book

January 2020

Wednesday 01 January 2020, New Year's Day Guided Walk. What better way to start your 2020, 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

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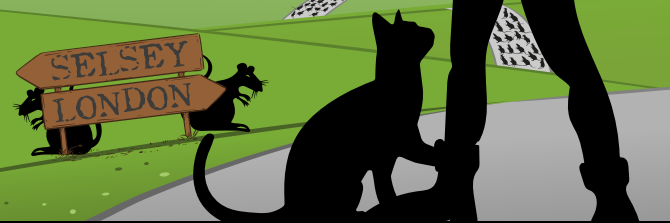
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Supporting Perennial, the Mazegarden in Sidlesham hosted a photo shoot for the Naked Gardeners 2020 calendar.



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6) Who became the first driver to win six times in a row at Le Mans?

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DONNA'S DELIBERATIONS

.....and in the inimitable words of the legendary Noddy Holder - "It's Christmaaaas!" How the heck did that happen? I was only buying Easter Eggs last week. I swear we've all been put into a Tardis and fast forwarded; I just cannot get my head around the fact it's already December. Of course I'm unprepared, as I said last month, I always am and I'm nothing if not consistent. Why I do it to myself, I will never know. I have an aversion to even thinking about Christmas until December which might have something to do with my recurrent unpreparedness, I would hazard to guess. What's that saying - 'The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different outcome?' Unfortunately, I think that's me - at least when it comes to Christmas, that is! I hope I'm slightly more sensible when it comes to other things!

I think social media has heightened my sense of guilt over my complete lack of organisation when it comes to this time of year. Everyone is posting Facebook 'statuses' extolling the fact that they've finished their Christmas shopping in November. Very annoying. Unless you're going to offer to do mine.... I don't care! My family isn't very helpful either. There we are in the middle of Homesense (I'm a Homesense person, my husband is definitely Ikea...I'll leave you to work out that one!) I ask a perfectly reasonable question of my daughter "What shall we get for Auntie Ros?" Quick as a flash, she answers me - "A candle." "How about Auntie Rachel?" "A candle." "Grandad? No, don't tell me...let's just buy everyone a flipping candle...! See what I mean, really helpful.

So, how are we all, my fellow Selsonians? I do hope you're more sensible than me and have at least given some thought to the big day itself. Despite my usual hurdle around some shop or other on Christmas Eve, I do enjoy the Christmas Holidays. It's the one break when, for a while at least, the world slows down and instead of the usual frenzy, things quieten down a bit. I quite like that. It's probably an age thing but I will savour every moment.

I'm assuming we won't get any snow this year, or at least nothing to speak of. My daughter reached the ripe old age of seven before she saw a significant amount of the white stuff; we were actually in North Wales at the time. All was well during the evening before, but we woke up to about a foot of the stuff - she was seriously excited! The downside though, was the fact that we were staying in a cottage, right at the top of one of the hills, in an area largely populated by sheep. We didn't own a 4 x 4 (still don't) and had a slight food situation - we hadn't actually got any. We thought we'd risk it and try to walk (I use that word very loosely) down the track which led us to the nearest village. Bad mistake. Fortunately, a passing farmer, who did have a 4 x 4, took pity on us and picked us up. So far, so good. Sadly, a few seconds into our journey, the engine stopped and refused to start again. We practically skated down the rest of the hill until we came to rest, on a bank, at the bottom. It was jolly scary but completely lost on our daughter who found the whole situation hysterically funny. Now, that is definitely an age thing!

I'm not much of a snow fan, to be honest, so it's probably a good thing that I live in our little town at the bottom of the winding road, where we seldom see it. A fair few years ago I was over in the States when we had an absolute downfall, but everyone was perfectly prepared for it. Buses still ran, trains still ran, (on time) schools stayed open, no lack of bread or milk. In short, life carried on with little or no disruption. Two remarks made to me at that time stick in my mind: "Oh, don't worry, it's only a dusting!" even though there was about two feet of it, and "On a positive note, haven't seen

any midges for a few days!" When I told my friends that Blighty practically comes to a standstill after a mere sprinkling, they genuinely thought I was making a very poor joke. But it's true - after an inch of the stuff 'Snowmageddon' starts trending on Twitter. Across the pond, all they do is put chains on the tyres and get on with it! The fact is, I think, we all quite like snow, sort of.... Let's face it, one of the only legitimate reasons for waking up a sleeping child is to tell them it's snowing...but, we don't want it at the weekend, definitely not too much of it, we'd rather not have it on the actual roads and while we're at it, we don't want it to be too cold. There's another thing as well....why is it that British snow is 20 percent snow and 80 per cent mud? Answers on a post card please.....

So, the next time we meet it will be February and, hopefully, we will have navigated our way through most of what the winter has to throw at us and we'll be looking forward to the clocks going forward again and spring springing up. Time may hurtle by with increasing speed but there's something quite reassuring and comforting about the predictability of the passing seasons. Yes, occasionally we do get thrown a googlie but in general we have a pretty good idea of what we're going to get. It is what it is, nothing we can do about it. We just ride the storm - sometimes literally - and keep calm and carry on. Even if there's a whole inch of snow, we will get through it!

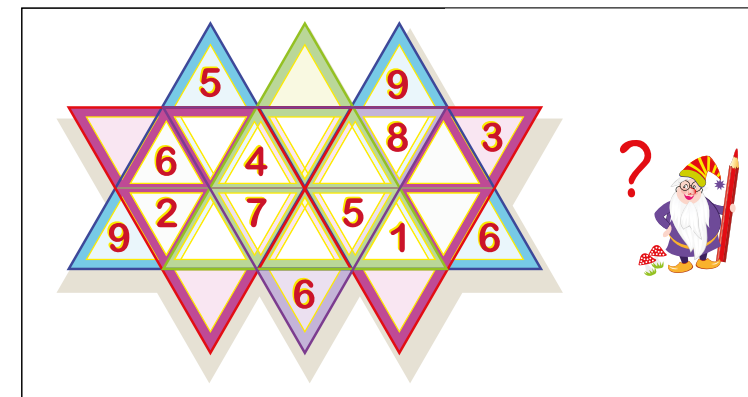
Before I brace myself for the Christmas music onslaught as I hit the shops, I hope you'll forgive me if I address a rather more serious issue. I attended a meeting at the Town Hall recently about the spate of anti-social driving we are having down here. What came across very clearly is the fact that residents are becoming increasingly concerned about this. If you witness someone whose driving falls short of what you have a right to expect, please report it to Operation Crackdown, if possible, with the car's registration number. Their website is www.operationcrackdown.org. If you would rather not or are unable to report it like this, then please go via 101, the non-emergency number for the Police. Anti-social behaviour should also be reported to 101. It's important that data is officially collected to get an informed picture of the situation in our town. Thank you.

Finally, if you happen to be at a loose end on either the evening of the 19th or 20th December, then I may be able to help. My friend, Ben Thapa, who was a founding member of the Opera crossover Band G4, will be coming back to Selsey for a Christmas sing song. On the 19th Ben is hosting an informal, intimate evening at the Selsey Club in Coxes Road. He'll be leading in the singing of traditional Christmas songs and Carols and will be chatting about his career and life as an X Factor survivor! On the 20th at the Town Hall, he will be joined by a local choir and soprano Lisa Pow - there'll also be a Christmassy Buffet Supper included in the ticket price. Ben has sung at the Royal Festival Hall, the Buxton Opera House and the Royal Albert Hall. He's extremely busy on concert stages both here and abroad but was really taken with our little town when he sang here in August and he suggested coming back for a couple of Christmas shows. Please consider joining us for one or both, wonderful, musical evenings. Tickets are available at Tasoulla's by the Southern Co-op (19th and 20th) The Fruit Basket at East Beach, (19th and 20th) The Crab Pot (20th) and The Selsey Club for the 19th. Also on Ticket Source or call us on 606629.

So, all that remains is for me to wish you a very Happy, safe Christmas and a peaceful New Year. I would like to thank every one of you who has read my monthly ramblings this last year; it is much appreciated. I'm really grateful for the connection we have made, and I look forward to sharing with you next year.

Very best wishes,

Donna (donnajohnson279@gmail.com)



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- 7) What is Dolly Parton's middle name?
- 8) PARTISAN is an anagram of which word?
- 9) Which three states border California?
- 10) Who was Hollywood's most famous choreographer of the 1930's?
- 11) What is a quetzal: a bird, a fish or a snack food?
- 12) What gate was re-opened in Berlin in 1989?
- 13) What was the music publishing centre of London known as?

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Selsey Sea Bathing Society – the story so far

I've always loved the sea. I grew up in Cornwall and my grandparents, who we'd stay with several times a year, lived along the coast of the Gower peninsula, in Wales. I felt lucky, spending summer weekends by the beach and winter months on coastal walks along some of the most awe-inspiring scenery in Britain.

But I didn't just love looking out to sea, I loved being in it too. I didn't think about it too much back then, it was just the way it was and I assumed everyone felt the same. My Dad would take me to the beach and teach me how to dive into the oncoming waves, respecting but enjoying the power of the ocean along Cornwall's Atlantic coast. And as I grew older, I continued to gravitate to the coast. My university choice was Bournemouth, lying on the equally beautiful, but rather busier, Dorset coastline. And then a few years later, life led me to live on a big freshwater lake – Garda, in Northern Italy.

Water is in my blood, there's no doubt about it. Anything to do with swimming in the sea, lake, or a river excites me. I love vintage sea bathing scenes depicted in posters and photography. I love the recent surge in refurbishing old worn out lidos. Locations which tap into this culture call out to me. Margate is one, playing host to a beautiful brand called Haekels which uses sustainable methods to gather seaweed to produce wonderful natural skincare. I adored their Kickstarter campaign to build an old-fashioned sea bathing machine – those incredible looking huts-on-wheels that Victorian ladies used to get changed in. Haekels is the perfect example of a beautiful business built on ethics and driven by a passion for the sea.

Selsey comes a-calling

For the past 17 years, despite spending most of my time in, or just outside London, I've had my sea fixes from Selsey, a little seaside town near Chichester, West Sussex. Selsey is often overlooked by its neighbours, which I'm quite pleased about in a way. Crowds queue for hours to get to nearby West Wittering and pass by this little gem of a place without a second glance. Yet not only does Selsey have a rich fishing heritage, described recently in a wonderful film called Seas The Day, it's surrounded on two sides (almost four) by exceedingly good quality water. So good in fact, that Selsey Bill and The Hounds has just been made a Marine Conservation Zone. This is due to its high biodiversity and species richness which come in the form of kelp forests and the Short Snouted Sea Horses, who make it their home.

So, it's always struck me as odd that I'm usually the only one taking a dip at Selsey. I wake up and look out to sea - the sparkling water, little fishing boats bobbing up and down and an incredible view of the Isle of Wight just makes me want to dive right in. The views are to die for, but on top of that, Selsey is flanked by not one, but two RSPB nature reserves. The sea is generally pretty swimmable - if West Beach is too rough, there is always East Beach. In a relatively small area, we're totally spoilt for choice.

Difficult times lead to beautiful things

Then, a year and a half ago I broke almost everything possible in my knee. The pebbly shores of Selsey were too much to manage in my vulnerable state and for once, the sea scared me. So, I stayed alongside it; always near it, but not in it. And during that time, I found myself in conversations with others who, like me, longed to dive in, but for various reasons could not. Those reasons turned out to be "I'm a bit scared on my own" or "I've lost my confidence", or "I'd like to, but I've got no one to go with".

And so last November, and by this time back in the sea, an idea began to take shape.

I wanted to create a small society for people who are passionate about the sea but have either stopped swimming because they don't enjoy going in alone, or those who had lost their confidence, or those who just felt the need for a bit of encouragement. The idea began with celebrating the environment, but at the heart of it

all actually lay community. What I've realised it that it's in sharing a love of the sea where joy truly manifests itself.

And then one day, by chance, I saw an article in the local paper advertising for people to come forward with ideas to win funding from the local council for projects which benefitted the local community. Bingo. This would give me the structure I needed to get my idea off the starting block. But there was a problem – there was one day to go until the closing date and I was off on holiday the following morning.

When fate takes over

There are times, as you've no doubt experienced yourself, when something else just seems to just take over. It's almost as if you're being guided towards achieving what you most long for. I managed to get the application in on time and on my return, pestered the council enough (but not too much) to get the Selsey Sea Bathing Society project live on their crowdfunding project page. Then, I got in touch with a local councillor to explain the idea with the hope of getting her support - an important ingredient. You've got to get into full PR mode, as well as funding mode and before long, with a little financial support from my own business, friends and family, locals and a few others far and wide who'd heard about it, began financially supporting the campaign. I didn't ask for much, but enough people chipped in to mean that the council's fund pretty much matched the donations.

Marketing and more PR began at that point. Planning and designing flyers to put all around the town. Dropping them into any high street shop that would support us, chatting to locals, writing for the local magazine, giving talks to the local WI groups, visiting the Town Council and readily offering support for their existing initiatives. And of course, building the website, blog and Instagram pages.

Why it means so much to me

Fast forward six months and the Selsey Sea Bathing Society is flourishing. It has no lofty objectives and asks little of anyone. It just is. And each month around 30 people turn up knowing they'll

have a few hours of laughter, joy and usually a dip in the sea. And despite the initial pain it always, always, leaves them feeling a million times better than before.

The format remains simple. We gather, I give a quick overview of what's happening and any updates and then we head off to the sea for a bathe. And if anyone doesn't feel up to it, they either paddle or watch. We always laugh and we encourage and help those into the sea who may find it challenging that day, for whatever reason. People stay in for as little or long as they like and then drift back to the house where tea and home-made cake (made by members of the group) awaits. We don't charge, it's free for anyone coming along, but we do put a pot out for small donations which we'll eventually decide on a suitable local charity to invest it in.

In the winter months, for the first time ever, I've personally decided to try and keep bathing going throughout the year. This wouldn't have happened without the enthusiasm of others in the group and I'm sure our mental, as well as physical health, will benefit as a result. But for those who understandably find that a bit much, we're arranging talks and walks and sea-related film showings to keep the community thriving throughout the winter months.

Why community is so important

There's so much happening in the world right now to be anxious

about. Protestors who bring London to a standstill, to raise awareness for causes they know we can't afford to ignore, ignite both passion and fury. Fake news and mis-sold political promises. A Parliament who can't work together to make their minds up. A gradual collective waking up in the knowledge that our environmental future, which even an optimist can see, looks bleak, and the move as a nation, towards individuality and away from collective decision-making. Whatever your views, we can all agree on one thing - it's an unsettling period in British, world and human history.

Yet this little community, which continues to flourish on simplicity, seems to me a brief shelter from the world. It's a genuine and authentic place because of that simplicity. Right from the outset the Selsey Sea Bathing Society has attracted the most wonderful people. People with an open, warm and encouraging mindset. We gather for ourselves, for what we each personally need, but in equal measure we are also there for each other – which is exactly

Selsey Sea Bathing are holding a Christmas gathering on Sat 14th December with a 'Bathe For The Brave'. See www.selseyseabathingsociety.com website for details and to sign up.

Christmas Tree Recycling

The simplest, greenest and most charitable way to get rid of your Christmas tree this year is to get involved in St Wilfrid's Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme. Let St Wilfrid's wonderful team of volunteers collect your tree and ethically dispose of it for you from 6th to 20th January 2020 in return for a donation to the Hospice.

Your donation will mean the gift of quality time for patients facing terminal illness to spend with their loved ones. St Wilfrid's Hospice is there for patients and their families all day, every day of the year. So while we are all enjoying some festive cheer over Christmas, our nurses, chefs and house-keeping staff will be here doing their bit to give patients and their families the best Christmas possible.

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Light Up A Life 2019

This December, St Wilfrid's invite you to come along and remember loved ones with us at our traditional annual remembrance event held on Sunday 8th December at Chichester Cathedral. Starting at 6pm, this service of readings and traditional carols by the Cathedral Voluntary Choir involves



the way it should be. People arrive with new ideas, with a smile and above all they arrive with warmth.

I ask myself sometimes, maybe I should do more? Push this further and reach out more. But the answer comes back as no, it's just not necessary. I've spent my life pushing, doing, striving, yearning to do things better and achieve more. What I love about it, is that it bobs along in its own momentum, just like we do in the sea together. Content in itself, content that it is doing all that it should, and that, is enough.

Oh, and the lessons that offers us all! In that elegantly simple approach, we learn the secret of life. In it, we take respite from the relentless treadmill of competition and consumption and instead, if just for a few hours, we experience a life that puts ecological integrity, social equity and personal tranquillity and happiness at the centre of everything. And what could be better than that?



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Selsey bathing water achieves excellent status for 2020

Bathing water at Selsey beach has achieved excellent status for the second year running.

The bathing water was awarded the classification by Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) following monitoring by the Environment Agency between May and September.

Chichester District Council has been supporting a partnership project led by Southern Water to improve bathing water quality over the last two years.

"This is wonderful news for residents and visitors and means people can enjoy the highest bathing water standards possible," says Alison Stevens, Divisional Manager for Environmental Protection at Chichester District Council. "Selsey bathing water was previously classified as good, but it has improved significantly over recent years. This has been achieved through the partnership project with Southern Water and through our education and awareness-raising campaigns such as Yellow Fish, Only Rain Down the Drain and Against Litter.

"We are very pleased that the three monitored beaches within the Chichester District are now rated 'excellent'."



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Tess Lanning, Director, Living Wage Foundation said: "We're delighted that BCB Cleaning has joined the movement of over 4,700 responsible employers across the UK who voluntarily commit to go further than the government minimum to make sure all their staff earn enough to live on.

"They join thousands of small businesses, as well as household names such as IKEA, Heathrow Airport, Barclays, Chelsea and Everton Football Clubs and many more. These businesses recognise that paying the real Living Wage is the mark of a responsible employer and they, like BCB Cleaning, believe that a hard day's work deserves a fair day's pay."

Emma Gray





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Tues 10th Dec

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Selsey Royal British Legion

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We have a disco on Christmas Eve. 8pm start.

Our opening times on Christmas Day are 11am until 2pm.

New Year's Eve tickets go on sale to our members on 1st December. £3 per person. Tickets will then also be available to non members from 14th December at £5 per person.

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by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Without whom none of this would be possible

We can spend all day planting and pruning, weeding and seeding, grunting and groaning in our gardens but it's time to face the facts folks. Us gardeners aren't the ones who are doing the hard work. The real toil is in the soil – the engine room of the garden. Because down there, beneath our wellies, earthworms are wriggling, recycling and reincarnating our gardens.

They're so easily taken for granted. An earthworm isn't much to look at. A tube made of muscles with a mouth at one end and a bum at the other but he and she (they're hermaphrodites) is responsible for making your garden grow. These burrowing beauties really mix it up in the mud. Some drag dead leaves deep underground while their wormcasts return essential minerals back to the surface. This improves soil structure and their tiny tunnels help with drainage and allow aeration.



Earthworm c Derek Middleton
Sussex Wildlife Trust

Cleopatra declared them to be sacred and Aristotle called earthworms 'the intestines of the soil'. Indeed, at some point every bit of your garden would have passed through a worm's belly. They munch their way through dead organic matter and make it available to even smaller decomposers - fungi and bacteria - who break it down even further. The nutrients released are



Earthworm on leaf c Derek Middleton
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reabsorbed by our plants. What once was dead is returned to the living. It's one of those 'circle of life' things.

There's about 3000 different earthworm species worldwide with around 27 native species in Britain. There's lobs under your lawn and brandlings in your compost bin. Some species live in leaf litter others dig deep in the soil. There could be up to 2 million worms working underground in an area the size of a football pitch.

Earthworms are part of a wildlife workforce that lives in your garden and provides an essential service for free. Birds, bees, beetles, fungi, hoverflies, woodlice and many others volunteer for us as pollinators, pest controllers, decomposers and recyclers. All we need to do is give them a home and leave them to it and they'll get on with the dirty work.

But it's the earthworm who is seen as the kingpin of the whole operation. "It may be doubted whether there are many other animals which have played so important a part in the history of the world as these lowly organised creatures". Charles Darwin said that – and I'm not going to argue with him. We just can't live without them. So it's about time we start paying earthworms some respect and attention. Because when we're all dead and buried they'll be paying a whole lot of attention to us.

Sussex Wildlife Trust is an independent charity caring for wildlife and habitats throughout Sussex. Founded in 1961, we have worked with local people for over half a century to make Sussex richer in wildlife.

We rely on the support of our members to help protect our rich natural heritage. Please consider supporting our work. As a member you will be invited to join Michael Blencowe on our regular wildlife walks and also enjoy free events, discounts on wildlife courses, Wildlife magazine and our Sussex guide book, Discovering Wildlife. It's easy to join online at www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join or over the phone on 01273 497532.

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SELSEY WI
Happy New Year from the Ladies of Selsey WI

**Ladies come and join us at our next meeting on
Wednesday 8th January at 2.15pm, Selsey Town Hall.
Our Speaker will be Dr Lesley Bromley speaking to us
about
"Antarctic Penguins"**



If you would like more information about our activities for the coming year flyers will be available at the Town Hall, Selsey Library, Selsey Centre and the Selsey Medical Centre.

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

Selsey Fire Station CHRISTMAS Safety Week 16th-20th December 10am-2pm each day



The station is opening its doors to the public for a week of free activities including:

- ❖ **Free CPR/First aid training**
- ❖ **Home Fire Safety Information**
- ❖ **Health Assessments delivered by WSCC nurses**
- ❖ **Business Fire Safety Information for local businesses**
- ❖ **Information from local care providers for the elderly**
- ❖ **Refreshments**
- ❖ **Free PAT testing service for your electrical items**
- ❖ **Alzheimers support group**

A further update will follow with a timeline of the events, this will be posted on the station facebook/twitter pages.



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A non-profit making organisation

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

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

In the Garden

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

Jobs for December

This is the time to move plants that are in the wrong place. It is a good time to transplant small trees and shrubs, prepare the new planting site first, digging deeply and forking in some compost and well rotted manure. Dig up the plant with as large a rootball as possible and move it to its new home firming well in, keep well watered until it is well established.

Prune Apple and Pears at this time to control their size and shape, remove badly placed or crossing branches and any showing signs of damage or disease.

Cut out congested shoots that are growing inwards towards the centre of the crown in order to let more air and light into the heart of the tree. A small pruning saw is ideal because its short sharp blade allows you to get right into cramped areas.

Check all gutters for any collected leaves, moss or any other debris which could get down into water butts.

Brush out all the rubbish before it can reach the downpipes. Empty any water butts now and clean out any accumulated dirt in the bottom and they can then be refilled by the winter rain.

Jobs for January

Prepare trenches for runner and broad beans this month. Dig the trench and gradually fill it with vegetable peelings and other organic matter. Cover with soil and sow the beans on top in April/May.

Regularly check on fruit or vegetables that you're keeping in store. Any rot or disease can rapidly spread to neighbouring produce. Keep a look out for hungry mice.

Bring pots or glasses of Hyacinth or Daffodil bulbs into the daylight to flower. Place in a cool but bright position. Move the plants everyday to keep even growth. They won't need any feeding but make sure that the water is kept topped up in glasses and the compost slightly moist in pots.

Finish cleaning up fallen leaves on paths, patios and steps so they don't become dangerously slippery. Clear away any old plant debris which not only looks messy but also provides shelter for pests including Snails and Slugs. Diseased leaves can carry over infections from one year to the next, particularly Roses that have been infected by blackspot or rust.

Giles Peare 01243 601194
For All Your Gardening &
Hard Landscaping Requirements

Tip Top Tips

- Cover some branches of berries on Holly trees with netting or fleece to stop birds eating them and so save some for Christmas decorations.
- Leave old flower heads on Hydrangeas over winter as they will provide important frost protection for the new buds further down, cut them off in the spring
- Take care of poinsettia plants by placing in a warm bright place in the house out of draughts. Don't trap behind curtains at night, let compost dry out between watering and never leave pots standing in water, feed weekly with some houseplant fertilizer.
- Sow some onions at the end of this month to produce the biggest bulbs next summer.
- Wash all cold frames, cloches and greenhouses.
- Place a few tennis balls on ponds to let some air in for fish if ice forms
- Spread some well rotted manure over bare soils.
- Reduce the harmful effects of frost by spraying water on frosted plants before the sun reaches them
- Plant up an attractive winter trough with reddish purple ornamental cabbages flanked with heathers and pots of rosy cyclamin
- After a Christmas party have a slice of toast with honey to prevent a hangover

Tip Top Tips

- Never plant up a newly-dug border at once - allow it to settle for a few days.
- Make sure greenhouse heaters are regularly checked.
- Never divide plants on a frosty day - their roots will object.
- Do not throw away old spade and fork handles - they make excellent dibbers.
- Cover Globe Atichokes in winter with straw.
- If ordering from seed catalogues - this is a good time to do it.
- Work out a cropping programme for the vegetable garden.
- Tomato seeds can now been sown in a temperature of about 70° F, so as to provide early plants for the green house culture.
- The 14th January is often the coldest or wettest day of the year.
- Turn over compost heaps on a regular basis.
- Rose bushes can still be planted as can bare rooted fruit trees and shrubs.
- Prune greenhouse Grape Vines.

Michael Lloyd of the USA holds the record for kicking himself in the head - 42 times in a row. Why would you try in the first place?



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"My aim was to become stronger and after 3 weeks the effects are kicking in. I not only feel stronger but also have lost 2lbs and almost an inch from my waist! Heidi makes it doable and fun!" - MANDY STEEL

Concerning the Victorian Eviction of Selsey House Mouse and Friends

Mr Pullinger spied a large mouse charging with glee round his house but when put to the test he could not keep abreast and neither could Pullinger's spouse

Mr Pullinger put on his hat then went out to borrow a cat but it hadn't a care, of the mouse unaware it being lazy and slightly too fat

Mr Pullinger stood very still as to lure that mouse to the kill but seeing it dart he just hadn't the heart nor had he the level of skill

Poor old Pullinger felt things were grim his rodent appeared at a whim and try as he might it would always take flight almost ten times more nimble than him

I'll detain each and every, he stated for his neighbours were quite inundated with the mouse in its prime in Victorian times most local folk were elated

So he fashioned a sound block of wood to the very best shape that he could then added a spring and a short length of string all theory just he understood

His new trap was kind and humane it could be used again and again and would sometimes entice up to twenty eight mice their free roaming jaunts to restrain

Things quickly became crystal clear the half a crown* price wasn't dear and the more folk he told, the more traps were sold he'd discovered a whole new career

Once full and avoiding delay they would empty the traps far away off the beaten track so they couldn't get back for at least a year and a day

Brilliant his oddball contraption receiving much keen attention it was state of the art, a new era to start and needed no further adaption

At his workplace in old Selsey town he produced rodent traps of renown meaning pauper, queen and all those in between saw the mouse population cut down

*12 pence.

JOHN BYRNE SEPTEMBER 2019
ARTWORK: JASON BETON



Concorde Social Club For 60+

A social club for single, divorced and widowed people. We meet at Walnut Tree, Runcton on Tuesday at 8.00 pm, please contact Anita on 01243 264691, Alf on 01243 821645, Joy on 07985 548610 or on the website concordesingleandsocialclub.co.uk



WEST SUSSEX GROUP Alpine Garden Society 2019-2020



Meetings held (the second Monday of the month) at 7:30 p.m.

DONNINGTON PARISH HALL, STOCKBRIDGE ROAD, DONNINGTON, PO19 8QT unless stated in programme

The Society is for anyone interested in alpine plants, rock gardening and rock garden plants. In fact any small hardy plants and bulbs.

At each meeting there are plant sales & a raffle. There is also an exhibition/show table, leading to the Andrews Salver for the highest points over the season. All rock and alpine plants gratefully received for sale or showing. For more details contact our Hon. Secretary below:-

Alison Fitzgerald

tel: 01730-710367 email: secretary.wsags@btinternet.com

Or Peter Liverman tel: 01903-722410, email: peter@pgliverman.co.uk



Alpine
GARDEN SOCIETY

For information on Alpines and much more see the main

Alpine Garden Society's web page:-

[https://](https://www.alpinegardensociety.net/)

www.alpinegardensociety.net/



Alpine
GARDEN SOCIETY

The Hidden Garden Community Project

Come and join us and meet other passionate gardeners, swap seeds & plants, learn seasonal gardening ideas and help develop the educational food growing garden at The Bridge

1st Saturday of every month 10-4pm
at The Bridge Support Centre
behind Selsey Library, PO20 9EH

Contact Paul Sadler on 07815 790770 for more information

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Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team

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



Recent Callouts

06/10/19 19:39

Team paged to reports of a vehicle and trailer in the sea at the Dive Ramp, East Beach, Selsey.

The team provided Safety Cover, lighting and safety advice while attempts were made to recover the vehicle.

Two recovery vehicles managed to pull the vehicle and trailer up the shingle and then lift them up off the beach, after the vehicle had slipped on the ramp and ended up in the sea while recovering a vessel.

East Beach Dive Ramp is extremely slippery and it's really important that you don't take vehicles past the steep part where the Ramp drops off into the sea

Team stood down once all persons were away from the shoreline and the vehicle and trailer were safely out of the water.



11/10/19 14:44

Team paged to reports of a vessel that was drifting to the east of Selsey.

The vessel had broken its moorings and had washed up on the beach; attempts were made to secure the vessel. Details and pictures of the vessel were sent to our operations centre and the owners were contacted.

26/10/19 02:21

Team paged with Littlehampton Coastguard Team to reports of a person in the water at Bognor.

Stood down en route, with the person out of the water and in the hands of Sussex Police.

01/11/19 18:31

Team paged to reports of a May Day for an 18 metre motor cruiser stuck on the Mixon Rocks and taking on water.

Selsey All Weather Lifeboat and Selsey Inshore Lifeboat were

launched after the 18 metre motor cruiser on passage to Brighton ended up hitting the rocks and becoming stuck on them.

Both lifeboats did an amazing job last night in tough and challenging conditions and saved two lives; after the vessel had to be abandoned due to it taking on too much water due to the damage that was caused from the rocks.

The two casualties were taken to hospital after one of them had suffered a head injury.

A huge well done goes out to all the crew for the amazing job they did last night resulting in two lives saved!

The vessel later sunk.

Returning to station at 22:30



03/11/19 16:14

Team paged after concerns for a kayaker had been made.

The Kayaker had been seen off Clayton Road, Selsey not wearing a life jacket and appeared to be struggling with the tide, and kept stopping.

A quick search was carried out and the kayaker was found safely ashore and the kayak matched the same description as the one reported.

Team stood down to return to station.

14/11/19 18:53

Team paged after a Hand Grenade had been found on the beach in Pagham by a person with a metal detector.

Sussex Police were initially called, and on scene before they handed it over to the Coastguard to deal with.

The Police had filled some sandbags and surrounded the item with them to try and protect it from the incoming tide.

Unfortunately E.O.D. (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team) were unable to attend before the tide covered it.

We stayed on scene until it was fully covered by water and were then stood down.



15/11/19 04:30

Team re-tasked early this morning to return to Pagham Beach, for low tide.

Once again the beach was closed to the public.

Due to the position of where the Grenade was on the low tide mark, we had a very short time frame for E.O.D. to deal with the ordnance.

We confirmed the sand bags were still in place but unfortunately the tide covered it again before E.O.D. arrived. So once it was safely covered by water the team were stood down.

15/11/19 16:30

Team re-tasked this afternoon to Pagham and the Grenade on the beach.

The beach was again closed and we confirmed once the tide was low enough that the sandbags were still in place and E.O.D. were again tasked.

E.O.D. arrived on scene and confirmed the Grenade to be a Mills Grenade.

The beach was reopened later and both E.O.D. and ourselves were stood down.

Returning to station at 20:00

If you ever come across a Grenade or any ordnance on the beach, please do not touch it and dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard straight away.

Ordnance comes in all shapes and sizes and can still be extremely dangerous and highly explosive. Do not touch it and call the Coastguard.

Other News

On the 5th October the team were reassessed on their Mud Rescue Training and techniques.

The team were all successfully signed off and passed their training. Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team are a specialist Mud Rescue Team and are available to respond to people or dogs stuck in the mud along our coastline 24/7; along with any other emergencies out at sea, on the beach or along the coast always dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard!



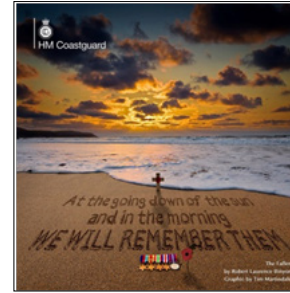
On the 7th November, some of our team and crew from Selsey Lifeboat Station got together this evening and visited the National Maritime Operation Centre. It was a great opportunity to meet members of Solent Coastguard; the team who we work with regularly, to see how they

work and what happens on the other side of the radio!

It was a very useful, informative and interesting visit, thank you.

On the 10th November we wore our poppies with pride, with some of us taking part in the Remembrance Service and Parade here in Selsey. During World War One, nearly two thousand Coastguards died at sea, with 1,459 lost in one battle alone. We placed a wreath at the war memorial in Selsey to remember all those that have lost their lives in conflict.

[#WeWillRememberThem](#)



SELSEY COASTGUARD RESCUE TEAMS

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Monday 23rd Dec: 24 hours

Tuesday 24th Dec: 24 hours

CHRISTMAS DAY: 24 HOURS

BOXING DAY: 24 HOURS

Friday 26th Dec: 24 hours

Saturday 27th Dec: 24 hours

Sunday 28th Dec: 24 hours

Monday 29th Dec: 24 hours

Tuesday 30th Dec: 24 hours

NEW YEARS EVE: 24 HOURS

NEW YEARS DAY: 24 HOURS

The Volunteers of Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team are on call over Christmas, just like any other day of the year. The team are prepared to drop everything at a moment's notice, leave their families and loved ones, their jobs or whatever they're doing to respond to the sound of their pagers whether it's Christmas or not. We are on call 24/7 365 days of the year!

To Search. To Rescue.
To Save. HM Coastguard.

[#Volunteers](#) [#AlwaysOnCall](#) [#999Coastguard](#)

We would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and a very Safe New Year.

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



[Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team](#)



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WHAT'S ON AT THE SELSEY CLUB DECEMBER

*THURS 5TH COME ON DOWN FOR QUIZ AND BINGO 8.30PM

*SAT 7TH OUR VERY OWN STEVE WILLIAMS SINGER GUITARIST @ 9PM

*SAT 14TH BOBBY BARNES RAT PACK TO ROCK 'N' ROLL @ 9PM

*WED 18TH SELSEY FOLK AND MUSIC FROM 7PM

*THUR 19TH MORE QUIZ AND BINGO 8.30PM

SAT 21ST CHRISTMAS PARTY!

ELVIS WILL BE IN THE BUILDING

COCKTAILS AND GLAMOROUS DRESS WILL BE THE THEME OF THE NIGHT
NEW YEARS EVE PARTY (TICKETS ONLY)

MEMBERS £15 EACH GUESTS £20 EACH (INCLUDING PARTY BUFFET)

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT WITH CHER AND THE HOT ROD

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*CHECK US OUT FOR LUNCH CLUB SUNDAY TO FRIDAY

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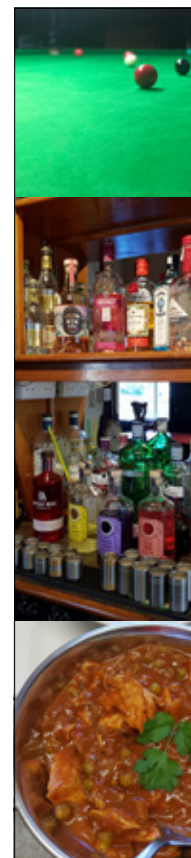
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WE ARE CLOSING FROM THE 2ND JAN 2020 FOR TWO WEEK TO HAVE REFURBISHMENT OF THE BAR AREAS.

WE ARE REOPENING ON THE 17TH JAN

*SAT 25TH JAN WILL BE PARTY NIGHT.

* SAT 1ST FEB WE ARE HAVING A PARTY WITH THE BAND DEEP 13.



Selsey Royal British Legion

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday 14th December

2-5 pm

£5.00 per child

Come and see Father and Mother Christmas in our Christmas Grotto

Nolan Davis Children's Entertainer

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Selsey Matters

Comment and opinion by Bryn Edgar

I was delighted to read the letter from Councillor Mrs. Donna Johnson published in last month's issue of Selsey Life, and I am grateful for her very kind remarks. I'm sorry that she felt she needed to clarify some of my comments in last months "Selsey Matters"; if they were obscure or misleading in any way, then I can only apologise, and try not to do it again!

I agree with Councillor Johnson's comments; I've been involved with commercial property much of my working life, so I'm aware what Councils can and can't do, and where their powers start and finish. I disagree slightly when she suggests that STC and CDC have always been sufficiently flexible when it comes to "change of use" applications for commercial premises; while that may be the case since the May 2019 local elections, can I suggest she looks again at similar decisions made by both Councils in the years before those elections?

I'm probably going to please and annoy readers in equal measure this month! There have been many comments on local social media recently about the relevance of celebrating Guy Fawkes Night; and while I wouldn't want to be a killjoy by suggesting it should be stopped entirely, I have to agree with those who can't see the point in continuing to celebrate the event in the way we do.

Most of us know that "Guy Fawkes Night" commemorates an attempt to end persecution of Roman Catholics in England by blowing up the House of Lords. On the night of 4/5th November 1605, conspirators placed a large amount of gunpowder in the cellars of the House knowing that King James 1 would be at the Opening of Parliament on the 5th. The gunpowder and some of the conspirators- including Guy Fawkes, an explosives expert- were discovered in the early hours of the morning on the 5th; the rest were soon rounded up. Those who weren't killed as they were captured were tortured, then put on trial for treason. Most were sentenced to be hanged, but the chef conspirators (including Guy Fawkes) were sentenced to being hanged, drawn, and quartered- a truly ghastly and barbaric punishment that I'm not going to describe; look it up if you really must know!

Executions in those days were common, and held in public; they were looked on as a form of entertainment, rather like a circus or horse race. People flocked in their thousands to see offenders meet their fate, and bets were often taken on the way individual prisoners would react at the moment of execution! The gallows was set high, so that everyone could get a good view; the prisoner had to climb a ladder to reach the hooded Executioner waiting at the top. Guy Fawkes, however, didn't seem to fancy a prolonged and agonising death; as he reached the top, he jumped off the ladder and broke his neck- which wouldn't have gone down well with the watching multitude!

So what's this got to do with Selsey, and is it a "Selsey matter"? Well, cast your mind back three paragraphs to what I told you residents were saying about fireworks; and while it seems that the noise and spectacle of fireworks is greatly enjoyed by large numbers of Selsey residents, it is hated by equally large numbers who aren't- so should it be stopped, changed, or allowed to continue in its present form?

Most complaints concern the adverse effect that these largely unannounced fireworks parties can have on people and animals. The events can start at any time of day between late afternoon and midnight; and although some last just a few minutes, many go on

for much longer. While most are held on or near November 5th, they can be held on any day and at any time in the week or so before and after the "big day".

Fireworks also disturb the sick, the very old, the very young, those on shift work, and those who are studying. They spoil many peoples' quiet enjoyment of their homes: and with no advance notice of when they will happen, they can't be avoided. Fireworks can be incredibly dangerous in the wrong hands; they contain high explosive, and they are certainly not the toys or playthings that too many seem to think they are! They can cause devastating, often life-changing injuries- even death. If we aren't allowed to buy and use shotgun cartridges without a license, then why should we be able to walk in to a shop and buy fireworks, which can be just as deadly? It just doesn't make sense!

Then there's the effect fireworks have on animals- not just domestic pets, but farmyard and wild animals as well. Some have suggested that pets should be trained to ignore fireworks; it's true that some animals can be trained to ignore loud noises, but most can't. Police and security dogs are assessed for suitability before being sent for training, as are animals used for ceremonial purposes. Most complaints are about terrified pets, of course, but every year there are reports of horses, farm animals and poultry being badly affected by fireworks- and try training a flock of chickens or sheep to ignore them! Wild life can also be traumatised by noise from fireworks

parties nearby- yet few seem to care, let alone complain about it.

If we are going to commemorate an event of national importance that took place over 400 years ago, then surely in the interests of safety and peace of mind we need to consider how we do it the 21st century? Do we really need to celebrate by having fireworks and bonfire parties in hundreds of thousands of gardens the length and breadth of the country?

While it would be ridiculous to claim that carbon emissions from them would add to global warming, the noise pollution level in our urban and rural environment on Fireworks Night certainly rockets!

Surely it must be better to limit fireworks celebrations solely to organised events run- or at least managed- by specialised professional fireworks display companies? Is there any logical reason why they should continue to be held on domestic premises- particularly in urban areas- when so many people and animals are distressed or traumatised by them? For those who look on Fireworks Night as a social event for the children, wouldn't it be just as cheap (and most certainly safer) to hold a Guy Fawkes Night Barbecue? A string of flashing coloured lanterns could represent the fireworks- and the only bangers allowed would be the sausages grilling on the barby!

With Hallowe'en, Guy Fawkes Night, and the "mists and mellow fruitfulness" of autumn now well and truly over, winter and the "festive season" is upon us. I had thought about writing some sort of Christmas and New Year's Message to you all, but I suspect you've had enough of my indiscriminate foraging through the byways and back alleys of what passes for my brain (You've got that right!- Mrs E). That being so, I will do no more than follow the example of the previous author of "Selsey Matters" by wishing you a peaceful and blessed Christmas, and a very Happy New Year. I hope to be with you in the February issue of Selsey Life; until then, be nice to each other, people!

Bryn Edgar
Copyright Bryn Edgar, 16th November 2019

**PLEASE NOTE LAST DATE FOR
SUBMISSIONS FOR ENTRY INTO NEXT
SELSEY LIFE IS 16TH JANUARY**

Friends of Selsey Medical Centre

With winter now on our doorstep, we hope that everyone who is eligible attended the Surgery for their flu jab.

If so, you may have been approached by hard working Friend Elaine to take part in her guessing game and maybe encouraged to join the Friends.

To everyone who did respond, many thanks. The money collected will help towards the funds not only to purchase equipment for the surgery but also for items needed by the Committee to continue to take part in local events with the aim of advertising the existence of Friends and raising further funds.

We are hoping to purchase a gazebo, folding table & tabards.

If anyone would be prepared to sponsor these purchases, please get in touch via our Face book page.

In the mean time, Friends continue to receive requests from the surgery for new equipment and to make a contribution to repair essential items such as the Blood pressure self-use machine.

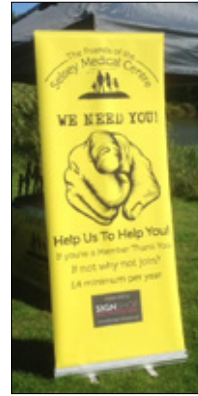
If you are not yet a member of Friends, please consider joining. We only ask for £4 per person per year.

Perhaps you were there when Patrick Moore opened the site and dug the first spade full followed by a launch party in the Town Hall. On that day, a new era started for medical provision in Selsey & Sidlesham & Friends have contributed to make sure the Centre can continue to provide the best service possible.

Did you know?
12500+ Registered patients at our surgery.
The Membership of the Friends is around 600.
Why not become a member? It's your Medical Centre and by joining you can help us make the surgery an even better place to visit when you have to.
We supply Medical equipment to help the doctors and nurses. Furnished and decorated the waiting rooms. The electronic doors. The Television display boards. The computerised Booking in system. The Retinal Eye Camera. The Telephone system. Plus lots more.
We can't do this without your help.
It's £4.00 per person a year.
If you would like to join our committee you would be made most welcome.
This is the only facility in Selsey that every one uses.
Membership forms available at the centre desk.

Friends of Selsey Medical Centre wish everybody a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year.

The Romans used to dress small wounds with spiderwebs soaked in vinegar. Appreciate your medical centre!



**Selsey Community
Christmas Lunch
At The Selsey Club at
1.00pm on Christmas Day.
Please phone 07799 412383
or 01243 201616 to book a place.**

Selsey Community Forum :
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CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday 7th December
Open 10 am - 1 pm
Festive prizes in our
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2019 seems to have flown by and the Men's Section are well into their Turkey Competitions; ten winning golfers will win their Christmas Dinner.

The course has been in excellent condition throughout the year especially during the very dry weeks back in the summer. The greens stayed in perfect condition and this is, of course, down to the very hard-working and totally committed ground staff who tirelessly keep the course in this condition. So, on behalf of the all the Club Members, thank you Martin Kay and Roger Cawte and long may you continue to give this Club such a beautiful course to play.

The Club has again benefited this year from all the hard work put in by the Club's Professional Gary Hughes. Gary has also helped to set up the Junior Section and Florentino Alonso has agreed to run the Section next year; such good news for the Club. Juniors are hopefully the Seniors of the future.

The Ladies' Section will be saying goodbye to Meg Mearns who has been a member of the Club for 30 years and held the office of Lady Captain in 1996/7. Meg won many of the trophies and cups over the years and her name can be seen on the winner's honour boards around the Club House. Meg has represented the Ladies in County Matches and friendly matches with other clubs and has been a valued member of the Ladies Section. Meg and her husband are returning to Scotland after living many years in the south and the Ladies best wishes go with them.



December will see all sections of the Club enjoying their Christmas Lunches provided, of course, by the Links Restaurant. If last year is anything to go by, Members are in for a treat. On a more serious side, each Section will hold their Annual General Meetings and new Captains will be appointed and Vice Captains, who will be Captains 2021, announced.

Finally on 22nd December the Mens Section will play the Ham Competition, winner will win a large Ham and all the Turkeys will be presented to the 10 winner who won the Turkey competitions that are played from the middle of October. The Christmas raffle will be drawn and everyone will have a very jolly time, a really good start to Christmas.

So now, on behalf of all the players and staff at Selsey Golf Club, a Very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all Selsey Life readers.



LITTLE SPAIN BOWLING CLUB
Golf Links Lane PO20 9DR
email: lsbowlsclub@gmail.com
www.selseycountryclub.co.uk/little-spain-bowling-club

Wishing all members, past, present and future
a Merry Christmas and
a Happy, Healthy and Successful 2020

- 18) Whose song-writing partner was Gerry Goffin?
- 19) Chhatrapati Shivaji airport serves which Indian city?
- 20) What is the currency of New Zealand?
- 21) Which two countries does the Mont Cenis tunnel link?



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What a soggy end to the year of 2019 it is a pity we do not play water polo here at Crablands alongside the various sports we do play ie. tennis – green bowls – short mat bowls – mini tennis – table tennis – croquet plus the various social games and events that take place on Friday and Saturday evenings throughout the winter months, and here thanks are due to those members who organise and run events and those volunteers who keep the playing areas and the grounds looking good all year round. We must also thank those volunteers who keep us fed and watered in the clubroom not forgetting Lew and Chris Lewendon who man the bar all through the year.

A reminder to members that the Christmas party will be on the 13th December and the popular New Year's day Brunch will of course be on the 1st January 2020: for all other events keep your eye on the notice boards and put your name on the lists provided.



A reminder to parents that Saturday morning tennis coaching is available for your juniors and if the weather is not good enough to play outside then they can carry on indoors on the mini-tennis courts; tea and coffee is provided for any parents who stay while their children are playing – some parents have taken up playing tennis too so that they can not only exercise but they can come to the club and have a game with their sons and / or daughters.

Seasons greetings to all members of Crablands and all readers of Selsey Life and a happy 2020.

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Selsey Cricket Club AGM and Presentation Night, 8th Nov 2019

Selsey Cricket Club held their AGM and Presentation evening at the Cricket Club on Friday the 8th of November. Reports were given by the President, Sat & Sun Skippers, Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman who thanked everyone involved in the club. Following the election of officials a special vote of thanks went to Mr Ricky Halpin and Brian Pleasance who were retiring from their roles within the club after many years of loyal support. All posts were filled following a very constructive meeting, following a successful year on and off the field of play. The outlook for next year is very positive.

The presentation followed in a very relaxed atmosphere, where a number of awards were given out by the double act of John Reeve and Andy Horner, relating to performances on and off the pitch. Thanks go to Pete Amis for producing the averages, Pete Driscoll and Ian Stocks for bar duty, Bernice Horner for food and Debs Heath for financial spread sheet.

A brief snap shot of awards and averages can be found below or for a more detailed report on AGM and Presentation please visit our web site at www.selseycc.co.uk

The club is always looking for volunteers and players so please come along.

John, Josh, Andy



RESULTS SUMMARY 2019

Played 34 Won 20 Lost 11 Drawn 2 Tied 1

AWARDS

VETERIANS CUP Tyrone Hoare, **SPORTSMAN (lightfoot)** Farham Bhutta, **MOST IMPROVED YOUNG PLAYER (Halpin)** Will Smith, **FIELDING CUP (Holmes)** Nick Horner, **MAN OF THE MATCH (Maidment)** Josh Stocks, **DUCK CUP** Paul Stevens, **HIGHEST SCORE (Fisher)** Brad Rose, **CATCHING CUP (FULLICK)** Nick Horner, **1st TEAM BATTING (shield)** Nick Horner 38.67, **1st TEAM BOWLING (shield)** Tom Cripps 12.24, **BOWLING CUP (Moore)** Tom Cripps 13.7, **BATTING CUP (Davis)** Martin Lee 66.00, **FROST CUP** Andy Horner/Nick Nolan, **STROUD CUP** Deb Heath, **JOHN MILLER** Manny Nagi, **ROBERT MURPHY (Trophy)** Martin Lee.

John, Tom, Andy



BATTING

	BATSMAN	PLAYED	INNINGS	NOT-OUT	OUT	RUNS	HIGHEST	AVERAGE
1	M.Lee	10	10	3	7	462	111	66.00
2	N.Nolan	9	8	4	4	246	74	61.50
3	B.Rose	14	12	3	9	526	129	58.44
4	N.Horner	17	15	3	12	419	85	34.92

BOWLING

	BOWLER	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	ECO-RATE	STR-RATE	AVERAGE
1	T.Cripps	238.5	35	918	67	3.85	21.36	13.70
2	J.Stocks	87	12	298	18	3.43	29.00	16.56
3	T.Amis	67.2	12	219	13	3.26	31.02	16.85
4	B.Rose	49.3	6	226	11	4.58	26.89	20.55

CENTURIANS

CENTURIANS		CATCHES		MOST WICKETS	
129*	B. Rose	8	N. Horner	67	T. Cripps
114*	B. Rose	7	W. Smith	18	J. Stocks
111*	M. Lee	5	T. Cripps	15	P. Stevens
103*	T. Amis	5	P. Horner	14	A. Humphries
				13	T. Amis
				11	B. Rose

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King Henry VIII of England used the death penalty more than any other English king in history.

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 selseybakingsclub@hotmail.com



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

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

Merry Christmas to all my lovely Selsey Life readers, I hope you all have a lovely and relaxing festive period. I myself will be receiving lots of presents from all my staff as I relax in my warm office. On Christmas Day and Boxing Day we get some lovely volunteers come to help us with the animals so the staff can have a little bit of time off and all the extra people means I get lots of extra fuss of course.

We are still really busy at The Centre and sadly lots of animals will be spending Christmas with us. But my staff will do their best to spoil them with extra treats and cuddles. We are still quite full on kittens which is surprising as usually we do tend to get a bit quieter around this time of year. Next time I write to you I will let you know how many animals we took in and rehomed in 2019 I bet the number may surprise you!

I was speaking to one of my fellow out and abouters McCarthy and he told me how we have been having some improvements done to our Barn area. He lives in the barn (well when he's not trying to sneak into my office) and he said how much difference it has made that we now have underfloor heating in there. The barn is used mainly for cats when they first arrive with us, but it also houses the guinea pigs during the winter and some rabbits too. It's thanks to our brilliant supporters that we have been able to make these changes.

Also please do support my staff as they try to raise money in my friend Caellum's name for something very special. They will be taking on a series of challenges that will progressively be getting harder. You can check out their progress on our website or facebook.

Well that's all for this year, can't wait to speak to you all again in 2020 where I hope we can continue to keep finding lots of animals their forever homes.

Love Markus x

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

PS: We don't have a Viewing Day in December as it is so close to Christmas. Our next Viewing day will be Saturday 25th January 2020 12-2pm). Viewing days are non-appointment days so people thinking of adopting a cat can pop along. Otherwise we rehome 7 days a week by appointment only.

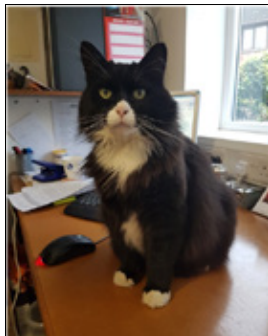


THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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

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

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



Pet of the Month December 2019

This month allow us to introduce you to three gorgeous bunnies called Walkers, Mirror Dory and Ms Molly. Walkers is a neutered white and grey lop eared bunny, Mirror Dory a brown rex and Ms Molly who is white and brown are both spayed females. They are all around 18 months old and get on really well with each other. They have been living here at The Centre since 27th April 2019 as their previous owner could no longer keep them. They are all really sweet and friendly rabbits that are happy to be handled especially the boy who loves a stroke. Because they get on so well we would love to rehome them together and this means whoever adopts them will need larger accommodation that will suit all three of them. These are really sweet bunnies that will make a great addition to someone's home and we just really hope we can find a home for all of them together.



If you think you may be able to give Walkers, Mirror Dory and Ms Molly the new home they deserves please give The Centre a call Monday to Friday 9am-4pm.

THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE
Holborow Lodge, Chalder Lane, Sidesham, W. Sussex PO20 7RJ
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22) Which European country is more than 900km from the European mainland?

The same number represents the same letter. Crack the code and fill the grid. To help you get started some word entries have picture clues.

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Brent Lodge Briefings – Festive times

Being an all year round busy wildlife hospital means each season brings its own challenges to wildlife. For most of us, Christmas is a time of celebrating, exchanging gifts and enjoying good food, unfortunately this does result in overflowing amounts of discarded waste, plastic packaging and wrapping paper, which could potentially be hazardous to wildlife. We urge people to dispose of or recycle their rubbish responsibly or look out for environmentally-friendly alternatives wherever possible to cut down on unnecessary waste to reduce the impact it has on wildlife. Wildlife friendly gifts are a great idea – bird feeders, bird food, hedgehog houses, or sponsor a patient for a friend or family member, can all be purchased through our website.

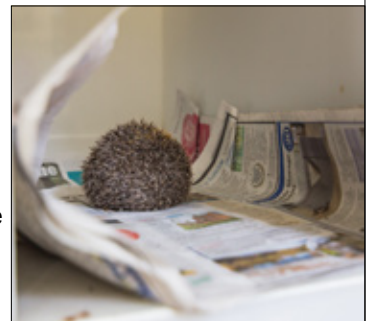


During the upcoming festive season we take in mainly hedgehog casualties, many juvenile hedgehogs born later in the summer are too small to survive the winter hibernation and require overwinter care at the hospital. We currently have a few very tiny hedgehogs in our care, one that is just under 200g and is benefiting from the warmth of our incubators and frequent feeds, without our help the hoglet would have perished in the cold. By the end of the winter season, we would have cared for over 250 hedgehogs.

Our staff and volunteers are under pressure as the nights turn

darker and colder to clean out each pen, provide fresh bedding, feed and weigh all the hedgehogs each day – particularly at Christmas when many of our helpers have friends and family commitments.

We expect to take in many more hungry hedgehogs as well as other wildlife casualties over the next few months, so providing the basic needs such as making sure they are kept clean and their bellies are full makes all the difference to their recovery. With this in mind, we will be going through thousands of tins of cat/dog food, at the peak of the hedgehog season we can go through 100 tins a day. So if anyone would be able to donate any tinned cat/dog food, we would really appreciate it. We aren't fussy, we just ask that the food is a meat based and not fish flavoured as the hedgehogs cannot tolerate fish flavoured food.



If you are thinking of making a Christmas donation to Brent Lodge to help the hedgehogs in our care then please consider supporting our Big Give Christmas Challenge. From 3rd – 10th December your donation will be doubled to help us reach our £4,250 target. These funds will help us to provide life-saving care, new equipment and vet treatment.

Please visit www.brentlodge.org for further details.

We look forward to updating on more Brent Lodge news in 2020.

Darby & Joan Club Selsey

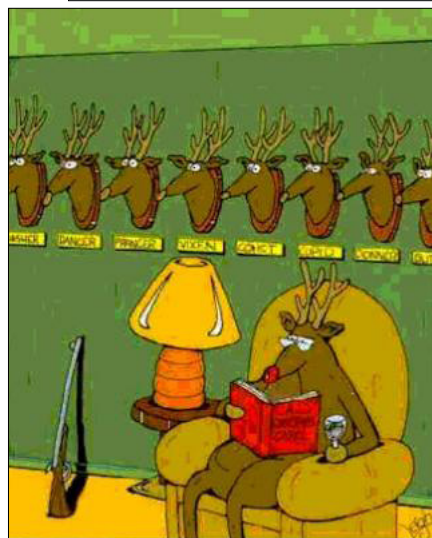
The club meets every Friday between 2.00 & 4.00 at St. Peter's church hall for a game of prize bingo and raffles and of course a nice cup of tea and chat. Also during the year we have subsidised days out to garden centres for cream teas and a bit of shopping.

Transport to the hall is supplied by Selsey Venture bus, if you are a member of this great service they offer.

We are a club are affiliated to the R.V.S For more information please call Kim or Graham on 01243 937 730 or 07838 549 034



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...you shall call his name Jesus, for he will **SAVE** his people from their sins. *Matthew 1:21*

Sunday 1st December
10am - All-age Service

Saturday 7th December
7.00pm - Mens Evening
Ping-Pong & Pasta!

Wednesday 11th December
2.30pm - Return to Sunday School
A dementia friendly service for carers and those living with dementia
For more information contact the church or Selsey Care Shop

Thursday 12th December
2.30pm - Christmas Tea & Chat

Friday 13th December
10.00am - Sunbeams Christmas Party
5.00pm - Bright Sparks Christmas Party

Saturday 14th December
3.00pm - Carols at 'The Seal'
(Hillfield Road, Selsey)

Sunday 22nd December
10.00am - Christmas Family Service
6.00pm - Community Carol Service
Followed by Mince Pies

Christmas Day
10.00am - Christmas Celebration

Thursday 16th January
12.30pm - Lunch Club

Sunday 19th January
3.00pm - ResBite Tea
(Aimed at those who might not see other people over the course of a normal weekend ~ Lifts available)

Sunday 2nd February
5.00pm - Songs of Praise

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

For information on our regular weekly activities

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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
Sunday 10am 'St. Peter's Young Church' meet in the Church Hall on the first three Sundays of each month excluding August. All welcome.
Sunday Messy Church at 12 noon in hall on last Sunday of the month

Tuesday 9.30am Said Eucharist

Wednesday 9.30am Said Eucharist

Thursday 7pm Said Eucharist
St Peter's church doors are always open for quiet reflection.

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See also St. Peter's Church Events elsewhere in the magazine

Bits of Bruce:

In the Bible, John's Gospel tells us that "The Word became flesh and lived among us."

This really means that Mary and Joseph made a loving, caring home for the baby Jesus. Totally loved and cared for him.

Will we?

Will we have the courage to let the baby Jesus into your lives, this Christmas?

Will we care for that baby, listen to him crying, feed him and change him, love him as our child?

For many his story, his life, is in our lives. He is in our world now, today, that is what Christmas is really about, for many Christians it is a remembrance of love given, a promise made, Christ with us, and that love and promise will be with us tomorrow, and in the years to come. A truly wonderful gift!

Many people tell me that they believe in Jesus, or at least some of the stories about him, but they do not see or hear him in their lives. I tell them 'You need to take time, read his stories in the Bible, get to know him, and listen to his world around you and you must engage with this world, trying to make a difference, even, just a little, and then you will hear him, echoing in your actions'.

He will be in the laughter and cries of children this Christmastime; he will be sitting praying in the churches, he is in the cries of the families who have been broken by living on benefits, others who find themselves in abject poverty and those that live in despair and those lives surrounded by violence; he will be in the silent tears of the elderly who are alone and frightened; He will be in our own aches and pains; he will be at the Christmas dinners, grand and humble, he will be at the crackers pulled and the jokes shared, and he will be in the laughter of people coming together in love. Christ is with us.

'The Word became flesh and lives among us' may all our days be Christmas. May we embrace that new born child each day and feel the joy of that new life and may that feeling of love, that we get from him, give us the strength and courage to reach out and care for others; so that even though life is made up of tears as well as joy; we are enabled to work together to make our world a place of Hope, Justice and Peace, but most of all, one of Love.

The Story of baby Jesus will be told in story and song, at 6pm at the Methodist Church on Christmas Eve 24th December 2019. Fancy dress accepted, come as Shepherd, Angel or King, or Star or Sheep or even octopus if you must, but come, and be part of the telling, of this wonderful story. Let's celebrate together!

Happy Christmas to you all!

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 8th December 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson
Holy Communion
Sunday 15th December 10.30am Mrs Margaret Thompson
Sunday 22nd December 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson
Sunday 29th December 10.30 am Revd. Bob Sneddon
Sunday 5th January 10.30 am Dr Mike Nicholls
Sunday 12th January 10.30am Revd. Bruce Allinson
Holy Communion
Sunday 19th January 10.30 am Mr. Jeff Craghill
Sunday 26th January 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson

Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 01243 601032

Crafty Natter Club

Selsey Methodist Church

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Our minister is Revd

Bruce Allinson 601032



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Tel: 01243 602312

Mass Times

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Sunday: 10.00 am

Monday & Friday 10.00 am*

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Parish Priest: Fr John Healy

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Christmas Eve

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First Mass of Christmas: 6.30 pm

Christmas Day

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Saturday 7th March Mad March Fayre 10am
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Selsey Model Boat Club
The Club meets twice a week at the pond on
East Beach, weather permitting, when
members sail their radio controlled boats
Times: 10.00am until noon on Sundays and
Wednesdays
The first Sunday of each month is Race Day
New members welcome
or just pop along to have a look and a chat
contact Chris on Selsey 601550

Selsey Methodist Church Table Top
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for information

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Everyone is
welcome



Steve's Puzzle Page

..... Hidden Words

Fill in the blanks with the words ACTOR, AND, ANT, CAN, CAR, CARD, KINGS, LAKE, LAND, MIST, NAME, NOW, OBI, RATION, REPLACE, SET, TOE, US to reveal fourteen winter, Christmas or New Year related words!

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PICTURE SUDOKU
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When you finish, there should be only one of each picture in a row
and in a column.

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Mary Stuart,
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from 1553 to
1558, had 274
people burnt at
the stake just
for being
Protestant
Christians.



Find the ten
differences



- 1) Noon 2) Solway
- 3) Tallinn
- 4) King Edward I of England
- 5) Battle of the Nile
- 6) Prince Rupert

Last month's answers

MIRRORED ROWS
1 - 4, 2 - 5, 3 - 6, 7 - 8.

D	G	Y	W
B	E	H	E
M	A	Y	I
D	O	R	P
A	O	I	
M	A	H	J
G	G		
G	U	A	R
A	N	I	
E	V	I	G
S	T	A	B
A	E	R	V
W	I	N	N
I	P	E	G
A	O	G	E
Y	A	R	D
N			
H	O	L	I
R	W	H	O
L	E		
T	A	X	I
P	A	S	
K	N	I	E
C	E		

Solve the puzzle each big
triangle, each horizontal row
and each diagonal row has
different numbers from 1 to 9

ANSWER: First Crossword. Across: RETRY, TOE, KAYAK. Down: METAL, TOY, CREAM.
Second Crossword. Across: MOOSE, RAT, BAKER. Down: CORAL, OAK, ASTER.

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