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SLEEPY HOLLOW

A Ghost Story by Pat Read



It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, the dilapidated cottage which Abigail had passed many times during her forty five years had a 'For Sale By Auction' sign nailed to the rickety wooden gate, now barely hanging on its hinges, its patches of faded blue paint flaking off the rotten wood.

As a child, she and her school friends had hurried quickly past the scary place, which was surrounded by woodland, on their way home, daring each other to knock on the door with the heavy iron knocker, which depicted a wolf's head. Only the most brave had crept up the mossy stone path and succeeded in knocking on the door, and then fleeing with the rest of their screaming friends, before the witch, who reputedly lived there, showed her face.

After leaving school and finding work in another area, Abigail had passed the cottage on a number of occasions over the years. The weeds had grown taller, the cottage seemed smaller and darker, with no signs of an occupant during all those years.

She could see the potential and had made enquiries in the neighbourhood, but its history remained a mystery, although rumours had abounded over the years. During her school days, whispers spread that an old crone was seen in a window, and of a wretched child allegedly lured into her lair, never to be seen again. She smiled at the memory of apocryphal tales being a source of excitement at the time, and hoped the present state of neglect would keep the price low.



The auction excited Abigail because her divorce had recently been finalised and with her half of the proceeds from the home she'd shared with Roger, and her present salary as practice manager at a local surgery, she could now afford to look for her own place. She and Roger had managed a fairly polite uncoupling, despite everything, and she was thankful that their two offspring were still on good terms with both of them. The cottage would be ideal for them to stay with her when Kate was home from university, and David and his partner, who currently rented their own flat some miles away, wanted to visit.

As she sat in the saleroom, she noted the potential bidders who could be possible developers, since her biggest worry had been that it could fetch a much higher price for the potential building site, although she'd discovered that planning consent had so far not been given because of certain protected trees and habitat. An agent had shown her inside, and informed her that a distant relative of the original owner was selling, but seemed reluctant to give further details other than those required for the sale, and so the history of the cottage remained a mystery. As expected, it was very damp and gloomy inside with a putrid smell indicative of a very old property, which had been shut up for years. There were two bedrooms upstairs and original features still remained, so with a major clean, fresh paint and wallpaper, the place could be transformed, and the beams and inglenook fireplace could be restored to their former glory. The roof required attention, rewiring, central heating and a new kitchen and bathroom needed to be installed, but she had managed to obtain an affordable mortgage, which should also cover major repairs and refurbishment.

The cottage was next to last on the list being auctioned that day, and as the afternoon wore on only eight people remained, much to Abigail's surprise. When the hammer came down at less than her limit, she couldn't believe her luck. 'Gone to the lady in pink!' shouted the auctioneer, and Abigail held her number up high. The agent congratulated her, and her excitement successfully glossed over a feeling of slight apprehension in the pit of her stomach that she may have made a terrible mistake.

Abigail had been living temporarily with her elderly parents and for the following three months stayed with them whilst the work was carried out. She took two weeks holiday owing to her and spent every waking hour scrubbing, cleaning, painting and gardening, whilst employing two local men whom she knew and had quoted a good price for the main work to be carried out. Friends also helped out with the garden, an overgrown wilderness now transformed into a lawn with a border of shrubs and neatly trimmed privet hedge all round. A replacement wooden gate displayed a nameplate, emblazoned with the new name of 'Sleepy Hollow'. She'd kept the wolf's head knocker, now polished and gleaming and attached to a glossy black front door. Before the summer ended the cottage was transformed and ready for her to move into.

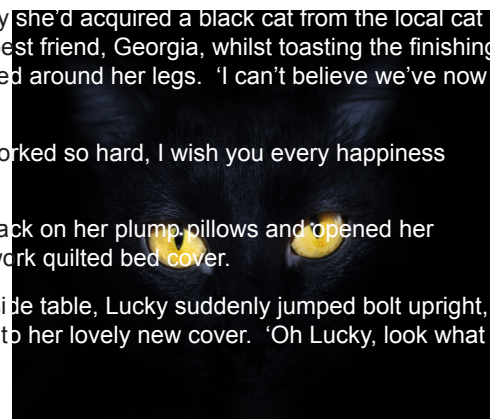
Although exhausting, everything had gone remarkably well with only one or two hitches, namely the roof needing more work than originally thought and the requirement for a new damp course. The only other notable occurrence had been a rather uneasy feeling that Abigail had experienced at times whilst working alone during late summer evenings, when she had a sensation that there was someone else present. On these occasions she cautiously searched the cottage, but there was never anyone there. One of the workmen had once asked her if she's seen any children around and when she asked why, he just shrugged and said 'No worries, just thought I'd heard one crying downstairs, but there was no one there when I came down.' Abigail thought no more of it.

Her newly carpeted and tastefully furnished home was a delight, and for company she'd acquired a black cat from the local cat shelter. She now stood in her oak-beamed sitting room in front of the inglenook with her best friend, Georgia, whilst toasting the finishing touches to the pretty curtains and tie-backs they'd both been working on, as the cat brushed around her legs. 'I can't believe we've now finished, thank you so much for your help Georgia'.

Georgia took a sip of her wine, 'I'm sure you'd do the same for me, and you've worked so hard, I wish you every happiness here.'

That night Abigail snuggled into her comfortable bed and smiled as she leaned back on her plump pillows and opened her novel. She had named the cat Lucky and he was now curled up beside her on the patchwork quilted bed cover.

Just as she was taking a sip from the hot chocolate, which had been on her bedside table, Lucky suddenly jumped bolt upright, yellow eyes aimed at the door. Abigail jumped too, spilling some of her chocolate drink onto her lovely new cover. 'Oh Lucky, look what you've made me do!'





Her annoyance was replaced by alarm as the normally docile cat stood tall with arched back, hackles raised and teeth bared. A rasping hiss resonated from the back of his throat, still with his eyes glued to the door.

Now fully alert, Abigail's ears strained to listen beyond the door, but only silence ensued. Slipping out of bed, she grabbed a heavy candlestick from the windowsill as she crept towards the door and slowly turned the handle. Finding the light switch, the landing area was suddenly flooded with light, but there was no sign of anything amiss. Gripping the candlestick tightly she guardedly searched each room, checking front and back doors, and the windows to make sure all were securely locked. Her hand holding the candlestick dropped limply to her side and she went back upstairs to Lucky, who was now sitting on the bed quietly washing himself.

'Thank you very much cat!' she shouted as the startled cat stopped in mid wash to look at her. 'You've managed to ruin my first night here and frighten me half to death.' Lucky carried on washing.

For the next couple of nights Abigail was on edge and cursed Lucky for spoiling her relaxed enjoyment of her evenings in the cottage. However, after a few days the episode was forgotten and life carried on as normal, with Abigail enjoying her work and new-found freedom in her own home, and occasionally inviting a friend or two back for coffee or a glass of wine.

Autumn brought shorter and colder days, along with lovely autumnal shades in the surrounding woodland. On the night of Halloween Abigail was watching TV from her comfy sofa in front of her log fire, with Lucky curled up beside her and a glass of wine in her hand. Suddenly, three ear-piercing knocks reverberated from the heavy knocker on her front door, causing Lucky to leap up in fright and for Abigail to almost choke on her drink. She grabbed the remote and muted the television, waiting for a few seconds, frightened out of her wits. 'Who on earth.....?' she muttered to herself, switched off her lamp and walked timidly to the window, pulling back the curtain slightly to see who was outside. Her porch light had been activated by some movement, but the garden was deserted. She thought she saw a glimmer of light in the woods, and then remembered the date and relaxed a little, realising that it was probably a Trick Or Treat game played by children.

She grabbed two chocolate bars from the kitchen and warily opened the front door. Children's laughter came from the direction of the wood so she stepped further outside, peering into the darkness. Lucky, following behind, suddenly let out a feral hissing noise and behaved as he had done previously, with back arched, hackles raised and teeth bared, his wild yellow eyes rigidly focussed on something. The laughter was now an eerie echo, which seemed to come from swaying branches, black against a partly moonlit sky. 'Get back inside!' Abigail ordered Lucky with help from the toe of her slipper and slammed the door shut, making sure the safety chain was now on and all safely locked. She leaned back against the door for a few seconds whilst taking a few deep breaths. 'I didn't like that at all Lucky, and apparently neither did you.' Abigail now felt very uneasy when alone at night, but was embarrassed to mention it to friends or family as she'd been so enthusiastic about moving there and had no proof that it wasn't all in her imagination. Maybe Lucky was a psychotic cat and was passing his anxiety on to her, although looking at him now sound asleep on her bed, it seemed unlikely.



These days it was dark by the time Abigail arrived home and she was comforted when greeted by Lucky who shot out of his cat flap at the back of the cottage at the sound of her car. On arriving home one evening in December, the porch light activated as usual and lit up the front of the cottage. On this particular occasion, something made her look up and she thought she saw movement in her bedroom. Focussing on the window, to her horror there was a flash of light, only a split second, but in that moment she saw an old woman whose look could only be described as evil. Frozen to the spot, she was suddenly plunged into blackness and only the movement of Lucky activated the light again. With trembling hands she grabbed her mobile and phoned Georgia.

'Darling, I can see how upset and terrified you are, but there is really nobody here. I've searched everywhere. I did wonder if you'd be OK here, considering what we got up to as children, but it was all rubbish, you know how children's imagination can run riot.' Georgia put her arm round her friend.

Four months later, Abigail stopped her car close to the cottage, which now had a 'Sold' sign in the garden and a removal van outside. A laughing young couple were helping to carry their treasures inside. It had been a traumatic few months for her, but her once-in-a-lifetime opportunity had in a way paid off. She had doubled her money on the sale and now had a beautiful modern apartment for her and Lucky. She had no answers to the mystery of Sleepy Hollow, but hoped with all her heart that the new occupants would find happiness there.



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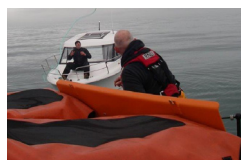


Date: 8 January 2017

Selsey RNLI lifeboat assists angling boat with fuel problems.

Uk Coastguard (Solent) paged the volunteer crew at 2.16pm on Sunday 8 January 2017. They requested the all-weather lifeboat (ALB) launch to the assistance of an angling boat that had run out of fuel 7 miles south west of Selsey Bill.

The ALB launched at 2.27pm and made best speed to the position given by the two man crew of the 7.5 metre angling boat Boogey Too. They had reported a faulty fuel gauge which led them to believe they had more fuel than they did. The weather on scene was no wind, sea state flat calm with poor visibility at times.



The ALB arrived on scene at 3.00pm and passed a tow line to the Boogey Too and once the tow was established a course was set for Chichester Harbour. At 4.24pm Chichester bar beacon was reached and the

Hayling Island lifeboat rendezvoused with the ALB. This was arranged by the Coastguard so the Hayling lifeboat could take the tow over for the short distance into the harbour.



Selsey ALB was released by the Coastguards to return to station which was reached at 4.55pm. The ALB was rehouse washed down and refuelled by 5.30pm.

The crew on the lifeboat today were Coxswain Willy Pledger, Mechanic Phil Pitham, 2nd coxswain Gary Pearce, Will Moir, Andy Lee, Steve Somner and Harry Emmence.



not there.

He spotted a craft several miles to the west of Selsey and after contacting the Coxswain on the ALB the Coastguards redirected the ILB to check the west side of Selsey.

After several mobile phone calls to the crew of the Barracuda III with them identifying what they could see and the sighting from the shore the ILB finally found the vessel 6 miles North West of Selsey Bill approximately 10 miles from his given position. Because of the size of the Barracuda III the Coastguards requested Hayling RNLI lifeboat launch to assist the Selsey ILB. Hayling lifeboat took the vessel under tow and towed them to Sparkes mariner in Chichester Harbour.



Photo credit Hayling RNLI

Both Selsey lifeboats were released by the Coastguards to return to station and both were rehouse washed down and refuelled by 5.30pm the crews today were ALB:

Coxswain Geoff Mellett, 2nd Coxswain Dave Lamdin, Mechanic Phil Pitham, Steve Somner, Max Wiseman and Kristina Dolan. ILB: Helmsman Colin Pullenger, James Albery and Gary Pearce.

The Barracuda III was purchased last week and was on passage from Leigh on sea (Essex) to Bournemouth and had all the navigational aids Radar, Plotter, Radio but none of it was turned on as the crew didn't know how to use them.

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Date: 10 January 2017

Selsey RNLI lifeboats search for broken down vessel.

Uk Coastguard requested the Selsey all-weather lifeboat (ALB) launch to the assistance of the 32ft motor boat Barracuda III. The three man crew had reported by mobile phone that they had machinery failure and their position was off Pagham Harbour close inshore.

At 1.42pm on Tuesday 10 January while the crew were mustering there was a doubt to the position given as Pagham is visible from the offshore boathouse and no vessels could be seen. The ALB launched at 1.53pm with six volunteers and proceeded to the given position arriving on scene at 2.18pm with still nothing could be seen. The weather on scene was wind West North West force 3-4 sea state slight in good visibility.

The Coastguards asked the lifeboat to search east towards Bognor and said they had requested the inshore lifeboat (ILB) to launch to assist with the search. They also passed the mobile no of the Barracuda III to the lifeboat so they could contact them and interrogate them as to what they could see. At the same time crewmember Max Gilligan was leaving the station to go back to work and went via the west side of Selsey to check the vessel was

What would you like to see in the Selsey Life?
Please email your ideas to selseylife@btinternet.com, or call on 01243 606067, or pop into Amanda's Hobbie Hideout.



Photo by Edward Clamp



community news



Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team

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



Yearly round-up 2016 – 68 Callouts

January

We had a busy start to the year, with a total of eight callouts which included: Ordnance on the beach, vulnerable missing people, a washed up flare, and people in the water after capsizing.



February

February was a quieter month with three callouts, with one of the callouts being more ordnance on the beach, if you come across anything unusual on the beach please do not touch it and call the coastguard.

March

Seven callouts this month, with two mud rescues carried out.

April

April saw five callouts and change at the Coastguard Station with a new radio mast being erected and our Coastguard Tower being taken down as it was beyond repair and had been condemned.



May

May was a quiet month with just two callouts; both callouts were to missing children on West Wittering Beach.

June

A total of seven callouts, we worked with the Coastguard helicopter several times this month at St Richards Hospital.



July

Six callouts this month, we also attended Chichester Police 999 Day, Medmerry and



Seal School summer fetes, and Selsey Rainbows visited us as well.

August

Busy, busy, busy with sixteen callouts this month, mainly to multiple missing children on West Wittering Beach. We also supported and attended Selsey Lifeboat Day and took part in the Selsey Carnival Procession.



September

Five callouts this month, one of them was working with the ambulance service to remove a casualty who had fractured her leg from a jetty.

October

We had five callouts, with one very lucky person being plucked out of the water just in time by the Selsey Lifeboat Crew off Pagham and handed to us to keep warm until paramedics arrived.



November

Three callouts we also visited Sidlesham School, and attended the Remembrance Parade and the Christmas Light Switch on.

December

Our quietest month for the year with only one callout but making it a total of 68 callouts this year for the team!



Selsey Coastguard Team comprises of volunteer Coastguard

Rescue Officers from the local area trained in Search and Rescue techniques who are ready to respond 7 days of the week, 365 days of the year. Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team are a specialist Mud Rescue Team, and are responsible for all incidents on or beyond the shore line from Pagham around the coast to Thorney Island. We train once a week and at weekends throughout the year as well as attend events in our local area.

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Spirit of Selsey Christmas

The spirit of Christmas was shining bright in Selsey on Christmas Day when people came together in the Town Hall to eat a traditional Christmas meal and enjoy an abundance of Christmas chatter and community cheer.



The event is now in its third successful year with the majority of organising and catering undertaken by Danny and Julie Kelly of Julie's Kitchen Dinners Direct and in partnership with Selsey Community Forum (charity 1156460). Danny and Julie ensured that any local housebound resident who wanted a meal received one and a team of Festive helpers delivered them door to door.



Everyone had a wonderful time with us on Christmas day all in all we gave more than 100 people lunch delivering some 18 lunches on the day with the help of our lovely volunteers and the support of Selsey community forum sponsored by local businesses.



There are many thank you's to be said; to the dedicated volunteers who helped before and on the day, whether it be websites or sprouts, cleaners or cooks, gift wrappers or washer uppers, everyone made a significant and heartfelt contribution to this popular community event. More so our local small or large retailers and businesses who supported in so many ways whether by donation of cash or gifts of other sorts and to those who participated at the Fund raising Irish Night that raised £450.

Christmas diners donated £147 on the day which was donated to Selsey Fire Station Benevolent Fund.

So thank you one and all; with thanks to Danny and Julie Kelly, all the wonderful event volunteers, all the businesses that contributed, Selsey Town Council (Use of the hall), Selsey Fire Station (use of the meeting room), Local vehicle services and several anonymous donations. Apologise to any one that was missed.



Planning for Christmas 2017 will commence in September.





SELSEY WI

Our President Stella Crist welcomed the ladies to the meeting, and wished them all a Happy New Year. The formal business of the meeting was then conducted and then our speaker for the afternoon was introduced. She really needed no introduction as she was Amanda Bridger from Amanda's Hobby Hideout in Selsey who came to talk to us about her own personal hobby which is making little houses to scale. She had bought along a variety of her work to show us. These ranged from gothic houses to caravans in wonderful detail. They were handed around for the ladies to view, as you only realise the extent of the work involved when seen close up.

After a break for refreshments, the ladies were asked to vote on our 2017 Resolutions. There were six altogether and each Resolution was read out with background information. The ladies proceeded to vote for their own personal choice.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th February at 2.15pm Selsey Town Hall

Our speaker will be: Nick Carter "The Time for Love Company"



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



Seal Island WI

Our President Melanie welcomed members to the first meeting of 2017. Our exciting programme for 2017 was circulated. Sue read out the correspondence and members were advised of future events: Diabetes, Drugs & Dementia at Fittleworth in March and Art, Craft Cookery & Gardening at Stenning in August.

Our speaker James Weston gave a very interesting talk about the Plight of the Polar Bears, which are sadly expected to be extinct by the end of the century. Refreshments were provided together with Melanie's homemade cake. Raffles were drawn.

We are always happy to receive new members and ladies of all ages are welcome at our meetings on the first Thursday of the month at the Selsey Centre, Manor Road at 7.30pm. Our next meeting will be a demonstration and talk by Selsey First Responders on Thursday 2nd February, when all are welcome to attend as we are hoping to raise funds for this very worthwhile local cause.

For further information please ring Melanie on 01243 604059.



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Selsey's Iconic Building celebrates its new Blue Plaque.

Tuesday January 12th saw the unveiling of the Blue Plaque on the historic Selsey Pavilion, the one iconic building on Selsey High Street. The Pavilion, built in 1913, originally as Selsey Hall, renamed as the Pavilion Theatre, and later as a Cinema suffered a devastating fire in the 1920's but rose like a phoenix from the flames. It continued to present a combination of professional well known Variety artistes, touring on the no 1 South Coast Touring circuit, and local amateur theatrical societies including drama and opera. Amateur in the true meaning of the word as 'Lovers' for it was evident in the turnout for the unveiling ceremony that everyone loves this building and wants to see its restoration, and many people still have fond memories of seeing plays and films as being part of a rich cultural centre.



From 1967 it became a food packing station, lay empty and unloved and then in 2010 the present owner, builder Jeff Alan bought it with the ultimate intention of restoring the building to become a multi-functional space for the local and wider community of the Manhood Peninsula.

Ellis Berg, Life President of Selsey's community Arts organisation "Arts Dream" gave the rousing 'call to arms' address before pulling the red velvet curtain and revealing the Plaque. He spoke of the Past, the Present and of the immediate Future, and emphasised the power the restoration of the Pavilion, as part of the creation of a Cultural Quarter, is to the much needed urban regeneration of the High Street.



The Blue Plaque now places the Pavilion firmly on the Heritage Trail, and was supported by the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Trust and

West Sussex County Council. A new life for this building is now an achievable aim, once the much needed structural work has been completed, and in December 2018 it is planned to mark the completed restoration with a newly commissioned original choral work based on Rudyard Kipling's famous poem "Eddi of Manhood End" involving professionals, the local community and schools and arts groups.



The Selsey Pavilion Trust, the newly formed 'not for profit' organisation are working with the owner, Jeff Alan, to realise the vision of this project.

All photos credit Ronnie Hall



The results of last November's Poppy Fortnight are as follows;

House to House collection £3184.80

Street collection £1295.76

Boxes in shops, pubs, clubs, schools etc. £2563.97

The three combined come to £7044.53 which is an incredible £454.62 more than the same collections last year.

The collection at the Service Of Remembrance was £120.59 and a raffle in the Legion club after the service raised £300.

Add to all that the payments for wreaths from many organisations and various other donations and the overall total to date is £8458.85

Well done as always Selsey.

Adrian Wilson
Poppy Appeal Organiser, Selsey



The Selsey Life will be available from the following locations:

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In East Beach:-

The Fruit Basket, Pretty's Newsagent and Nice Place chipshop
Bunn Leisure reception, West Sands Funfair and White Horse reception, Lucks chip shop

The Seal Pub

Coast Yard Hotel

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The Selsey Country Club

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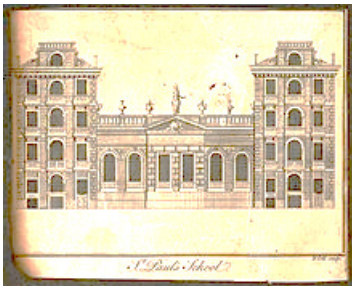
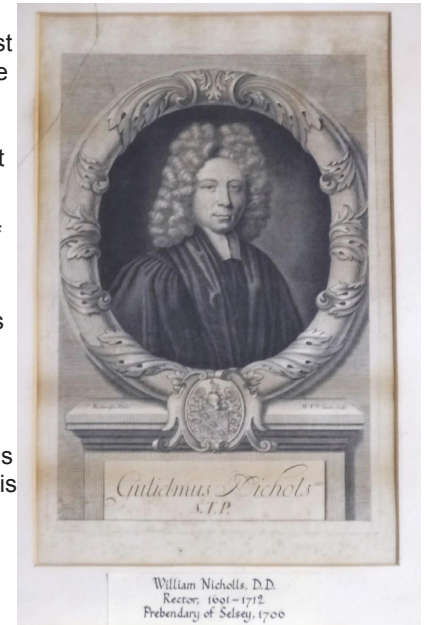
REVEREND WILLIAM NICHOLLS, DD 1664 – 1712

It is difficult to find out about the life of William Nicholls, DD, the Rector of Selsey who appears first in the prudence of vicars on the Vestry Wall of St Peter's Church (please note use of the collective noun). As photography was still to be invented, this image is taken from William's own seminal book, 'Comment on the Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments' which was published in 1710, the engraving being the work of Vandergucht, an English engraver and art dealer who was born in London, the elder son of the Flemish engraver Michael Vandergucht.

Record-keeping, in general, relied on the parish priest, nobility and gentry and the Government of the day. Indeed, James Dallaway, in his 'History of the Western Division of the County of Sussex', published in 1815 but citing documents from the 1300s, confirms that the 'first date in the oldest remaining Register' (for Selsey) is 1663. Spelling was flexible so our subject's name is spelled as Nicholls, Nichols and even Nicols.

Our forebears had their own version of textspeak using abbreviations even in formal correspondence e.g. wh. = which, yr = your, and wd = would. 'Favours' is spelled without the u (as the Americans do today) and 'ss' is expressed, in script, as two symbols we would recognise as 'ff'. Just to confuse matters, a capital 'F' is also expressed as 'ff'. And, of course, the vocabulary is very different.

The sources tell us that William was the son of John Nicholls of Donington, now Dunton, Buckinghamshire, born in 1664 and baptised on 11 September 1664.



He was educated at St. Paul's School, London and went up, as a commoner, to Magdalen Hall, Oxford. Magdalen's own records describe him as 'pleb', a word which originates in the mid-17th century, perhaps indicating that not only is he a commoner but possibly may be from the lower social classes. He is also described as a 'Pauline exhibitioner'. An exhibitioner is a student maintained in a university by a donated allowance and past members of St. Paul's School are 'Paulines' so the powers-that-be obviously thought it worthwhile to sponsor him. And so it proved to be as he matriculated at Magdalen on 26 March 1680 aged 15.

*Image from Wikipedia St Paul's School, London; the facade.
Engraving by B. Cole, Wellcome V0013076*

William then migrated to Wadham College, Oxford where he graduated BA on 27 November 1683 and from thence, on 6 October 1684, to Merton College (he had been chosen as a probationary fellow) from where he collected his MA on 19 June 1688. On St. Paul's Day 1687/8, he preached at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul to gentlemen educated at that school upon the revival of their ancient anniversary meeting. His theme was 'The Advantage of a Learned Education' and he described the Cathedral as 'the edifice where we remember to have played our childish pastimes among its desolate ruins'. This smacks a bit of glossing over his humble beginnings and aligning himself on the side of the gentry as he would have been only 2 years old at the time of the Great Fire of London in 1666 and probably not playing in old ruins in London.

At about this time William began to write. He wrote 'An Answer to an heretical Book called The named Gospel, which was condemn'd and ordered to be publickly burnt by the Convocation of the University of Oxon' 19 August 1690. With this was also printed 'A short History of Socinianism'. Both tomes were dedicated to his patron, 'in which that sir Ralph Winwood grandfather (by the mother) to Ralph earl of Mountague made a remonstrance and protestation against Vorstius the Socinian's accession to the professorship of Leyden.' I'm desperate to know whether or not this book resulted in him becoming chaplain. It does seem likely.

He gained his Bachelor of Divinity on 2 July 1692 and Doctor of Divinity on 29 November 1695. He was ordained deacon, ca. 9 or 10 June 1688, at St Peter in the East at Oxford (a former 12th century church) and ordained priest 25/26 May 1689 at Magdalen College Chapel. He then became chaplain to Ralph, Earl, afterwards Duke of Montagu.

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Between 1691 and 1693 he served as rector of Bushey, Hertfordshire and on 19 September 1691 he was instituted as rector of Selsey. This means that he was appointed to a benefice or dignity following a presentation, the cleric's subscription and the receipt of letters testimonial i.e. you had to be nominated, pay a fee and have references in order to get the position.

And just when you thought this litany of facts would never cease, I was researching something else entirely at West Sussex Record Office and came across this gem which I have transcribed for you:

REV. CAVIS-BROWN'S TRANSCRIPT OF A LETTER WRITTEN BY REV. WILLIAM NICHOLLS.

'Selsey Sussex, Jul. 25, 1700

Sir

The reason of my not answering your letter sooner was my being at Oxon and not coming home till this week. I thank you for your care to convey ye book ye design me. My mother's house is in Addel Street in Wood Street, London, and ye carrier goes out Monday,





Wednesday, and ffriday from ye White Hart Inn in Southwark to Chichester. I thank God for good Dr. Bray's safe arrival and I pray he may find ye good succefs he desires. There is one task wh. ye Dr. prevailed with me to undertake before he went wh. was to compose a short & plain Exposition of ye Catechism for ye use of ye Poor and Young Learners wh. yr Society might have ye Propriety of an wh. being printed in great Numbers might be sold or given away at a cheap rate; and I having made some advance therein I wd know whether ye Design be acceptable to ye Rest of ye Society: and if so I wd submit ye specimen to some of ye Clergy of that Body for their further Directions in it and animadversions upon it.

We are upon forming Meetings of the Clergy in several parts of this Diocese and ye Bishop in his last Visitation charge has recommended them and I hope they will succeed. I praise God for ye great Increase of yr Society, and I hope that by God's holy Grace will further it more and more for ye confounding of ye Kingdom of Darknefs. The 3rd Circular Letter from ye Noble Society never came to my hands. My humble service to all Members of ye Society to whom I have ye honr. to be known. Sir, I thank you for all favors, and desire you to accept ye afsurance that I am

Yr most humble servant & faithful friend

Dr. Wm Nicholls

For Mr Chamberlayn at his house in Petty ffrance, in Westminster, London

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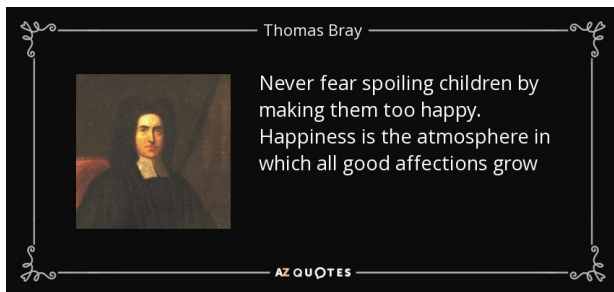
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Addel Street, Wood Street'

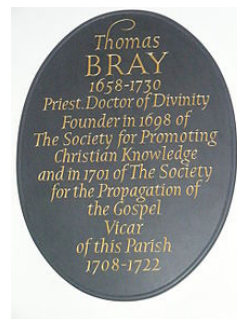
And, finally, we have a living, breathing man with a Mum!

Addel or Addle Street (I did warn you about the spelling) was described in Robert Seymour's 'Survey of the Cities of London and Westminster, Borough of Southwark, and parts Adjacent' in MDCCXXXIII (that's 1733 to us):
'More Westward of this College, is Philip lane, which goes from London Wall, and falls into Addle Street, a Place indifferently built and inhabited. In this Place is Ston Court, indifferent large, with a Free Stone Pavement; Barge Court hath a Passage into Wood Street...'

Dr. Bray is Thomas Bray, an English clergyman and abolitionist who helped formally establish the Church of England in Maryland, as well as the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge (SPCK) and Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. He followed William Nicholls into Magdalen College, Oxford in 1696 and completed the work for BD and DD degrees but, unfortunately, was unable to pay the fees.



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Memorial plaque in St. Botolph's, Aldgate

Mr Chamberlayn (or Chamberlayne) is John Chamberlayne, an English writer and translator born in 1666. He also entered an Oxford College as a commoner in 1685 but specialised in modern languages and became the first secretary of Society for the Propagation of the Gospel between 1702 and 1711.

The diary of Ralph Thoresby FRS, published in 1830 (although Mr Chamberlayne died in 1723), states as follows:

'Mr. Chamberlayne in Petty France who received me most obligingly (after the dispatch of some business as Justice of the Peace) with his collection of bibles, and the Lord's Prayer, which he hopes to publish in 200 languages.'

These men would have had a lot in common both in terms of religion and 'Good Works'.

Seal of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel
taken from Wikipedia

But back to Rev. William Nicholls.

He preached a sermon at the Chapel of Tunbridge Wells, Kent on 6 September 1702 his theme being 'On God's Blessing on the use of Mineral Waters'. Very appropriate!

On 6 March 1706 he was collated as Prebend of Selsey at Chichester Cathedral. Collation is an appointment to an ecclesiastical office by a bishop to a living of which he is the patron of which a lapse had brought within his gift. When a clergyman was appointed to a living by collation there is no presentation or institution and, possibly, no fee!

On 12 April 1707 he was installed as a canon of Chichester.

On 31 October 1708 another sermon was preached, this time at the Parish Church of St. James, Clerkenwell upon the death of Her



Majesty's Royal Consort, Prince George of Denmark. This time his theme was 'Afflictions, the Lot of God's Children'. Prince George died of a recurring and chronic lung disease.

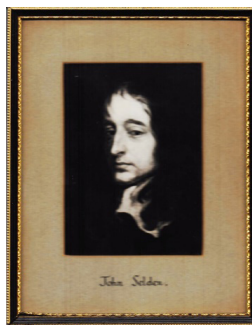
By 1711 Rev. William was worn out and he wrote to Robert Harley, earl of Oxford, on 31 August from Smith Street, Westminster complaining that he was 'forced on the drudgery of being the editor of Mr. Selden's books for a little money to buy other books to carry on my liturgical work'.

John Selden (1584 – 1654) was a prolific author born at Salvington, in the parish of West Tarring, West Sussex (now part of the town of Worthing) and baptised at St Andrew's, the parish church. He was educated at the free grammar school at Chichester, The Prebendal School, and from thence went to Oxford. According to The Prebendal School:

'...he became one of the greatest lawyers and parliamentarians of his day. He was celebrated especially for his wise sayings such as 'A Gallant Man is above ill words. Prayers should be short, without giving Almighty God reasons why he should grant this or that. He knows best what is good for us.'



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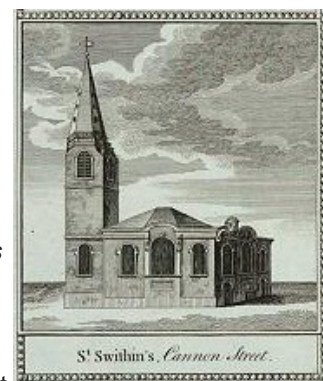
His books covered English History and antiquities, Literature and Archaeology of the Near East, Studies on Judaism and International Law. No wonder Rev. William was exhausted.

William Nicholls 'large work', written without the help of an amanuensis, 'Comment on the Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments', saw the light of day in 1710. The book was published by subscription and dedicated to the Queen.

Reverend William Nicholls DD died, aged 48, near Bath on 11 April 1712. He was buried in the central aisle of St. Swithin's Church in the City of London on 5 May 1712 or 23 June 1712 (depending on the source you consult).



Wikipedia tells us that 'The church derived its name from being dedicated to St Swithin, Bishop of Winchester and Chencellor to King Egbert, who died in 806. By ancient records it appears there was a church upon this spot, dedicated to the same saint, prior to 1330. This church was destroyed by the fire of London, and the present, plain and substantial building erected by Sir Christopher Wren, in its stead.'



I suppose you could say that William's 'claim to fame', apart from his writings which are too many and varied to be listed here, was that he 'invented' a

word – protospatharius. It is a high-ranking official or dignitary of the Byzantine Imperial hierarchy so it is unlikely to be heard in Selsey High Street next week!

He is variously described as English clergyman, author, theologian and divine (which is a synonym for clergyman) and this is where the story should end. But it doesn't.

On 12 November 1724, in the Stamford Mercury, there appeared the following advertisement which, sadly, is too faint to be scanned:

'BOOKS Printed for, and Sold by Samuel Toole and Benjamin Motte, at the Middle-Temple-Gate in Fleet- freet, London.

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And in the same paper, on 8 January 1736:

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This is some advertising bearing in mind that he had been dead some 12 to 24 years. And here the story really does end.

I appreciate that this may not be to everyone's taste but in the interest of historical research I had to record him, here, in Selsey.

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DONNA'S DELIBERATIONS

I know I've said this before but one of the problems of writing for periodicals is that there is a time lapse between when I actually write my bit and when the magazine goes to print. So, when this edition of Selsey Life is published it will be February but I'm still looking at the remnants of Christmas - so, time wise, it feels a bit strange. Made, I might say, even more strange because there are Easter Eggs in the shops!! For anyone who believes that they have read that wrongly - trust me - you didn't. In fact, they had appeared by the 2nd January. Has the world gone mad? At least have sufficient respect to get twelfth night out of the way before before trying to force feed us yet more chocolate.



Sadly, I am also recovering from Selsey's Great Bug of 2016 - with one or two complications which have meant that I'm now into my third week of feeling rather feeble and fragile. Apologies to anyone I may have let down during my enforced withdrawal from Selsey society - however, trust me, I have been neither 'use nor ornament' as my Mum would say. I don't generally do 'illness' - in part because my house falls apart very quickly and my husband is reduced to actually having to handwash socks and other important clothing on a daily basis. Clearly, the operation of a washing machine has escaped him. Fortunately, my just turned sixteen year old daughter is a pretty good cook so I have at least been content in the knowledge that no-one will starve. This time, unfortunately, I'm afraid I had no choice but to succumb to the dreaded lurch and wait patiently for it to pass. I'm still waiting but I am forever optimistic. Sadly, illness hasn't previously fitted in with the misguided 'superwoman' opinion that I have hitherto held of myself but my current malaise has changed my view of 'being ill.' I have decided to subscribe to the view that if I'm sick, I should just stay in bed. 'Keep calm and carry on working' - forget it, - not happening.

The bugs have been everywhere since before Christmas, infecting class-rooms, polluting buses, contaminating offices and shops so much that unless we resort to bad idea but probably hibernation (not a bad idea but probably it's not really possible to avoid the little devils because they just refuse to stay at home with a welcoming host. It's like some great virus festival out there at the moment. Somewhere along the line, though, I think we've forgotten how to just accept the inevitable - we all get ill sometimes. We've become impatient to get well again with great speed and rely on ever increasing strengths of cold and flu relief to pull us round as quickly as possible. Personally, I think we need to start paying more heed to the word 'patient' - the clue is in the word - be a patient, patient and relearn the skill of rest and recuperation. We should not be so unprepared or surprised when we contract some sort of ailment - it's just how it is. Funnily enough, as I've learnt this last few weeks, the world doesn't stop spinning just because you have to withdraw from it for a while, neither should 'unwellness' be equated with weakness. So, one of my New Year's resolutions is to make life a bit easier by actually paying heed to the art of recuperation and taking care of myself just that little bit more. As George Bernard Shaw said 'The art of being sick is not the same as the art of getting well'.



There have been one or two incidents which have made me smile, though; I do think that parents and children reach a point where, in some ways, the roles begin to reverse and my 'children' have certainly done their best to look after me this last few weeks. I was reminded of an occasion when we were living in Brighton and my son was probably only about eight years old. He'd been poorly with some sort of childhood malaise and, during one evening suddenly

announced that he wanted a MacDonald's Happy Meal (highly nutritious sustenance, it goes without saying...) So, I hopped on a bus and took the 45 minute ride into the centre of Brighton, duly collected said Happy Meal and then caught the bus home again. A little extreme, perhaps, but he'd not eaten for days and - well, that's just what we parents do, isn't it? So, why should I be reminded of this long lost incident, I hear you say? - well, because my now grown up son did pretty much exactly the same for me last week (except he drove rather than caught the bus.) I rarely eat 'fast food' but had an inexplicable craving for a burger so my son dutifully climbed in his car, drove the nine miles up the long and winding road and went to MacDonalds - in the same way that I had done for him all those years ago. I'm often heard telling him that it's 'pay-back time' and I think this is one 'pay-back' which can be ticked off the list!

So, I'm off back to bed. Nice cup of tea and a G4 DVD (#any excuse) Thanks to friends and colleagues who have taken the time and trouble to call on me with their good wishes whilst I've been languishing and if you're like me at the moment - be gentle with yourself and embrace the art of R and R.

Happy February.

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past times

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Any other local men who wish to tell their National Service stories via me, I would be happy for them to send an unedited article with photos, please get in touch with me at edward.clamp@btinternet.com



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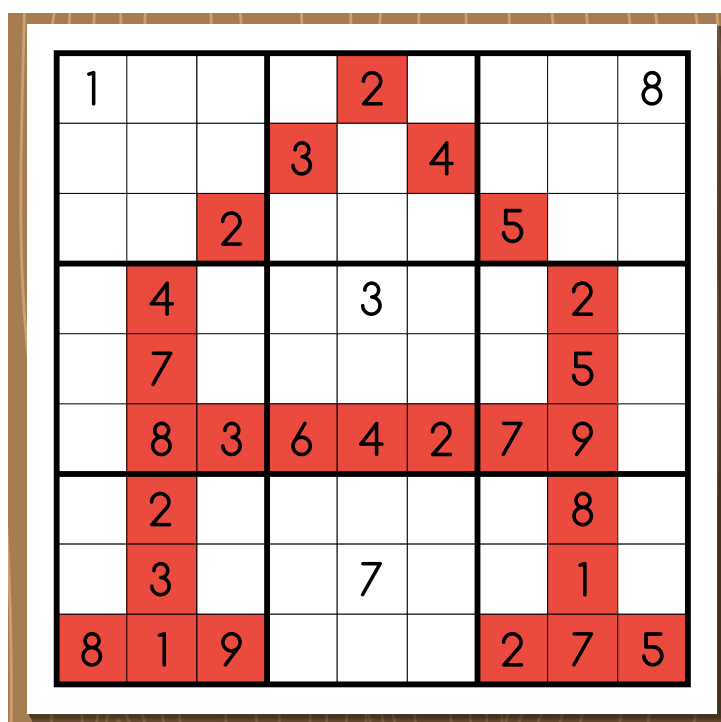
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- 2) How many countries border France?
- 3) What is the only word in the English language to have a silent 'z'?
- 4) Who composed 'The Dambusters March'?
- 5) Who was the wife of Agamemnon, mythical king of Mycenae?
- 6) Who was the first Formula One world champion?
- 7) Who does a hagiographer write about?
- 8) When it is 10am GMT what is the time in Taiwan?
- 9) To which US novelist was actress Claire Bloom married?

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Choosing the right nestbox and where to site it depends on which species you would like to attract.

Tit boxes should be fixed 2-4m up a tree or wall with a clear flight path to the nest. Face the box between north and east to avoid the hot midday sun and the wettest winds. For blue, coal and marsh tits, the entrance hole needs to be 25mm and for great tits, 28mm.

Nestboxes placed high up under the eaves will appeal to house sparrows and starlings but they will also use boxes sited lower, at about 2-4m. Sparrows will often nest in loose colonies, so choose two or three boxes placed about a metre apart or you can now buy special 'terrace' nestboxes. The entrance holes should be 32mm for sparrows and 45mm for starlings.

Open-fronted boxes are preferred by robins and wrens. They need to be placed low down, below two metres, hidden out of sight and sheltered by vegetation. To attract robins use a box with a front panel 100mm high and for wrens a 140mm.

House martin nest cups should be placed directly under the eaves. Swallows are cave nesters, so the best site for a swallow nest cup is high up in the rafters, inside an outbuilding.

The British Trust for Ornithology's National Nest Box Week runs from Tuesday 14 to Tuesday 21 February, so why not join us in the school holidays, making nestboxes on Tuesday 21 February. You can then take them home and put them up in your garden. We will also be running our first Artists Wildlife Painting Workshop on Sunday 26 February. This all day workshop gives an introduction to basic techniques of watercolour painting with all resources supplied. For more details on these events and others, visit our website www.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour or pick up a leaflet from the Visitor Centre just south of Sidlesham on the B2145 between Chichester and Selsey.



RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry Events February

Saturday 11 February, Wildlife Photography Workshop. This all-day practical workshop gives an introduction to basic techniques for wildlife photography, combining theory with opportunities to practice what you learn on our beautiful reserve. Includes basic post processing.

8.30am (duration 8 hours)

Booking essential £18 per person / £14 members

Sunday 19 February, Discover Pagham Harbour (north) Guided Walk. Starting from the Visitor Centre, our guides will take you on a gentle winter walk along the 'tramway', up to Sidlesham Quay and around the **north side** of the reserve. This 3 mile walk combines wildlife and the Harbours historic past, while looking out for winter migrants before they start to leave us as spring approaches.

10am (duration 3 hours)

Booking essential £7 per person / £4 members

Sunday 26 February, Someone to Guide You. Unsure of what that bird is? Our friendly guides will be at the **Ferry Pool Hide, Pagham Harbour** to help you spot and identify the wildlife that you see.

11am – 2pm Drop-in Free

Sunday 26 February, Artists Wildlife Painting Workshop. This all-day workshop gives an introduction to basic techniques of watercolour painting combining a little theory with a lot of practical application and advice. Although the subjects will be wildlife based, the principles can be applied in a wider context to extend your interest. The session is aimed at beginners and those returning to an old hobby after work.

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9.30am (duration 7 hours)

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10) On whose 1960's TV show did the Osmond Brothers come to fame?

11) What is a gam?

12) What are the square holes on the edges of a piece of film called?

13) Which Bulgarian international sometimes wore a wig while playing?

14) What did the Savoy Big Five become?

15) What did Dionicio Ceron win in London three times in the 1990's?

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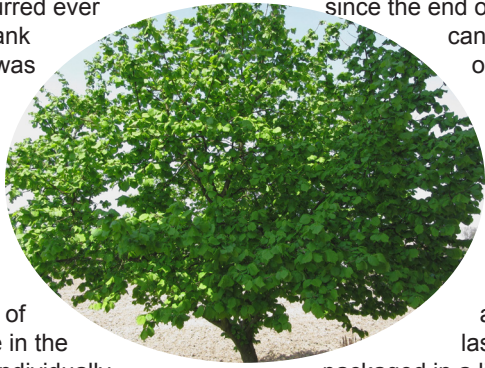




Sussex is beginning to bloom and, in the absence of pollinating insects, hazel, one of our first flowering plants, is depending on a February breeze to deliver its Valentine's message. You'll all know male hazel flowers. They're the catkins; those droopy 'lambs tails' which cast their sulphur clouds of dusty love into the countryside. These clouds are made of a multitude of lonely pollen grains; each cruising on the wind hoping to find the female hazel flower. Look closely on the branches and you'll see her desperately trying to grab a grain with her bright pink tentacle tassels.

This windswept romance has occurred ever defrosting land was a botanical blank ventured way out west and hazel was open skies, it established its vast But therein lies the problem. grow very tall. So, when the canopy crown ended. Giant oaks an understory underdog.

And there, Gollum-like, hazel around for food, acquired a taste around with a spoon in the bottom of table manners, have changed little in the for our ancestors and each nut is individually



since the end of the last Ice Age when our canvas. There were rich pickings for any plant that one of the first pioneers. In an empty landscape, under nutty empire becoming our most abundant tree species. Hazel's just not very good at being a tree. It doesn't big boys started muscling into Britain, its claim to the blocked the sun and banished hazel to the shadows –

waited, until we showed up. Mesolithic man, foraging for hazelnuts. If you've ever witnessed me poking a Nutella jar it's clear that this love of hazelnuts, and our last 10,000 years. Hazelnuts were a vital protein source packaged in a little container for easy storage.

But hazel took care of us in other ways too. It has a magical power of regeneration. Whatever doesn't kill it just makes it stronger. Hack down a hazel and, like the Hydra, it'll bounce back mob-handed, sending up an army of new shoots. Cutting hazel and allowing it to regrow (the art of coppicing) gave us a crop of strong, flexible poles. Coppiced poles have a multitude of uses; firewood, fences, fishing rods, shepherd's crooks, walking sticks, water diviners and magic wands. Hazel poles were the wattle in the 'wattle and daub' that held together our early homes. Hazel helped us build Britain.

And it built a Britain full of burly men with axes who marched into the wild woods and cut down those big oaks. And as our woodlands were cleared hazel rose again and regained its place in our developing countryside. Perhaps we were part of its comeback plan all along?



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Illustrated Talk by Graham Giddens on "Bird Watching in the Dark" to the RSPB Chichester Local Group at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester at 7.30 pm

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OPEN LETTER FROM DAVID CLULEY TO RUTH MARINER

Mr Cluley has kindly given his permission for me to publish his email as follows:

Dear Ms Mariner

I always look forward to your columns in Selsey Life and I admire your dedication and determination to winkle out the facts of any story you come across. Your latest column in the January 2017 edition is yet another example. I do, however, have a tiny reservation.

You appear to be a follower of the Grace Hopper school of publishing - "It is easier to ask forgiveness than it is to get permission."

Your columns always end with a specific ban on being copied without permission; yet you seem to think you are in order to publish other people's work without their permission. Your article in the January edition contains two items where you specifically state that you have not been able to get permission but you have published the items regardless. Do you not think there is an element of hypocrisy here?

sincerely

David Cluley

AND THE REPLY FROM RUTH MARINER

Dear Mr Cluley, thank you for your recent email which I read with interest. I would like to thank you for your opening compliments and for linking me with the amazing Grace Hopper.

However, I feel that the charge of hypocrisy is a little harsh. I spend a great deal of time and effort trying to contact people or organisations to gain permission but, sadly, there are occasions when there is no reply despite repeated attempts, and deadlines need to be met.

I actually operate on the principle that if one sticks one's head over the parapet, one must expect to be shot at. I will try harder.

Very sincerely


Ruth C Mariner

Largely due to Selsey Life, I now have a list of about 36 people for Bridge and allowing for illnesses and hospital appointments, can usually muster 4-5 tables each of 4 players.


Three quarters of them are single people and the publicity has been a huge help in establishing the 'club'.

**Carole Kinross
Selsey Bridge Club**

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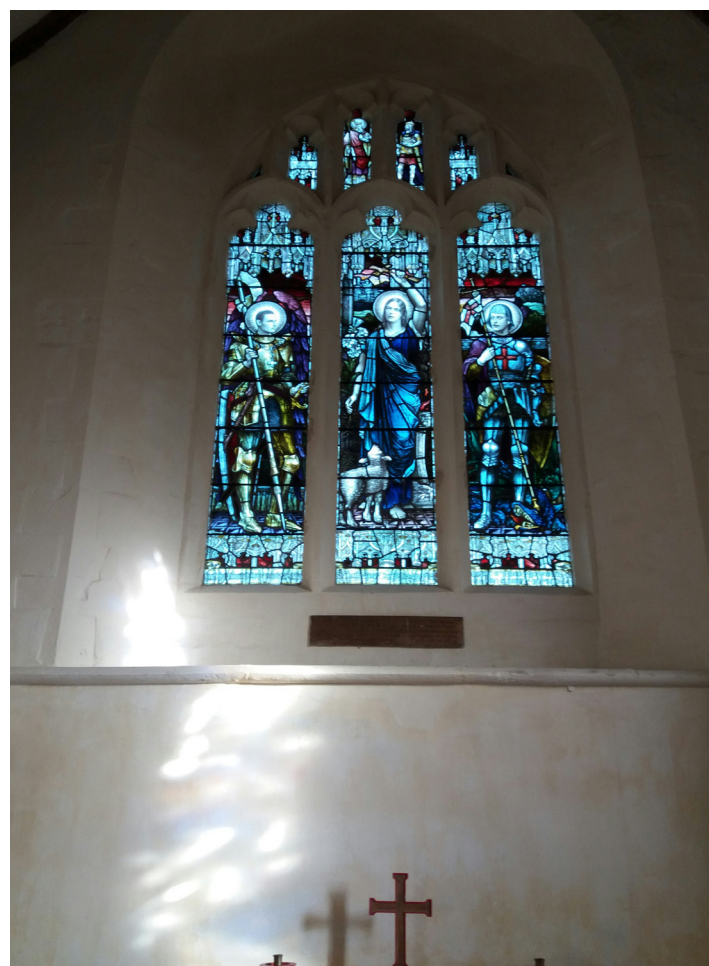


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SELSEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Member of the West Sussex Carpet Bowls Association

Affiliated to the English Carpet Bowls Association

It does not seem possible we are celebrating our 25th Anniversary this year. The Club was formed on 8th January 1992 with an initial membership of 56. We started off in the Parish Hall but due to an overbooking, we were offered the use of the hall at Medmerry Primary School and we have made our home there ever since. We are grateful for the facilities afforded to us and the school benefits from the funds paid in rental charges.

The objects and aims of the Club have always been to foster friendship and companionship within the community through carpet bowls and social activity. Carpet Bowls is a game of skill but requires little effort compared to outdoor and indoor bowling and even short mat bowls, all of which use full sized bowls. The bowls are slightly smaller being approximately 4 inches in diameter and of course are biased in the normal way. The carpet is 30 feet long by 6 feet wide and there is a centre disc which has to be avoided but the bias helps the bowls to achieve this. As all equipment is provided there is very little expense involved, only a pair of soft shoes.

Apart from our roll up sessions we have our own Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Competitions annually as well as our Summer and Winter Leagues. The results for 2016 are as follows:

Singles	Winner	Matt Cartwright
	R/Up	Pat Joy
Pairs	Winners	Matt Cartwright, Sylvia Ballinger
	R/Up	Maureen Darvill; Ted Davies
Triples	Winners	Sylvia Ballinger; Pat Cockledge; Sue Farrell
	R/Up	Maureen Darvill; Annette Iskett; Sheila Plaistow
Fours	Winners	Heather Clarke; Annette Iskett; Rosemarie Meek; Ray Stokes
	R/Up	Lilian Ball; Matt Cartwright; Pat Cockledge; Roy Tolhurst
Winter L.	Winners	Matt Cartwright; Pat Cockledge; Rosemary Sparrow
	R/Up	Rosie Davies; Pat Joy; Roy Tolhurst
Summer L.	Winners	Heather Clarke; Annette Iskett; Roy Tolhurst
	R/Up	Tony Martin; Sheila Plaistow; Ray Stokes

The West Sussex Carpet Bowls Association will be holding an Open Competition on Sunday, 19th March this year at the Selsey Centre. This is open to teams of fours or triples from other clubs in West Sussex and is a very popular event. Spectators are welcome to watch the matches and, if you have not seen carpet bowls played before, why not come along. We guarantee you will see some exciting matches. All profits will be donated to a local charity.

A reminder to members that the Club AGM will take place on Sunday, 2nd April at 2.30 pm. Any members wishing to raise any matters or proposals should notify the Club Chairman as soon as possible.

If you would like to come along and try your hand at carpet bowling, we meet in the school hall at Medmerry Primary School, School Lane, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm as well as Sundays at 9.30 am and 3.00 pm.

For more information visit our website www.selseycarpetbowls.co.uk or contact

Sylvia Ballinger on 681663 or

Annette Iskett on 606227, email annetteiskett@hotmail.com.



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OFFICIAL RUMOUR

The Official Newsletter from Selsey Town Council

February 2017

Setting our Priorities for the Future

The council have been working on developing a business plan to help us identify the priorities that are important to our community and shape our work for the next two and a half years. We prepared a draft plan in summer 2016, and during the autumn consulted with residents and community groups both face to face and via an online survey to see if you agreed with us.

Your feedback helped us to refine the plan, and to learn what was most important to you. The business plan was adopted at the full council meeting on Wednesday 11th January 2017, and can be viewed on our website www.selseytowncouncil.gov.uk.

The top ten priorities you identified for us to focus on were:

1. Provide high standard, cost-effective services and amenities to help meet the needs and wishes of residents.
2. Provide annual grants to voluntary groups.
3. Improve publicity and information systems to the public.
4. Continue with events like Selsey Festival to encourage local groups.
5. Create and maintain strong links with local schools through shared use of facilities, democracy education and SelseyWorks workshops on employability.
6. Promote & safeguard the provision of a Police presence in Selsey.
7. Support promotional events and

activities.

8. Develop and adopt communication strategy.
9. Surgeries and meet the people events
- 10.= Encourage the provision of improvements along the B2145 including pull-in spaces and Ferry Bend.
- 10.= Promote Selsey Works as a route into employment.

The business plan will form the focus of our work for the remaining term of the council, until May 2019.

Important Neighbourhood Plan Update

The council have been working hard to review the draft Neighbourhood Plan, revisiting the document and re-drafting several sections following the feedback we received from the independent examiner in Spring 2016.

We have now completed this work, and will be holding a public consultation to invite your comments and listen to your thoughts and ideas. The Neighbourhood Plan is a vital document, which helps our community to express where and what development we want to encourage in the future. It is also an essential tool towards ensuring that the rewards of development are passed on directly to our community. Please keep up to date on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan via our website. Details of the forthcoming consultation will be sent to all residents soon.



Community Fund Open for New Round



In June 2015 Selsey Town Council, having received a large sum of money from the surrender of a lease, created the Community Fund and invited ideas, suggestions and projects to be submitted for funding. The Community Fund Panel, made up of Town Councillors, considered the benefit of all those applications put forward and awards were made to various groups and charities in April 2016 at the Annual Town Meeting. Funding remains available and so a new Community Fund Panel was convened in July 2016.

The panel is encouraging suggestions that will deliver something of lasting impact and significance for the whole community. Is there something in Selsey that you've always wanted to see or do? What could put Selsey on the map? Please download the form from our website and get thinking!

Suggestions are invited from all residents by 24th February 2017 and should be addressed to

The Clerk at Selsey Town Council, 55 High Street, Selsey, West Sussex PO20 0RB or enquiries@selseytowncouncil.gov.uk

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SelseyWorks; Creating Opportunity selseyworks

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- Access to training
- Benefits advice and entitlement checks
- Supported phone calls
- Form filling, including PIP and Attendance Allowance claims
- Benefit appeals
- Emergency assistance and hardship
- Crisis support, including food vouchers and support with applications to the Local Assistance Fund

We are open daily from 9.30am – 3.00pm, located in Selsey Town Hall. Please call Sue on 01243 605803, or drop in to make an appointment or have a chat.

Cinema Club

Feb - March 2017 Listings. Tickets £5.

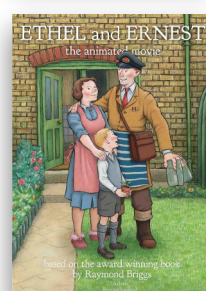
Full details and booking information online at www.selseycinemaclub.wordpress.com



9th Feb
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23rd Feb
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9th Mar
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23rd Mar
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Join the St Wilfrid's Hospice Dream Wheelers Bike Ride

St Wilfrid's Hospice is planning a free-wheeling fundraising event in Normandy this summer. The Dream Wheelers Ride is a fun and relaxed bike tour around scenic Normandy over 2 days/3 nights in June. The Hospice is inviting enthusiastic cyclists of all abilities to join in and raise funds for its DREAMBUILDING project to build a state of the art new Hospice for the community.

The Dream Wheelers Ride runs from Thursday 15 to Sunday 18 June taking in 101 miles of scenic French countryside, with overnight stops in Falaise and Ouistreham. Registration costs £300 before 31 January, and £400 after this date, and includes return ferry travel to Caen (shared cabin on the outward journey); two nights accommodation; a support team to transport luggage, provide day to day back up and first aid if required, as well as a goodie bag and cycling shirt. It is hoped that participants will also raise at least £500 in sponsorship.

The event is open to anyone aged 14 or over, and cycling is at your own pace, with evenings spent at your leisure.

St Wilfrid's Hospice has been providing specialist end of life care and support for almost 30 years. Demand for services has continued to increase and a new purpose-built hospice costing around £15.5 million will be built in Bosham. Almost £12 million of this has been secured, however, the Hospice is looking to the local community to help raise the remaining £4 million to create the DREAMBUILDING.

To register, please visit www.dreambuilding.org.uk or call 01243 214146, or email dbfundraising@stwh.co.uk

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A Big Thank You

On behalf of the Carers Support, its members and the Committee, we would like to say a huge thank you for the help that certain individuals have given us, regarding the Selsey Mugs. Post Card Memories of Selsey, Country Gardens, Perfectly papped, and especially F.A HOLLAND & SON funeral directors for sponsoring this whole project. Please visit our drop in and come see our new mugs!

Carers Coffee Mornings

Held on the **every Tuesday**, at our Information & Support Centre for Carers in Selsey High Street, this is a chance for you to meet fellow carers and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with new friends. Everyone is welcome.

Commit to knit

We have not stopped knitting since Christmas and we have some wonderful handmade items for sale in our drop in. Please come and have a look, ranging from new born clothing to snuggle blankets.

Should you have any enquiries, our office phone number is:
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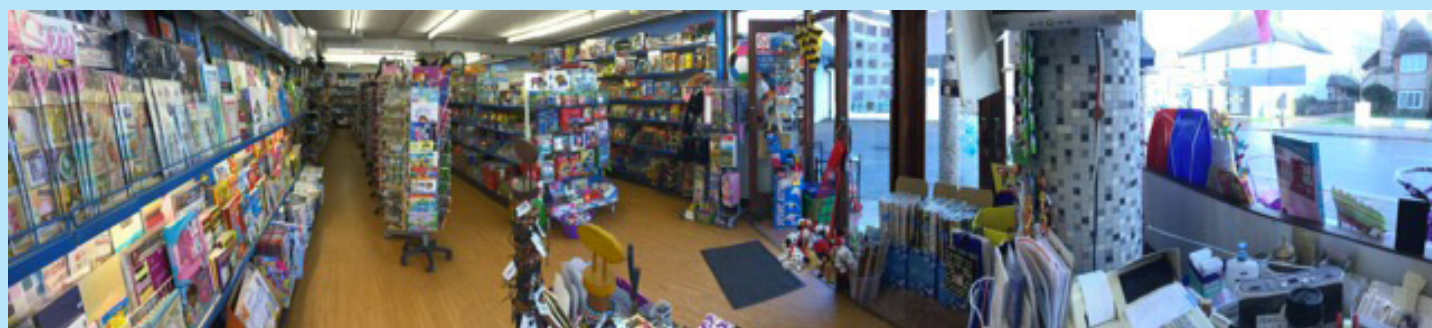
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Easter Crafts – Get creative with eggs

We all remember that age old craft of blowing eggs. I know as a child my Nan and I created all manner of patterned eggs – often a little child-like in design but that simply added to the decorative charm!



Whilst it's a great fun activity for kids and I urge you all to get them involved – the bright vibrant colours, never ending array of patterns and of course the joy it brings is priceless – Egg decorating can also be a sophisticated and elegant adult craft.

I'm a big fan of rustic charm and thought that perhaps I'd share some Easter ideas with you that would appeal outside of the bright colours – some more subtle looks.

Nowadays you can also do away with the messy egg blowing and buy polystyrene eggs – they are widely available and much more versatile than the real thing.

If you are going to paint – always invest in some good paints, we use chalk paints – Frenchic – available via Birdcage – or ensure that you get a good quality enamel paint or an acrylic – it's really down to preference.

The first thing I do when looking at crafting any type of decorations, is think of a colour pallet – soft grey, creams, beiges and whites seem to be a fashionable choice but you could look at grey and lilac, or perhaps teal and cream, or even a sage green and white. The idea of the theme should have a splash of colour whilst remaining subtle..... Take a look at these pictures – I simply love the idea of wrapping the eggs, ribbon, hessian, linen.... The worlds your creative Easter oyster! Collect together all the things you love, pins would be great if you're using polystyrene eggs, as you can pin directly into them (saves messy glue), although I would always have a glue gun to hand.... Buttons and beads are also a great addition. The key to it all is planning, lay out your design first, check it works and once your committed know when to stop – often less is more!



Once you've finished your creations, you could always turn your egg creations into a door hanging wreath...

If you fancy having a go at Easter Crafts or indeed any crafts, then get it touch and we'll let you know what workshops are running with the Birdcage Barn crafties..... We'll be running crafts in Selsey and Witterings and we're always happy to teach more crafts.

Keep in touch – if there's something crafty you'd like to know more about or if you'd like to be added to our mailing list for exclusive on-line deals, updated and news, then please email us at spoilyourself@birdcagebarn.co.uk



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In the Garden

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

February in the Garden

This month sees the sap start to rise, not only in nature but in the Gardener too! It can often be a colder month than January, but it's rare that there aren't a few days of watery sunshine to entice us outside.

There is now a noticeable difference in the length of daylight and a feeling of anticipation too, as a new season is just around the corner. It's a lovely month to just wander around the garden and admire the buds beginning to swell. Many buds are attractively coloured at this time and they are packed with youthful energy, ready to burst forth. Towards the end of the month early Spring-flowering bulbs such as Narcissus February Gold are in flower and the earliest Primroses are also appearing. Early-flowering shrubs such as Daphnes will start to bloom.

Scillas, reticulate types of Iris and Crocuses combine with Snowdrops and Winter Aconites to set the gardening pulse racing once again and most welcome they are too after the gloom of Winter.

The Frogs are croaking incessantly in the overflowing ditches which assures us that these cold-blooded creatures are passionately involved in the affairs of Spring.

The wild Swans and some Geese are going back north and the bell-beat of their wings above our heads is one of the finest sights and sounds of our year. St Valentine's Day is near - prepare for cheer.

Jobs for February

Wintry weather and a shortage of daylight hours at this time of year can often limit gardening activity. Use this spare time to look at last year's successes and disappointments and plan the year ahead accordingly. Browse through books and catalogues and order some seed - caring for vegetables and flowers from seed can give the gardener great satisfaction and interest.

Prune Apple and Pear trees, if not already done and provided the ground is not too frozen or wet, plant soft fruit bushes and Raspberry canes. Prepare ground well and add a bit of manure and blood, fish and bone for fruit trees and bushes to be planted later.

Place seed Potatoes in trays with 'eyes' upwards to encourage sprouting and store somewhere light, away from frost.

Plant Rhubarb when soil conditions are suitable.

Continue to dig over vacant areas of the vegetable patch and add some well-rotted manure.

Book your mower in for a service to ensure it's in full working order when you come to do the first cut. Stay clear of the grass on frosty days as walking on it can damage the shoots.

Pull out any fallen leaves from ponds and also thin out overcrowded oxygenating plants. Think of investing in some new aquatic plants because now is the time to do your research and decide what you'd like.

Garden Centres are currently clearing out old plants to make way for new stock so it's an excellent time to pick up a bargain, look out for shrubs reduced because they've passed their most interesting season. Out-of-shape specimens are often good value and can be easily pruned and trained if they have new shoots, buds or healthy green leaves. But whatever you do, don't buy obviously diseased plants or any specimens with excessive weeds growing in the top of the pot.

Tip Top Tips

Move potted Strawberry plants to a greenhouse, porch or conservatory to boost early flowering and fruiting.

Sprinkle sulphate of potash fertiliser around the base of fruit trees and bushes.

Treat paths and paving to stop slippery algae or weeds.

Pick a posy of Viburnum, Chimonanthus, Winter Jasmine, Choisa and Hamamelis to fill the house with a delightful fragrance.

Clear all dead leaves and debris in the greenhouse to prevent Botrytis.

Order bare-rooted Rose bushes, trees and shrubs from mail-order suppliers and plant immediately on arrival.

Plant Begonia tubers in pots (hollow side up) and keep them growing in warmth until after all frost.

Make sure garden birds have ample food and water - beware cats!

Prune Winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering, including Winter Heathers.

Cut back overgrown shrubs and hedges before the nesting season begins.

Check tools, equipment and plant supports are sound well before you need to use them.

Prepare the ground for making new lawns in the Spring.

Sow some Annuals under cover.

Make a different water feature with differently sized thin flat stones and shells. Cut a hole in them and thread them onto a copper pipe attached to a pond pump.

Pot up Lily bulbs and start them off in the greenhouse for early flowers.

Prepare a patch in the vegetable plot and cover with polythene sheeting to warm up soil for early planting.

"Foxes start to bark, Cats rub their heads with their forepaws, Dogs eat grass, Owls hoot more loudly and Cows lie down in the field - all indications of imminent rain!"

Giles Peare



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February is shaping up to be a busy month. All our usual exercise and fitness classes are running as normal ready to help you burn off all those excess calories consumed over Christmas and the New Year.

A new class started on 24th January, every Tuesday from 11am to 12noon, Beginner Circuit Course. If you would like to make a start being more physically active, then you might want to consider this course. Please contact us for more details.

Our next Table Top Sale is on Sunday 12th February doors open for sellers at 8am and for buyers at 9am, finishing at 12.30pm. As always there will be refreshments available, admission and parking is free.

Half Term Holiday Club with Selsey Community Nursery will be running here from Monday 20th to Friday 24th February from 8.30am to 5pm Approximately. Please contact the Nursery for more information and booking.

Finally thank you to everyone who donated blood on the first blood donation session for this year on 13th January. The next blood donation session will be held on 22nd March 2017 from 2pm – 7.45pm. Please log onto their website for more details and to book an appointment. www.blood.co.uk

Please contact us for further details on 01243 603836 or see our website www.selseycentre.com



A Drawing & Painting Day with Anita Beckwith Portrait and the Clothed Figure – any medium

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St Wilfrid's Church Hall , Church Road

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Arts Dream workshops are open to anyone wishing to improve their painting and drawing skills. The class sizes are limited to 16 and tutors are experienced artists and fully trained teachers

For more information please contact Angela Benwell 01243 603332
Rikki Beadle-blair "Identify opportunity and do something about it"

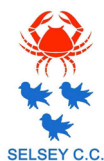
- 16) Leukophobia is a fear of what colour?
- 17) What is the highest peak in the Pennines?
- 18) In which 1898 war did the Rough Riders play a prominent part?
- 19) Which country ended it's 27-year civil war in 2002?
- 20) Which is Scotland's longest river?



Photo by Kelly Benham



selsey cricket club



Things are quiet at Selsey Cricket Club, now being out of Season, but the 2017 is not far away now, with the first match of the new season on 9th April.

The Club bar opens again after the winter break on Sunday 5th March at 1:00 pm

A date for your 2017 diary, the working party to get the club ready for the 2017 season will be on 1st & 2nd April from 10:00 am, volunteers very welcome.

Any social teams, pubs, clubs business's wishing to take book a place in the 2017 Friday evening league, please email us on fixtures@selseycc.co.uk

It is proposed this year teams will 8 a side with 10 x 8 ball overs, with a 6.00 pm start.

Seniors and Colts practice nights for 2017 will take place on Wednesday evenings, with additional senior's nets on free Friday evenings.

Looking forward to August this year, our Famous Beer & Rounders day will take place on Sunday August 13th, any teams wanting to take part, please email us on info@selseycc.co.uk

We welcome applications for new players and social members for the 2017 season, Senior and juniors, Men & Women.

With no new photos for this issue, here is one from the Club presentation evening around 1979 !

These are the first of fixtures so far for the 2017 season, more next month..



Date	Home Team	Away Team
09/04/2017	Sunday 1st XI	Bognor Regis CC - Regis Rebels Sunday XI
16/04/2017	Sunday 1st XI	Littlehampton, Clapham & Patching CC - Sunday Club XI
22/04/2017	Friendly XI	Gosport Borough CC - 1st XI
02/05/2017	Selsey Legends	Aldwick CC - Twenty20
06/05/2017	St Andrews (Burgess Hill) CC - 1st XI	1st XI
07/05/2017	Sunday 1st XI	Singleton CC - Friendly XI
13/05/2017	1st XI	Wisborough Green CC - 1st XI
13/05/2017	Littlehampton, Clapham & Patching CC - 4th XI	2nd XI
20/05/2017	Crawley Eagles CC - 3rd XI	1st XI
20/05/2017	2nd XI	Littlehampton, Clapham & Patching CC - 4th XI
21/05/2017	Sunday 1st XI	Southampton University CC - 3rd XI
23/05/2017	Selsey Legends	West Sussex Fire and Rescue - 1st XI
27/05/2017	1st XI	Balcombe CC - 1st XI
27/05/2017	Barns Green CC - 3rd XI	2nd XI
28/05/2017	Sunday 1st XI	West Wittering CC - Academy XI
03/06/2017	Brighton & Hove CC - 3rd XI	1st XI
03/06/2017	2nd XI	Clymping CC - 2nd XI
04/06/2017	Sunday 1st XI	Denmead CC - Friendly XI
10/06/2017	1st XI	Broadbridge Heath CC - 1st XI
10/06/2017	Chippingdale CC - 3rd XI	2nd XI
11/06/2017	Sunday 1st XI	Westbourne CC, Sussex - 1st XI
13/06/2017	Selsey Legends	Wooley Masons CC - Midweek XI
17/06/2017	East Preston CC - 1st XI	1st XI
17/06/2017	2nd XI	Bognor Regis CC - 3rd XI
18/06/2017	Sunday 1st XI	IBM South Hants CC - Friendly XI
24/06/2017	West Wittering CC - 1st XI	1st XI

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at The Academy Sports Hall

Thursday 7pm Adult Basketball

at The Academy Sports Hall

Wednesday Workout

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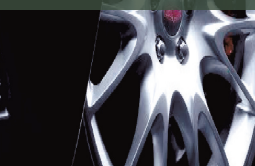
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selsey golf club

The New Year is here again, time seems to go so quickly. Three new Captains took over from the out going captains at the AGMs which were held in December. Also this year the Club has a new President. Mr. Keith Homer who had been President for years stood down and Mr. Edward Gowns is the new President. Mr. Gowns played on the course as a young lad when it was an 18 hole course and then joined as a member 55 years ago. He has contributed so much too the Club over the years as Captain, member of the main committee and much more having played, and is still playing, in both the Mens and the Veterans Sections. His name appears on many of the honours boards that surround the walls of the Club House.

The course has been in excellent condition so far through out this winter and the members congratulate Martin Kay and Roger Cawte for their continued hard work.

All the drainage work that has been done over the past year has certainly made a huge difference and the greens are in great shape enticing golfers to play even if the weather is damp and cold.

Mens Section.

Mr. Mike Liddell is the new Captain taking over from Mr. Tony Nelson who had a successful year as Captain and raised a considerable sum of money for his chosen charity the Selsey RNLI.

The end of the year prize giving took place on 18th December and all the winners of the 10 Turkey competitions that had taken place from October to December were presented and I am sure all were thoroughly enjoyed by the winners and their families.

Vet Section.

On Wednesday 7th December the Selsey Golf Club Veterans had their Presentations and AGM with the election of a new Captain.

The day started with a 9 hole competition with a shotgun start which was attended by 42 members.

The weather was kind to us and although a little on the cold side the sun shone and the wind was light.

Before the Presentations took place the Captain presented a bouquet of flowers to the Lady Caterer Mrs Julie Conebar who is having to leave. Thank you Julie for feeding us and all the other sections of the Club so well these past years. We all wish you success for the future.

The Presentations as usual were mainly in the form of bottles of spirit and wine to stock up for Christmas, however the last winner of the 2016 Monthly Medal was Mr Trevor Plaistow (Right in the photo) being presented with his engraved glass and bottle of something to put in it by the Captain Mr Peter Senft.



At the AGM the new Captain Mr Reginald Ewens (Right in the photo) was handed his blazer badge and cap by the outgoing Captain Mr Peter Senft. The outgoing Captain informed the members that over the year and with their help, £848.00 had been raised and adding it to the donation from the Section it totalled £1348.00 to go to St Wilfred's Hospice.

The new Captain, Mr Reg Ewens closed the meeting by thanking everybody for their generous contributions, his Charity for 2016/17 would be The Selsey First Responders.

Junior Section.

Junior lessons will start again on Saturday 4th February 11.00am to 12.00 am. For further details please ring Mr. Peter Grindley, Selsey Golf Profession, on [01243 608936](tel:01243608936)

Ladies Section.

The new Lady Captain is Barbara Ewens who took over from last year's Captain Sue Bywater. Barbara thanked Sue for all her hard work during the past year and all agreed that she had had a very successful year as Captain raising over £500 for her Charity, St Richards Cardiac Unit, who were able to provide two more much needed special reclining chairs for the special care unit.

Our new Lady Captain is the wife of the Veteran's Captain so this is the second time that husband and wife have been Captains of the Section. Dave and Barbara Winter were the first to be Captains at the same time two years ago. Barbara and Reg joined the club 5 years ago. It should be good fun when the matches are played against the Vets, the rivalry should be quite high!

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However, here at Crablands we can be a little excited as on the sports front our Junior Saturday morning sessions have recommenced, the short mat bowlers are enjoying their games in the dry and warm sports hall along with the evening table tennis and mini-tennis players and the social events are still admirably organised and enjoyed by members: a note to all members of Crablands, brighten up February by taking part in these Friday/Saturday evenings – details will be found on the notice boards in the clubhouse.



On the tennis front we are lucky with our all-weather courts because when the weather allows you can still enjoy the game - possibly wearing an extra layer or two - but never-the-less there is nothing better to get the blood circulating and possibly shake off a little of the Christmas excess at the same time. Now is the time of the year to start planning and perhaps a return to a sport you have not played for a while or even possibly try a sport you have always wondered if it would suit you – give it a go and details will be found on our web site www.crablands.com and if you do not have access to an electronic device then the telephone numbers for the various sections will be found on the front door of the clubhouse. Come on how about keeping those New Year resolutions?



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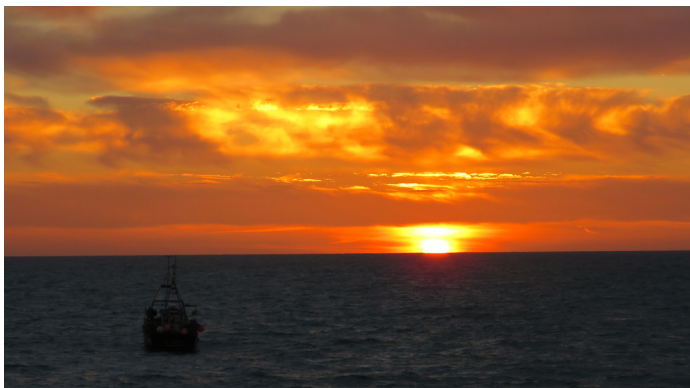


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Good day from your favorite out and about reporter at the Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre, Hulky Bear.

It's that time of year romance is in the air and I am trying to decide just who I should send a Valentines card to, I spotted a few new arrivals to the Centre but I mustn't upset or forget my other friends. Best to send a few cards to them all then I won't be in trouble. The things I have to do to keep everyone happy.

Sad news one of my good friends Mercedes passed away a couple of weeks ago. She has been here many years sometimes in the barn relaxing or chilling in the grass. I will miss seeing her every day and will think of her often.

I know this feels a long time ago now I wanted to report to you a special investigation I have carried out that happened over the Christmas period. Just before the big day all the animals at the Centre received a surprise gift that hung on each pen. These consisted of a beautifully handmade stocking and inside were toys, treats and food. They appeared suddenly like Santa had made an early visit. You should have seen us all opening them the Guinea pigs were squeaking with delight, the rabbits happily munching special vegetables and us cats playing with new toys. Davitt who was then waiting to find a home completely trashed his pen chasing a silver ball around. I had to find out where and who did all this for us. After some interviewing the staff I found out a young lady called Hollie had spent all of 2016 fund raising for the Centre and all of her spare time making the stockings for us. We are so grateful someone would do this so Thank You Hollie for making our Christmas the best ever.

We did get some extra special dinners over Christmas our local Tesco and Sainsbury's donated lots of food and vegetables to the animals which was much appreciated so thank you to you and all our volunteers over the season. Our text 'Fill a Bowl' campaign made £279 to date looking forward to some treats from there. Thanks so much if you helped with this.

We had some good news our student vet nurse Sophie passed her latest exams. Congratulations Sophie.

Hope you have a good Valentines Day and see you all next month

If you are interested in adopting a cat, kitten, rabbit or guinea pig then please call us here at the centre on 01243 641409.

Daim & Topic

Meet the lovely Daim & Topic they have been at the Centre for over a year now arriving in January 2016. They were actually born here after their Mum arrived when her owners could no longer look after her. Daim is the grey fluffy female and her beautiful sister is the black fluffy Topic. After spending so many months with us they would love to find a new home together. As they are quite fluffy their new owners would need to be confident with brushing them often, they can get knots in their fur so it is a daily task. They do get a little bored while they are being brushed as they are young they would rather be off running around and playing. They love interactive toys and company. Both are sweet girls that are used to being handled however they like to make a game out of you trying to catch them when it is time for their brush. We would love to find this happy pair their very first loving home.

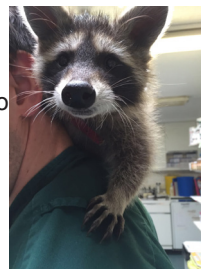
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Graham's Brent Lodge Briefing – February

I always heave a (metaphorical) sigh of relief when we come to the end of January – do you feel, as I do, that it is a month-best-completed, with its usually damp, cold weather?

Anyway, when you read this, it will be February and, though meteorologically (now there's a word-and-a-half – I had to check my spelling..!) speaking a winter month, it is at least short and signs of spring are showing – snowdrops, catkins, etc.

So to Brent Lodge...First, the Good News – the hospital is so busy that we have had to move some of our 'hedgehog over-spill' into temporary but very comfortable quarters in a building separate from the main hospital building. The number of other mammals and birds is very high also, but we are just about able to cope...Doesn't it remind you of what is happening in the NHS? Winter affects humans and wildlife alike!

We have now opened our Worthing shop and initial sales-figures show that it is doing well in its first couple of weeks – we are confident of its future expansion and success.

And now, the not-so-good news...Bird Flu...

Below you will read a 'Flyer' that we have sent, and are sending, to as many as possible to show the precautions that we are taking to keep this disease away from Brent Lodge. If you have the need to visit the hospital, please observe the precautions indicated – we will do our utmost to protect our patients and long-term residents – the prospect of losing Lyle, Bracken and the Barn Owls doesn't bear thinking about, and we are liaising with our vet., Richard, and DEFRA.

Let us hope that, by the time you read my March 'Briefing' we will have left this threat behind us – I'll keep you posted...

GC



Bird Flu (H5N8). What you need to know...

(20/01/17)

Avian Influenza H5N8 has recently been discovered in the UK at a turkey farm in Lincolnshire, in a wild duck in Llanelli (Wales), a wild duck in Somerset, a wild peregrine falcon in Scotland, a small backyard flock of chickens and ducks in Carmarthenshire, a small backyard flock of chickens and ducks in North Yorkshire and at Abbotsbury Swannery in Dorset.

We are taking the potential threat of spread very seriously here at Brent Lodge and have put several measures into place to prevent infection on our site and of course to protect all the birds (and animals) that we already have on site.

All of our bird aviaries have had their roofs covered in order to prevent the faeces from wild birds over-head dropping into our aviaries and potentially infecting our birds.

There are foot baths at the entrance of every aviary/enclosure to stop any transmission of infection into aviaries. There is also a foot bath at the entrance for the public to use for the same reason. The disinfectant used in these baths are DEFRA approved against the avian influenza infection.

There will be a make-shift reception area down the driveway, away from all of our enclosures with an isolation area for incoming 'high risk' birds where they will be quarantined for a period of time and monitored for any infection before being transferred to the main hospital. This is to ensure there is no way any new birds can come into close contact with our already 'healthy' birds.

On top of this, the staff have ensured that our general bio-security has been stepped up to there is absolutely no transfer between any patients.

As mentioned above, these are all PREVENTATIVE MEASURES, at the moment there is no immediate threat to Brent Lodge but we must ensure we are doing all we can to prevent any chances of infection. If there are any changes we will notify people as soon as possible. There have been no reports of human infection from the H5N8 strain and the risk to human health is very low. The Food Standards Agency has also confirmed it is safe to eat poultry meat, such as turkey, goose and chicken

In the meantime, members of the public are encouraged to report dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks) or gulls, or five or more dead wild birds of other species in the same location, to the APHA helpline on 03459 335577.

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Our next meeting will be on Friday 24th February at 2.30p.m. in the Selsey Centre.

The speaker will be Dr Alexandra Loske.

She will be talking about George IV & his Giraffe.

Curious I can hear you say, well come and find out what it is all about.

Visitors are always welcome so come and join us!

Any enquiries can be made through our website.

We can be emailed at info@selsey3a.org.uk

If you want to know more please call Sue our Membership Secretary on 07710 658331

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Our Meeting in February will take place on Thursday the 16th in St Peters Church Hall at 7.15pm when we will look forward to welcoming our local Reverend Andy Wilkes, guest speaker for the evening telling all about his journey to priesthood with an interesting talk entitled

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From Soldier, Fireman to Parish Priest.

Cost for the evening is £2 for entry, with refreshments of tea, coffee and biscuits together with a free raffle ticket. The local Venture Bus is made available to members; we do aim to conclude meetings around 9.00 pm.

If you would care to know more please do not hesitate to give either Mary Grantham a call on 604718 or Beryl Fletcher on 603750.

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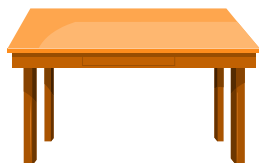
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JIGSAW PUZZLE CLUB

Do you like doing Jigsaws?

Would you like to be able to borrow rather than buy?

Well this club might be for you!

2nd Thursday of each month - 14 Green Lane, Selsey - you can
call in any time between 10 am and 4 pm.

The Membership Fee is just £3 and puzzles can be
borrowed for a £1 a month each. Over 300 to choose from.

From information on 605942.

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East Beach Evangelical Church

Marisfield Place, PO20 0PD

The Alpha Course

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions
that freely explore the Christian faith including

- Good Food • Short Talk • Discussion •

Wednesday
8th February
7.15pm Alpha

For registration and enquiries:

01243 601231 / 01243 607741

No pressure - No follow-up - No charge





KleverKat says
the answers are here

- 1) Dogger (Calm down at the back!)
- 2) Eight
- 3) Rendezvous
- 4) Eric Coates (see, a Selsey connection)
- 5) Clytemnestra. (That was a fun question and answer to type)
- 6) Giuseppe Farina (1950)
- 7) Saints
- 8) 6pm
- 9) Philip Roth
- 10) Andy Willians
- 11) Leg (especially a female's)
- 12) Sprocket holes
- 13) Borislav Mikhailov (me neither...)
- 14) Harlem Globetrotters
- 15) The London Marathon
- 16) White
- 17) Cross Fell
- 18) Spanish-American
- 19) Angola
- 20) River Tay

Paddington Bear came from Peru, but in Lima, Peru, there is a brass statue of Winnie-the-Pooh.

The tallest American president was Abraham Lincoln. He stood 6'4".

You cannot fold a piece of paper in half more than seven times.

What bathroom invention did Sir Winston Churchill first use in the US in 1942? It was the mixer tap.

The Pyramids in Egypt are the only surviving Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Patrick Clifton has a famous television role - he is Postman Pat (his full name). Toblerone was first made in 1900.

Squirrels plant many trees each year, when they bury nuts and then cannot remember where they are.

A cucumber is a fruit.

The first mobile phone call was made on June 17, 1946 by Bell Labs scientists in St. Louis, Missouri.

The S shaped hole in the violin is actually called the F hole (probably hears my playing...)

Answer to last month's Sudoku



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



ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

Sunday 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Sung Eucharist (with Sunday School)
Sunday Messy Church at 12 noon in hall on last
Sunday of the month

Tuesday 9.30am Eucharist

Wednesday 9.30am Eucharist

Thursday 7pm Eucharist

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

Our Church Halls with Kitchen and Car Park are available to hire for your meetings and celebrations please contact our Hall Manager John Irwin on [01243 606570](tel:01243606570) or jjmirwin@waitrose.com

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

Church Road Selsey PO20 0LS Tel: 01243 602312

Parish Priest Fr. John Healy

Mass Times

Saturday Reconciliation 4.45pm – 5.15pm
Evening Mass 5.30 pm

Sunday Morning Mass 10.0 a.m
Weekday Masses see Newsletter or Website
Coffee & chat after Weekend Mass; 1st Weekend of the month All welcome!

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

E mail parishpriest@stwilfridselsey.co.uk

www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	5 th February	10.30 am	Mr. Jeff Craghill
Sunday	12 th February	10.30 am	Revd. Bruce Allinson
			<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday	19 th February	10.30am	Mrs Margaret Thompson
Sunday	26 th February	10.30 am	Revd. Bruce Allinson

Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 01243 601032

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

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

Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 601032

We all know Starburst And Snickers both had their names changed from Opal Fruits and Marathon to fit in with the rest of the world, but did you know Twix forced the rest of the world to change from Raider to Twix?



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Thursday 2nd February

2.30pm - Tea & Chat

Saturday 4th February

6.00pm - Romanian Evening

Social with themed quiz & food

Sunday 5th February

10.00am - All-Age Service

Wednesday 8th February

NEW 7.15pm - The Alpha Course

Meal included - details below & on website

Thursday 16th February

12.30pm - Lunch Club

NEW 8.00pm - 9.30pm - Oasis

*An evening out in an informal & friendly environment.
Games - Nibbles - Drinks - Chat. See website for more details*

Sunday 19th February

3.00pm - ResBite Tea

(Aimed at those who might not see other people over the course of a normal weekend ~ Lifts available)

Thursday 2nd March

2.30pm - Tea & Chat

Saturday 4th March

5.00pm - Games Evening (non-electronic!)

Sunday 5th March

10.00am - All-Age Service



Look out for the **Alpha** course which starts on February 8th. **Alpha** is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. **Alpha** is run all around the globe, it's free, and everyone's welcome. More details on our website

Alpha

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

For information on our regular weekly activities

www.ebecselsey.org.uk or call 607741

Marisfield Place - opposite East Beach Shops

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

Sunbeams Parent & Toddler Group

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