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COMPETITION

Play spot the seagull this month and win one of 3 Selsey Seagulls.

The seagull could be anywhere in the magazine.

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Or call 01243 602729

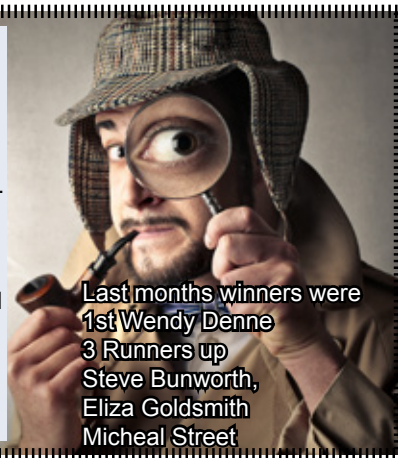
Or write to 42 Beach Road

Selsey PO20 0LU

Competition closes

Thursday 22nd February

at midday. GOOD LUCK



Last months winners were
1st Wendy Denne
3 Runners up
Steve Bunworth,
Eliza Goldsmith
Micheal Street

THE SELSEY ROAD

By Ellis Berg

*This is the story of the Selsey Road
The one that is driving us mad
The one that the incomers vow to change -
They think that the road is bad.*

*What they don't know is the way 'twas made,
The rolling Selsey Road:
By smugglers swinging back from a raid
With their guilty smugglers load.*

*It goes from here and it goes from there
For 16 miles return.
And never a straight- it will make you wait,
The awful Selsey Road.*

*They gave it a number instead of a name
And added to which a letter
But what they forgot, this clever lot -
It never could be better.*

*The Selsey Road is twisting wild
But listen to me friend:
The Selsey Road is intended to drive
All citizens round the bend.*

*But looking back, I love the track
For the thing you all forget:
It might be bad, but listen, lad -
It's the only one we've got*



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The Jigantics

A five piece band from the Gloucestershire area. The line-up is Mark Cole, vocals, squeezeboxes, mandolin, harmonica, mandocello. Rick Edwards, guitars. Keith Thompson, guitars, harmonica, mandolin and vocals. Sarah Kelly Ukulele, flute, vocals. Martin Fitzgibbon drums, vocals, percussion.

The band are multi instrumentalists who frequently swap instruments on stage throughout their set and share lead vocals, as well as four part harmonies.

The Jigantics gig extensively throughout the UK and Europe. This year they are appearing in Germany, Holland, France and in October will be a part of the five day festival, Costa Del Folk in Portugal.

At a recent festival The Daily Telegraph described them as "a roots driven country band who were a high class, highlight act"

The Jigantics have released two albums. Daisy Roots in 2013 followed by "Seconds Out" in 2016. Their third, "Are we There Yet" was released on July 1st 2017. The title is a reference to the bands efforts to constantly push the musical barriers and explore the opportunities that Americana and Roots music offer

As well as mainstream country the band reference Folk, Cajun, Zydeco, and Blues as their major influences.

"HISTORY is littered with supergroup failures – attempts at putting together a bunch of talented musicians which don't produce the wonderful outcome you'd expect. But when it does work, something spellbinding can happen and we got our own taste of that last night when The Jigantics topped the bill and played a remarkable set. With a line-up which can generate the kind of rock family tree that used to be turned into a tv show, The Jigantics have fused the disparate talents of its members to hop between styles almost at will – but always with a touch of class. And just as they varied the styles, so they switched between instruments and vocals with no let-up in the impact. There's foot-tapping feel good, then totally convincing tearjerkers. So there's the infectious upbeat Bad Liver and a Broken Heart, which sounds like Shania Twain and a bunch of line dancers gone bad, the very different but equally brilliant Swimming Song"

PRESENTS

www.thejigantics.com

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ARE WE THERE YET?

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TWO NEW AND SPECIAL PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS (PADs)



Sadly, on 14th August 2017 a much-respected Selsey gentleman died in hospital. His family decided that any funds raised should be donated to the Selsey Community First Responders and asked us to say how the money would be spent. In the event, the money raised by family and friends was substantial; indeed, sufficient to fund a complete Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) installation. It was suggested to the family that this was how the money should be spent and they agreed. Therefore, a new PAD has been installed on front of the public toilets at the end of Hillfield Road close to the beach. It carries a brass plaque which reads:

In loving memory of

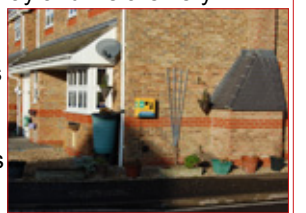
Gary Byford

20th June 1958

to 14th August 2017

'Continuing to help others'

This is the first time a Selsey PAD has been funded in this way and we are very grateful to the family for thinking of us. Another 'first' is the fixing of a PAD to a private house in a residential area. Colin Rose(Rose Electrics) has been installing all our PADs at no cost and has been a great supporter of the First Responders. He took this a stage further by asking if he could fund and fit a PAD to his house. We readily agreed as finding locations in residential areas is very difficult and does have legal implications. So, a huge thank you Colin.



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Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team

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Yearly round-up 2017 – 80 Callouts

January

In January we had three callouts: a lady fell off the sea wall and needed medical treatment; a vessel aground off Bracklesham and a search for two 14yr old boys who were missing after their motorbikes ran out of fuel in horrendous weather conditions.



February

Four callouts for the team in February; two people stuck in the mud at Bosham saw Selsey Coastguard Specialist Mud Rescue Team working alongside the Fire Brigade to safely free them. A search for a missing windsurfer that got into difficulty, and the team worked alongside the Ordnance Clearance Team and Royal Navy Bomb Disposal Team at Medmerry Beach.

March

In March we had two callouts; our first one of the month was to assist Hampshire Police with Hayling and Portsmouth Coastguard Teams at 02:40am with a Police Incident. The second callout was to carry out a search after cries for help were heard at Chichester Marina.

April

April saw us responding to three callouts: a search for a drifting tender; a boat that had broken its moorings and giving assistance to Hayling Lifeboat and the ambulance service after a kayaker had capsized and was in difficulty and was suffering from the cold.



May

May was busy with eight callouts for the team: we responded to ordnance; missing paddle boarders; a car stuck on the beach; two kayaks found abandoned on the beach; a paddle boarder in difficulty and several people cut off by the tide at West Wittering Beach.



June

A total of thirteen shouts this month: a person in difficulty in the water; a broken down vessel; four children in difficulty in the water; a school girl cut off by the tide and on the mud; manning the Helicopter Landing site at St Richards Hospital and multiple missing children at West Wittering Beach! We also visited the children at Fishbourne Primary School and attended Medmerry Primary Schools Summer fete.

July

Eight callouts this month: persons in difficulty in the water; missing children; two people stuck in the mud; a person fallen and stuck on the rocks; ordnance; person knocked overboard when struck by the boat's boom and a person pulled from the water after getting into difficulty. We also attended Chichester Police 999 Day and held our own very successful Coastguard Station Open Day. Our Deputy Station Officer Paul Greenwood received his Long Service Award after 22 years service with Selsey Coastguard Team.



August

Nine callouts this month: a vessel in difficulty, a capsized vessel; clothes found on beach; concern for a swimmer; a person with a dislocated shoulder; missing children; multiple people in water and cut off by tide and two animal rescues including a dog stuck in the mud. We supported Selsey Lifeboat Week and attended Lifeboat Day. Selsey Coastguard Team came first place in the Raft Race beating the Lifeboat Crew!



September

In September we had ten callouts: a vessel that had broken its moorings; a drifting vessel; investigated a rib that had been washed up on the beach; an investigation on a boat out at sea; a vessel aground; a vessel on fire; an overdue tender; two separate flares found on the beach and a kite surfer in difficulty shouting for help.



October

We had seven callouts: a group of kayakers in difficulty; a missing person; a washed up kayak; missing body boarder; two separate windsurfers in difficulty and a kite surfer needing medical assistance.



November

Two callouts this month: to investigate clothes found in a carpark on the sea front and a missing person. We also visited Sidlesham School, and attended the Remembrance Parade and the Christmas Light Switch on.

December

December was our quietest month last year but our second busiest month for 2017 with eleven callouts making it a total of 80 callouts this year for the team, 12 more than 2016!

We were called to an ammunition box which had washed up at West Wittering; an overdue surfer; a vessel that had broken its moorings; an oiled sea bird; ordnance and we were tasked to carry out a number of pollution patrols of the beaches in our area after fears of oil washing up after an oil spill in the Solent, you may have seen the Coastguard Pollution Plane (Coastguard 42) flying low in the sky searching as well.



999 COASTGUARD

50% of people don't know who to call
when in trouble at the coast.
Who would you call when you need
help?



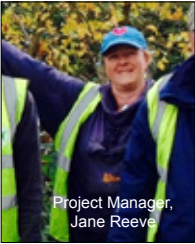
Selsey Coastguard Team comprises of volunteer Coastguard Rescue Officers from the local area trained in Search and Rescue techniques and are ready to respond 7 days of the week, 365 days of the year. Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team is a specialist Mud Rescue Team, and is responsible for all incidents on or beyond the shoreline 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.

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



What do you know about FLOW? An update on an ambitious local project.

The Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group is an active local charity based on the Peninsula. Thanks to Heritage Lottery Funding, one of our biggest and most ambitious areas of work is the 'FLOW Project'. We are half way through the project's 5-year funding term and it seems timely to ask FLOW Project Manager Jane Reeve for an update on progress, and to highlight some of the excellent work being done.



1. In a nutshell, can you tell us what the objectives of the FLOW project are?
A lot of what the FLOW project is about is in its name, FLOW stands for 'Fixing and Linking Our Wetlands'. The project aims to do this by surveying all of the ditches and waterways on the Manhood Peninsula and using the information to identify areas requiring improvement work. This may have environmental and/or drainage benefits and may take the form of cutting back vegetation, digging out old relic ponds, or carrying out detailed surveys where protected species are found.

2. The FLOW project has already been running for 2.5 years, what are you most proud of so far?

The number of landowners that we have helped and the amazing changes we have made to some neglected sites. We have had a Parish Councillor in tears with happiness at seeing a village pond restored and a group of residents unexpectedly give us a large donation because they were so pleased with our work and being part of the improvement process – it makes all the hard work worth it.

3. Working on the FLOW Project sounds like it keeps you busy, do you get much help?

We have the most amazing group of volunteers that come along and help out and these are made up of mainly local people, but some that come from further afield. Some of them have been with us a long time and others are new, but we provide training, tools and access to private land. We have lots of laughs and of course cake- we all just have a great time.

4. What sort of tasks do the volunteers do?

The volunteers help us with a range of tasks from physical work like cutting back vegetation, removing invasive species, planting and laying hedges, managing bonfires, creating dead hedges, planting wildflower meadows and orchards, to gentler tasks like data gathering with species surveying, habitat surveying, helping out at events, inputting data into spreadsheets, creating maps and making tea at training sessions.

5. You must work in some special places, do you have a favourite?

I have a couple of favourites – one is the closed off area at Medmerry where I have carried out water vole surveys in the most beautiful habitat and had to pinch myself at how lucky I am. Another is a series of ponds in the middle of fields that no one can see from footpaths or roads. I remember standing in waders with water up to my thighs and watching a great silver diving beetle dive through my legs while a kingfisher flew low across the water in front of me and a water vole plopped off the bank into the water nearby – totally magical.

6. Do you have a local wildlife highlight from your time with the FLOW project?

I am always excited when I see signs of a water vole as this nationally declining and protected mammal is rare, but we do have a population in this area. They pop up in unexpected places and can be found in rubbish filled ditches and ponds.



7. With only 2.5 years left to run, what next for the project?
We are continuing to survey the ditches on a parish by parish basis and still have many left to do. Once we identify areas for improvement we need to organise working parties of volunteers to go in and carry out clearance, or contractors to go in and do the big stuff. This can take time with consents needed and road closures, so there is always work waiting to happen. As we go through each parish identifying tasks our 'to do list' gets longer! We are working in Sidlesham at the moment and will be coming to Selsey next...

8. That sounds like a challenge! Do you need any extra help with FLOW?

We need lots of extra help and can offer a range of experiences, training and practical sessions to any prospective volunteers. We have so much to do before the end of the project so any time that anyone can give would be gratefully received. We are a friendly bunch, and I'd recommend coming along to a taster session to meet the other volunteers and see if you like it.

9. What are the benefits of volunteering with FLOW?

Volunteering is such a great way to meet like-minded people, contribute to your local environment and make a real difference. It is an opportunity to get outside in beautiful locations, often not open to the public, and to learn about your local habitats and species, do physical work (if that is what you opt for) or gather important data, and to work in a team, or on your own, and to have lots of fun. We offer training and work experience for people who may want a career in conservation and also take out company employees for team building sessions. We offer good refreshments and try to send everyone home with a smile.

If you are interested in finding out more about the FLOW project or volunteering with the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group, please email hello@mwhg.org.uk or ring Rebecca on 07379 503 033
For more information on the MWHG and to see out latest events listings please visit www.mwhg.org.uk or follow us on Facebook [mwhg.page](https://www.facebook.com/mwhg.page)

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Join the Green Gym this February! Upcoming Conservation Events with the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group.

We are always looking for more volunteers to join us on our weekly events to help wildlife on the Manhood Peninsula. It's fun, friendly and a chance to learn new skills. We provide the training, equipment and refreshments, and there's no regular time commitment required. Why not come along for a taster session, and bring a family member or friend too!

From time to time our event details might change, so please contact the organisers to check before attending.

When	Where	What are we doing	Meeting & contact
Fri 2nd Feb 9:30-3:30	Tile Barn Lane, Bracklesham, PO20 7JF	Laying and thinning an old hedge and opening up the pond. We hope to have a bonfire.	For details on parking and how to join this event please contact Christopher.mwhg@gmail.com or jane@jssj.co.uk or ring 07743 824049
Sat 3rd Feb 9:30-12:30	Apuldram Centre, Apuldram	Hedge laying	For details on parking and how to join this event please contact jane@jssj.co.uk or ring 07743 824049
Fri 9th Feb 9:30-3:30	Regency House, Clayton Lane, Bracklesham PO20 8JQ	Laying a hedge and opening up a relic ditch	For details on parking and how to join this event please contact jane@jssj.co.uk or ring 07743 824049
Sat 10th Feb 9:30-12:30	Tile Barn Lane, Bracklesham, PO20 7JF	Hedge-laying.	For details on parking and how to join this event please contact Jane on jane@jssj.co.uk or ring 07743 824049
Fri 16th Feb 9:30-3:30	Sparrow Cottage or Regency House. Con- tact group leader.	Hedge laying and planting	For details on parking and how to join this event please contact jane@jssj.co.uk or ring 07743 824049
Sat 17h Feb 9:30-12:30	Morgans Pond, Almodington	Cutting back/removal of willow and piling up dead trees to improve habitat	For details on parking and how to join this event please contact Jane on jane@jssj.co.uk or ring 07743 824049
Fri 23rd Feb 9:30-3:30	West Itchenor Pond, Itchenor Road, Itchenor. PO20 7DJ	Cutting back dead alder coppice and creating a dead hedge.	For details on parking and how to join this event please contact Christopher.mwhg@gmail.com or jane@jssj.co.uk or ring 07743 824049
Sat 24th Feb 9:30-12:30	Cakeham Manor Estate, West Wittering	Tree and wildflower planting.	For details on parking and to join this event please contact Jane on jane@jssj.co.uk or ring 07743 824049

Further details can be found on our website www.mwhg.org.uk/event and social media at [mwhgpage](https://www.facebook.com/mwhgpage). To enquire about volunteering opportunities with us contact Rebecca on: **07379 503 033** or email hello@mwhg.org.uk



SELSEY WI

Ladies why not come and join us at our next meeting when we will be going on a journey with our Speaker Roger Clark who will be telling us about "Romance on the Orient Express". It will be on Wednesday 14th February at 2.15pm in Selsey Town Hall.

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

GRAND OPENING OF OUR NEW FURNITURE WAREHOUSE AND COLLECTORS CORNER.

PLEASE COME ALONG ON SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY AT 10 AM TO SEE ALL THE GOODIES WE HAVE!

We are also still in need of drivers for our buses, and helpers on a Saturday morning, who are able to help with lifting and carrying!!

Also someone who can help with making the teas on Friday and or Tuesday mornings.

Please come in and see us if you can help at all.

Shrove Tuesday Also known as Pancake Day is on Tuesday 13th February 2018

For the pancake mixture

110g/4oz plain flour, sifted, pinch of salt,
2 eggs, 200ml/7fl oz milk mixed with 75ml/3fl oz water

To serve

caster sugar, lemon juice

METHOD Sift the flour and salt into a large mixing bowl with a sieve held high above the bowl so the flour gets an airing. Now make a well in the centre of the flour and break the eggs into it. Then begin whisking the eggs - any sort of whisk or even a fork will do - incorporating any bits of flour from around the edge of the bowl as you do so.

Next gradually add small quantities of the milk and water mixture, still whisking (don't worry about any lumps as they will eventually disappear as you whisk). Whisk once until the batter is smooth, with the consistency of thin cream.

Now get the pan really hot, then turn the heat down to medium and, to start with, do a test pancake to see if you're using the correct amount of batter. I find 2 tbsp is about right for an 18cm/7in pan. It's also helpful if you spoon the batter into a ladle so it can be poured into the hot pan in one go. As soon as the batter hits the hot pan, tip it around from side to side to get the base evenly coated with batter. It should take only half a minute or so to cook. Flip the pancake over - the other side will need a few seconds only - then simply slide it out of the pan onto a plate.

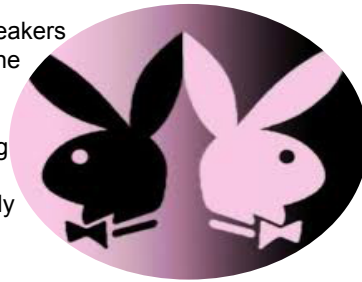
Stack the pancakes as you make them between sheets of greaseproof paper on a plate fitted over simmering water, to keep them warm while you make the rest.

To serve, sprinkle each pancake with freshly squeezed lemon juice and caster sugar.



SEAL ISLAND WI

Our new list of speakers for 2018 is now available from the Selsey Centre foyer, so why not pop in and pick one up. Come along to your first meeting free, you will be made very welcome. We also run a monthly lunch club, together with walks in the summer months.



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

Our March meeting is on Thursday 1st at 7.30pm when we will be welcoming Dee Parker with her fascinating talk on her life as a Playboy Bunny Girl.

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

L.I.N.C LADIES-IN-CONTACT

L.I.N.C takes place on Thursday 15th February at 7.15pm in St. Peters Church Hall when Jill Sutcliffe will be giving a talk "The Wonders of Cornwall"

Cost for the evening is just £2 and includes entrance together with a welcoming cup of Tea/Coffee & biscuits, plus a free raffle ticket. The Venture Bus is available to Members, please remember to book your seat, we aim to conclude meetings around 9.00 pm.

Contact numbers for any further information that you may require are as follows Beryl Fletcher on 603750 or Mary Grantham 604718.

Why not come along and see what we are all about...

Details of our Spring Time Lunch will be made available at this meeting.



Our February meeting will be on Friday February 23rd 2018. in the Selsey Centre at 2.30p.m.

We shall be welcoming

Bernard Lockett who will be talking about the Musical Theatre of Gilbert & Sullivan.

If your New Year Resolution was to join the U3A then rest assured that it is not too late to join us. You will be most welcome.

For any further information please contact

Sue our membership secretary on 07710658331

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We are in need of 2 Volunteer Drivers

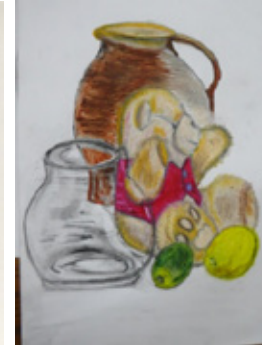
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Arts Dream Selsey

Art Matters - Drawing is the Key to a Good Painting

Jugs were the order of the day for our first sessions in January. You may think that jugs are not a particularly exciting subject to draw but they turned up in all shapes and sizes, plus the odd teddy bear and fruit which made it all the more interesting. Drawing from still life is not everyone's "cup of tea" but our artists soon got down to looking, measuring, squinting and drawing with some fabulous results, using a variety of media.



During the following session members either completed their pictures or were shown ways in which designs could be created from their drawings, or - as always - were free to do their own work. This makes for an interesting coffee break with the opportunity to look at everyone else's work and have a chat about how to blend pastels or cope with the challenge of drawing something behind a large glass jug - great fun! (Would it be cheating to take a photograph? - I don't think so!)

**For information about Arts Dream Painting Groups, please contact
Angela Benwell
012243 603332 or email dwbenwell@gmail.com**



It's fun to experiment - you never know what you are going to produce. It pays not to be too "Precious"!

When I created this image I called it *Rodeo* simply because I could see a wigwam shape in the centre which made me think of Cowboys and Indians.

If you turn your Selsey Life round to the left, what can you see drawn in gold?

Yes, there is one jug, but what else can you see?

Sunday February 18th Morning Table Top Sale at the Selsey Centre

**Selsey Community Artists will be selling surplus art materials,
unframed original paintings and craft items - all at reasonable prices!**

**Saturday, March 17th - All day workshop in
St Wilfrid's Church Hall with John Hill**

Landscape in Watercolour - £20

**Please contact Jan Bush 01243 607821 or email
janpbush@btinternet.com**

National Service remembered

Fred did his National Service in The Corps of Royal Engineers, usually just called the Royal Engineers (RE), and commonly known as the Sappers. It comprises as one of the corps of the British Army and is highly regarded throughout the military, and especially the Army.

It provides military engineering and other technical support to the British Armed Forces and is headed by the Chief Royal Engineer. The Regimental Headquarters and the Royal School of Military Engineering are in Chatham in Kent, England. The corps is divided into several regiments, barracked at various places in the United Kingdom and around the world. Gibraltar barracks where Fred joined up is still there near Aldershot. I passed by there recently after visiting family in Yately.

I believe this article may currently be my last as I have no further inputs from anyone else but if there is someone out there who has an interesting story to tell about their military service or similar please feel free to contact with me either via Selsey Life or email at edwardclamp@hotmail.com.

I have enjoyed editing the articles of times past immensely.

Eddie Clamp MBE

Fred (the Sapper) Burgess, his Story

Fred joined 42nd Royal Tank Regiment (RTR) Clapham Junction cadets during 1945. Whilst in the cadets he played the Tuba in the military band. He was a member of the Rugby Team which was a forerunner of the Battersea Ironsides and also a member of the cross country team. This led to his joining the Army in September 1951 for a delayed National Service after his plastering apprenticeship.

He did his basic training at Aldershot at Gibraltar barracks which is a Royal Engineer (Sapper) training base. On completion here he was posted to 36 field regiment at Rippon in



Barnard Castle assault course

An excellent posting for Londoners he remembers.



North Sea Floods

The main incident here was the North Sea floods in 1953. The Army helped out by working on building up sea walls & then clearing up the dead sheep that had perished, 5000 in all! Being a Sapper they were first on call to stop the Sea coming in! Fred remembers that Engineers pontoons were useful because 8 sheep could be fitted in one pontoon at a time.

The 1953 North Sea flood in which Fred assisted as one of the Sappers there was a major flood caused by a heavy storm that



Basic training. Fred, third row from top, second in from left



Assault course at Barnard Castle

occurred on the night of Saturday, 31 January 1953 and morning of Sunday, 1 February 1953. The floods struck the Netherlands, Belgium, England and Scotland.

A combination of a high spring tide and a severe European windstorm over the North Sea caused a storm tide; the combination of wind, high tide, and low pressure led to a water level of more than 5.6 metres (18.4 ft.) above mean sea level in some locations. The flood and waves overwhelmed sea defences and caused extensive flooding.

Fred then did a Camouflage course at the Joint Concealment centre. Then DEMS troop (Defence Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Munitions and Search?) dissolved and he was posted to Abergavenny in Wales. During this time he played Rugby for the Regiment there, after this he was sent back to Hoo in Kent to join the same squadron that had been posted to Montebello Australia for the Atomic bomb tests. Here he helped build a Bailey bridge across the Medway at Alsford in Kent to make an Army documentary film. The film was called 'Sappers in Retreat'.



Fred operating a two man Danarm chainsaw



Sappers building Bailey bridge

He also built a Bailey bridge across the River Avon with the Territorial Army. His unit was sent to Kenya but he had to remain behind to look after the camp until his demob in September 1953. He then did 3 years with the Territorial Army in Chelsea.

Fred moved down to Crawley, Sussex from London in the 60's originally to help build Crawley new town. He also used his building skills and built his own house in Crawley. Then moving to Selsey in 1974 where he chose to live in a railway carriage with a plot of land on which he built another house in Park Road, Selsey.

Well done Fred. A great story!

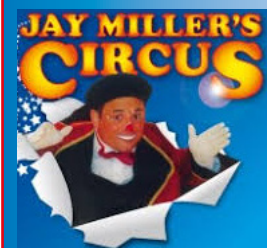


Fred, back row, fifth from left

I am looking for a sponsor for my set of Christmas Cards. " Selsey Scene's" there will be 10 or 12 cards in the set, 9 of which are shown below. The money raised from the sales of the cards will be going to the local Selsey groups, one of the cards shown (Lifeboat Station with snowman) is dedicated to Lizzy Browell aged 8 who sadly passed away in 2015 and the photo was taken by her grandmother,so it would be really nice to have these cards on sale. If you would like to sponsor me please email me to royweyman@talktalk.net Thank you Roy



Clown Peppi and Miss Zsofia of Jay Miller Circus tied the knot on Saturday 13th January in Budapest. Congratulations.



Look out in the Summer for Jay Miller Circus

- 1) Which county name did singer David Cook adopt?
- 2) What is the capital of Uzbekistan?US
- 3) Which English king inherited the throne when 9 months old?

You Little Winter Wonder You

Red Admiral on Boxing Day what ails your summer mind?
To dance and drift on London breeze when little else survives
One out of season straggler these many months behind
They'll not believe my words of truth, they'll swear a fiction thrives

Expect the unexpected, so goes a well worn phrase
The sight of summer's butterfly on one of winter's days
I must admit a double take, I scarce' believed my eyes
When nature's sheer complexity threw up that strange surprise

But fleeting was the kindly calm her presence to empower
Oblivious to treachery that lurks in late December
Privileged I to steal a glimpse in those her final hours
Red Admiral on Boxing Day.... your lonely quest remembered

JOHN BYRNE LATE DECEMBER 2017

"You have probably seen the recent major refurbishment of the 2 Brent Lodge Shops in New Parade. We have taken out new long leases on both shops emphasising the Charities' commitment to the town of Selsey where we opened our first shop way back in the annals of time. We now also have shops in Havant, Worthing and Bognor Regis, all helping to raise funds for the extensive development of the animal hospital in Sidlesham.

Donations to the shop are greatly appreciated - we particularly need good quality furniture, as well as cd's,DVD's and vinyl records.Volunteers are always needed both in the shops and at the hospital. Please call in if you would like to join us."

Kevin Noble Selsey Brent Lodge Shops Manager



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THE VICARS OF SELSEY SERIES
REVEREND MR. THOMAS LAMPREY BA
1685 –1743

When researching the Selsey Vicars, Rectors and Curates, it became apparent that not only did they not come from Selsey, often they didn’t reside in Selsey. Indeed, Selsey didn’t always have a vicar. In 1815, James Dallaway, BM, FAS, in his History of the Western Division of the County of Sussex, averred that ‘No vicar has been appointed for many years past’ yet he also states that Thomas Lamprey was the ‘Incumbent’, succeeding Rev. William Nichols, BB.

Quoting Wikipedia: ‘In English ecclesiastical law, the term incumbent refers to the holder of a Church of England parochial charge or benefice. ... At one time an incumbent might choose to enjoy the income of the benefice and appoint an assistant curate to discharge all the spiritual duties of the office at a lesser salary.’

In 1835, Thomas Horsfield, in his ‘History, Antiquities and Topography of the County of Sussex’ continued this tradition, recording that ‘The appointment of a vicar has for many years been dispensed with’. He then goes on to say that Rev. Barré Phipps was the incumbent at the time he was writing.

Edward Heron-Allen, in Selsey Bill 1911, also repeats this mantra but records that, between 1719 and 1744, Thomas Lamprey was an Assistant Curate of Selsey.

So who was Thomas Lamprey? Well, we know he was Assistant Curate at the time that Thomas Manningham was our Rector, but what more is there?

Thomas Lamprey was the first-born son of George Lamprey and Hannah Mansell of Cropredy, Oxfordshire and he was baptised on 7 August 1685. He had a brother, Nehemiah, and a sister, Sarah. The Lamprey family (with their many and varied spellings) were recorded in Cropredy Parish Registers as early as 1539 and were still being recorded in 1834.

Just for the record, Cropredy is usually pronounced ‘Croppedy’ as in crop+eddie. I am reliably informed that the name comes from ‘crop’ meaning small hill and ‘redy’ meaning a stream – which seems appropriate as the River Cherwell runs through the village.

George and Hannah lived in Church Lane and were tenants of Brasenose College in Oxford, who owned about a third of the land and property in Cropredy at that time. George was also a churchwarden and, later, so was Nehemiah. According to Wikipedia ‘A churchwarden is a lay official in a parish or congregation of the Anglican Communion, usually working as a part-time volunteer. Holders of these positions are ex officio members of the parish board, usually called a vestry, parochial church council, or in the case of a Cathedral parish the chapter.’ So the Lampreys had some standing in the village.



Church Lane, Cropredy reproduced by kind permission of ©Roger Sweet 2006 – 2015

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Thomas’ family home is the tall stone house on the corner.



Scan of a 1675 Copper engraving of St Mary Hall, Oxford, by David Loggan taken from Wikipedia.

Thomas was ordained Deacon on 19 November 1709 by the Bishop of Chichester, the Right Reverend Thomas Manningham DD. The following day he was the Deacon of St. Andrews, Holborn.

The North Prospect of St.Andrews Church in Holborn” engraved by B.Cole, published in Thornton’s History of London, about 1790 courtesy of ancestryimages.com. The image is dated 1754.

This incarnation of the church was designed by Sir Christopher Wren and occupies the site of a very much earlier wooden church.

On 21 November 1709 Thomas was appointed a Licensing Curate at Binstead. The license came from the Bishop and meant he had ‘cure of souls’ and was responsible for the pastoral wellbeing of his flock.

On 17 February 1709 Thomas Lamprey of St. Peter the Great alias Subdeanery, Chichester, clerk, married Mary Dally, widow. Thomas paid his own surety along with Thomas Evans of Chichester. This surety affirmed that there was no legal or moral reason why the couple could not be married and it also meant that if the groom changed his mind he forfeited the money!

At this point perhaps it should be explained that the ex-Church of St Peter the Great in West Street, which is now a bar, did not come into existence until Victorian times. The following information is reproduced by kind permission of Chris Partridge and is taken from one of his articles on ‘Looking at Sussex Churches’ which appear in Fishbourne and Apuldram Parish Magazine.

‘For nearly 900 years the parish church of St Peter the Great, Chichester, was inside the cathedral. This odd arrangement started in 1075 when the Council of London decreed that cathedrals should be in towns rather than villages.

Stigand, Bishop of Selsey, decided to move to Chichester and took over the old parish church as a temporary measure. The priest was made subdean and the parishioners used the nave, which became known as the subdeanery church. In the 15th century the subdeanery church moved to the north transept, which was partitioned off and fitted with galleries, but the arrangement was never satisfactory with endless disputes over access and noise.’

On 3/4 June 1710, Thomas was ordained Priest at Chichester Cathedral.

Mary died. The only date I can find is a Mary Lamprey who was buried on 24 February 1722 but record keeping at the time was dreadful and it is unlikely Thomas was a bigamist.

Thomas remarried on 23 August 1721:

‘Thomas Lamprey of Selsey, clerk, widower, and Margaret Sewyer alias Rusbridge of Sidlesham, maiden’ Sureties were again paid both by Thomas and ‘John Hutson (signs Hodgson) of Chichester, innkeeper (Sidlesham).’

Having scoured the Parish Registers, I cannot find any children of Thomas and either Mary or Margaret so I am of the opinion that there were none. Explanation to follow later.

We saw from Thomas Manningham’s story that Edward Heron-Allen reported on the fabric of the church in 1724. EHA was quoting from the Chichester Diocesan Survey, Boxgrove Deanery of 1724. It is interesting to see a note has been appended to the Selsey Return stating that it was in a completely different handwriting from all the rest so there were some grounds for thinking that it had been completed at a different time from the main body of work.

Be that as it may, it gives us a very good idea of Thomas Lamprey’s workload and even, perhaps, the reason why Thomas Manningham stayed put in Slinfold. Of course, there is also a small matter of the care of souls which Thomas M didn’t have and Thomas L did, as a Licensed Curate.

Our curate’s duties were as follows:

‘During the summer half year there is preaching twice on Sunday and catechising; the other half of the year there is only morning service and once preaching.

Sacrament 3 times a year: Easter, Whitsuntide and Christmas. The number of communicants about 25 or 30.’

Church lands consisted of:

‘Glebe, 5 acres of arable land, about 30 acres of marshland and 8 acres of coppice.’

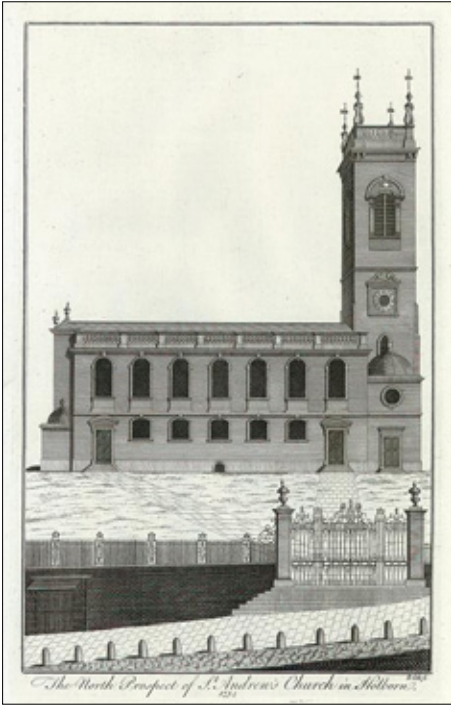
The congregation consisted of:

‘The number of families about 100. No papist or dissenter in the parish.’

This must have been a huge comfort to the clerical powers that be, bearing in mind that the Reformation (aka the Glorious Revolution, also called the Revolution of 1688, which saw the overthrow of King James II of England (James VII of Scotland) by a union of English Parliamentarians with the Dutch stadtholder William III, Prince of Orange, thus preventing England from becoming a Catholic country rather than a Protestant one) had taken place a mere 35 years before the Survey.

The Incumbent was Thomas Manningham DD, as we know.

Although Thomas Lamprey was firmly embedded in Selsey and its doings, he still had the nominal tenancy of land in Cropredy which he had acquired on 29 May 1728. This becomes relevant later.



We do not know what else Thomas Lamprey did. Perhaps he taught (curates welcomed the chance to teach as it provided them with extra income). Perhaps he took his 'care of souls' very seriously and spent his day doing the rounds of the village.

Thomas Lamprey made his Will on 6 April 1743 and here is a transcription. The capital letters are as shown on the original manuscript copy. The lack of punctuation is also as per the original.

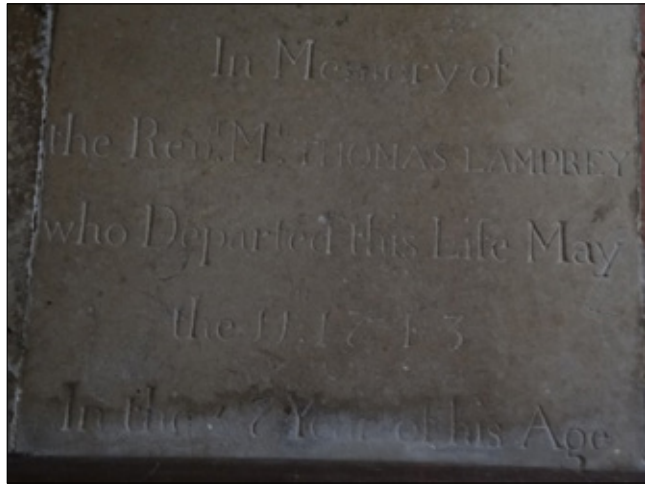
'In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Lamprey of Selsey in the County of Sussex, Clerk, Do make and declare my last Will and Testament in Manner and Form following (that is to say) First I Commend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God believing Remission of Sins and everlasting Life by the merits of Jesus Christ my alone Saviour and Redeemer my Body I commit to the Earth to be Decently buried and dispose of my worldly Estate as follows viz: all and every my messuages, lands and tenements whatsoever with their Appurtenances (an accessory or other item associated with a particular activity or style of living) and all my Goods, Chattels and Personal Estate of what nature or (unknown word) and wheresoever I Give, Devise and Bequeath unto my beloved Wife Margaret Lamprey her heirs, executors and administrators and I make and appoint her, my said Wife Margaret, Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament and hereby revoking all others before this time by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Sixth day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred fortythree.

*Thomas Lamprey: Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by the said Testator in our presence and subscribed as witnesses in the presence of the Testator by us
J Carpenter, William Coal, the mark of Sarah Coal.*

This will was presented before Mr Thomas Ball, clerk master of.....Surrogateon the tenth day of June in the year of our Lord 1743 by the oath of Margaret Lamprey, Widow, Relict of the deceased and executrix....'

It is the will which indicates, at least to me, that Thomas had no children as, usually, provision is made for both widow and children as well as any other bequests to friends, servants and neighbours.

Thomas Lamprey died on 11 May 1743, aged 57, and is buried in the Chancel of the Church of St Peter at Church Norton, Selsey (now St Wilfrid's Chapel).



For anyone wishing to go and pay their respects to the Reverend Mr Thomas Lamprey, he is under the rear of the first pew on the right hand side of the aisle. Requiesce in pace.

PS: On 3 October 1743, Nehemiah Lamprey signed an agreement that, at the next court, he would be admitted tenant of certain lands.....only as a nominal tenant, as his brother Thomas had been before him. Nehemiah is described as 'Nehemiah Lamprey of Cropredy, co. Oxon, grocer, only surviving brother and heir of Thomas Lamprey late of Selsey Isle co. Sussex clerk deceased.' In the light of Thomas' Will I can only surmise that Margaret Lamprey disposed of this agreement to her brother-in-law. At least, one would hope so.

Many, many thanks are due to Mrs Sue Lester of the Cropredy Historical Society who sent me Thomas' family tree, information about the churchyard as well as emails answering my many questions.

It was very satisfying to reunite Thomas with his roots after a gap of 274 years!

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- 4) What is a 'fender bender' in American parlance?
- 5) What was the world's first full-scale nuclear power station?
- 6) The film "A Night to Remember" was about which disaster?
- 7) In Space Cowboys, who played Clint Eastwood's three fellow astronauts?
- 8) In which film does Clint Eastwood play someone called Walt Kowalski?
- 9) Who played the original Starsky and Hutch?
- 10) Which general was known as the 'Desert Fox'?

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Spring preparations

As we move out of winter and towards spring, our winter wildfowl will start to leave, heading north as the ice retreats from their breeding grounds. The honks, quacks and whistles of brent geese, pintail and wigeon ducks will be nothing more than a lingering winter memory. However, their departure will give way to springs arrivals and the rush to create new life.

Our resident birds are starting to prospect for nest sites and you may notice blue tits and great tits in particular checking out boxes. Ideally nest boxes are put up in October to provide roosts during winter, but if you have not already done so, now is the time to put up new ones and ensure old ones are clean.

To clean your nest box, simply take it down, remove any debris inside and rinse with boiling water to kill any remaining parasites. Leave the lid off until the box has dried out thoroughly. Never use insecticides or flea powders.

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.

If you fancy making your own nest box join us Tuesday 13 February as part of our half-term activities. For full events details check out our events page at www.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour



RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry

February

Wednesday 7 –14 February, [#ShowTheLove](#). Take part in this global campaign by simply taking pictures of the places and things you love that are threatened by climate change and post on social media.

Saturday 10 February, [Someone to Guide You](#).

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

11am – 2pm Drop-in, Free

Half-term activities!

*** (Book both activities for £16) ***

Tuesday 13 February, [Make a nestbox](#). With spring around the corner, birds are starting to look for a place to nest and make a home. Join us in building nest boxes to take home and encourage wildlife to take up residence in your garden. All parts and tools provided.

10.30am – 12.30pm

Booking essential. £15 per nest box.

Thursday 15 February, [Make a bug hotel](#). It's not just birds that need a home, insects do too! By providing them with a sheltered place to lay eggs you'll also be attracting beneficial insects into your garden.

10.30am – 12.30pm

Booking essential. £3 per bug hotel.

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

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11) Who was known as 'The Scourge of God'?

12) Who commanded the Prussian troops at the Battle of Waterloo?

13) Mary Todd was the wife of which US President?

SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST February 2018

CHICHESTER

Tuesday 27 February

Illustrated Talk by Monica Lucas on 'Bee Friendly Garden Plants' to the Sussex Wildlife Trust, Friends Meeting House, Priory Road, Chichester at 7.30 pm

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

Let's Get Cracking!

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Each winter the big freeze consumes northern Europe and our island's mild maritime climate provides a refuge and a lifeline to birds whose regular food sources lie buried under snow and ice. Blackbirds, bramblings, bitterns, starlings, sanderlings, smew and many other species head here to survive. But this year the winter visitor everyone is hoping to see is the hawfinch.

You probably won't be familiar with the hawfinch so I'll give you a few key identification features...aw, forget it. Just look at that massive beak! You can't miss it. It's like someone crossbred a chaffinch with a puffin. I'm amazed it can stand up – you'd half expect that ridiculous beak to send it tottering face-first to the floor. This pair of monstrous mandibles combined with powerful jaw muscles can exert a whopping 150 pounds per square inch of pressure and are designed to crack its favoured food; fruit stones and seeds. You know how horrible it is when you bite down on an olive and find there's a stone inside? Hawfinches would shatter that stone without batting an eyelid.

This winter Britain seems to have been the holiday destination for hungry hordes of hawfinches. There's an estimated 14 times as many here than usual. It's a once-in-a-lifetime invasion – the result of a successful breeding year for continental hawfinches followed by a drastic shortage of food; an equation that sends them flocking across Europe in search of seeds and stones.

Hawfinch©Derek Middleton Sussex Wildlife Trust



We have a few pairs of resident hawfinches breeding in Sussex but we don't know exactly how many because, despite being a bulky-billed bird of bulky build, it is famously hard to observe. Back in 1938 Sussex ornithologist Walpole-Bond remarked that the hawfinch was "the very incarnation of all that is wary and shy" and commented on their propensity to roam far and wide. 'Inclined to vagabondage' as he put it. A wonderful phrase even though these days it sounds like something you'd read on a Tinder dating profile.

Sadly for one winter wanderer his travels would end in Sussex. I recently received a call from a lady who reported a hawfinch had collided with her patio window. Considering that powerful beak, I was surprised that the window wasn't the victim here, but sadly the bird dropped dead. It was tenderly wrapped and laid to rest alongside some fish-fingers, its journey to escape the big freeze ending in a big freezer. I was asked if I had any use

for a frozen hawfinch. Plans for creating a novelty nutcracker or a tin-opener sprung to mind but this hawfinch has not died in vain. His body will be donated to science and will contribute to current research into the diet and movements of these birds. His death hopefully aiding the conservation of his big-beaked brothers in the future.

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Chichester Conservancy Volunteers February 2018

SLINDON

Sunday 4 February

Conservation –Hedge coppicing with Scott Robertson of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers in Slindon Woods with the National Trust. Meet at 10.00 am
01243 552113 or 07815 021331

LAVINGTON

Sunday 18 February

Conservation – Heathland Management with Claire Wilton of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers on Lavington Plantation. Meet at 10.00 am.
01243 788833 or 07952 054239

RSPB Events for February 2018

NORTH MUNDHAM

Wednesday 14 February

Morning Bird Walk around Chichester Gravel Pits with Kerry Jackson of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet in School Lane, Map Ref: SU873029 at 10.00 am 01243 262833

CHICHESTER

Thursday 22 February

Illustrated Talk by Mike Grimshaw on "Shetland Islands" to the RSPB Chichester Local Group at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester at 7.30 pm

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

14) On which river does the Hoover Dam stand in the USA?

15) How many territories does Canada have?

16) The Mason-Dixon line is the boundary between which two US states?

17) Which is the largest country in Central America?

This month, we take a look into one of our local businesses, Oceanair, one of the largest employers in the community. The business has been situated in the sunny seaside town since 2004, going from strength to strength in the last two decades. Oceanair is a small, global business that designs, manufactures and distributes Blinds and Soft Furnishings for superyachts, marine vessels, luxury homes, commercial buildings and specialist road vehicles. Oceanair is unique in that they design and manufacture an extensive selection of products in-house, from custom powered blinds for roofs and windows to traditional Venetian (Wood or Aluminium) and Fabric Roman blinds, curtains, towels, cushions and many more product lines. Oceanair also provides a full turn-key service including survey and installation.



The birth of Oceanair Marine Ltd was triggered in 1990, when founder Andy FitzGerald spotted an opportunity in the market, which he believed could be addressed. Yachts, previously the home of the hardy sailor, were becoming a desirable form of escape for all the family. However, the lack of privacy on-board posed problems, with towels or anything to hand being used to block out light and heat - until the launch of the very first SKYSCREEN product. Andy developed this innovative shading solution "in his backyard", with offices in the living room!

New business (and young family) in tow, Andy propelled Oceanair into the marketplace, providing a much-desired and much-needed product to the global Marine industry. In 1993, the company first exhibited at METS (the Marine Equipment Trade Show) which is considered in the marine industry as a key decision-making show for many customers.

From Cowplain, Hampshire, through Almodington, West Sussex, and finally settling to Selsey in 2004, the company has seen many valued employees pass through its doors, some of whom have been with Oceanair for over 20 years and are still with the company today. Oceanair aims to foster a good relationship with its local community, employing a large number of staff from the local community through reputation, word of mouth, and partnership with the local business workshop. We are proud to employ almost 50% of staff from the local community, within walking distance of the UK factory.

In 2006, a US Office was set-up in Vermont. Since opening, the US premises now includes a production and distribution facility and acts as a central hub to the US sales force, spread across the country.



Oceanair supported local charity Chestnut Tree Hospice for 2017, nominated for by the Team. Staff completed a variety of fun-runs and other fundraising activities over the course of the year, with all donations going direct to the charity.

Oceanair takes part in the yearly RNLI raft race; if Oceanair's entry place in the top 3, prize money is always donated back to the RNLI, an important local charity. Staff are encouraged to enter the yearly local Rounders tournament, raising money for a variety of local causes. Oceanair is also a proud member of the Selsey Business Partnership – the local association that aims to highlight the large range of businesses within the small town.

Throughout the years, Oceanair has achieved ISO 9001 quality standards, 3 Queens Awards for Excellence, DAME Design Award Nominations and a number of Awards from British Marine and Chichester Observer, including "Best Marine Company to Work For." Excellent staff training is viewed as an investment into not only the business, but also into the Manufacturing industry. The continual engagement and education of staff has a proven track record of return on investment and Oceanair have benefited from highly talented individuals with universally transferable skills. Rotation of production roles is encouraged so staff receive a wider understanding and exposure to all products. Colleagues who show an enthusiasm for other roles are given the opportunities to train and transition into positions that better suit the individual.

In 2014, Oceanair underwent a re-branding exercise resulting in a new award-winning website and strap line of 'Elegance: Engineered'. This strap line has become an integral part of the company. Oceanair's strategy has always been to be the No 1 supplier of high-quality blinds and screens to the marine industry; Quality and on time delivery are important targets that are maintained.

Most recently, MD and Founder Andy FitzGerald identified the opportunity for the company to grow further concluding that it was the right time to look for a larger investor. In February 2017, Oceanair was acquired by Swedish company Dometic; market leaders in mobile living (Marine and Recreational Vehicles). This step is a move in the right direction for both companies, in preparation for the Founder of Oceanair to retire, after 27 years. The logic was that Dometic are the No.1 supplier to the RV industry and Oceanair the No.1 blind supplier the Marine industry. The benefits of this acquisition to Oceanair are the possibility of investment, expanded distribution and access to new markets. The sale of Oceanair has been a fantastic achievement for Managing Director, Andy FitzGerald, who took the company from a "backyard" operation to a global enterprise in just 27 years."

For more information on roles available with Oceanair, please contact jobsUK@oceanair.co.uk, or fill in an application form, available from reception. *Atlantic House, 1 Ellis Square, Selsey, PO20 0AY*

27 YEARS OF OCEANAIR



Received by email

Re The November issue

Whilst visiting my parents, they gave me a copy, which I really enjoy seeing. I just wanted to comment on the wonderful poetry piece by Colin Ireland, The Boat in the House. I believe it sums up everyones feelings, it certainly brought a tear to my son's and mine eyes. My father volunteered showing visitors around the boathouse, Robert Proom, and enjoyed this . As a family we have a history having many a holiday in Selsey and still regular vistors since my parents moved there in 2000. The boat shed will be an icon never forgotten.

Catherine Sloan

Jokes from our Christmas crackers

- How does Jack Frost get to work?
By icicles
- What do ghosts eat?
Ghoulash
- What animals need oiling?
Mice, because they squeak
- What do you call a crate of ducks?
A box of quackers
- Why did the golfer wear two pairs of trousers?
In case he got a hole in one
- What kind of medicine does Dracula take?
Coff-in medicine
- What do you call a man with a seagull on his head?
Cliff.
- Why did the mechanic sleep under the car?
He wanted to get up oily in the morning.
- What do you call a man with a paper bag on his head?
Russell.
- What's furry and minty?
A Polo Bear
- What do you call a woman with one leg shorter than the other?
Eileen.
- What does an angry kangaroo do?
Get hopping mad.
- What do you call a man with a spade on his head?
Doug.



We would like to wish our Selsey Council maintenance guys Roland, Ron and Will and their families a happy New Year in 2018 and would like to thank them for all the hard work they do in Selsey and always with a smile and a hello b/w Shirley and Ruby

Received by email

Bill House care home

My mum suffered with alziemers for 9 years and unfortunately things got to the stage where the mental health team decide she needed an emergency admission into care, we were unable to research for one and Bill House had a room vacant so I took mum there last March. This was a scary day, but mum went in and settled in very quickly her personality which was very aggressive changed and she became a very happy lady full of laughter and joy, this scary admission turned out to be the best thing that could have happened for my mum and for me. The staff at Bill House could not have done more for my mum and the support for me was exceptional. My mum joined in everything and was so happy there, unfortunately mum was diagnosed with terminal cancer in the July luckily for us Bill House agreed for mum to stay there which was a big relief to my mum as she never wanted to leave there, she was happy, safe and the care was the best we could have asked for, the staff did everything in their power to make mum's life the best happiest she could have and for me it was so good not to have to worry when I wasn't with mum knowing that their care for my mum was gold star. I was able to come and go as I needed and they kept me informed and up to date with all mum's care and needs. I can not thank too much Carol the manager and all her team, too many to name individually but all of them went above and beyond to the very end of my mum's life, for all the wonderful care love and support through very difficult times towards the end yet they never stopped the high standard of care love and support to my mum and myself.

What started as a scary day turned out to be the best day of my mum's life and mine, we were so lucky for Bill House to be able to take mum and what wonderful care they gave her.

Thank you doesnt seem enough but I still go into see them and still feel part of the family

Bill House and all its staff will always hold a special place in my heart.

Sharon Hobson

Thank you from Reg Hunt for my 102nd birthday wishes "I could not believe my name in the Selsey Life Magazine".

C Steve of Ruskins Close Selsey, who pointed out the issue number on Dec issue was the same as Nov. Steve won a small prize.

Deadline for March Selsey Life is 16th February Email to selseylife@btinternet.com

Well done Selsey

Since my report in December's Selsey Life I have received the following:

- Donation from Brent Lodge £100
- Payment from 3 more organisations for their Poppy Wreaths £70
- and sale of Poppy lapel pins £22
- The full total so far is now a fantastic £9119.69
- Adrian Wilson Poppy Appeal Organiser, Selsey Tel: 602047



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What would you like to see in the Selsey Life? Please email your ideas to selseylife@btinternet.com, or call on 01243 602729



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES NEWSLETTER



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



As 2017 comes to an end the Arts Dream Selsey team are already busy planning lots of exciting things for 2018. So to help you fill your new diary and calendar here are some important dates that you won't want to miss!

SELSEY SINGS!



Wow! What year it was for Selsey Community Choir, they finished with two concerts at the Town Hall. They started the new year with new members ready for there concerts in 2018. There will be a summer celebration concert on the 19th July. If you would love to sing and make new friends why not join. Contact Belinda belindagannon.musicforall@gmail.com or call 07983400653

SING YOUR HEART OUT

It has been a great year for our Monday afternoon singing group too, who finished 2017 with a lovely Christmas celebration for friends and family in a packed St. Wilfrids Church hall. Their sessions run from 1.30pm to 3.00pm on a Monday during term time, and new comers are always welcome. Contact Belinda on the details above for more information. Please check before turning up to make sure the session is running.

ARTISTS' WORKSHOPS

from 10am to 4pm, open to the public:

Date	Artist	Medium/topic
March 17th	John Hill	Watercolour, landscape
May 22nd	Marcus Finch	Pastels, water scene
July 17th	Sakura Hill	Watercolour, flowers
September 14th	Anne Chadwick	Oils, clouds/water
October 30th	Allan Kirk	Pen & ink, watercolour wash
November 30th	Anita Beckwith	Christmas theme

These workshops will be held at St Wilfrid's Hall, Church Rd, Selsey,

All tickets
£20
per workshop



Weekly classes

St Wilfrid's Hall, £15 for 8 weeks:
Tuesday mornings
9:30am - 12:00 midday.
Thursday evenings
7:00pm - 9.30pm.
Beginners and Returners class starting in 2018, details to be announced.

Table Top sale at the Selsey Centre, Sunday **February 18th** for arty jumble, paintings & everything else (paper, brushes, etc. etc.).

Summer expo for art and crafts at the Town Hall over Bank Holiday weekend. Opening hours 10:00am - 6:00pm daily from Thurs till Mon (1:00pm). Longer opening from **Wednesday 22nd August**, with Private View Evening 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Late night opening Saturday 25th 8:00pm

For further details and to book classes please contact
Angela Benwell: 01243 603332 or Jan Bush: janpbush@btinternet.com

CURTAINS UP!

Selsey's reputation for live theatre grows and grows. Don't miss this year's plays!

Touching Tomorrow & Beata Beatrix

Two New Plays in the Pavilion by Gillian Plowman:
Thursday May 24th - Tuesday May 29th

Journey's End.

To commemorate the centenary of the Armistice, we are producing R C Sherriff's iconic WWI play in the Pavilion
Thursday October 4th - Tuesday October 9th.

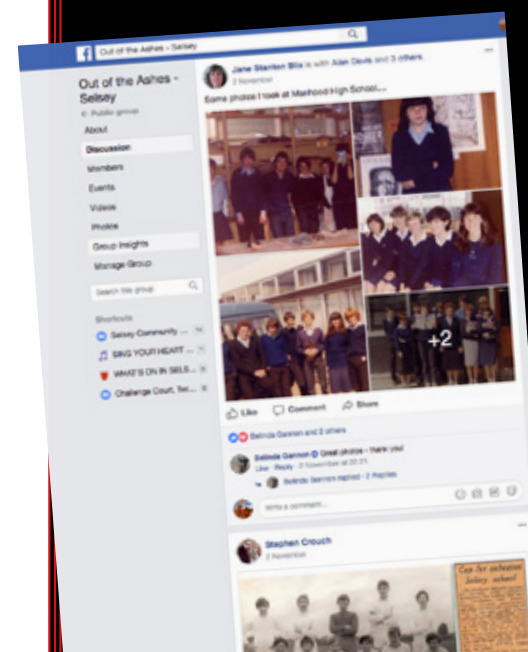
End of the Pier Show

Selsey Town Hall
Thursday 16th - Saturday 18th August.

Christmas Panto 2018

Selsey Town Hall
Thursday 27th - Sunday 30th

OUT OF THE ASHES



As you may be aware by now Arts Dream are running a Big Lottery funded and Ferry Farm Community Funded project 'Out of the Ashes' This project relates directly to the horrendous Fire at the Academy in August 2016

During that fire many archives were lost and the aim of this project is to retrace with the help of present and past staff and students the memories, narratives and photographs from the last 50 years. So we need to hear from you.

- **Were you part of the Academy Selsey in any context over the last 50 years?**
- **Have you got some fun exciting stories to tell maybe about a Prom, or a science exhibition, maybe about a trip to America, or a great sports day, or anything that evokes a specific memory for you? The more special the better!**

- **Have you kept photographs of yourself and your friends from past times?**
- **How did you feel about the Fire?**

We would love to hear from you.

We are running a community event in the Selsey Town Hall where you can come and talk about your time at the Academy. If you have some photographs we can scan them and help you write some copy for the Facebook page. I know many of you will not be on Facebook, but we still want to get your stories so through chatting together we will be able to really get your thoughts and ideas, and the Out of the Ashes team will be able to upload the information to the website and the Facebook page.

Date for the diary:

At Selsey Town Hall - 2-4pm
Friday February 23rd

GET YOUR GLAD RAGS ON

You saw them first at "Screen on the Green" and now they are back in Selsey to do a full evening of amazing music, that you can listen to or dance along to.

Come dressed in anything you like, but they have a cool vintage vibe that you may want to make a cool vintage effort to dress up for!!

Ruby and the revelators are a five piece soul & blues band based in Sussex.

They have appeared at many high-profile blues festivals in the UK, including amongst others Boogaloo Blues Weekender, Blues On The Farm, Cambridge Rock & Blues Festival and Swanage Blues Festival. They are renowned for their scintillating stage performances, and described by Blues Matters as a 'must see live act on the British Blues Scene'.

Their repertoire takes you from sassy Sax era soul to Northern Soul to rocking rhythm and blues.

They are available as an acoustic duo up to a five piece band.

With two EP's under their belt 2017 saw the release of their much anticipated debut album WALK WITH ME.

EVENING PLAN:

- 7:30** doors open
- 8:00** Support Act
- 8:30** Ruby and the full band
- 9:15** short break but with some great music to dance to
- 9:45** Yet another full set from Ruby and the Revelators

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For further details go to
www.artsdream2018selsey.weebly.com
or
www.rubyandtherevelators.co.uk



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Belinda Gannon
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40th Anniversary and Re-Dedication of RNA Standard

On the 7th January members of the Royal Naval Association, Selsey Branch, attended a service of re-dedication immediately following the Epiphany Eucharist at St Peter's Church. Also in attendance were standard bearers from adjacent RNA branches namely, Chichester, Bognor Regis, Lee-on-the-Solent & Stubbington, Wittering and our Area 3 standard.

After the service a reception, with a plentiful buffet and drinks, was facilitated at The Selsey Club.

This service marked the commissioning of the RNA Selsey branch on the 3rd January 1978 comprising just fifteen members, of which, just three members survive and remain in our branch membership. These being; Brian Hall, Nigel Jest and Brian Mariner.

Today, as I write, we comprise eighty-one members, having enrolled two hundred and seventy-five members from commencement.

We have enjoyed the Chairmanship of Brian Hall for the last eight years. Prior to that Brian was the Hon. Secretary of the branch for thirty-one years, as well as serving in other capacities for the committee and branch. Brian Mariner has been our Treasurer for twenty-one years, as well as being Vice Chairman for eleven years.

Brian Hall has, sadly, tendered his resignation, effective from February, stating he wishes to retire, due to a memory and hearing loss, before he makes any mistake. There is no question - Brian has been at the heart of the RNA branch ever since it commissioned, and many will say he is, and has been, the heart of the branch superbly supported by his wife, Sheila.

Gavin Roriston Hon Sec & PRO



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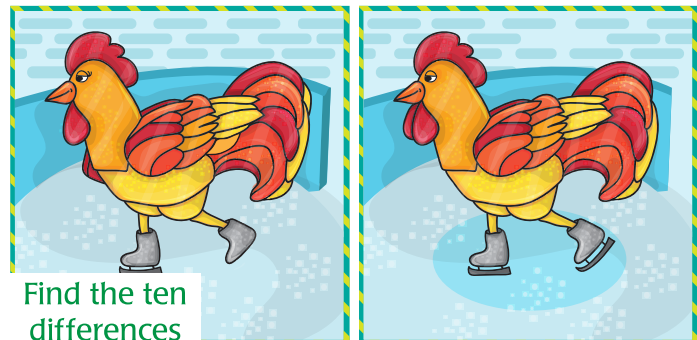
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"WE HAVE A DRIVER NEAR YOU"



Chinese New Year in 2018 is on Friday 16th February

There are 12 animals representing the zodiac Chinese years, 2018 is the year of the Dog

Dog years are belived to be unlucky for people born in the previous years of the Dog. Chinese New Year can begin anytime between late January and mid February.



Find the ten differences

18) Which 'White' African river has tributaries that are 'Red' and 'Black'?
19) Where is the source of the Rhine?

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Ten Wonderful Years of the Moonlight Walk: Volunteers Needed!!

St Wilfrid's Hospice will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of it's Moonlight Walk and wants to make it even more special on May 5. The aim is to kick the night event off with a light show around the Westgate Leisure Centre where people gather to take part in the 5k or 10k walk in memory of loved ones, in support of the Hospice. "It literally is a night to remember so don't forget to put it in your diaries! We want to thank everyone for their amazing support," said Head of Fundraising, Jerry Doyle. "As well as being very moving, the Moonlight Walk is also a lot of fun."

A call is going out for volunteers who can help on May 5 with everything from marshalling walkers along the route and helping to run stalls, sign ups and issue kit at the Westgate Centre, to dressing up, doing mime, putting up decorations and staging a light show.

"We'd love to hear from light technicians, drama students or anyone with circus or performance skills this year - from stilt-walkers and fire-eaters to classical musicians. Companies are also needed to sponsor some of our 10th anniversary activities. Please contact us at fundraising@stwh.co.uk or at 01243 755827."

The aim is to break some records for the 10th anniversary with 1,000 people walking and £100k raised. People will be able to sign up online very soon at www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight. Entry costs £16 and walkers get a T-shirt and various freebies, including a heart-warming snack breakfast.

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



STOP PRESS!

A New Painting & Drawing Group for

Beginners and Returners

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Winter is now slipping away and we are marching our way towards Spring and the start of our bowling season. April and Easter may seem in the far distance but here are some dates for your diary: Saturday 7th April, subject to weather, sees our Open House 10am to 3pm. Should you wish to discover or rediscover the virtues of the sport of Green Bowls please pay us a visit.

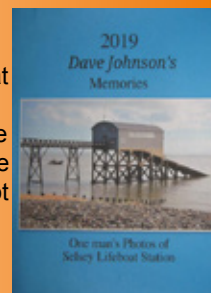
Should the weather be inclement on Saturday then we can be found waiting to welcome you on the green on Sunday 8th April 2 - 4 pm.

For existing members Saturday 7th April is also the start of our bowling season.

Further information can be obtained from our website or email as shown above or telephone 606453

With the success of my 2018 calendar "Gone but not forgotten" which has raised over £5,500 for the Selsey R N L I I am now

looking for a sponsor for my 2019 Calendar "Dave Johnson's Memories" again it depicts photos of the now demolished Offshore lifeboat Station and all the photos were taken by Dave Johnson, the money raised from the sale of the calendar will go to the local Selsey groups. We all miss the Old Lifeboat Station and it does not look the same at East Beach without it, if you would like to sponsor me please email me at royweyman@talktalk.net



Meet
Gillian Keegan MP
your Member of Parliament



Gillian will be holding an open meeting at
Selsey Town Hall
7.30pm on Friday 23rd February

All welcome, so please come and find out what the government are doing that affects you. You can also ask questions.

Hosted by Selsey District Councillors



February 2018
Update from the Chichester Prevention Team

Royal Mail fake delivery note

Residents are warned about 'something for you' cards arriving through letterboxes that are designed to look like they have come from Royal Mail. The cards do not show the Royal Mail logo but look almost identical to the 'something for you' slips that are posted through homes when a delivery cannot be made.

To organise a re-delivery the cards urge recipients to call a 0208 number, this is a premium rate number that results in a very large charge for the caller. After ringing the number the automated message asks for your details and consignment number. Please share this information with anyone you consider to be vulnerable.

Refund for fraud victims through Western Union

Victims of fraud who lost money to fraudsters through Western Union wire transfers between 2004 and January this year can now apply for a refund after the company admitted it had failed to maintain an effective anti-money-laundering programme and had aided and abetted wire fraud.

The US Department of Justice has now confirmed that victims of fraud who live anywhere in the world – including the UK – can apply for a refund if they lost money transferred via Western Union between January 2004 and January 2017. There are limited funds to cover a significant amount of victims so you may only receive a partial refund.

We would therefore urge you to visit this website www.westernunionreimbursement.com which should answer any queries you may have.

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, even if it was unsuccessful, you should report it. If you do not report it, the fraudster will learn by the experience and may be successful next time.

Action Fraud

Action Fraud is the UK's national fraud and internet crime reporting centre. They can provide information about fraud and financially-motivated internet crime. If you have been scammed, ripped-off or conned, you can report it to Action Fraud.

Report online at www.actionfraud.police.uk

or call on 0300 123 2040.

You can contact your local team in the following ways:

- Call us: on 101 to report a crime or 999 if it's an emergency.
- Email us: chichester@sussex.pnn.police.uk

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

Do you run or attend a group that would benefit from a scam and fraud awareness session?

PCSO Richard Moorey, from the prevention team based at Chichester, has specifically designed a presentation that highlights the common tactics used by scammers and fraudsters. He talks about scam mail, courier fraud and computer fraud as well as how to deal with door to door callers, rogue traders and unwanted callers. The presentation takes between 45 minutes to 1 hour and there is an opportunity to ask questions at the end. He is available to visit any groups across the Chichester district.

To arrange a talk, please email richard.moorey@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call 07912 894767.

Do you shop online?

Here are some helpful reminders when purchasing online – remember if something seems too much of a bargain, it's probably poor quality, fake or doesn't exist.

- Use methods like PayPal when buying on auction sites; never transfer money to someone you don't know
 - When making a transaction always look out for a padlock in the web tool bar, the padlock indicates that the site is secure.
 - The 's' on the end of 'http' in the payment page address is another essential indicator that a site is secure for making transactions.
 - If you're buying tickets, always buy from official sources and never pay by direct transfer.
 - If you're buying a holiday online, research it thoroughly to ensure that is a genuine offer and check to make sure it is registered with ABTA and ATOL.
 - Secure Wi-Fi is vital for your privacy. Check that the network you're using is secure before you make any financial transaction and never assume a public Wi-Fi hotspot is secure.
- Always ensure that you keep your internet security software, operating systems and other security measures up to date on your electronic devices.



We have our table top sale on the 18th February £6.50 a table or 2 for £10 selling fast, pop in and see us to book.

Our Baby and Toddler Soft Play with Bounceabout is on the 6th and 20th of February 9-12 pay on the day.

We have Arts Dream Selsey putting on A Vintage Valentine Dance Evening with Ruby & The Revelators on the 10th February 7.30-10.30pm with a pay bar tickets price £10 available from ticketsource.co.uk/artsdreamselsey or Flawless Finish in the High Street.

Badminton and Table Tennis available most days, phone us to see what availability we have.

We look forward to seeing you. The Selsey Centre Team

Please contact us for further details on 01243 603836

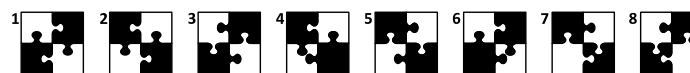
Or see our website www.selseycentre.com

Fill in the blanks with the words provided.

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SNAK SHAK NEEDS YOU!!

Snak Shak youth drop-in has been running since 2008 at the premises in Selsey high street.

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Last year Snak Shak won the Queen's Award for voluntary service, a great tribute to our volunteers.

Snak Shak provides a safe place for Selsey youngsters to meet with their friends, cost price food and creative projects, all led by the needs of the young people who attend. Youth worker, Kylee Scott, runs all sessions, some after school sessions, as well as attending the Academy during lunchtimes.

Funds have to be raised each year for rent and running costs, as well as employing our youth worker. We desperately need someone to help with fundraising. There must be somebody out there with computer skills, who could spare a few hours each week. It would involve submitting applications for grants. Training can be arranged. The present fundraiser (who is well past retirement age!) is happy to liaise during the handover period!

We are also in need of male volunteers to help out, please.

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In the Garden

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

As I write this article in January nothing can be more uplifting than the thought of oncoming February after the extremes of weather that we are presently experiencing! Gardening, at present, is certainly not top of the list of priorities!

Look out for the dark green lesser Celandine (part of the Buttercup family) appearing in the woodlands. Hazel Catkins will appear with their pale yellow pollen-filled buds on the leafless Hazel trees. Yellow Winter Aconites will brighten up shaded areas and we must not forget the Snowdrops which always remind us that Spring is on the way.



Jobs for February

If parts of the garden look dull at this time of year, consider how they could be beefed up with a few choice evergreens.

Variegated **Yuccas** bring lively foliage colours and spiky form into the borders.

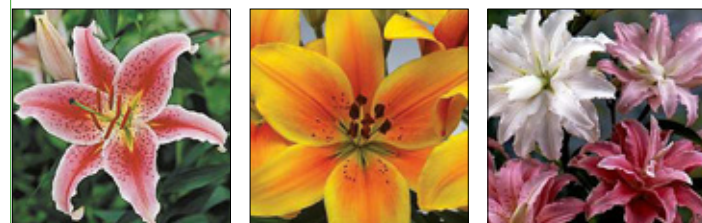
Many **Camellias** and fragrant flowered Choisya ternata have very shiny light-reflective foliage.

Evergreen **Euphorbias** such as E. 'wulfenii' make characterful grey-green lumps, poised ready for their Spring flowering.

Tip Top Tips

- *Never choose a frosty day for the division of plants - their roots will object.*
- *Don't think a label will last for ever - names will suddenly disappear!*
- *Never leave a roller on the lawn overnight - it leaves permanent marks.*
- *Don't complain about heat, frost, snow or rain - they all have their uses.*
- *Bend a leaf over Cauliflower heads - it will protect from frost.*
- *Don't leave old fruit trees covered with moss - spray with a Winter wash.*
- *Check all stored fruit at least once a week.*
- *Prepare your seed beds early in sunny sites.*
- *Bring some Mint roots inside for an early supply.*
- *Never handle poisonous fluids without gloves - a small nick or cut can become a dangerous wound.*
- *Don't leave Wallflowers out of your garden - Spring flowers want partners.*
- *Never waste broken pots - use for crocks.*
- *Don't laugh at garden gloves - soil is not always savoury.*
- *Don't bring an unwashed pot into a greenhouse unless you want the introduction of insect pests.*

Pot up Lily bulbs 3 per 10/12" pot. John Innes No 2 or No 3 potting compost is ideal. Put some crocks in the bottom for added drainage. Plant the bulbs quite deeply - with around 4" of soil covering the tops. For a good finish and to prevent weed and moss growth, cover the soil surface with a thin layer of horticultural grit. Asiatic hybrid lilies make good pot plants. Turks-cap type lilies are also very popular (ie Citronella and black Beauty strains).



SELSEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Meets at Medmerry Primary School, School Lane
Wednesday & Thursday evenings at 7pm & Sundays at 9.30 am & 3pm.
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New members welcome

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email: annetteiskett@hotmail.com

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PRESS RELEASE

OCEANAIR RAISES £2,750 FOR CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE IN 2017



In February 2017, Oceanair employees nominated Chestnut Tree House as their charity of the year. Since then, there have been a whole host of entertaining and challenging events arranged to raise crucial funds, both in and out of the office.

Throughout the year, the Oceanair team took on numerous fundraising activities including a bake sale, plant raffle and our Stores Supervisor took part in the Great North Run. In September, a hardy team set out from Maidstone to Brighton, each running legs of the course non-stop over 2 days to complete the Reebok Ragnar White Cliffs Event. Finally, we rounded off the year with a Christmas Fancy Dress Bonanza!

In total, £2,750 was raised during 2017, which will help to support the incredible work that the team at Chestnut Tree House do. The charity is celebrating it's 15th anniversary this year, caring for children with life limiting conditions and offering vital support for their families. 93% of their costs must be provided by donations, making contributions essential to continue the amazing role they play in the lives of these children and their families.



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community news

SELSEY VENTURE CLUB (SVC)

On Monday 4th December around forty members of SVC enjoyed a visit to Winchester. At Winchester they visited the Christmas market located in the inner close of the Cathedral where special arrangements had been made to let them get off the buses and subsequently embark. There was an array of stalls selling Christmas related craft items and food. We were very fortunate with the weather, which remained dry and mild for us allowing members to check out the high street shops and find suitable eateries for a bite of lunch. The Christmas lights were on as we all left for home, some making a detour into Wickham square to take in the atmosphere of Christmas there before finally heading home.



Following on from the Winchester visit on Wednesday 13th December members of the club were taken to the Alexander Theatre in Bognor Regis where they saw the pantomime Aladdin that was well presented, colourful and included the usual audience participation. As a result of the success of this theatre visit the club has reserved tickets for the February 5th production of "Land of Hope and Glory" what promises to be a nostalgic afternoon of music from the First World War era and more recent times.



Venture Club members have the opportunity of taking outings on a regular basis riding in relative comfort in our modern minibuses. Outings are available most months either on a Monday or Thursday when the buses are free of other duties. Most of these trips are at no cost to Club members although on occasions an entry fee to an attraction has to be paid for.

Time has arrived for us to start planning for 2018 and we welcome any suggestions of places to visit and will see what can be arranged. If you would like to join the Club or as a current member have any suggestions phone the office on 605115 and importantly keep an eye on Club notice boards and here in Selsey Life for our next excursion. Please note that membership of the club is due to rise in 2018 as was agreed at the AGM however a cost of just £12.00 for a full year is excellent value and with door to door service.

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Selsey Cricket Club held its AGM on Friday 17th November 2017 at Selsey Cricket Club. It was a time to reflect on the 2017 season and look forward to the 2018 season. It was a season of transition for the league team with injuries, people moving away and retirements meaning major changes on the playing side. Despite a very tricky first half of the season played on the 94 over win/lose or draw format the team under James Amis' guidance responded in the 40 over win/lose format excellently to retain divisional league status. The Sunday team continued to play friendly cricket which was run well by Bob Hoare with the emphasis on enjoyment and maximum participation by all and of course trying to win. The colts were run by Tom Cripps and progress has been made and this continues to be the focus for the long term.

The Friday community league excellently organised by Ricky Halpin was a success and continued to offer friendly/social cricket to non league playing cricketers This will hope to continue in 2018. A new first team captain will be named in due course.

The league structure for 2018 has changed with the forming of an all Sussex cricket league offering regionalisation so that less travelling etc. takes place in an attempt to encourage more people to play given the recent drop off in playing numbers not just locally but also nationally.

Chairman Andy Horner thanked the Committee for it's hard work in helping the club run smoothly. The club's financial report showed excellent stability and a healthy profit was made which will help maintain the club going forward. Work continues on proposed joint facility with Selsey Cricket Club and hope steps forward will be taken in 2018. The committee was re elected.

The club is always on the lookout for new members both playing and social and also any volunteers to help out. Here's looking forward to the 2018 season.

President John Reeve
Chairman: Andy Horner
Vice Chairman: Ian Stocks
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Membership: Pete Driscoll
Treasurer: Debbie Heath
Social/Bar: Ian Stocks
Ladies: Alec Vincent
Committee: Brian Pleasance, Mike Nicholls, Bob Hoare
Colts Manager: Tom Cripps

Selsey Cricket Club - Treasurers report 2017

Selsey Cricket Club has had another successful year for the 2017 period. There have been challenges along the way.

The cancellation of the carnival had a huge impact on what is one of our usually successful weekends, but the beautiful weather on the rounders weekend helped to counteract this out.

More matches were played at home this year which in turn increases the use of the club facilities. We have managed to make a profit this year which will be added to the pavilion building fund.

We have been able to replace the kitchen this year to a modern stainless steel one and the funding of this was helped by a grant received from the ECB.

As our premises are so old there had to be additional work carried out to bring the kitchen up to the requirements of Chichester District Council and this was helped with the sponsorship money received from Checkatrade.

We have also received donations from Lazzies Co and Donuts Co who attended some of our functions.

We would also like to thank the generous and tireless efforts that the volunteers put into running this club, without you the club really would not exist.

From the good housekeeping when purchasing bar stock, and with members in mind, to give the best possible value. From cleaning the changing rooms to the work parties and the many other roles. it is most appreciated.

If you feel that you would like to get involved with helping to support the cricket club please do not hesitate to contact us. We are a very welcoming club and volunteering is a rewarding way to give back to the community, you do not have to play cricket to get involved.



The 2017 Season's events concluded with the Annual Dinner and Presentation evening at the Selsey Private Club, on 25th November, which was a great success.

Congratulations to all those who won awards.

Thank you to Julie Kelly & Danny Kelly and all their staff at the Selsey Club for making the evening a success .

Thank you to Pete Amis for compiling the averages.

Thanks to John Reeve for sorting out the awards and votes, and to Ian Stocks and everyone else who supplied music in the evening.

Tom Amis receiving the Duck Cup



The Cups and awards



Full list of Cup and Award winner at Selsey Cricket Club 2017

The Veterans Cup.	Tig Hoare
Most improved young player.	Joe Clarke
Man of the Match.	Tom Amis
Duck Cup.	Tom Amis
Highest Score.	Martin Lee
Catching Cup.	Tom Amis / Tom Cripps
First Team Batting.	Peter Horner
First Team Bowling.	A Bin Thariq
Bowling Cup.	Tom Cripps
Batting Cup.	Tim Fewster
Frost Cup.	Andy Horner
Stroud Cup.	Bob Hoare
John Miller Cup.	Stewart Montague
Robert Murphy Cup.	Stewart Montague / Tig Hoare
First team captains cup.	Tig Hoare
Players Player.	Farhan Bhutta
Player of the Year.	Tom Amis



Bob Hoare receiving the Stroud Cup from Esther De Vries from our sponsors Checkatrade

Ladies cups

Young Player.	F Baker
Players Player.	Pam Baker
Fielding Cup.	Pam Baker
Batting Cup.	Gemma Halford
Bowling Cup.	Lucy Cawley
Most Improved Player.	A Hurd
John Reeve Cup.	Charlotte Vincent

We have several upcoming events already planned for 2018

Once again Selsey Cricket Club welcomes the Thespian Thunderer's to Selsey Cricket Club, playing for the Sir Patrick Moore cup and Family day out, Sunday 13th May 12:30 pm for a 1.00 pm start This years event is being sponsored by the Party and event Club, with a large amount of attractions for all the family , including Disney Characters, Bouncy Castles, Face Painting, Craft Stall , Bar and food, more information in the next issue.



Annual Presentation Evening John Reeve President Charlotte Vincent, Alec Vincent

Sunday August 12th is our Famous Beer & Rounders day, on Sunday 12th August, once again more information later in the year.

Selsey Cricket Club are looking for new players already for the 2018 Season.

We are a Friendly, but competitive Clubmark Club, running a men's League side, 1 Ladies Friendly side and Sunday and Midweek Friendly sides.

We also run several Junior sides.

We are looking for players and all abilities from Juniors up.

Whatever your age or ability, we can find a place for you, at your level.

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If you are interested in playing for us, please email us on info@selseycc.co.uk

We also welcome Social and Non Playing members, and people interested in Scoring, Umpiring, and helping with Juniors coaching.

The Club bar has closed for our Annual Winter break, and is scheduled to reopen 1:00 pm Sunday March 4th.

The Season begins on Sunday 8th April, the first fixtures are below.

08/04/2018	Bognor Regis CC - Regis Rebels Sunday XI	13:00
14/04/2018	Southampton University CC - 3rd XI	13:00
22/04/2018	Clanfield CC - Friendly XI	13:00
05/05/2018	R.M.U CC - 1st XI (League match)	13:00
06/05/2018	Singleton CC - Friendly XI	14:00

In next months issue we will be publishing some more information about the History of the Club.

The Present Club was founded in 1834, but the history goes back much further than that, and we will be publishing more info next month.

In Recent times we have had many famous members, including B.B.C Astronomer Sir Patrick Moore C.B.E, who was Club Secretary, Life Vice President and a player.

In the 1970's Hubert Doggart O.B.E was our President, he was also President & Treasure of the M.C.C, and played for England, Sussex and Cambridge University.

We can be found on Social Media, as below, our Website is undergoing a revamp at the moment.

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SMOOTH AND SLEEK AT SIXTY
(Or, Joan Collins eat your heart out)

by

Thea Foote

When we are young we take our bodies for granted but as we age, like vintage cars, the bodywork needs more care and attention, the engine that drives it needs to be kept watered, oiled and fuelled to enable it to run smoothly. Exercise for the mind and body becomes vitally important and nowadays there is no excuse for not keeping lively-minded and bodily-supple. There are many forms of exercise for the mind such as crossword puzzles, quizzes and adult education classes to learn new skills. Also a wide range of fitness programmes, for example Yoga, Tai Chi, Aerobics and even Aquarobics to keep the body nimble. And then there's the Gym!

I have never been a fitness fanatic, indeed, up until a few years ago my idea of a healthy lifestyle was to put my feet up and either read a good book or watch TV with nibbles to hand. I rarely walked if I could drive and the amount of traffic on the roads prohibited cycling, the bicycle was definitely a thing of the past.

Then I had a blood pressure check. Another closely followed, then a third. Doctors are very keen on blood pressure monitoring. However, things did not look good. My doctor suggested I cut out salt, lose weight and take up some form of regular exercise. He proceeded to write me out a prescription for the gym.

What a shock! First I had to have a fitness test, which was carried out by a rather dishy man and his perfectly formed assistant. Blood pressure - UP! (It could have been his twinkling blue eyes of course. Just because I'm of a certain age doesn't mean I don't appreciate a good thing when I see it). Then lung capacity, which entailed taking a deep breath and blowing into a tube (rather like a breathalyser test) - LOW! In fact my son, who has asthma, had higher scores. After that came the fatness measuring - well! I could have died! They - HE, Mr Gorgeous himself, had this sort of ruler thing, which pinched your flesh. For decency sake I won't say which parts of the flesh. The score on that was - HIGH.

Then they went in for the kill. The stepper! This is a step, which is about the height of a stool you would normally use to access high kitchen units. I was instructed to keep stepping up and down on this creation of torture for the next three minutes. When the time was up, not only was I pouring with perspiration, or to use the vernacular, sweating like a pig, I could hardly breathe and collapsed onto the nearest chair hoping the dishy one would give me mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. I hoped in vain.

At least I could now go home, soak in a Radox-filled bath, and then lie down for the rest of my life. But no, this was not to be.

I was escorted to the large arena known as the Fitness Suite, where cheerful music was being played at high volume, and introduced to the various contraptions designed to keep you at the peak of fitness. At this point I didn't think I would survive the initiation, let alone become fit.

First of all, the exercise bike, upon which I climbed with difficulty. As I proceeded to peddle, a speedometer registered the speed I was travelling at, except I wasn't travelling, I was static. It also gave me my heart rate, by this time mine seemed to have started again and registered 98 beats a minute. To add to the misery there was also a timer telling me how long I'd been suffering and how much longer I should continue to do so.

Next, the treadmill. A sort of gangplank, which moved and I had no choice but to move with it. This delight had controls. If I rested my finger too long on the speed button it had my legs flying like the wind. The trouble was my body couldn't keep up with them, so Mr Gorgeous had to come to my rescue. As I clung to him I reflected that this wasn't so bad after all.

After a suitable pause, he disentangled me from his strong arms and we moved on to.....Oh! Horror of horrors, another stepper! However, this one was different, it had railings and I had to keep stepping to keep it going. After a cursory few seconds, not having the breath to speak, I nodded to Mr Gorgeous that I understood what was required of me (that I should become an athlete?)

I was then escorted to the rowing machine. This looked promising, at last I could sit down. Unfortunately I had to also pull on a handle with both hands, which created the effect of rowing a rather large tug boat. Mr Gorgeous explained that I needed to adjust the tension, after which things improved - a little.

Finally back to the treadmill. By now I had gained a second wind and I managed five minutes, at a snail's pace. After this, to my delight, I was informed by the blue-eyed Adonis that I was now free to go, but, on the understanding that I attend this chamber of horrors at least three times a week and spend a minimum of an hour reliving the past hour's labours.

Using Mr Gorgeous as an incentive, I did indeed attend regularly and gradually I came to enjoy the suffering and even, after about three weeks, looked forward to the buzz, which follows a strenuous workout. My fitness levels have improved, my lung capacity has increased and my blood pressure has dropped. I even managed to lose a few pounds of unwanted fat. Sadly Mr Gorgeous has moved on to more needy clients at another Health Club. I didn't mind, by then I was flying, a new-born fitness fanatic.

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DONNA'S DELIBERATIONS

February already! A belated Happy 2018 to both my readers! I trust that you have navigated your way safely through the coughs, colds and general assorted viruses which seem to take up residence over the winter and you are feeling slightly less 'wintry' than a couple of months ago.

I have to say - at the time of writing - my 2018 has begun rather more auspiciously than 2017. You may recall that I was laid low with pneumonia around this time last year so, let's be honest, given that I'm actually still vertical, there's certainly been an improvement. I am however, not speaking about it very much on the grounds that I don't want to 'tempt fate' as they say.

So, New Year resolutions....anyone made any? Don't all shout at once. I'm not a big one for resolutions, largely because they often imply a need to change and as far as I'm concerned I'm perfect the way I am.(Cough, cough.... I wasn't being serious - or was I...?) As far as I'm concerned, New Year resolutions are a sort of 'to do' list for the first week of January. Change isn't easy to effect, it can be quite hard work. So, on the odd occasions when I have resolved to do something for a new year, I've done a quick cost/benefit analysis. Basically my criteria is, will I be so stressed trying to stick to my resolution that whatever benefit is derived will be neutralised by my soaring blood pressure? Hence my resolution to resolve not to resolve to give up chocolate - if you see what I mean. Chocolate is a big issue for me. I can say as many times as I like 'I'm going to lose more weight, I'm going to stick to a diet' but, when I spot that chocolatey goodness I leap on it with the accuracy and precision of a homing pigeon. It is my ultimate food weakness and any cost/benefit analysis would render any possibility of my giving it up totally pointless. As they say, I could give up chocolate - but I'm no quitter...see what I did there? These have been very effective arguments of mine for a long time and I see no valid reason to change them.

A friend of mine came up with what I thought was a brilliant 21st century 'resolution'. On her Facebook page she said this 'I need to spend less time on the computer, so, December 31st will be my last day on Facebook for this year. I will return sometime on January 1st, 2018' - I'll just leave that with you. So, in 2018, may all your troubles last as long as your New Year resolutions and remember if it makes you happy, do it and if it doesn't, then don't. Simple.

So, February it is - about which the only remotely positive thing that can be said is that on the 14th, it's Valentine's Day. My husband, who is way more 'goosey' about that sort of thing than me says that we have two anniversaries, Valentine's Day, which was when we (kind of) got together and October 1st which was when we actually got married. Now, in case anyone is running away with the idea that we had a very romantic Valentine's Day dinner, let me just take a moment to dispell that image...I was fundraising for my son's Scout Group at the time and I thought it would be a good idea to have a Valentine's Disco; I invited my now husband because he was fostering a young lad my son was friends with. So, we spent Valentines evening in a very cold, dilapidated Scout hut with about 30 Cub Scouts and their parents. Yes, extremely romantic!

I suppose the days of sending anonymous cards to prospective boy/girl friends has diminished over the years now we have texts and e-mails which is a bit sad, really. I still have many cards and letters which my parents sent to each other whilst they were 'courting' and they are very special to look back on, giving me a real insight into my parents' relationship before and after they married. Our children won't have those memories, in part because I'm seriously unromantic, but also because we just don't hand write so much these days. We want immediate communication which is available at the touch of a button - all very practical - but it will most likely disappear into the firmament just as quickly as it was created, destined never to be seen again. Sometimes, that may well be a good thing!! But, the loss of more permanent communication does mean that we potentially lose the capacity we once had to gain a deeper understanding of someone and those 'special' relationships. Technology changes and evolves, however, and we change with it.

There is another positive about February I've just thought of - daffodils! Mine always seem to push their way out of the winter's cold soil rather later than anyone elses but there is a house on my route to the High Street where they always seem to be bursting through rather early and that's my reminder that Spring is on its way. They are well and truly 'up' now and by the time this goes to print I'm sure they will be out in all their glory....assuming it doesn't snow, of course! My mum's birthday was February 8th and I have lost count of the number of times we have had snow; that first week or so in February is decidedly unpredictable, especially if there's been bad weather across the 'pond'.

We have a very strange relationship with snow, the presence of which is one of the only occasions we are allowed to wake up a slumbering partner on a Sunday morning! Obviously, driving to work in a couple of millimetres of snow is impossible so we settle down and watch the news, which will be full of snow related stories and comiserate with the man in Cumbria who had to dig his dog out of an avalanche. Actually, we're not all like that - in my experience there are two types of people: the type who say 'I can't possibly drive in that' and the type who relish the opportunity to use a deserted car park as a skid pan and hurtle round it shouting 'Wheee!' at the top of their voices!

I would like to say that I'm referring to the male gender in that regard, but obviously I can't. There's a definite north/south divide though, when it comes to snow. Couple of inches of snow in the north: bit irritating but we'll plough through....couple of inches in the south: the hazards go on, speed is a steady 5mph then cars are abandoned and people start to worry about dehydration and hypothermia! Trust me on this one, I'm half Southern, half Northern so I know about these things! Mind you, I remember once spending a couple of weeks with family who lived 'op north' during the Christmas and New Year holiday - just around the corner from us was a Church which used to put out large, rather eye-catching posters every week. It had been snowing continuously for ten days and was literally almost at knee height but the novelty was really wearing off, even for the children. I walked by the Church and this is what I saw - a large poster with these words: 'Whoever is praying for snow, will they please now stop!' Let's be honest, when do we ever get snow like that down here?

So, this will be my last deliberation of the winter of 2017/18 - next month it will be officially Spring. So, hang on in there, it's nearly over and the chocolate supplies will be increasing very soon because it'll be Easter! I can't wait.

Take care all.

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THE PENDRAGON PAGE

WITH THIS RING

The wearing of a wedding ring to signify marriage can be dated back to Ancient Egypt when couples exchanged a twisted hemp band. Believing that a vein ran directly from the heart to the fourth finger on the left hand, the Egyptians wore their rings on this finger. A ring was a symbol of a complete circle, demonstrating a never ending commitment of loyalty and fidelity.

By Ancient Greek and Roman times rings were made from metals and were traditionally worn by married women. The custom was adopted by Christians and spread throughout Europe.



Byzantine Ring

Late Byzantine rings often depicted images of a God in-between a man and a woman, and were made from precious metals.

In Elizabethan times Gimmel rings became popular. These were made of two rings that were worn separately by an engaged couple and then united and worn by the bride after the wedding. In Asia Gimmel rings were sometimes a complex intertwining of several pieces that were difficult to separate so that if a wife removed her ring, her husband may know. Gimmel rings often featured precious stones, similar to engagement rings that are popular today.

Over time, many different customs emerged. In Orthodox countries such as Bulgaria, Poland and Russia wedding rings are usually worn on the right hand. By 1870 in Germany it was customary for both the bride and groom to exchange rings.

Although not a legal requirement, society expected to see a married woman wearing a wedding ring, and a plain, more affordable, gold band became popular. Rings were sometimes passed down from a grandmother. In the late 1940s some local jewelers offered couples the opportunity to pay in weekly instalments leading up to the wedding. During the Potato Famine in Ireland in 1845-49 couples would hire a ring for a wedding ceremony.



Gimmel Ring

Posey rings were engraved with poems. When Beethoven died a ring was found amongst his possessions with the inscription 'Ever mine, Ever thine, Twas ever thus'. It is reported that he had asked Elisabeth Rockal to marry him, and although they never married, the ring was thought to be for his muse, who had inspired the famous piano solo 'Für Elise'.

Since 1911 four generations of Royal wedding rings have been made from Welsh Gold. Following this fashion Welsh gold is in high demand and the Clogau St Davids mine in Bontddu, North Wales recently announced that it will reopen after a closure of 20 years.

In the mid-20th Century, war time restrictions

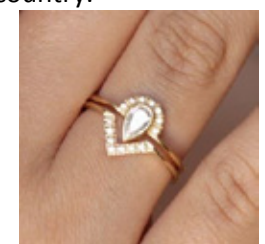
on the manufacture of jewelry in England limited the amount of gold that could be used. Until then rings were typically 22carat gold, instead of the 9 carat gold that was introduced in 1941 and is still common today.



Hawaiian Lei Ring

In Hawaii wedding rings are traditionally made from 18 carat gold and depict an intricate band of flowers, similar to the Lei's that given to welcome visitors to the islands.

Modern wedding rings vary greatly from the plain gold bands of the 20th century. Contemporary designs are more elaborate, and often include precious stones. Engagement, wedding and eternity rings are designed to interlock or stack together. Once the preserve of the rich and famous, it is now easier for couples to design, and make, their own wedding rings at jewelers' studios across the country.



Contemporary Wedding and Engagement Ring

Today wedding rings can cost anything from £90 for a 3mm gold band to an estimated £1.75M for Beyonce's diamond encrusted wedding ring. A far cry from the twisted braid of hemp worn by Ancient Egyptians.

Next month: What time is it?

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Happy Valentine's Day from your favourite out and about reporter at the Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre, Hulky Bear.

I almost didn't get my report handed in on time as I've been so busy opening Valentine cards from my admirers! On that note a huge thank you to you that sent gifts for me friends and I at Christmas. The Christmas pudding balls are great fun!

This month I'd like to bring to your attention something very important when you find an unfamiliar cat in your area, and are tempted to feed it, before you do, check with your neighbours to see if they recognize it. If not take to your local vet and they will check if it has a microchip, they do this free of charge. If there is no microchip contact your local rescue and they will help as soon as possible. Although you are trying to be kind to feed the cat, it can cause serious harm, as some cats may have to have special diets due to allergies or medical issues, and you could make them very poorly, as one lady has been telling me. Even a few treats can cause problems (not for me though!). This lady was telling me her cat has had to have a lot of vet treatment because of someone feeding her cat. You can also try a putting on a paper collar on the cat with your phone

number on, and the owners can contact you if they have a home. If the cat is in distress or poor condition the safest thing to do is have them checked for a microchip. We have just solved the mystery of one cat who suddenly went missing 4 years ago. The owners

had him chipped but one day he didn't come home. The family searched but never found him. A few weeks ago someone brought a cat into us as they couldn't care for him any longer. They had had him for 4 years. We scanned him and found a microchip, rang the owner, there were shouts of joy their long lost cat had been found. The family are now reunited with their cat who they never forgot even after 4 years!

So always check that a stray or lost cat really doesn't have a home before you feed or take them in. Us cats are very cheeky and so do all sorts to find extra food.

If your cat is microchipped always keep the details updated if you move or change your phone number. Together we can reunite more lost animals with their owners.

If you need any advice with a stray cat please contact us at the Centre.

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

PS: We have a Viewing Day Saturday 24th February 2018 12-2pm. Viewing days are non-appointment days so people thinking of adopting a cat can pop along. Otherwise we rehome 7 days a week by appointment only.

Montery Jack & Miss Muffet

This February let us introduce a pair of very cute rabbits called Monterey Jack and Miss Muffet. Monterey Jack is a tan and white 5 year old male and Miss Muffet is a black 3 year old female. Monterey Jack arrived here in August 2016 as he was not getting along with his original friend. In 2017 he met and bonded with the stunning Miss Muffet and went to a home together. Unfortunately their owners had to return them as they were moving house. They are now looking for a new forever home where they can be together. They both are happy to sit and be stroked and cuddled. If you think you can offer the new home they so desperately deserve, please do not hesitate to contact us here at the Centre.



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- 20) Who was the first female Prime Minister of any country?
- 21) Which 20th-century dancer was accidentally strangled by her own scarf?
- 22) How did this happen?
- 23) In which city was Frankie Vaughan born?
- 24) Which rugby league side is at home at the JJB Stadium?
- 25) To whose career is a museum at Duns in Scotland dedicated?
- 26) Which British driver won the F1 championship in 1976?
- 27) How long was the smash hit 1903 movie 'The Great Train Robbery'?
- 28) Who survived cancer to win the Grand National in 1981?

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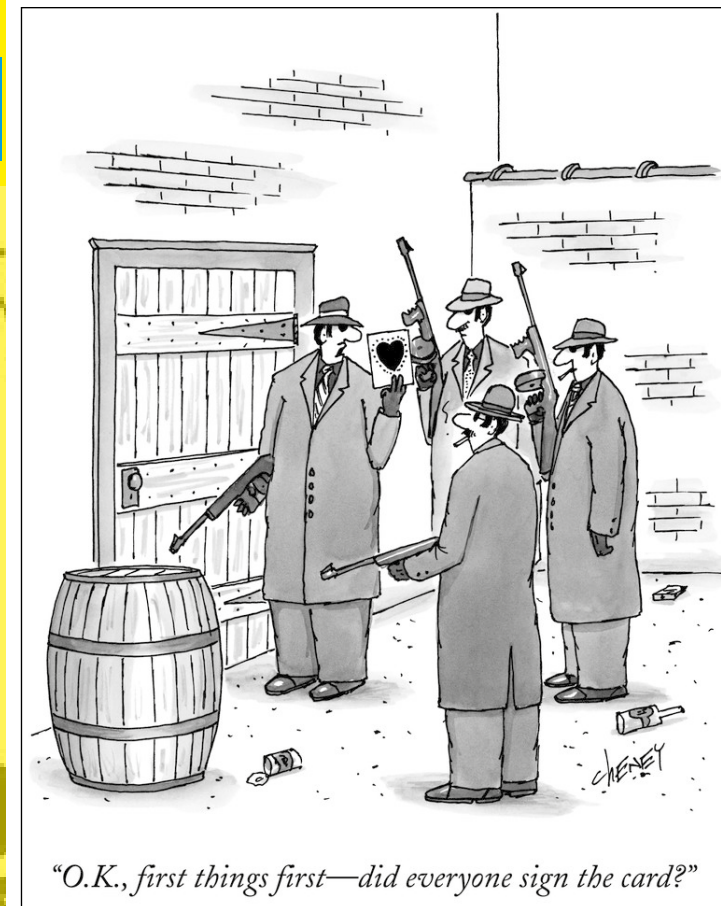
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SELSEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Friday the 9th February at 7.30pm in The Conference Room, Selsey Centre.

RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS

Visitors always welcome, £1 for the evening, or why not come and join our Society. Annual membership is £12 Which will be due on the night.

Please contact Amanda Cope 01243 604634 for further enquiries.

Darby & Joan Club Selsey

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

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To advertise your club or event in future copies of Selsey Life please contact
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01243 602729 / 07534 364 943

Selsey Model Boat Club

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

Royal British Legion Selsey
Card bingo evening
Sunday 4th February 8pm start.
Play up to 10 games
£1 a game

Everyone welcome. You do not need to be a Member. We also play card bingo on Monday, Wednesday Friday and Saturday nights also Sunday lunchtimes with a meat raffle. Come for a visit, membership available looking forward to seeing you.

Selsey Royal British Legion Fishing Club

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February 3rd Jumble Sale 10am
March 3rd Mad March Fayre 10am
April 7th Jumble Sale 10am

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

Sunbeams Parent & Toddler Group
Friday morning during school term time from 10.00 until 11.45 am at East Beach Church, Marisfield Place.
All are most welcome, including Grandparents.
For further details telephone 01243 607741. office@ebec.org.uk

CRABLANDS BOWLS & TENNIS CLUB
Affiliated to B.E., L.T.A. & E.S.M.B.A.
Crablands, Selsey, PO20 9BD

Hands up all those readers who have made New Year's resolutions to get fitter during 2018? Here at Crablands we are throwing off the cloak of indulgence and making plans for the forthcoming Spring and Summer; the bowling green is the only thing resting, the tennis courts are always ready for action and the hardy among you can take advantage of this fact, a couple of extra layers is all it takes to get out, knock a few balls about and end up feeling warm and toasty. Saturday mornings are once again buzzing with young players and a great way to get them out and away from those infernal electronic devices that have such an attraction to them all. Anyone wanting more information about tennis should contact Jo Montgomery on 606890.

If you are interested in playing or learning to play green bowls when the green opens in April then a call to Chris Lewendon on 601859 will get you all information about this very social sport/game. Here at Crablands you can also take part in short mat bowling which is played all year round and which takes place in our great sports hall and this is a game which is not quite as strenuous as the outdoor game. If you are a member here at Crablands you too can enjoy the other activities that are available in the hall ie. Mini-tennis and/or table tennis and these are available on a couple of evenings in the week: Jim Saunders on 606172 will have all details of the short mat bowling. A reminder to Crablands members that the Friday night social events are underway and your support would be appreciated as well as the fact that you will find something you might greatly enjoy, volunteers work hard to organise these events and not only do they enable us to make full use of our club and raise funds to help with the overall running of the facilities but they really are fun – see you there.

d) What an absolutely, thoroughly, bloody nice bloke
e) He's fallen in the water
f) Oh, you are awful, but I like you!
g) Goodnight and good luck

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Whose Catchphrases were these?

a) Just like that.
b) Who loves you baby?
c) And it's goodnight from him
d) Book 'em, Danno
e) D'oh!
f) Here's Johnny
g) Yabba dabba doo
h) Hello, good evening and welcome
i) Shut that door

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Sunday 4th February 10.30 am Mr Jack Delbridge
Sunday 11th February 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson
Holy Communion

Sunday 18th February 10.30am Revd Kavula John
Sunday 25th February 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson
Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 01243 601032

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!

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East Beach
Evangelical Church

Weekly Sunday Service at 10am

FEBRUARY

EVENTS

Tuesday 30th Jan
7.15pm Alpha Taster Night
More details about the Alpha course on website

Saturday 3rd Feb
5pm - 7pm - Family Games Evening

Sunday 4th Feb
5.00pm - Songs of Praise


Thursday 15th Feb
12.30pm - Lunch Club

Sunday 18th Feb
3.00pm - 4.30pm - ResBite Tea
(Aimed at those who might not see other people over the course of a normal weekend ~ Lifts available)

Thursday 8th March
2.30pm - Tea & Chat

For information on our regular weekly activities
www.ebecselsey.org.uk or call 607741
Marisfield Place - opposite East Beach Shops
Pastor: Phil Harding - 01243 607741 or office@ebec.org.uk

Selsey Methodist Church
Quiz Evening & Meal
Saturday 10th February
Starts at 6.30pm
Ticket only event,
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To buy your ticket



Selsey Methodist Church
Womans World Day of Prayer Service
Friday 2nd March 2pm

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH
Rooms in our premises, including kitchen facilities, are available for hire. Please phone 01243 601439 for details.
Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 601032

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

The Rector and the Churchwardens of St Peter's Church have decided that, due to vandalism, the church will remain closed between services while security is being reviewed. If access is required to the church then please contact Fr Andy on 601984.



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 or jjmirwin@waitrose.com.

Valentine's Day Facts

The most popular theory about Valentine's Day's origin is that Emperor Claudius II didn't want Roman men to marry during wartime. Bishop Valentine went against his wishes and performed secret weddings. For this, Valentine was jailed and executed. While in jail he wrote a note to the jailor's daughter signing it "from your Valentine".

Every Valentine's Day, the Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet.

Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for this holiday in the late 1800s.

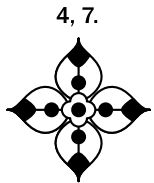


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West Sands Looking Back to West Beach

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3) Green (Lord Percy in Blackadder II, anyone?)
4) Flotsam 5) Andrew Jackson 6) Vasco De Gama
7) 1936 8) MCMLXII 9) Women's Auxiliary Air Force
10) Ginger 11) Martlet, and there are six
12) Heimlich manoeuvre 13) Vulcan 14) Liege 15) Rose
16) Joshua 17) Book of Ruth and Book of Esther
18) Seven 19) Eminem 20) Frankfurt 21) Neon
22) Durham and Yorkshire 23) South Dakota
24) It swims on it's back 25) St. Andrew's
26) Leo Delibes 27) Napoleon's retreat from Moscow
28) Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare 29) Sam



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