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Walking and Wellbeing – Join 4Sight Vision Support's Fundraising Events

4Sight Vision Support is delighted to announce three 'Wellbeing Walks' scheduled over the next 12 months. The charity, which provides support and specialist information to blind and sight impaired residents throughout West Sussex, is inviting everyone to sign up for one, two, or even three of these fun fundraising Walks held in some delightful locations around the county.

The first of the three walks is a five mile rural trail on the beautiful Angmering Park Estate, which is not usually open to the public, on 9th July this year. The second Walk will be routed along Bognor Regis seafront on 1st October, and the final event will visit the historic Horsham Town Centre on March 18th 2023



CEO Kirstie Thomas, commented, "We are delighted to announce not one but three of our Wellbeing Walks, and invite everyone to sign up and join in. For anyone joining all three walks and raising over £500, we are offering a special thank you gift from all of us at 4Sight Vision Support".

Entry for each event costs £10 for adults and £5 for children aged over 3. The fee includes refreshments, a bespoke wooden medal and wellbeing activities along the route. The entrance fee covers the costs of putting on the event, so in addition participants are encouraged to pledge an additional £50 in sponsorship.

For more information and to register, visit:
www.4sight.org.uk/wellbeing-walk call 01243 838001 or email fundraising@4sight.org.uk

4Sight Vision Support would like to thank Nigel Clutton and the Angmering Park Estate, Arun District Council and Horsham District Council for making these events possible.

The image shows Alyssa from Bognor Regis, then aged 10, and her mum Rachel who completed the Walk in 2021.

Lifeboats Spring Fair

St. Peter's Church Hall

Saturday 9th April 2022

09:30 – 12:30

**Craft Stall, Tombola,
Raffle, Jewellery
&
Much Much More !**

Here we are, we have made the ambitiously awesome April edition of the Selsey Life.

I must begin by apologising for the absence of the Reader's Gallery this month - it will be back but space constraints this month have caused its removal. Please keep sending your images in, they will be used.

Have you recovered from the loss of an hour's sleep yet? I take the side of the cats here - a whole HOUR of sleep lost - when will I ever get it back? (Oh yes, October..)

This month I must take time to make a special thank you to all of our contributors, some of whom have not been well and/or have been under greater work pressure, but they have all persevered to submit their articles to make this a, hopefully, interesting magazine to read. I trust you will support them and thank anyone you know for their efforts.

We only have the 22nd of each month now to make interesting dates, eg 22/4/22, 22/5/22. Were any of you born on an interesting date, or do you have an event that happened on an interesting date? Would you like to let the readers know? If so send it in to the Selsey Life and we will publish it.

I hope you will enjoy your Easter, and any family get togethers now the restrictions are lifted this time. When you are eating that really big bar of chocolate, with all the little crumbs falling onto your lap, and savouring the creamy taste in your mouth, think of me stuck in the bunker spinning the wheel to get the May issue ready. No, stop, no more tears, I did not wish to make you cry. (As if).

You will be pleased to know that is the end of my drivel for this month, it only leaves me to once again wish you all well, and I hope to see you all in May. Our next issue is due Friday 6th May. If you have any events for May you would like publicised get them into us as soon as possible.

We have now reached repetition station, but it is vital we have it to help ensure the magazine continues.:

Would you like to sponsor the Selsey Life magazine? If not the full magazine, how about sponsoring a page for a month for £20.00? We may not be able to guarantee what page, it would be on a first come basis, but we would try to match you if possible. Is this of interest? Please email the Selsey Life in the usual way, selseylife@btinternet.com.

We offer a six month subscription for the magazine for £18.00, including postage. Is it something you would like?

Please, wherever possible, do your best to support any of the local shops and venues that you can - you will miss them all when they are gone.

Thank you to all of you who are purchasing and reading the magazine, we are always happy to receive feedback. As always, if you have just picked the magazine up whilst in a queue or something and are not going to take it, please still consider a donation in the yellow pots, thank you

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We are happy to receive any feedback, good or bad, along with any articles and/or photos for inclusion. Tell us what you want to see.

As ever, thank you to all of our contributors and advertisers in these difficult times, and our printers for always producing a good magazine for us.

With regard to the Selsey Club and the Story So Far, part two is delayed pending further notice. The Club advise "Our story so far seems to be changing daily, we will update as soon as we have a definitive conclusion."



As you may have guessed from the cover, this month we are pleased to be able to offer a Sunday roast for two, courtesy of the Selsey Private Club. (See their advert elsewhere in the magazine for all their events they have coming up in April).

For a chance to win this scrumptious prize, you have to find the Selsey Seagull who is hidden somewhere in this magazine (NOT this page) and then complete the coupon below.



Coupons are to be posted in one of the two competition boxes, either at Raycrafts, 119 High Street, or Pretty's Newsagents at 4 Orchard Parade. One entry per coupon, copies not accepted.

(You can enter any competition multiple times, but you will need a separate coupon for each entry.)

Good luck with your entries.

Last month the seagull was on the advice regarding using up your postage stamps, on page 8, and the winner of the Selsey mementoes was Cathy Muggeridge. The prize was drawn by Karen from the Pet store in East Beach.



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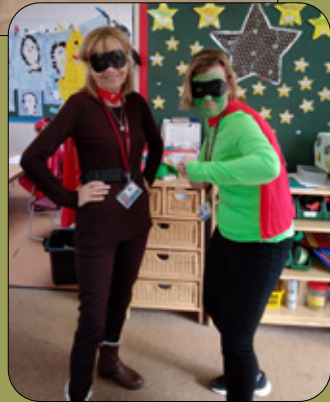
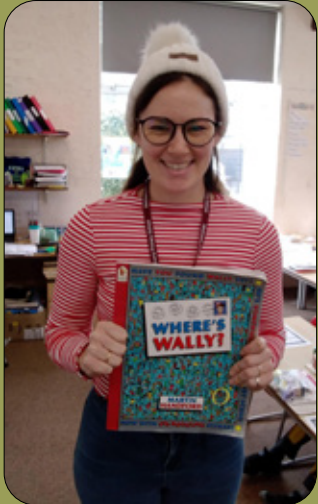


schools works

Academy Trust
Building children's
futures together

Medmerry Primary School celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 3rd of March. The whole school dressed up as their favourite character and the day was celebrated with a variety of book-themed activities and arts and crafts. In assembly each class put together a shoe box of clues and other classes had to guess the story. Can you guess the story from the character clues below?

- "I'm cunning and crafty."
- "Some say I'm a hoot!"
- "I slither and hiss."
- "Some say I'm a pest. I also rhyme with house."



(It's The Gruffalo, by Julia Donaldson).

Appeal for Information

We have been asked if anybody would have any information on East Thorney? An ancient and long since lost place, supposedly submerged by searching seas in medieval times. Information about this place is very sparse but it existed somewhere just to the east of Bracklesham. If anybody has information on this please let us know.

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BORDERLANDS – Probing the Sussex Perimeter (stage 2)

Long gone it seems the once heyday of Holy Trinity
Old chalice cross and candlestick safe under lock and key
Cordoned off, its ivy walls inside the barricade
Cast church bells falling silent in some previous decade

Daffodil clusters came and went, Sussex spring is on the march
Winter farmlands seep and drain beneath the pale granite arch
Abandon lazy firesides hear Nature's clarion call
Rejoice in seasonal demise, in winter's curtain fall

Pevsner* versus Betjeman they once had quite a spat
The former's buildings background made him such an autocrat
He deemed the Poet Laureate no architecture judge
And thought East Preston's church re-jig a landscape blotting smudge

Development development a place beside the sea
Smart modern airy coastal blocks where history used to be
From Barnet, Bank and Bermondsey exchanging smoke for sticks
Yet same old, same old, same old, just a brand new pile of bricks

Its worshippers to Ferring flocked when Kingston church was lost
To fast encroaching Channel tides its fate at heavy cost
Some say a mound can still be seen when lowest tides prevail
A sobering and eerie thought, a necessary tale

On past wealthy Kingston Gorse and Angmering-on-Sea
Once country hideouts in between with much variety
Distant places little known before the railway
Yet places firmly on the map and in the mind today



*Nikolaus Pevsner (1902/1983) was an architectural historian best known for his county-by-county guides, *The Buildings of England*.

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For every patient we care for, at least two loved ones also receive our support, making over 60,000 people in our community helped by St Wilfrid's since we first opened our doors.

If you haven't already, **tell us some of your favourite memories or stories about working for the Hospice** - was it when the ward team made it snow for a patient? When we helped a patient get married in their last few days? We want everyone in our community to know the special moments of being involved with the Hospice. Email editor@stwh.co.uk with your story.

Adventurous escapes...

St Wilfrid's Hospice is excited to announce not one but two adventures of a life time in 2023. Choose to hike the final 67km of the famous Camino Frances pilgrimage route in Northern Spain, or go in search of the Aurora Borealis across the ancient volcanic land of Iceland.

You can now register your interest at stwh.co.uk/events to join an informal information evening with experienced guides about joining these exceptional fundraising treks:

Camino de Santiago pilgrimage trail, Spain (4-8 October 2023)
 Information Evening on 26 May 2022, at 7pm

This is your invitation to walk the final 67km of the famous Camino Frances, also known as the French Way pilgrimage route. This is a remarkable journey which shows off beautiful scenery, visits sleepy villages and includes the chance to visit their churches.

Starting at Palas de Rei you will walk to the UNESCO world heritage site Santiago Old Town, which is home to the stunning Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela.

Northern Lights Trek, Iceland (8 – 12 March 2023)
 Information Evening on 12 May 2022, at 7pm

Take on this challenging trek across snow covered landscapes,



along mountain passes and past natural lakes in search of seeing the Northern Lights. On the route will be the opportunity to explore the famous Geothermal Valley and end at the pretty city of Reykjavik.



Registering your interest also ensures you receive the brochure detailing the itinerary and support offered on each trek.

Leap4Love

Take on a sponsored 10,000ft free fall tandem skydive for St Wilfrid's Hospice. All training provided on the day by your own experienced instructor, allowing you to take in every second. Jump as part of a team July 3rd or take a flexi-date booking for a time to suit you. Last year saw our largest team jump yet with 16 taking the leap in memory of Spencer Chapman uttering his favourite phrase 'It's mind over matter!'



Why not nominate your boss in a 'Drop the Boss' fundraiser to galvanise the workforce? Find out more at stwh.co.uk/leap4love.

Anniversary Raffle – Spring 2022

Buy tickets now to be in with the chance of winning some fabulous prizes whilst supporting your local Hospice at stwh.co.uk/hospice-raffles.



Entry closes on Friday 22 April 2022. The draw will take place on Friday 29 April 2022.

- 1st Prize: £1000**
2nd Prize: £500
3rd Prize: £250
4th Prize: The Old Railway Station – Bed and breakfast for 2
5th Prize: Chichester Festival Theatre – Two tickets for opening production
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9th Prize: Runcton Farm Shop – Hamper
10th Prize: Sussex Grove Flowers – Seasonal arrangement

Bliss Life by Georgia

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Do you want to look after you more?

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Yours

D Ashton.

(Always happy to oblige where we can. Ed.)

Did you know?

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Longways, Longacre, Selsey PO20 OAD

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**Selsey Gardening Club**

Our April meeting will be on Friday 8th April
(2nd Friday of the month)

Ben Cross from Crossland Nursery will be talking
to us about his family business growing
'Alstroemeria'



The Sports Hall, Selsey Centre
Manor Road,
7.30pm start

There will be flowers to buy at £2.50 a bunch
so bring along some spending money

Subs are due for renewal at £10 per person for the coming
year. Cash or Cheque payable to Selsey Horticultural Society.

Raffle £1 a strip, Tea & Coffee will be available at 50p
Where possible please could you bring the correct money.

Visitors Welcome £1

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

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INSPIRING WOMEN

SELSEY WI

**Ladies of Selsey, come and join us at our next meeting. You
will be made very welcome.**

**It will be on Wednesday 13th April at 1.45pm
in the Town Hall. We will be having a talk from the
Selsey Carers.**

There will also be a Quiz



If you would like more information, please contact
Ann Jones 01243 607736
or Heather Coleman 01243 604603

Did you know?

Slum dwellings made up 20% of the houses in London in 1949.

It has been truly heartbreaking to watch the situation in Ukraine deteriorate at the hands of such naked aggression. Russia's illegal invasion has broken decades of peace in Europe.

The UK has stood beside the people of Ukraine responding by imposing the largest and most severe package of sanctions that Russia has ever seen, hitting hundreds of companies and oligarchs at the heart of the Russian economy with asset freezes worth many hundreds of billions of pounds. The Government is also bringing forward new legislation to create a register of overseas entities and other measures to better tackle corrupt elites in our own country as well as comprehensive reform of Companies House so that we can crack down those looking to use our financial systems and companies register for economic crime.

We're continuing to support Ukraine through a total of £395 million in aid, making us the largest humanitarian donor. This includes £220m of humanitarian assistance; £100m to bolster the Ukrainian economy; and £75m for the Ukrainian government budget to mitigate financial pressures created by the invasion. We're also welcoming the extended family members of Ukrainians who are settled in the UK, providing a route for those fleeing disaster, war, and persecution. Militarily, we're supporting the Ukrainian Armed Forces, training over 22,000 soldiers, and supplying a range of military aid including items like anti-tank missiles. The impact of this support has been seen in the stalwart defence that has been put up against the Russian invasion.

Closer to home, I recently visited Barfoots Farm who are an incredible success story for us on the South Coast. Starting as a small family business, Barfoots now grow high-quality fresh produce across the world including sweetcorn, beans, squashes, broccoli, but have always kept a strong presence in our area. I met with Julian, the Managing Director, to discuss key issues facing the business and wider industry, including access to Seasonal Agricultural Workers, rising inflation, and skills. I've now written to the ministers concerned to ensure the issues affecting farmers and growers in our area are taken into account.

Our location with excellent soil and high levels of sunlight makes our area exceptionally good for growing. Farming and horticulture form an incredibly important part of our local economy and I've been working consistently since becoming an MP to support our farmers and growers, including through a recent roundtable discussion with the Food and Farming Minister, as well as securing a continuation of the pilot scheme that makes 30,000 seasonal worker visas available to bring in the harvest. During my visit, I also got to see two of the forty-three new John Deere tractors Barfoots have acquired that are packed with amazing technology to make harvesting as efficient as possible.

You can keep up to date with all my work locally and in Westminster by subscribing to my monthly newsletter on my website:

<https://www.gilliankeegan.com/>

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KIKI DEE IS COMING TO SELSEY

On August 27th this year of 2022, as part
of the Selsey Festival, none other than
Kiki Dee and her Guitarist/Vocalist partner
Carmelo Luggeri are coming to Selsey to
perform their beautiful acoustic music.

This is being presented by Selsey Folk &
Music Club who strive to bring some of the
best musicians to our town and enhance the
local music scene.

"It started out as just another studio day for
producer and guitarist, Carmelo Luggeri
– until pop legend Kiki Dee came in to put
down a vocal He'd seen her many times
on TV, but once she started singing, he was
just blown away by the amazing tone of her
unmistakeable voice. Little did he suspect
that, from that day on, his musical career
was to change for ever.

The late Steve Brown (the man who
discovered Elton) told him, 'There's
something special happening when you play
acoustically with Kiki.. you should team up'.
Possessed of a great eye for talent, Steve
became their mentor.

Carmelo admits: 'That was the day he got us
to turn left'. And now, 25 years on from that
epiphany, the synergy between the two has
blossomed, firmly establishing them as one
of the UK's great musical pairings.

2018 saw a year of musical consolidation for
the popular duo – Bob Harris wanted them
as opening act for the re-booted Whistle
Test, and indeed this turned out to be a
seminal moment, leading to long overdue
recognition and critical acclaim.

A large and influential TV audience was
delighted to see Kiki not only looking
superbly fit, but her unique voice even better
than they remembered. Both performers
enjoy a heritage which stretches back
through decades of fine musicianship, yet
in all that time Kiki Carmelo concerts never
became a museum piece, a go through-the-
motions tribute act.

Their long-running body of work is not, nor
ever will be, set in aspic. Kiki's upbeat song
'Forward Motion' perfectly encapsulates her
innate disdain for standing still, her music
constantly evolving.

As well as K&C compositions and Carmelo's
beautiful acoustic arrangements of
obligatory 'Kiki songs', sublime numbers by
great artists are sprinkled into their concerts
to great effect. Harry Manx, Leonard Cohen,
Kate Bush & Lowell George are welcome
additions to a KC setlist – with even a bit of

Depeche Mode & Frank Sinatra thrown in for
good measure.

Kiki laughs off this refreshingly cavalier
approach: 'We venture all over the place
musically – but I've learnt to embrace it – our
live shows are very eclectic'.

Equally at home playing intimate London
jazz venues or Theatres and Arts Centres
in far-flung market towns, the two's free-
wheeling, often humorous vibe has made
them a shoe-in for the flourishing Summer
festival market.

On stage, Carmelo's mesmerising playing
and arrangements plus loops and Asian
Drones fill out the sound to great effect, with
Kiki providing moody texture & subtle
underscore on keys. Add to that Ms Dee's
unique and distinctive voice (which surely
should have a national preservation order
on it!) and audiences are guaranteed one
wonderful evening's entertainment.

And, following countless sell-out gigs those
audiences are getting larger, and the cries of
'encore!' getting louder...

Long may it, and they, continue.

By Radio Legend Adrian Juste

See our Selsey Folk &
Music Club advert in this
magazine for all details.



LOCKDOWN TREASURES

I wonder how many of us decided that lockdown was the perfect time to do all the sorting out we have always intended to do but never seem to have got round to. I'm pleased to say that I have been the happy recipient of some of the results which I will share with you all.

One of the first people to contact me was Barbara Jones (née King) who gave me 7 postcards written by the same lady to the same address in Berkshire. The cards were dated between the 1940's and 50's and was the correspondence from one sister to another. This one was written on 7 October 1943 and the message is incomplete but will give you a flavour if its contents.



*'Propose returning on Tues.
Going to Broadfield on Mon.
Mr B not all well...Am not over
well myself, Love N.'*

I found a family tree for the Luckes family which had been researched by Jan Pearse in Melbourne, Australia who very generously shared her information with me:

'The writer was Annie Mary Davys who never married and worked as a domestic servant. Her younger sister was Frances Bessie Davys who married James Sydney Luckes and had two children, Francis and Mary'

Broadfield is near Crawley.

Other postcards were signed 'Nina' so we have deduced that Annie and Nina are one and the same.



Nina was born on 9 March 1895 in East Ham and was baptised on 21 October 1895 at St. Paul's, Haringey. Her father, Frances, was a Butcher. Nina moved around – in 1901 she was in Essex with her family. Her father was a Meat Retailer/Butcher. They then moved to Sussex and her father had changed his occupation to Farmer. By the 1921 census, Nina had left home and was working in Essex for the Barkers. Harry Barker and his wife Sarah employed Nina as a General Home Help and they had three sons, Donald, William and Thomas.

Harry Barker was a Market Gardener and by 1939 he had a holding at 69 Birdham Road, Crouchers Farm, Appledram, aged 71. He died on 27 August 1946 and, at that time, was living at Sunnyside, East Road, Selsey. If this name sounds familiar it is because it was the temporary lodgings of Selsey's GP, Percy Crompe Barford ca. 1901.

Sarah continued to live at Sunnyside and died on 31 October 1955.



Nina died on 13th May 1986 at St. Ibbs, 7 Clayton Road, Selsey which was a care home in the 1990s and possibly before.

Another strand of research presented itself in the form of a previously unknown postcard publisher, Frederick Robertson Luke. At least, he was unknown to me! He came to Selsey around 1951 when he was operating from the shop occupied firstly by Sophia Woodland and then Martha Whitenstall in the High Street. He was a Newsagent and Stationer.

Sadly, Barbara died some weeks ago but I can assure her family that the cards will be kept safely and I am grateful to Barbara for the cards and for giving me the chance to find out about the writer and the recipients.

Thank you Jan for sharing your extensive research only a small portion of which is reproduced here.

The next goodies came from Jacqui Potts whom you may remember from Raycrafts in the days of John and Colin.



Both are labelled Selsey C.E. The top one is 1 while the bottom is Group 2. The pictures are taken in front of the school buildings which have been converted into bungalows behind the red brick Old School House in the High Street. The top one has 901 in the corner. I would like to think it should be 1901 but perhaps someone out there knows and will let me know. Neither postcard has been written or posted and there is no publisher to give me a clue. I think it is clear that the top one is earlier than the bottom one.

It occurred to me that the bottom one looked vaguely familiar so I took a look at the Selsey Photo Archive and found the ones overleaf which are obviously the same occasion as the second one above.



Selsey Photo Archive ref. no SP-1-01-245



Selsey Photo Archive ref. no SP-1-02-036

If you see any of your relatives in these pictures please tell me who they are and where they are in the picture. The Selsey Photo Gallery people are also interested and I will pass the information to them thus ensuring your relatives have their place in the history of Selsey.

Thanks to Jacqui for trusting me with her pics and thanks to the Selsey Photo Archive organisation for sending me downloads to use in this article. www.selseyphotoarchive.co.uk

PUZZLING PICS
From Selsey Photo Archive



Do you know why we had elephants roaming the streets of Selsey? And where they are? I have found a newspaper article (Chichester Observer of 19 July 1947) telling of the ‘first post war circus in Selsey’. Could this be part of it?

Answers to Selsey Photo Archive via their email selseyphotoarchive@mwhg.org.uk

Alternatively, you can email me or give me a phone call and I will pass the message on.

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There are five principal causes of KSIs on our county's roads – known as the Fatal 5:

- Inappropriate speed
- Drink and/or drug driving
- Not wearing a seatbelt
- Distraction, including use of a mobile phone or device
- Careless and/or inconsiderate driving or riding

Speeding is understandably a concern for many of our residents and if you follow us on social media, you may have seen that we regularly conduct “Speedwatch” operations and training sessions across the district.

If you are concerned about speeding in your area and would like to work with us to tackle this issue, would you be interested in becoming a Community Speedwatch Volunteer?

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where, in partnership with the police, members of communities use detection devices to monitor local speeds.

These volunteers then report those drivers who were exceeding

the speed limit to the police with the aim of educating drivers to slow down.

If the data proves that a driver is ignoring repeated warnings, police can prosecute them.

The aim is to:

- reduce death and injury on the roads
- improve the quality of life for local communities
- reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- increase public awareness of inappropriate speed

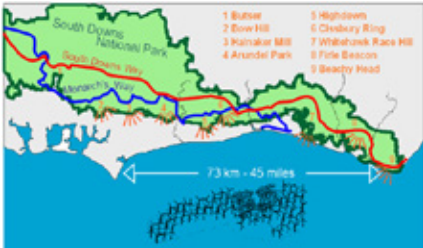
Last month over 1,000 hours were undertaken by volunteers and over 403 roadside sessions took place across 70 groups. If you are interested in supporting your local Community Speed Watch group, please get in touch with the team:

csw@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Front office opening hours
Chichester Police Station,
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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: Chichester@sussex.pnn.police.uk



Rampion2 - the biggest challenge to Sussex since 1066



Join us and the growing number of MPs and Councils who are opposing this inappropriate and ecologically damaging project. **Just consider these points:-**

-RWE have opened a **second** consultation due to an admitted **flaw** in the 2021 consultation. You have until April 11 2022 to voice your opinion.

-the Government has a 2030 target of 40GW from offshore wind, which will be met and exceeded by plans already in place or being planned from sites in the North Sea and elsewhere, where the turbines are out of sight of land. Rampion 2 is not needed to meet this goal.

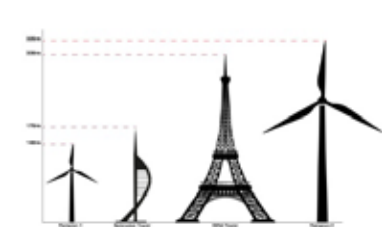
- at 8 miles from shore, the siting of Rampion 2 contradicts government guidance that new offshore windfarms should be at least 25 miles from a National Park, and in any case at least 14 miles from land

-Rampion 2 would not be in the optimal geographical area to benefit from winds that blow stronger and more constantly in other areas such as Dogger Bank in the North Sea, and where new windfarms can connect their output to a transmission network controlled by the National Grid, so not needing a stand alone cable connection to shore as would be needed for Rampion2

So, what would be the consequences of Rampion 2 being given planning a Development consent order (DCO) ?

Construction phase. This will last for 3-4 years at sea and on land

At sea, this will involve large vessels capable of transporting hydraulic rams and heavy lifting equipment. The sound of the rams piling the steel foundation will be very noticeable on shore, and the whole horizon will resemble an industrial building site for years. Trenches to house the interconnecting cables will be scoured from the sea bed disturbing both marine life and the kelp forest that conservationists are trying to restore. Indications from RWE are that the majority of materials needed will be imported from other countries in Europe, so no benefit for UK industry and jobs.



On land, the onshore cable link from Clymping cutting across the South Downs towards a substation at Bolney will have major consequences for both traffic congestion, and damage to the ecosystem on the South Downs including the “Pickering”

project to diversify and rewild that is taking place on the Duke of Norfolk’s estate

Visual effects. Upon completion, the visual effects from both the shoreline and South Downs National Park will be truly appalling. No amount of mitigation can make up for replacing views now enjoyed of an open and unspoilt vista that everyone associates with Sussex, by an industrial seascape that spans the horizon east to west. The turbines will be more than twice the height of Rampion 1 and cover four times the area. At nighttime, each turbine will be illuminated by a blinking red light, further adding to the discomfort and distraction of residents and visitors.

Effects on wildlife and the marine ecology. There is not enough space here to list all the damage than would result. However, you can well imagine the risk to the migratory birds and insects that flock to and fro from the wildlife sanctuaries along our coastline. The shellfish industry centred in Selsey would be at risk of terminal decline and no short term financial compensation could make up for this damage.

Effects on residents and tourists. You can make up your own minds on what appeals to you in choosing to live in Sussex. In our view, people choose to live here for the views, the peace and tranquility, and that will disappear if Rampion 2 is approved.

It is not unreasonable to be guided by a visitor survey conducted in Dorset for the Navitus Bay windfarm a few years ago. This predicted that visitor numbers would decline by 21-33% during the construction period, and there would be an ongoing reduction in tourists thereafter effecting up to a 20% decline in tourists spending and a 15% reduction in tourism related jobs. While Brighton might be less impacted due to the high number of tourist attractions in and around the City, the same is not true for areas to the west where tourists come for a typical British holiday with unspoilt coastlines and wonderful scenery.

Longevity of wind turbines. This is not a fit and forget technology. Typical predictions are for a working life of 25 years, but even this cannot be reached without a great deal of maintenance. In 2018, turbine blades at the London Array windfarm off Kent had to undergo major repairs to the blades after only 5 years. So what happens at the end of life of a windfarm ? Well, unlikely for turbines to be replaced, so prospect is of a major dismantling needed taking several years, and always assuming the original energy company is still in business and willing and able to pay for this cost.

So, what can you do ?

- Sign our new Government petition “petition.parliament.uk/petitions/608969”
- Take part in this second consultation by RWE and express your opinion in the **strongest terms**
- e mail your local MP Gillian Keegan to ask that she oppose the project
- e mail your County Council, District Council and Parish Council representatives to express your opinion and urge them to reject Rampion2.

Interested to join us and help with the campaign, or willing to donate to help fund posters, flyers, press inserts, etc ?

Contact us at admin@protectcoastalSussex.org

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- 1) Which university came first, Oxford or Cambridge?
- 2) Name the Australian prime minister who was lost at sea in 1967.



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Common Pipistrelle by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

I spend way too much time in graveyards (especially considering that I'm going to spend an awful lot of time in one in the future). But they are great places to look for Pipistrelle bats. At this time of year, adult Pipistrelles are emerging from their winter hibernation and taking flight. Above Sussex, the night sky is a battlefield of deafening cries as Pipistrelles swoop and swirl, plummet and pounce at their insect prey.

Common Pipistrelle
c Hugh Clark FRPS



The acrobatic anarchy overhead goes unnoticed by us humans. Our hearing is limited and when it comes to night vision we're as blind as, well, something with really bad eyesight...in fact anything but a bat. Bats have excellent vision. But it certainly isn't their best sense.

Echolocation is one of the animal world's most incredible superpowers. A Pipistrelle shouts, the shout hits something and bounces back. This echo is instantly analysed in an amazing brain and tells the bat how far away the object is and whether it's a mosquito, a moth or a mansion. get the maximum information from their echo, Pipistrelles yell at high frequencies (45 kHz, we can only hear up to 20 kHz). And these shouts are loud; pneumatic drill or jet fighter loud. Up to 110 decibels some species. A bat would deafen itself if it heard its own shout. So Pipistrelles have to disengage their ears, then shout, then turn their hearing back on, listen for the echo, analyse, then start all over again. All at the rate of 10-15 times a second. This gives bats an amazing, multi-layered awareness of their surroundings. But it's tricky (and impolite) to shout when you're eating, so once a moth is in the mouth the bat has to chew-shout-listen-chew-shout-listen to avoid a collision.

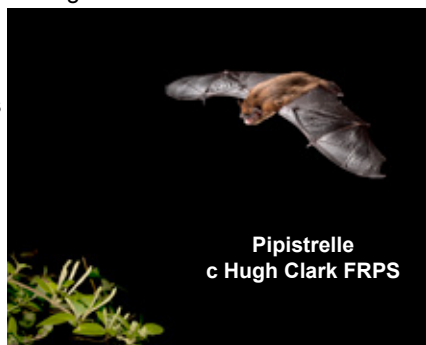
Common Pipistrelle
c Hugh Clark FRPS



There are 17 different species of bat in Sussex. Our smallest – the Common Pipistrelle – is also the one you're most likely to see around your gardens. Back in the 80's there were just four TV channels, two types of videocassette and one species of Pipistrelle in Britain. But in the 90's, scientists discovered that some Pipistrelles were echolocating at higher frequencies (55 kHz); a Montserrat Caballé to the Common Pipistrelle's Freddie Mercury. These are the Soprano Pipistrelles. There's now a third: Nathusius' Pipistrelle. By affixing lightweight metal rings to this species' wings, researchers have discovered that these bats are migrating to Sussex from as far away as Latvia. An amazing journey for an amazing animal.



Pipistrelle
c Roger Jones



Pipistrelle
c Hugh Clark FRPS

Sussex Wildlife Trust is an independent charity caring for wildlife and habitats throughout Sussex. Founded in 1961, we have worked with local people for over half a century to make Sussex richer in wildlife. We rely on the support of our members to help protect our rich natural heritage. Please consider supporting our work. As a member you will be invited to join Michael Blencowe on our regular wildlife walks and also enjoy free events, discounts on wildlife courses, Wildlife magazine and our Sussex guide book, Discovering Wildlife. It's easy to join online at sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join

SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST April 2022

No planned events for this month at present

- 3) Which US city was devastated by a fire in 1871?
- 4) How long did the Iran-Iraq war last?
- 5) Which New Labour Cabinet minister died in 2000?
- 6) How old was Edward VI when he became king?
- 7) What special day was celebrated for the first time in 1970?

Chichester Conservancy Volunteers April 2022

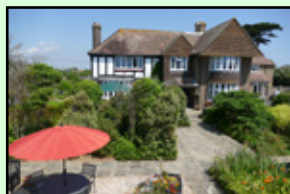
AMBERLEY

Sunday 17 April

Conservation – Nature Trail Management at the Amberley Museum with the Chichester Conservation Volunteers from 10.00 am.

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8) Who did Alec Douglas-Home succeed as prime minister?

A hidden haven for wildlife

Nestled between Selsey and Bracklesham is a wild and wonderful habitat with soaring birds, panoramic views of the rolling South Downs and, on a clear day, a view the Isle of Wight.

This is RSPB Medmerry, but it hasn't always been such a haven for West Sussex wildlife. In the past, this land had been used for farming and even, in the Second World War, as a bombing range for practising pilots.



Cuckoo
(c) Ben Andrew

That was until ten years ago when the RSPB and the Environment Agency (with the help of an array of contractors) set out to rearrange this stretch of West Sussex Coast.

Thousands of tonnes of mud were scooped out and used to make embankments, giving a real contrast between the low lying and higher ground across the land. The shingle sea wall was breached and the sea flooded in, reclaiming the lower ground, creating intertidal habitat as it did. A new, 7km (or 4 mile) long sea wall was built either side of the breach.

The rearrangement was a huge success, with important infrastructure such as the Selsey main road and the water treatment works no longer at risk from floods. The local community



Stonechat
(c) Andy Hay

were involved in the scheme, too, even helping with decisions on footpaths and viewpoints throughout the reserve.

And, of course, the wildlife at Medmerry has flourished into a diverse and healthy ecosystem. In the springtime, you will hear skylarks singing all around you, belting out their songs as they balance in the air, furiously beating their wings. Another sound to listen out for as spring arrives is the iconic call of the cuckoo, returning from Africa to lay their eggs in the nests of unsuspecting dunnocks.

As you walk towards the Medmerry beach, take a moment to look in the fields and hedges that flank the footpaths. You might see a golden flash as a yellowhammer perches on the willow, or the bold, apricot breast of a male stonechat on the wire fence.

If you want to see the wealthy wildlife at Medmerry for yourself, join us for one of our guided walks through the reserve.

For more information on our guided walks and to book tickets, please visit events.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour.

Let's give nature a home

www.rspb.org

Meerabai Kings

RSPB Events for April 2022

ZOOM MEETING

Thursday 14 April

Keith Offord, Wildlife Photographer – 'Sky Dancers – The Hen Harrier' at 7.00 pm

Zoom talks are free to all RSPB Chichester Local Group members and £4 each to non-members.

Places are limited, so please book your place in advance by contacting Rob Yarham - email: chichesterbirds@gmail.com, tel: 07545 376074

CHICHESTER

Thursday 28 April

Illustrated Talk by Conor Jameson, Feature Writer, Author and Conservationist on 'The Goshawk', to the Chichester Local RSPB Group at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1SY at 7.30 pm.

Entrance members £2-50/visitors £5 07545 376074
wheelchair access

The group also arrange bird watching walks throughout the year. For further information please visit their website rspb.org.uk/groups/Chichester

- 9) Where was Martin Luther King Jr's killer apprehended?
- 10) Who was the first female prime minister of New Zealand?

SELSEY VENTURE CLUB



Selsey Venture Club has 4 buses to transport members to various clubs and shopping trips. This charity raises the majority of its funds by selling second hand clothing for men and women, curtains, bric-a-brac, jigsaw puzzles and books at our premises in **Elm Grove, Selsey** (just to the right of the Southern Co-op car park).

The shop is open on Saturday from 8.30am-12.00, so why not come along to see what we have on offer, at very reasonable prices. We also require good quality stock.

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Should you be interested in learning more about this charity or wish to become a member, please email ventureclubselsey@gmail.com or phone 01243 605115.

If there is no reply, just leave a message and one of our volunteers will get back to you.

- 11) Name the Greenpeace ship blown up in Auckland harbour in 1985.
- 12) What did President Roosevelt promise the Americans in 1932?
- 13) How old was Edward VII when he became king?

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learn, laugh, live



Selsey u3a welcomes new members

If you are no longer in full time work or raising a family - we call it your third age – Selsey u3a gives you opportunities to develop your interests, make new friends and have fun. Selsey u3a welcomes you whoever you are, wherever you live and whatever your circumstances.

u3a members make the most of life by continuing their creative, educational or social interests in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere.

From Walking to Talking, Current Affairs to Lunch Clubs – The choice is endless, and the decision about what to do is made by the members for the members. At the moment, we have groups ranging from Current Affairs, Walking, French for Fun, Astronomy, World Cuisine, Film & Theatre and Medieval History, to Skittles and Sunday Lunch.

For a modest annual fee of £13, or £9.50 if you are currently a member of another u3a, you can join as many groups as you wish. Joining in is made easier when you're surrounded by others who have similar interests to you.

And once a month, on the fourth Friday, Selsey u3a invites members to a meeting where you can get together, chat and listen to some great speakers.

If you would like to join us (or would like further information)

please telephone 07783 040407 or e-mail

info@selseyu3a.org

or check our website

www.u3asites/selseyu3a.org

OR

come along to our next Open Meeting which will be held on Friday 27th May 2022 at 1.30 for 2.00 p.m. at the Selsey Centre

(We are holding our AGM in April, Members very welcome.)

Our Membership Year starts at the beginning of April, but you can join any time that is convenient to you.



School Community Council vacancy

We are looking for a friendly and enthusiastic member to join our School Community Council (SCC). We are looking for someone who can bring skills and experience to support Medmerry Primary school. Our SCC plays a valuable role in supporting our school and in keeping Medmerry Primary School effectively connected to its wider community. The SCC is made up of a mixture of staff, parents and members of the local community. The SCC holds six meetings across the school year. If this is of interest or you have any questions please contact office@medmerryschool.co.uk.

Friends of Selsey Medical Centre (FSMC) Charity No: 1013645



30 YEARS LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS

The Friends of Selsey Medical Centre have been fortunate to receive two generous gifts as we enter our 30th year.

The Selsey Fireworks, who celebrated their 40th anniversary in 2020, is entirely run by volunteers who donate all profits to local charities. They invited us to send representatives to enjoy a very entertaining evening at which we were presented with a cheque for £450.

The Friends are also sorry to learn that Little Spain Bowling Club has closed down. However we have been most grateful to receive a donation from the distribution of their remaining funds.

So what are the Friends of Selsey Medical Centre (FSMC)?

You may not know that the NHS doesn't pay for all the equipment that medical practices need in order to offer their patients the best service (things such as a Diabetic Retinopathy Camera and blood pressure monitors). In the area covered by Selsey Medical Centre these items are financed by voluntary donations from the patients themselves collected by the FSMC.

While we appreciate all donations, large or small, we've found it most efficient to build a membership of Friends paying us an annual contribution towards the needs of our Medical Centre. We only ask for a minimum of £5, but more is welcome and from more people!

We'll be doing a modest membership drive during 2022 and hope you'll be kind enough to support us by joining The Friends or perhaps re-joining.

The easiest thing to do is phone [01243 945263](tel:01243 945263) and talk to Rosemary, our Membership Secretary, who will welcome your call!

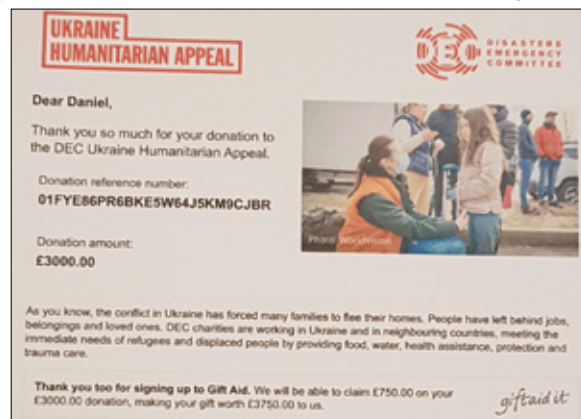
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Stop Press

The Selsey Private Club, Coxes Road, are pleased to announce they have raised nearly £4000.00 at their open day for the Ukraine and they still have donations coming in.

Also they have sent off thousands of pounds worth of medication and medical equipment that had been donated to the Club.

They would also advise they are a drop off and pick up point for Kirsty Hammond and Steve Denne's Ukraine life line group.



Well, we have made it to April, traditionally seen as the month of sun and growth, but it's hard to be very upbeat about it with all that's happening in the Ukraine at the moment. It was heartening, and not surprising, that our amazing town kicked into gear with great speed with Kirsty Hammond organising collections and drop-offs with great ingenuity. A massive thank you must go to her.

Back in the day, I taught English as a second language; it was an interesting period in my life, and one which, although I enjoyed, I wouldn't repeat. I taught many different sorts of people, from Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and indeed, Russia. Two Russian students I particularly remember, always referred to Putin as their 'boss'. I don't think they were 'close' to the seat of government, but were certainly involved with 'Government' work. I had many conversations with them about the differences between our cultures, and they would say that the West had to 'wait' for Russia to catch up. The West, they said, were 50 or so years ahead in terms of their society, so we needed to be patient and wait for them. Frankly, I saw the sense in what they said - we talked about education, the penal system, a free economy and the way the health service worked. They always listened - and said that they wanted to move forward, and work towards a more westernised system. I was never sure that our systems would work there, there are too many cultural differences, but they embraced the principle of change and wanted to learn more about how we 'operated'.

I have been thinking about them a lot, since their country effectively declared war on Ukraine, and I truly believe that they would be horrified at what is happening now. They were, however, very well 'looked after' - we made a number of trips to Gun Wharf Quays where they purchased designer shoes, suits, coats etc. They spent a great deal of money on western designer labels and seemed completely unconcerned at the price tags; I formed the impression that Russia is a very unequal economy, with wealth inequality very high.

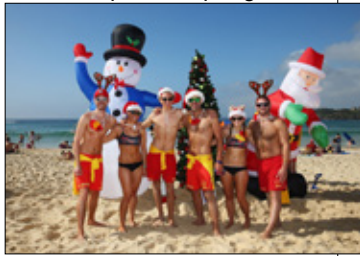


My students stayed in touch for a long time after they left me, they went on to have a child, moved out of their apartment and into a house. The hospital their son was born in, was within their private sector. To contextualise, only some 5% (although it's up to 20% in Moscow, where my students live) of people have private cover. The country cut its health expenditure by 33% last year, and their universal healthcare system doesn't cover all procedures - salaries for nurses are often as low as 250 US dollars a month. Clearly, my students were very well paid by the Russian Government, and I honestly wonder if, whilst they may well be horrified at what is happening, they would ever express their real views. To use a very English idiom: they will 'know on which side their bread is buttered'. Let us all hope that peace is restored as soon as possible.

On matters other, our community's schools are ramping up for the first set of GCSEs for quite a while - Covid meant they were cancelled for two years running. Being married to a teacher, this is often quite the subject of conversation. Personally, I think this is a very tough year for our students - last year was incredibly disrupted, so effectively, an entire year of the two year courses was compromised. Whilst the exam boards have acknowledged this to some extent, by giving advance information of areas which are

likely to be on the exam papers, in my view it doesn't really make up for almost an entire lost year. Understandably, our young people were greatly impacted by Covid - not only did it affect their education, but it also impacted their emotional health as well; an extremely disruptive two years for them. I wish them all the best as they enter their 'revision' period - they all deserve success.

So, as I said at the beginning - here we are in April, it's spring here, but in the southern hemisphere, they enter autumn - makes me feel just a little bit smug that we've turned the winter corner just as they are starting to get the jumpers out! Mind you, as they say - 'what goes around, comes around', so as we get our coats out, they'll be enjoying summer! Funny to think about it in that way, really. My brother spent some years in Australia and could never get his head around Christmas in the summer. He said the shops were full of Christmas cards with Santa, sunbathing on the beach - very weird!



Theoretically, spring has finally 'sprung' and if we're very lucky the weather will begin to reflect that. I'm not too keen on practical jokes, so I approach April 1st with a degree of caution. The history of jokes and pranks is a bit hazy, but many historians think that the notion of April Fools Day goes back to 16th century France. Believe it or not, at that time, New Year's day was March 25th; there was a week of partying and present giving until April 1st. In 1582, the Gregorian Calendar moved New Year's Day to January 1st and those who didn't recognise the new calendar were called 'April Fool's! It may just be strange enough to be true.

Fun fact: weather folklore says: 'If it thunders on All Fools Day, it brings good crops of corn or hay'. I'm not a farmer, so I have no comment!

Fun fact number two: April 7th is National No Housework Day! That may well be a 'just for fun' day but I think it's one I will adopt for the Johnson household!



A quick reminder to the gardeners amongst us....our hedgehogs are soundly asleep until March/April, so if you start the 'tidy up' just be aware that they may still be sleeping. Last year we found one which had burrowed into a sack of grass seed, and the year before, we found one sleeping in a black sack full of leaves we'd left over winter! They do nest in the strangest of places.

By the way, on the subject of hedgehogs, how many of us had to put up new fence panels after the storm? If you did, maybe you had a small hedgehog highway cut into your old fence panel. If you did, please consider cutting another one into your new fence panel. Hedgehogs need space to pass freely into gardens where they find food, and perhaps a mate! A gap only needs to be 13cm x 13cm - the hoggie will find it, and you'll be helping our hedgehog population thrive - in return, they'll eat your garden bugs, so it's a win, win!

See you all in May.

Take care everyone.

Donna
donnajohnson279@gmail.com



**Sunday April 10th Palm Sunday
Thursday April 14th Maundy Thursday
Friday April 15th Good Friday
Saturday April 16th Holy Saturday
Sunday April 17th Easter Sunday
Monday April 18th Easter Monday**

Did you know?

When Peter the Great found out his wife had had an affair, he had the head of her lover chopped off and presented to her in a jar.

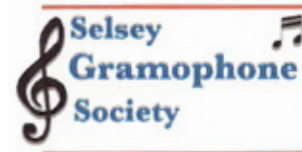


JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY

Membership is £5 per year and jigsaws can be borrowed for £1 each, with over 400 to choose from. Please contact Sandy on 605942 for more information or to come and choose your jigsaws.

We also have books available for 50p.

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



The Selsey Gramophone Society promotes, plays and discusses audio recordings of all genres in their more traditional formats, namely 78s, vinyl, cassette and CD.

Following on from the inaugural meeting held on Wednesday 2nd March, further meetings will take place 2.30pm to 4.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Function Room of The Selsey Club, Coxes Road, Selsey, PO20 9AN.

This is an informal group of enthusiasts for the recordings of those former times. Anyone is welcome to attend. There is no membership charge, and no obligation to attend regularly or to present. If you want, just listen.

Martin Elliott is giving the first presentations, using the Society's hi-fi equipment from the 1970s. Members will be welcome to make their presentations at future meetings, and to make suggestions for the development of the Society.

The bar will be open all afternoon for tea, coffee and other beverages.

Please come along and join us and become a Founder Member. We shall look forward to hearing your themed presentations and wonderful recordings.

Martin Elliott and John Dickson – Co-Leaders

Contact and further details: fabbaritone@outlook.com
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Dear All

I have just been informed that Hope and Aid Direct are organising AID for UKRAINE that will be going to neighbouring countries top priority ..SINGLE BLANKETS

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4. Is anyone willing to accept squares and join together (crochet method is on pattern but happy to have them sewn) ? If so whereabouts in the UK are you?
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Barbara Robinson's (Best Ever) Diagonally Knitted Squares:

This pattern makes a stable very reproducible square with a slightly patterned edge which is easier to join with crochet.
You will need: Double knitting wool 4mm (UK 8) needles

Cast on two stitches

Knit 1, then increase one stitch by knitting into front then back of 2nd stitch,

Continue increasing one stitch on every row like this until work measures 8" alongside edge and you have approximately 60 stitches depending on tension.

Knit one row without increasing

Then on next row Knit 1 and then begin to decrease by knitting 2nd and 3rd stitches together then Knit to end
Continue until 1 stitch remaining. Cast off

Joining together

Squares can be sewn or crocheted together in strips and then strips joined

Finish off with a border of crochet - two rows and a row of little loops or whatever takes your fancy I

Single Blanket requires: 9 x 7 8 inch diagonally knitted squares
King size /Family Blanket 9x12 8 inch diagonally knitted squares
Crochet Method of joining quickly with no loose ends

Take two squares wrong side together and crochet together along top edge (hook through pull wool through) x 2 then hook through the two loops to end.

Take two more squares and using same continuous wool do the same across and continue adding pairs until 7 pairs of squares joined. (Like a washing line!) Break wool

Go back to beginning and similarly join one square to one of each of the pairs again with continuous wool.

Carry on adding rows until 9 rows altogether.

Then turning blanket 90 degrees work each join across the other way.

I usually then crochet a border/frill and include the loose ends in this

Hope this makes sense! If not contact me sue@hosko.co.uk

I usually put in a 15p 'Bag for Life' and label single blanket plus carrier

My address is

Wychwood, Lower Road, Hardwick, Bucks HP224DZ
[01296640906](tel:01296640906)

The Write Zone with Tara Lennon



'Country lady seeks live-in position as housekeeper or companion. Hard working and of sunny disposition.'

The advert that I had placed lay, cut out, next to a letter from the house owner on the kitchen table.

'Dear Gwen - I am so very sorry not to have been here to greet you. I have left a full list of instructions and I hope you will find your way about, and everything you need. I have been called away on urgent business in France, and will return by a week Tuesday. Until then, please make yourself at home. I am sure you will establish your daily routines diligently and I look forward to meeting you soon. Until then - au revoir.'

I looked about. The kitchen was vast and stone-flagged. Above the range, a set of copper pans arranged by size and purpose. Next to the kitchen door, where I had entered the house only a few minutes before, a set of bells, labelled according to the room or part of the house they served. In the middle of the floor, as if comforting the leg of the wide oak table, there was a large tabby cat who regarded me with eyes the colour of citrine. It blinked slowly. For the first time in the hours since I'd awoken, I let my new situation – my change in fortune – sink in.



My husband, Roger, had been a spiteful man, difficult to understand, even more difficult to love. His rages – and there had been plenty – had become intolerable and slowly but surely, it had dawned on me that to stay with him would be to concede that I would be nothing more to him than the person who sat quietly by his side during dinner parties with his loud, obnoxious friends and, later, when everyone had left, his verbal punchbag and carer. It had taken one chance meeting with a friend in the village who took meals to an elderly friend, to plant the seed. After all, if I was caring for someone who did not appreciate me, why not leave and do the same thing for someone who did? I had placed the advert in the Gazette and had received a response almost immediately. For weeks I was between despair and the most terrific excitement. I was going to leave Roger, not with dignity and an indignant toss of my head, or to the sound of his cane thumping across the parquet as he followed me, bellowing, to my car, but quietly and without

fuss. When he woke up, he would find me gone, and there would be nothing he could do to persuade me to stay. For weeks I had planned. I sorted, gave away and sold anything I could not take with me. My neighbour – the young mother in the house near ours – knew of my predicament, and offered to help. A corner of her garage became my storage unit. And when the time came for me to leave, she was ready to help. Before dawn had broken today, she helped me pack the last of my belongings and my suitcases into my car, her shadowy form being swallowed by the darkness of the lane as I drove away to my new life. And now here I was, my new life only four hours old, still facing uncertainty, but ready to make up for the years that I had lost with Roger.

The cat followed me, rubbing against my ankles as I made my way through the kitchen passage into the house. This large Edwardian abode would be my home for as long as I chose, and as long as the house owner was happy. I had hoped for a family to look after, but a businessman who spent a lot of his time abroad did not feel like a raw deal. At least I would have plenty of time to myself. I lost a sense of time as I wandered the elegant rooms, admiring the taste and money that had been spent in adorning this place. It started to dawn on me that I would be responsible for keeping it all in order and made a mental note to write everything in my daily planner so that my routines would become a habit. I was a creature of habit, and the habits of my new boss, and this house, would become my own. The cat mewed loudly and I looked down. It had travelled the entire length and breadth of the house with me, even through the cottage garden, and hadn't left my side. It seems I had already made a friend. I bent down to stroke it, and it purred, turning in circles. I wondered what its name was and whether its owner had left feeding instructions, so I made my way back to the kitchen. Amongst the pieces of paper left for me on the table I found what I was looking for.

'If you find a cat in the house, she is a stray. She has been coming here for years and no one in the village seems to claim her. She will eat anything you find for her and there are tins of food in the pantry – she is a good companion. Her name is Fouf.'

Fouf and I looked at each other and I imagined she read as much expectancy in my gaze as I did in hers.

'So, Fouf, I think my first job is to feed you, and then I can set about unpacking.' As if in reply, Fouf mewed loudly and ran to the pantry door. I smiled as I followed her, suddenly filled with a blaze of hope and happiness that everything was going to be just fine. This day, of all days – my seventieth birthday – would be the first day of the rest of my life.

Tara

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- 14) What was the name of the computer that cracked the Enigma codes?
- 15) Who was 'Braveheart'? (Not Mel Gibson)
- 16) Who founded the Salvation Army in 1878?
- 17) Whose death ended the Stuart dynasty in Britain?

THE SELSEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Times for bowling are as follows :-

Sunday 10am -12noon
Wednesday & Thursday evenings 7-9 pm

We are a very friendly club & welcome new members, all equipment is provided.

Come along & give it a try at Medmerry School,(entrance opposite the Library) you won't be disappointed.

Contact Annette on [606227](tel:606227) or Karen on [607169](tel:607169)

email: royandjean325@gmail.com

www.selseycarpetbowls.co.uk

In the Garden

our monthly guide to gardening - In memory of Giles Peare

Jobs for April

The warmer weather will encourage weeds as well as plants and must be removed before they seed or they will be a big problem later on.

Perennial weeds such as Bindweed and Ground Elder should be dug out later in the month whilst actively growing.

It is a good idea to plant up hanging baskets, containers, boxes and tubs and place in a warm area so that the plants will have filled out and are making a good display when they go out in late May. Put outside on warm days but they must come in at night.

After Spring pruning shrubs, such as Buddleias and Roses, will enjoy a feed of well-rotted manure and blood, fish and bone to get them off to a good start. Rake into the soil and, if necessary, give a light watering to get them working.

Remember to ventilate greenhouses and conservatories on sunny days to prevent heat damage to recently pricked out tender seedlings.

Continue to plant potatoes and earth-up any early shoots to protect them from frost.

Mow lawns, as required, still on a high cut and remember to hand-trim the edges for best results - far better than strimmers!

Carry on with the successional planting of Gladioli in sheltered sunny spots. They will need light staking later in the month.

Provided the flowers are not open, spray Apples, Pears and Plums against scab and mildew and check new shoots for Greenfly and spray, if required.

Sow Sweet Peas in sunny and sheltered spots.

Tip Top Tips

- Sow hardy annuals in borders and in rows in the vegetable garden later in the month to give a good supply of cut flowers.
- If your garden contains small fruit bushes and trees, cover with fleece to protect the blossom if frost is forecast.
- Prepare vegetable beds with well-rotted manure and blood, fish and bone for Tomatoes, Runner Beans, Marrows, Pumpkins, Cucumber and Courgettes.
- Deadhead Winter Primroses and Pansies as well as Daffodils and Tulips to encourage longer flowering. Leave Daffodil and Tulip stems and leaves to die-off naturally.
- Divide and re-pot marginal Pond plants and also thin out Aquatic plants before they grow and take over the Pond. Feed fish more often.
- Prune back the taller stems of Dogwoods to obtain the best colour next Winter.
- Stake tall growing perennials in good time.
- Remember to prick out or pot up seedlings before they get too congested and become straggly and spindly.
- Give Roses a protective spray against Blackspot.
- This is the last chance to cut down any dead growth left over from Winter before damage is caused to new shoots.

Selsey Open Gardens May 29th 2022



Selsey Open Gardens is back for 2022. The event has been designed to offer an enjoyable day out, so whether it's individuals, families or groups there is something of interest for everyone. There will be over 20 gardens with a variety of size and content, mature gardens and some in development. There are community gardens, including a sensory garden and an allotment area growing various fruit vegetables and flowers.

Theme this year is Wildlife gardening.

Programme/ticket sale proceeds go to Selsey 1st Responders and the Air Ambulance.

Live music, homemade teas and plant sales will be available also items handmade by the Men in Sheds.

£5.00 per person, children under 16 accompanied by an adult free.

Programme/Ticket availability : On sale end of April at Seal Island Woools, Selsey Florist Shop, Highhouse Insurance Selsey, also available on the day in the High Street Selsey near to Henry Adams Estate Agents.

When – 29th May 2022
Where – Selsey, West Sussex

GREENING SELSEY

Creating a Sustainable Future

Last November Manhood Wildlife & Heritage Group, in partnership with Selsey Town Council's Climate Action Group, Selsey Flood Action Group and Grow Selsey organised a Climate Change Workshop. This was in response to the climate and biodiversity crises that we face.

The aims of the workshop were: to identify actions already being taken to tackle these issues locally; to generate ideas for new projects and to select a number of these to be taken forward in the short term in order to stimulate more comprehensive action. A cross section of community groups, businesses and other organisations were invited to attend and representatives from fourteen of these were present. Invitations had to, unfortunately, be limited at this time in order to ensure that sensible Health & Safety measures could be put in place.

It was very evident from the input of the attendees that there is considerable enthusiasm and commitment to reducing carbon footprints and helping wildlife thrive – much is already happening.

Equally impressive was the huge list of ideas that was compiled from discussion about the following six themes: Promoting Biodiversity, Energy Efficiency, Active Travel, Careful Use of Water, Shop Local and Food. Here are a few of the ideas generated:

Plant orchards

Car & taxi Sharing

Locking cycle racks

A community biodigester to produce compost and energy

Electric cycle hire

Promoting permeable driveways

Advertising where you can refill drinking water bottles

Farmers Market/Food Fayre promoting local food

At the end of the workshop two ideas were chosen to be the first to be developed into active projects. These were:

- A Wildlife Gardening Fair to show how to make gardens the best for wildlife and sustainable – as a first step 'how to' messages are being integrated into this year's Selsey Open Gardens event.
- The development of a series of recipe cards based on local, seasonal produce.

The climate and biodiversity are both in crisis. And although much is being done to tackle this, it is not nearly enough, and time is ticking. It is widely held by climate scientists and nature conservation experts that action this decade is crucial if we are to avoid the worst consequences. Greening Selsey is our attempt to do as much as we can locally. But we need you on board! So, if you have any ideas, however large or small and/or you'd like to get involved with Greening Selsey, in any way at all, please do get in touch.

Also, if your business, group or organisation is already taking action, do let us know.

Contact Selsey Town Council, or Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group via their websites

enquires@selseytowncouncil.gov.uk

mwhg.org.uk/contact-us

The Selsey Private Club, Coxes Road

PO20 9AN 01243 606015

New members welcome.



Come and join the Selsey Club and enjoy some of the finest beers, wines and spirits in our warm and friendly lounge bar areas, where you can sit and relax, watch TV, play darts or cards or have a frame of snooker or billiards.

You will also find a wonderful function room where there is entertainment most

weekends and where Sunday Lunch, the best Roast on the Coast, is served.

There is a separate cost for all events in the function room, please enquire when booking.

There is a weekly Bar Menu with

specials on food and drinks, please enquire as below.

The Selsey Private Club Ltd is a family run Club and is the perfect venue for all your parties and celebrations. Please call 01243 606015 for all enquiries..

Old, New and Current members always welcome, 2022 membership now being taken.

Just call in we will show you around..

Please call 01243 606015 or you can find us in Coxes Road.

There are many things Music art games food etc going on here at the Club come check us out..

Keep an eye on our Facebook page The Selsey Private Club Ltd for updates.

We are host to the RNA, the Selsey Lions, The Selsey Folk and Music Club, Julie's Art Club and much more.



April's what's on:



Saturday 2nd we have the Amazing Mike Perry

Saturday 9th
the Fabulous Kelly Lorraine



Saturday 16th it is Party Nite with DJ Tubbs

Saturday 23rd the beautiful Kassie Ranaboldo



Friday 29th DJ Tubbs Ska Northern Soul and a sprinkle of Reggae

Saturday 30th our very own gorgeous Tania



Saturday 7th May
New to the Club
Singer Sharon Lamley.. covering all the Classics from the 60s to the Present day.



Saturday 14th May Mirth Comedy Club.. bookings and payment must be in by 29th April



All of the above have the option of evening dinner please enquire for Menu and to book.

Mondays are Darts League Tuesdays are Bingo Bonanza
Wednesdays are Games night Cards Chess Dominos board games Darts
Snooker Billiards etc Thursdays are Quiz is the Biz Fridays are Snooker League



April's Update

Never underestimate the power of social eating. At most of the activities that we provide for our elder folk, food is involved somewhere! It is so nice to be with others when you have a meal and can put the world to rights.

As some people age, they tend not to want to cook a meal for themselves, and the whole process of preparing, cooking, and eating a meal can become challenging. We also know that eating alone and consuming a balanced and nourishing meal can also require motivation and these days become expensive due to rising costs of living.

One of the **Thursday Lunch** options is organised and coordinated by **Neil Kimber**, with local businesses. A two-course meal freshly prepared, twice a month has been provided since November last year by **Waves**, **The Seal**, **The Boulevard**, and **The Joy**. Each of these have produced homely main courses and delicious puddings. Delivered to the **Methodist Church** people come together to enjoy the social opportunity that goes along with eating a hot, quality meal with friends. Thank you to **Adrian and Aimee, Nikos and Kiki, Luchan and Aimee, Lucy and Jade** from these establishments for their support.



Grateful thanks too to **Mary Tyler** and other caring individuals who quietly prepare and cook regular Thursday meals at **Beacon Church** for some of our locals, who are unable to do so themselves.

Movies for Memories also takes place twice a month, at the **Methodist Church**. Our catering manager provides a welcome meal and desert monthly.

Every Sunday, **Resbite Teas** are served at each of our four churches in Selsey from **15:00-16:30**. Guests are treated to a range of savoury and sweet food, along with great company, conversation and some light entertainment.

The **Carers Men's Breakfast** gives male carers an opportunity to come together and enjoy a sausage or bacon sandwich along with copious cups of tea. The Breakfast group has gone from strength to strength and growing in numbers. Sue White, who facilitates the event says "everyone really enjoys the conversation, camaraderie and support for each other".



We know that transport can be an issue and where possible we can provide these with our partners **Selsey Venture Bus** or our volunteers.

If you would like to make use of the **Selsey Pop Up Pantry**, this takes place weekly at **Beacon Church, Marisfield Place, Selsey**. Here you can fill your bag with surplus food, a selection of 'rescue' fresh fruit and vegetables as well as some essential tinned and dry goods for just a small donation. There is also an opportunity to receive provisions from the **Selsey Foodbank** who we can provide vouchers for via the **Selsey Care Shop**.

Thank you to all those involved in enabling social eating and preventing loneliness amongst our folk in Selsey.

And thank you to the **Beacon Church** for the monthly lunch club and other initiatives that ensure people living in Selsey are supported to eat well, and to the people who kindly support those activities.

If you want to know about any of the events or to book, please contact **Selsey Care Shop** – details below. In the meantime, spring feels like it is arriving, and we wish you well.

Karen Pirks

Volunteer Operations Lead and Deputy Chair of the Selsey Community Forum.

Selsey Community Forum

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CRABLANDS BOWLS & TENNIS CLUB

Affiliated to E.B.E., L.T.A. & E.S.M.B.A.

Crablands, Selsey, PO20 9BD

Crablands Short Mat Section...

Crablands Avocets played their return home short mat league match against **Walberton** on Saturday 19th February. All the Avocets played really well whilst the opposition struggled with the pace of our mats. The Avocets team of Cheryl Brown, Paul Holland and Les Jewiss won 29-10 and Susan Jackson, Julia McLaren and Bryan Jackson won 24-11 giving the Avocets all 6 league points.

The Crablands Avocets' team captain, Cheryl Brown was delighted with the result of their league match against East Preston Blue team on Sunday 27th February. Her team - Elaine Sadler, Paul Holland, Graham Ainge, Sarah Fewster, Susan and Bryan Jackson won very comfortably giving Avocets 6 league points. A friendly match with Mollie Back, Joan Taylor and Cheryl was more closely fought with the Avocets winning on the very last end. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and both teams look forward to the return match in March.

Crablands Bitterns away to East Preston Yellow

Won on one mat 23-17

Lost on one mat 16-26

Bitterns losing overall by just 4 shots.

East Preston Yellow were awarded 4 points

Bitterns 2 points

Brilliant venue



On Sunday 20th February 10 members of Crablands Short Mat (+ 1 supporter) went to **Torquay** for a 4,3,2,1 Short Mat Club 5 tournament held at the TLH Leisure Resort. The tournament was held over 4 days with bowling both morning and afternoon covering singles, pairs, triples and fours disciplines. When not bowling there was plenty of opportunity to swim, play games e.g. table tennis, snooker and 10 pin bowling



and there was entertainment every evening. Everyone had a really good time - the bowling was fun, the company was great and many friendships were made, the hotel staff were excellent and the food was very good. In fact, it was so good that everyone has even decided to go again next year!



Four ladies from Crablands Short Mat, Mollie Back, Denise Merritt, Elaine Sadler and Cheryl Brown were selected to play for **West Sussex against the England Ladies Team** at Westergate on Saturday 26th February. A total of 30 matches in 5 sessions were played throughout the day. There were pairs, triples and fours and the matches were closely contested but West Sussex Ladies won 33-27. It was a very enjoyable day, and the West Sussex Ladies were delighted with their win.



Crablands first Short Mat Final, the Men's Pairs, took place between Bryan Jackson & Jack Freeborough against Rod Shambrook & John Hardy on Tuesday 1st March. Rod & John were first to draw blood, taking all 4 shots on the first end. Although a

blow to Bryan & Jack they persevered and gradually drew level on the 15th end, 11-11. The momentum now being with Bryan & Jack they were able to win all the remaining ends, coming out victorious 20-11.

Crablands Cormorants

Last 2 matches resulted in Cormorants getting 9 points from a possible 12. This is making for an exciting end to league, with Cormorants having completed the season. Cormorants Captain Denise Merritt would like to congratulate the whole team on what looks like a winning total for the season.

Short Mat bowls continues throughout the summer if interested in joining or finding out more please email Alex on alex.ainge@btinternet.com or call her on 01243 605918

Crablands Tennis Section...

Men's Doubles Results

Sunday 13th March 2022

Home v Partridge Green

Players: Konrad Marek, Carl Spencer, Michael Ackerman, Andy Gilmore

Result: 4-0 win to Crablands

1st April is the start of Crablands Tennis new membership year. We look forward to welcoming back our members and new members. For details please contact either patsy.malta57@hotmail.co.uk or chris.webdale@hotmail.co.uk Website: crablandsbtc.co.uk

Crablands Green Bowls section...

Crablands Green Bowls have their open day for new bowlers **Saturday 16th April from 10am**

Please contact Chris Lewendon Crablands Green Bowls Secretary for more info.

Landline - 01243 601859

Email - chrisandlew@hotmail.com

Green Bowls committee will be on Selsey High Street on Saturday 2nd & 9th April please pop along & see us if you have any questions or wish to have a chat about what our fabulous club has to offer.

Our joint website is crablandsbtc@hotmail.co.uk

I went to the Co-Op and said: "I want to make a complaint. This vinegar's got lumps in it". The man said: "Those are pickled onions."

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly. But when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it.

I said to this train driver: "I want to go to Paris." He said: "Eurostar?" I said: "I've been on telly but I'm no Dean Martin."

I was having dinner with Garry Kasparov (world chess champion) and there was a check tablecloth. It took him two hours to pass me the salt.

I'm in a Chinese restaurant and this duck comes up with a red rose and says: "Your eyes sparkle like diamonds." I said: "Waiter, I asked for a-ROMATIC duck."

I'm in a great mood tonight because the other day I entered a competition and I won a year's supply of Marmite - one jar.



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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Tel: 01243 967111 Reg. Charity no. 1010000

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



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

I am pleased to start my article this month by telling you that last month's pet of the month, the guinea pigs Flipper Dipper and Oggs, have now been rehomed! I hope they will be happy in their forever home.

You may have seen on our social media we were fundraising for improvements

to our Mum and Baby Unit throughout March. We were hoping to raise £5,400 which would have helped to improve the ventilation to ensure the cats and kittens living in the unit remain healthy and recover quickly from any vet treatment or illness, until they are ready to be rehomed. Our target was to be able to raise this by Mothers Day, but it seems we haven't quite reached this. We still hope to be able to do this work soon, but we are now coming into kitten season and we have seen a few mums and kittens coming into the centre. If we do get really busy in there we may have to wait till later on in the year when it gets a bit quieter. Our mum cat Coco Bean who came in from a large group of cats brought in as their owner had too many cats has recently given birth to four really cute kittens. We also have a mum and her 3 week old kittens come in after being found as strays and most recently we had a mum cat and her two one day old kittens arrive after the mum wandered into someone's house and gave birth. These cats will all be looked after by my dedicated staff in the Mum and Baby unit till they are old enough to find their forever homes.

Some more exciting news to share with you, very soon we will be having some work done on our barn and I hope I can update you on the progress very soon.

Lastly, my staff are working hard to arrange our Summer Fayre for August. Therefore, we are still on the lookout for items to help make the fayre a great success. Things we are looking for include bottles for our bottle stall, new items such as for the raffle or auction, craft suppliers, clothes and jewellery. Items can be dropped to The Centre any day between 9am-4pm or please do get in touch with my staff if you think you might have something we could use.

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

P.S. Please check our website www.crrc.co.uk to see how we are now rehoming and for the animals available for adoption.



The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre

Giving the living a chance at life



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE


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

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

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

Pugsley

This month we would love to introduce you to Pugsley. Pugsley is a very handsome 10 year old black male cat. He has been with us at the rescue since November as his owners were moving to a property that did not allow pets.



He did originally live with another cat but he was a bit mean to her so we had to make the decision to split them. Pugsley is a very confident and friendly boy who loves to have a fuss made of him. He will come straight up for a stroke and will be rubbing around your legs for lots of attention. He is also very playful but occasionally he can get a little bit carried away and can nip but he doesn't mean to be nasty. He also does not really like being pulled around and would be much better suited to a quiet home without any young children. Pugsley would also like to be the only pet in the household.

If you think you may be able to offer Pugsley a loving home please give the centre a call on [01243 967111](tel:01243967111) or visit our website www.crrc.co.uk.



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Also find us on facebook

www.facebook.com/catandrabbitrescuecentre

www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries West Sussex Reads



Baby Rhyme Time

Join our baby rhyme time fun with rhymes, songs and musical instruments.

All babies and toddlers welcome!

Parents and carers are asked to remain with their child for this activity. Please note - sessions are very popular and may become full.

Every Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am

Selsey Library
School Lane, Selsey, PO20 9EH
01243 602096



Preparing for spring at Brent Lodge

Spring is now truly upon us, and with it the yearly influx of baby animals to Brent Lodge. Our newest arrivals are some orphaned fox cubs, who are being hand-reared and need bottle-feeding every two hours.



These tiny cubs are still indoors in incubators, and their fur is still a dark grey, making them resemble newborn kittens. Before long, we hope they'll be taking up residence in our new bespoke fox enclosure, which will allow them plenty of space to mature until they are ready for release.

We still have a good population of hedgehogs, and continue a rolling release programme. Hogs are released into volunteers' gardens, provided there is already a thriving population for them to join.



Supporting local wildlife

Early butterflies are beginning to emerge, and luckily it's fairly easy to support them in your garden. Simply allow a patch of your garden to grow wild – and encourage nettles in that area, too.

They make essential feeding for the caterpillars of some species. You may glimpse red admirals, peacocks, commas, brimstones, orange-tips or small tortoiseshells on their quest for a mate.

Your gardening calendar

Planting time begins in earnest around now – April is the perfect time for your hardy annuals and wildflowers. It's also time to sow sweet peas (ensuring they are close to supports) and to transfer any seedlings sown in autumn. Keep on deadheading spring bulbs, too.

Take particular care to protect the vulnerable new shoots of delphiniums, lupins, hostas and the like from the predation of slugs and snails. Spraying the new leaves of rose bushes with fungicide is another protective measure worth taking.

Meanwhile, you can still enjoy an instant pop of colour with primulas and polyanthus – perfect for borders and planters.

Help Brent Lodge

If you have a love for animals and some time to spare, volunteering at Brent Lodge might be just the ticket. You'll get the satisfaction of knowing you're helping vulnerable animals on their way back to health and a life in the wild.

If, like so many of us, your time is already stretched thin, we would be grateful if you would consider a £5 donation, which will help feed and house a few of our many patients. Simply text **BLWH5** to **70085** (you will be charged your standard network rate).

Should you find a sick or injured animal, you can bring it directly to us. Due to bird flu, please call ([01243 641672](tel:01243641672)) if you discover a bird in need.

It is estimated there are over 15,000 people living with dementia in our area, but we only reach 10%.

So we need your help.

Ronnie who is now a volunteer at Sage House, found the services and support a life saver for him and his late wife Dolly.

Ronnie says:

"For Dolly - I wanted to care for Dolly for as long as possible and discovering Sage House enabled me to do that, her wellbeing was maintained for longer, which delayed her having to go into a home"

"For Me - The Day Break service was a life saver for me as I could have a few hours to myself. So I could rest. I was so utterly exhausted, physically and mentally"

Every individual and family, has different challenges, and these challenges change over months and years. That's why ongoing support is so vital, and in turn, why regular donations are so very important.

Thanks to the support of our regular givers, we are able to help pave the way for people like Ronnie and Dolly living with dementia, but there is still so much to do.



Please help us to reach our SAGE (support and give every month) spring appeal of 150 new regular donors.

You can start your regular gift today and invest in life changing support and care for people living with dementia.

You can go online at www.dementiasupport.org.uk/donate and select the monthly donation option.

If you would like more information about the services offered at Sage House in Tangmere, please call 01243 888691 or visit www.dementiasupport.org.uk

Dementia Support, Sage House, City Fields Way, Tangmere, West Sussex PO20 2FP

SELSEY CANCER RELIEF FUND

DATES TO REMEMBER

Methodist Church Hall 10am

Saturday April 2nd Jumble Sale 10am

Saturday May 7th Jumble Sale 10am

Saturday August 6th Jumble Sale 10am

Saturday September 3rd Jumble Sale 10am

There is ample parking behind the Fire Station.

18) Who became prime minister first, Gladstone or Disraeli?

19) Which English cleric was known as the 'Red Dean'?

20) Who was the last viceroy of India?

21) What was the British Home Guard originally called?

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Across

1. Shakespeare was one
5. Eastern music
9. Denoted in musical scores by the symbol V
14. Assortment
15. Black, in poetry
16. African antelope
17. All excited
18. Cut, as a log
19. A member of the sect founded by Baal Shem-Tov

20. A New World pit viper
23. "___ fallen ..."
24. A nurse, in India
25. Pressed
27. An encampment, in South Africa
30. Hitter of 755 home runs

32. Rocks, to a bartender
33. Bud
35. Less cordial
39. Emits light with little or no heat
43. Brings into harmony
44. French door part
45. When doubled, a dance
46. Desert sight
48. Spine line
51. What you might do to autumn leaves
54. Jerk
55. Aardvark's tidbit
56. Home to several suburbs
62. Craters of the Moon locale

64. Water pitcher
65. Airport pickup
66. Sensational
67. Acceptances
68. "-zoic" things
69. Down at the heels
70. "... or ___!"
71. Audition tape
- Down
1. Big pig
2. Aquatic plant
3. Brawl
4. Name holder
5. Investigate extensively
6. Discompose
7. Ball attire
8. Visitor to Siam
9. Cowardly
10. Burmese coinage
11. It holds water
12. Antipasto morsel
13. Crossed the kiddie pool
21. Alkaline liquid
22. White wine aperitif
26. "___ bitten, twice shy"
27. Romeo's "two blushing pilgrims"
28. Hurting
29. Long, long time
30. Atmospheres
31. "Absolutely!"
34. Arizona Indian
36. Creep
37. Bounce back, in a way
38. Back
40. Highlander
41. Singing psalms
42. Once thought to be an aquatic equine
47. "Comprende?"
49. Person in a mask
50. Drove (around)
51. Tracks
52. Excessive
53. Gawlk
54. Mushers' vehicles
57. Characteristic carrier
58. Missing from the Marines, say
59. Euros replaced them
60. Prayer leader
61. "Eh"
63. Holed up

HOW MANY PAINTED EGGS ARE HERE?



FILL-IN, OR CRISS-CROSS, CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Fill in the blanks with the words. To help you get started one letter is already in place.

4 letter words

CAVE

COMB

COPY

RARE

5 letter words

DIGIT

PERTH

SENSE

STAMP

6 letter words

EDITOR

PARSEC

SECRET

SPIDER

7 letter words

BRISKET

CARAVAN

CASHIER

DEAD SEA

DEWDROP

DOLPHIN

DRYDOCK

FEATHER

ICE CUBE

NOONDAY

OCTAGON

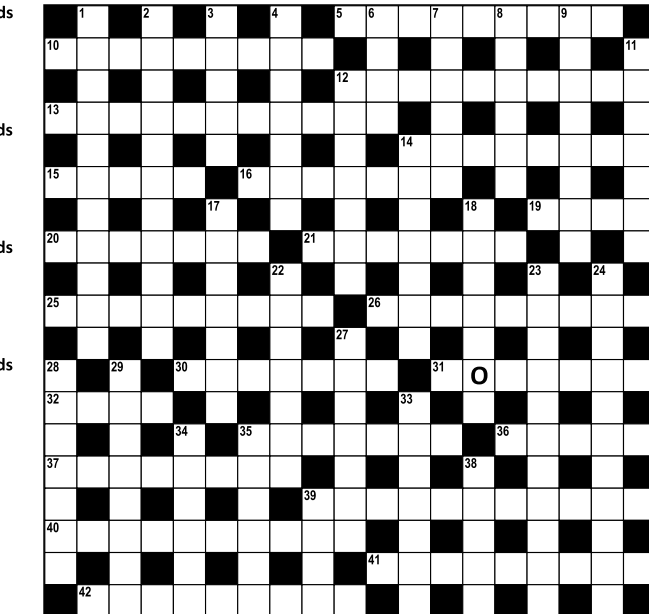
ORCHARD

PLATEAU

PRINTER

REPTILE

SENATES



8 letter words

CREATURE

DOMESTIC

ROTATION

SEAFARER

9 letter words

ACCESSORY

CONSONANT

MEGAPIXEL

PEACH TREE

SASKATOON

SEVENTEEN

10 letter words

EQUESTRIAN

OPTIMISTIC

11 letter words

BARRIER REEF

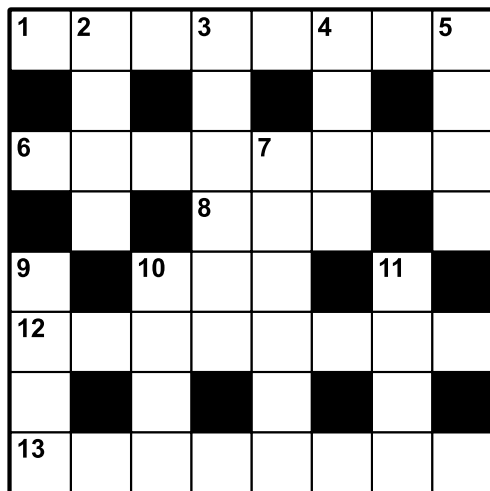
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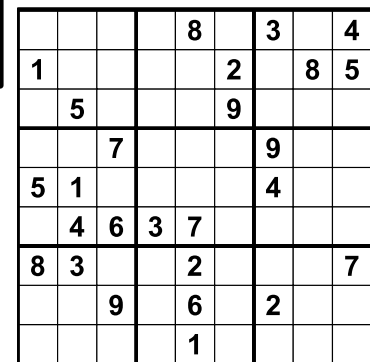


Across

- 1 Digit used for detecting errors
6 Abroad
8 Trophy
10 Bottom line
12 Solid with trapezoidal sides
13 Become settled

Down

- 2 Busy place
3 Tent show
4 Aerobic bit
5 Zorro wear
7 Picnic days
9 Smudge
10 Scarf material
11 Japanese soup



Selsey Model Boat Club

The Club meets twice a week at the pond on East Beach, weather permitting, when members sail their radio controlled boats
Times: 10.00am until noon on Sundays and Wednesdays

The first Sunday of each month is Race Day
New members welcome
or just pop along to have a look and a chat
contact Chris on Selsey 601550

THE WRITERS CIRCLE

meets on the first Tuesday of every month in The Methodist Hall, High Street, from 2.00pm until 4.30pm
If you are already writing or a complete beginner you will be given a warm welcome by our small, friendly group of ladies and a few gentlemen
Membership is £12 per year and £2.00 per session.
Tea or Coffee included.
For more information contact Pat Read Tel: 07946707708



Selsey Men in Sheds

A non-profit making organisation

Open Tuesday & Thursday 10 - 4
Saturdays 10 - 2

Membership £10.00 per month or £100 per year
Complete your own wood / metal projects or be involved in group activities

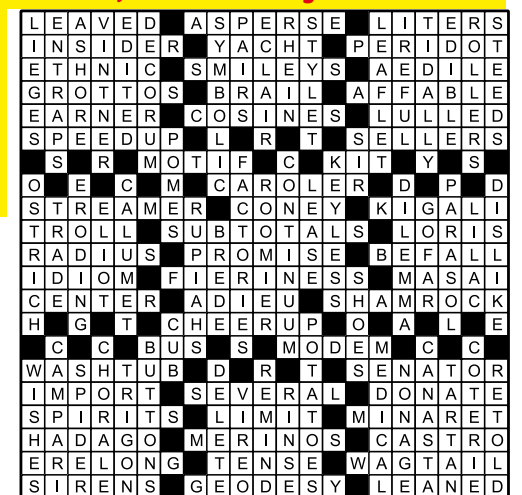
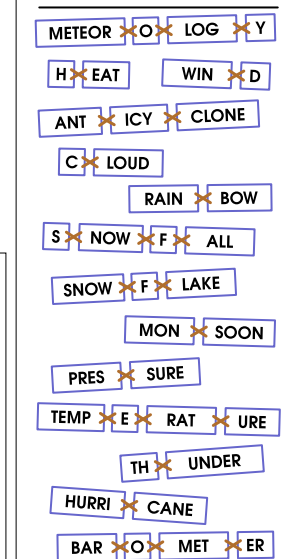
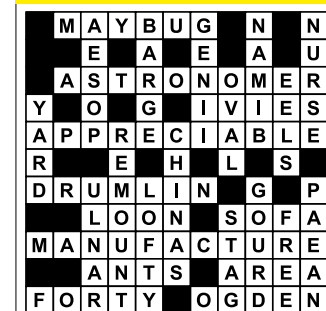
If you are interested in joining contact
Mick Webb 07939 880029
email m.c.webb46@gmail.com

1st SELSEY SCOUTS Charity Shop

Scout HQ, School Lane ~ every Saturday
between 10 am -12 noon
Bric-a-brac ~ Clothes ~ Et al

Last Month's Answers

- 1) Red 2) Attila 3) Humphry Davy 4) 1909 5) Valery Giscard d'Estaing 6) Lord Stansgate 7) 1965 8) Wake
9) Lord Carrington 10) Hosni Mubarak 11) Mill 12) Jimmy Carter's 13) Sharpeville 14) Senator John McCarthy
15) St Augustine 16) Samuel Pepys 17) 1961 18) John Glenn 19) The Sun 20) Gary Powers 21) Rachel Carson
22) Malcom X 23) 1966 24) Prague Spring 25) Golda Meir 26) Pelican crossings
27) Bolivia 28) Steel
29) John XXIII
30) 2001 : A Space Odyssey
31) Henrik Verwoerd
32) My Lai





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

The church is open daily for prayer and visits.

Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday	7.00 pm	Holy Communion
Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Sung Eucharist

Please check our noticeboard and website for service times

All are welcome to attend,
we look forward to seeing you.

Our Church Halls with Kitchen and Car Park are available to hire for your meetings and celebrations please contact our Hall Manager Sue Ripley on 01243 948501 or stpetershallbookings@outlook.com


ST PETER'S CHURCH HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

10 April	10am Palm Sunday Service with a procession
14 April	7pm Maundy Thursday Service with foot-washing & Vigil
15 April	12noon Good Friday Stations of the Cross followed by hot x buns! 2pm Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
16 April	8pm Easter Vigil Service with bonfire
17 April	8am & 10am Easter Day Service

All are welcome to attend

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

For enquiries about hiring the hall please email d.dixon808@btinternet.com



A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their tournament victories. After an hour, the manager came out and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

I cleaned the attic with the wife the other day. Now I can't get the cobwebs out of her hair.

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday April 3rd 10.30 am Dr. Mike Nicholls
Sunday April 10th 10.30 am Mrs. Shelagh Morgan
Good Friday April 15th 3pm Revd. Ian Suttie
Easter Sunday April 17th 10.30 am Revd. Steven Hill

Holy Communion

Sunday April 24th 10.30 am Mrs. Margaret Thompson
Sunday May 1st 10.30 am Revd. Ian Suttie

Holy Communion

Our minister is Revd. Ian Suttie 01903 245799



The Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid, Selsey

Masses held on weekdays at 10am, Saturdays at 5pm & Sundays at 10am

12 Church Road, Selsey, PO20 0LS (Plenty of parking available)

For more details go to: www.saintsofsussex.com

Part of the Parish of Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex (with the churches of the Witterings, Chichester and Bosham)



22) What opened in New York on 27 October 1904?
23) Which canal was built first, Suez or Panama?
24) Vectis was the Roman name for which part of England?
25) Which Cromwell lived longest, Oliver or Thomas?

I sent my girlfriend a huge pile of snow. I rang her up and said: "Did you get my drift?"

Slept like a log last night. Woke up in the fireplace.

A jumplead walks into a bar. The barman says: "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

And now one from Tommy Cooper - I said to the gym instructor: "Can you teach me to do the splits?" He said: "How flexible are you?" I said: "I can't make Tuesdays."



Beacon Church Selsey

Spring feels like it is arriving now, and Easter is upon us. A real opportunity at a troubling and concerning time in the world at the moment, to think of new beginnings.









Our Easter message to you on Easter Sunday is that Jesus Christ is risen today..... Hallelujah! Can you imagine where we would all be if it all ended on Good Friday, the day Jesus was crucified? Jesus came into our world bringing with Him a message of God's unconditional love and forgiveness. We so often as Christians place much focus on Jesus suffering on the cross and some of us have said this is the reason that Jesus did come into the world — basically to suffer and die for our sins.

However, we believe Jesus did not come into the world to suffer and die, but rather, he came bringing God's message of **unconditional love** and forgiveness. Easter Sunday morning tells us that **nothing can ever separate us** from the love of God. It is so important to appreciate that perfect and undying love, could not possibly be killed on a cross and or buried in a grave. Jesus rose from that horrible death filled with love and peace to share with all, with hope and an offer of life forever, beyond this earth. God transformed the darkest of moments into the greatest act of love the world has ever known as Jesus gave His life for each one of us.



As well as plenty of goodness, kindness and love being shared in our world, there is much evil raging in some parts. We can feel very helpless and somewhat distanced from the wars, but we urge you to please pray. Pray for an end to the wars. Pray for the displaced and injured. For the families and friends grieving loss. Pray that the perpetrators will discover reason and compassion, stopping their aggression. Pray for the world leaders and negotiators. Pray for peace. This is a season we celebrate new life, hope and the conquering of evil that Jesus offers.

Why not discover more and share with us this Easter as we join together to remember and give thanks for the new life Jesus offers.

Regular Weekly Church Events			
Sunday	10.00am		Morning Worship
Tuesday	2.00pm -3.00pm		Pop-up Pantry at church building
Wednesday	2.00pm - 3.30pm		Tea and Chat at the church building
Friday	10.00am		Sunbeams for pre-school children and carers
Friday	5.00pm		Bright Sparks for school Yrs R to 4
Friday	6.15pm		Combined Lighthouse and Ignite for school Yrs 5+

April Diary	
Sun 3	10am All-age Worship
Sun 3	5pm Songs of Praise
Thu 7	12.30am Lunch Club
Sun 10	5pm Evening Worship around the Lord's Table
Mon 11	Inspire - Design your own Easter Card
Fri 15	10am Good Friday worship
Sun 17	10am Easter Sunday Worship
Sun 17	3pm ResBite Tea
Sun 24	10am Visiting Preacher Craig Gale from Billingshurst Family Church clip art (Part of our Commission family of churches)
Sun 24	5pm Spotlight – Digging Deeper into God's Word
Mon 25	Inspire - Colouring/ Bring your own project



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Circus Egg-stravaganza

9th April - 2nd May 2022

2pm & 5pm | Tickets from £7
(no show days on 12th, 19th & 26th April)

Back by popular demand, John Lawson's Circus present their Easter Egg-stravaganza Circus. Featuring brand new acts for 2022 never seen before at Seal Bay Resort.

Book tickets online
via the
Seal Bay Resort website



www.sealbayresort.co.uk/easter-circus