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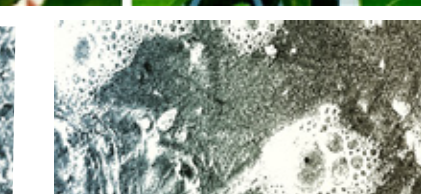
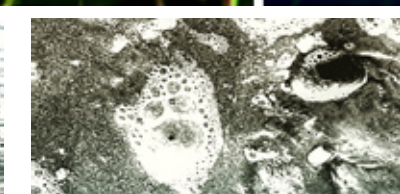
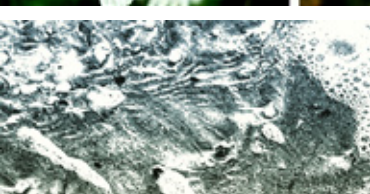
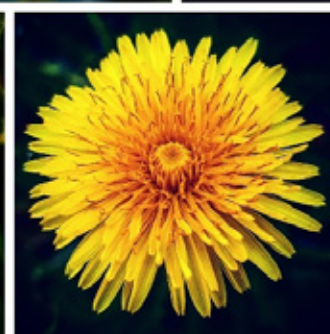
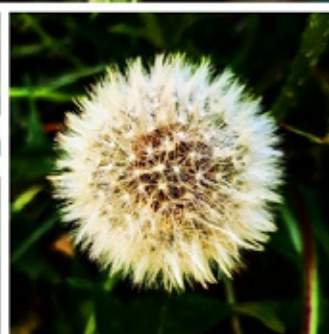
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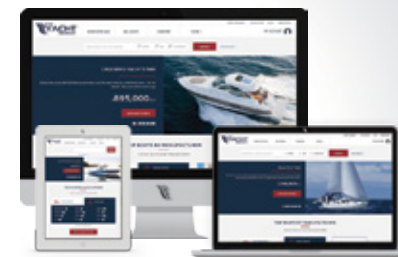


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Congratulations to Jenny Ledger who won last month's spot the seagull, and won a pair of tickets kindly supplied for the YachtMarket.com Southampton Boat Show.  
The seagull was on Raycraft's advert.

Congratulatiouns to the winners of the passes kindly supplied by Jay Millers Circus - Peppi was on the Medmerry School Fete advert: John Francis, Tia Jackson, Lorraine Rowland, Vivian Hodges, Sheila Mayfield and Dave Ross. We trust they all enjoyed the Circus.

Congratulations to the winner of the Gainsborough Singers tickets kindly supplied by them, Marilyn Carrington, the singer was on the female garener advert.

### Important Announcement

We have striven over the last two years to produce a magazine that we hope is both entertaining and a pleasure to read.

Unfortunately over these two years our advertising revenue has gradually decreased and we are now starting to operate at a loss.

We regret that unless this trend reverses we will be forced to become an online publication only, but hopefully still remaining entertaining and a pleasure to read.

Any suggestions, encouragement to advertisers, et al, will be gratefully received.

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"be sad if you have to stop producing Selsey Life..."

"Sorry to read that you may have to become an online publication only. I hope things get better for you - I know a lot of Selsey folks really enjoy the magazine."

"I am personally very sorry to hear you are considering the on line only option, as your Selsey Life magazine is so good and popular and a very special way of communicating, especially to those who prefer the printed page."

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"Sad to hear about the 'running at a loss' scenario. Not having a monthly hard copy would be a real shame."

"As a rookie reader to your superb magazine.. I have to plead please don't stop publishing!!! I know I can view online but it's just not the same as idly flicking through the silky pages..."

"So sorry to hear that you may have to resort to an online edition of 'Selsey Life'. It will be such a shame if you do, as an awful lot of people look forward to seeing and reading each month's edition. Let's hope it doesn't come to that."

Thank-you to everybody for their best wishes and their comments, some of which we reproduce here.  
We are looking into ways to keep going, but any help or suggestions are appreciated.

"Just to say we all value Selsey Life so much and want it to continue as it is. Many people do not work on line so would not get all the fabulous information that is in the magazine...."





### Seeley Copse Visit

The children in Years 1 and 2 were learning about the Enchanted Forest this term. They found out all about how plants grow, and then to add to the fun they visited Seeley Copse Woodland Trail at Goodwood to explore the plant and animal life there. Everyone had a fantastic time, and they were able to write some brilliant stories set in woods when they got back.

### Dizzy Heights of Rock Bottom

This term Years 5 and 6 have put together a play called Rock Bottom. It is set in the stone age and is filled with hilarious jokes and activity. The play is based on Bobby Cobblestone (a young caveboy) and his friends who have been imprisoned by Lady Lava (an evil witch) to create a way to keep her young forever. Performances took place on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July and were a huge success! A Year 3 pupil who watched the show said, "It was really funny – especially when the dinosaur popped out of the egg." A child in Year 1 said, "I really enjoyed watching the sabre-tooth tiger growling and the little dinosaur singing the songs."

### Sporting Triumphs

On the 18<sup>th</sup> July, Medmerry Primary School's sports day took place on the playing field – in the morning for Key Stage 2 and the afternoon for Key Stage 1. The day included 4 field events: shotput, discus, javelin and long jump. We also held sprint races, a relay race, and the juniors took part in a sack race too. This year we were earning points for our houses – Curlew, Lapwing and Skylark. At the end of juniors sports day, we had a tie between Skylark and Curlew, so two Year 6 pupils completed in a final sprint. Curlew were victorious. In the infant sports day, it was another close day, but Skylark won the day.



### Bikeability

Children in Year 6 were visited by staff from Bikeability in July, to help them gradually become safer cyclists. The pair took groups of children out onto the road to practise and test the children on essential skills for cycling safely on the road. Each of the children brought their bikes into the school all through the week and at the end of the week were told if they had passed the Bikeability test – also known as cycling proficiency.

### Leavers

At the end of the year we say goodbye to our Year 6 children as they move on to The Academy, Selsey, Chichester High School and

Bishop Luffa. Some of the children have been at Medmerry School for seven years, so were sad to say goodbye, but they are excited about the opportunities ahead. They ended the year by celebrating fantastic results in their Year 6 tests, awarding certificates for achievements, and having a disco in the final few days. In September, 30 new children will start at Medmerry – and before long new it will be time for new parents to visit the school to see if they want their children to go there in future.



Register on-line at [westsussex.gov.uk/src](http://westsussex.gov.uk/src) then go along to your local library to find out how to collect your prizes for reading SIX books over the summer.

Good day, my fellow Selsonians, how are we all today? Anyone else think that somehow we all entered a Tardis last Christmas and have fast-forwarded to summer time? Seriously, this year has gone by so quickly, I've barely caught a breath. Actually, I'd love to have my own personal time machine; I know exactly what I'd do - I'd hurtle back and every penny I had would go on Apple! I'd make a fortune!

Before I mention what I'm about to, can I suggest that you sit down because I don't want to be responsible for one of you having the vapours because of the shock of what I'm about to tell you...In July, I went to a restaurant up in Chi for a birthday celebration – mine, as it goes, actually, but we'll let that pass... (I know, it was an intrepid excursion, but my family is well trained and we packed the Kendal Mint Cake.) In said restaurant I spotted this total aberration – wait for it... 'Book your 2018 festive meal today!' What the heck is that about? We were actually pretty equidistant between Christmasses in terms of time and it was thirty plus degrees in the shade. The graphic on the leaflet was of a nice family toasting each other in front of a roaring fire – wonderful...but it was July! It gets worse! Last year was bad enough; I spotted an advert in August. Honestly, it should be banned – no Christmas advertising until at least November 1st – slight exaggeration there but you get my point! Absolutely bonkers.

So, are we going anywhere this summer? Not really any need to leave our green and pleasant land this year because it's like the Savanna out there anyway. Heaven knows how long it will take for the lawn to recover! Seriously, though – it has become like the Summer of '76. I remember it well because it was my O level year.... (I can practically hear you all doing the mental arithmetic. Yes, I am indeed \*\* years young.) 1976 was absolutely hideous and characterised by the dreaded stand pipes which we managed to just about avoid but we weren't adverse to catching the bath water to sloosh it over the runner beans and we lived the tell the tale!

Truth be told, I'm not an 'abroad' sort of person – partly because I absolutely hate flying but, sometimes we just have to face our fears and get on with it. Don't get me wrong, traveling is a good thing - I have, for example, learnt that when you're in Italy you don't put cheese on any pasta with fish in it, in America and Germany they make tea with barely hot water and that in Spain you don't get to eat dinner before 10pm – that's just how it works. Learning about these cultural peculiarities is, indeed, positive but....sometimes I do wonder if it's worth it. 'Why?' I hear you say. I can tell you in one word – 'bathrooms'. Now, I can almost feel you scowling and mouthing the word 'what?' so I will elucidate. The fact is, I really dislike foreign bathrooms, more specifically, showers. Now, from my perspective, even travelling to British hotels is something of a magical mystery tour in the ablutions department: Where's the temperature setting? How do we get the plug in the bath? Why can't I get any hot water? You know what I'm saying, don't say you've never looked at a hotel's plumbing and scratched your head a bit. But overseas bathrooms, well, that's another level entirely!

My mum and I were once over in Holland (lovely country, by the way) and I encountered what looked like a perfectly innocuous shower. Well, just how wrong can you be? It turned out to be positively evil - no knobs or handles of any description which could be turned to get the water running. There was, however, a little console inside, which I thought looked promising. Now, initially, it all seemed self explanatory.; there were dials for water temperature and water pressure and a start/stop button – plus, it was in English which is always helpful. Easy peasy, lemon squeezy...or was it? No, it flipping well wasn't! I fiddled with the dials, I pressed the start/stop button until my fingertips were red. Infact, I did every single permutation of button pressing/dial turning I could think of, until I was in serious need of a camomile tea. Finally, my mum bless her, sort of wondered aloud if the cord hanging down by the door might have something to do with the shower. Predictably, being one of those people who always walked into any door she saw marked 'Private' - leaned over to pull it with no thought as to

the possible dire consequences.

"Don't touch the cord!" I yelled - "we could have half the Dutch Fire Brigade and Police Force here...and we'll probably end up evacuating the building - walk away from the cord" In my defence, it looked exactly like one those emergency pull cords you see in hotel rooms and restaurant loos. The ones you tug on in an emergency which, with any luck, will speedily send a handsome looking member of staff to your aid – although, to be fair, if you're in the loo that's not such a good idea added to which I've never actually pulled the cord, you understand, so all this is total speculation. But, I digress... from my perspective, it was very clear, how could a cord on the other side of the room have anything to do with the shower? There was even a little red light on it, - obviously an emergency thingy. So, rather than test my mum's potentially disastrous theory, I knocked on the door of our travelling companions and came straight to the point: "Our shower's not working" - they looked at me for a moment, obviously slightly non-plussed as to why I thought they'd just taken a crash course in plumbing. "Really? we're OK, no probs here – just pulled the cord and away it went....." I'll just leave that there.

I also had a rather weird experience in Paris a hundred years ago when I was about twenty. Before exploring the 'City of Love', I wandered into a nearby park to 'chillax' a bit - as they say these days. Sadly, my blissful repose was cut short by the arrival of a rather disheveled looking male. He made his way over to me, sat down and began his flirtations (yup, I had it in those days.) Within minutes he had somehow managed to kiss my hand, write his number in my book and propose that "all French kiss on the lips" I joked my way out of the situation oddly curious about his forwardness and annoyed that he'd managed to deface my book! This encounter gave me a very curious insight into the differences of men throughout the world. Interestingly, I do prefer to experience new cultures head on, but maybe not so much on the mouth.....

I can't let this month's Deliberation go by without mentioning last months tirade about the apostrophe. Thanks to those of you who took the time and trouble to e-mail me with my deliberate mistake. You are all hereby awarded the ' how to use an apostrophe correctly certificate.' Well done all four of you. I know, not my best postbag but I'm putting it down to the fact that when it looks like the weather's approaching 100 degrees, it's hard to feel motivated, which brings me to my next grump.... There are a lot of keyboard warriors in Selsey, indeed I am one myself but, sometimes we have to stop moaning about things and start thinking about how those 'things' might be improved. So, I have a question, why has the Selsey Town Council Vision Facebook site not crashed on multiple occasions due the enormous flow of traffic towards it? I can answer that...because not enough people are posting on it! Get to it, people! Start giving us your ideas, opinions, theories...anything that you think would improve our little town at the end of the long and winding road. We all live here and we all have a lot invested in the town. It's not good enough to say 'they' should do something because I am yet to work out who this 'they' actually is, infact 'they' don't exist but 'we' do! I'm devoting a lot of my time to the Vision this year, as are my colleagues and we have a real opportunity to make a difference for our children and grandchildren as well as ourselves. I had over forty responses to my 'What is Selsey' question but it's all gone quiet now so this is a rallying call to my fellow Selsonians – Get to it! Thank you. Rant over.

So, everyone, I hope you enjoy the summer. Don't get locked in any strange bathrooms and watch out for flirtatious indigenous inhabitants of other countries.

Donna  
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**Date: 30 June 2018**

**Selsey inshore lifeboat called to Kayak with two people aboard.**

The inshore lifeboat was requested to launch by the UK Coastguard after they received a report that an inflatable Kayak with two people on board appeared to be struggling in the tide and wind.

The D class lifeboat with a crew of three volunteers launched at 3.29pm on Saturday 30 June and best speed to the area between West Street and Hillfield road. When the lifeboat arrived on scene they found the craft had made it safely ashore and was with the Selsey Coastguard team. The weather on scene was wind easterly force 4 sea state slight in sunshine.

The lifeboat was released and returned to station rehousing at 3.46pm. The crew today were Helmsman Gary Pearce, Will Moir and James Alberly.

**Date: 30 June 2018**

**Selsey RNLI inshore lifeboat responds to hoax call.**

UK Coastguard received an emergency phone call reporting a 14 year old boy on an inflatable was drifting out to sea.

The D class lifeboat launched at 6.30pm on Saturday 30 June and made best speed to the Bill point. The weather on scene was wind easterly force 4-5 sea state slight in sun shine. The Selsey Coastguard team were also tasked and on arrival at the beach were approached by a youth who said his brother and friends had called the Coastguards for a joke.

The inshore lifeboat was released and returned to station at 6.46pm. The crew of the lifeboat were Helmsman James Alberly, Max Wiseman and Jake Harnett.

**Date: 02 July 2018**

**Both Selsey RNLI lifeboats conduct search for missing person off Bognor Regis**

UK Coastguard requested the launch of both the Selsey lifeboats to search the waters off Bognor Regis for a 24yr old male swimmer last seen at 3.00pm in the water off Aldwick.

The two lifeboats launched at 10.28pm on Monday 2 July and proceeded to the area. The inshore lifeboat (ILB) commenced a shoreline search from Pagham Harbour to Bognor sailing club. The all-weather lifeboat (ALB) started a creeping line ahead search half a mile offshore. The Coastguard helicopter rescue 175 was also tasked and joined the search at 10.55pm.

The weather on scene was wind North Easterly force 5-6, sea state slight to moderate in clear sky. At 12.45am the ILB was released to return to station. The helicopter and the ALB were given new search instructions by UK Coastguard which took the ALB to a position 5 miles off shore and working back towards Pagham harbour. At 2.52am the ALB completed the search area given and was released from the incident. The Helicopter was released earlier after completing the search area they were given.

The ALB returned to station at 3.05am and was rehousing and made ready for service by 4.25am. The crews tonight were ALB: Coxswain Dave Lamdin 2<sup>nd</sup> Coxswain Colin Pullenger, Mechanic Phil Pitham, Andy Lee, Dan Langford and Pip Skeet. ILB: Helmsman Will Moir, Craig Sergeant and Neil Hopcraft.

The UK Coastguards informed the station that the man returned home shortly after the search was called off momentarily but was again missing the following morning.

**Date: 5 July 2018**

**Selsey inshore lifeboat conducts search after finding lilo during exercise.**

The inshore lifeboat launched on exercise at 6.30pm on Thursday 5 July. During the exercise they came across a clam shaped lilo off Park Lane Selsey.

After informing the UK Coastguard the inshore lifeboat crew were asked to conduct a search in the immediate area for anyone that might have been on the lilo. A comprehensive search of the area and moorings off Selsey was completed before the inshore lifeboat dropped the recovered lilo at the station before continuing with the exercise. Weather on scene was wind Westerly force 2-3, sea state slight in light cloud. The crew tonight were Acting Helmsman Sam Troughton-Smith, James Alberly, Harry Emmence and Neil Hopcraft.

**Date: 19 July 2018**

**Selsey inshore lifeboat crew save the life of youth struggling in the sea.**

The Selsey RNLI inshore lifeboat was requested to launch after the UK Coastguard had received an emergency phone call saying a youth was clinging to the breakwater marker pole. A second youth was in the water swimming out to help the first youth. At the time the tide was flowing westerly at approximately 4 knots.

The D class inshore lifeboat (ILB) Betty and Thomas Moore was launched at 4.46pm on Thursday 19 July and made best speed to the location close to the East beach launching ramp. At 4.48pm the ILB arrived on scene and the Volunteer crewmen saw the second youth struggling in the tide and disappear under the surface; they quickly made towards him and with only half his arm showing were able to grab him and bring him into the ILB. While casualty care was being administered to this casualty the other youth was recovered to the safety of the ILB.

The ILB made best speed back to lifeboat station where an ambulance had been requested to attend by the ILB crew. Both casualties were landed at the boathouse at 5.00pm where casualty care continued until the arrival of the SECAmbulance.

The crew aboard the ILB today were Helmsman Rob Archibald, James Albrey and Jake Harnett (trainee)

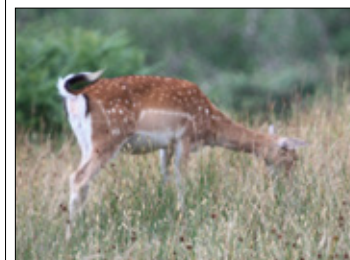
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On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July over forty members of Selsey Venture Club visited the New Forest and had a great lunch at the "Fighting Cocks". In the car park we were treated to the presence of ponies and donkeys with their offspring lying around exhausted in the heat of the day. Following our lunch we went to Bolderwood into the coolness of the woods where the gamekeeper feeds the deer. Those who managed the short walk to the observation platform were treated to a close up view of up to nine deer, which were either lying in the grass or grazing. Others sat in the shade and enjoyed ice creams.



Please note! There will be no special outings in August due to holidays but we will resume in September with announcements being made early in the month of August. Look in the Club and buses for information.

Selsey Venture Club still urgently needs volunteer drivers for our modern fleet of mini-buses. These fully equipped vehicles are as easy to drive as a car and can normally be driven by anyone with a full licence issued prior to 1997. Put your name forward and take a test drive; we will be so glad of more help? You do not need to be Club members but just have a desire to put something back into the community. If you do not drive perhaps you could help in the office; we especially need help on Tuesday afternoons.

In respect of routine pick-ups for activities, any outings, to become a member or volunteer call into the Club in Elm Grove across the car park at the Southern Co-op in Selsey or phone the office on 01243 605115.

Nigel & Alison Cooper  
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**L.I.N.C**  
**Ladies in Contact**

We do not hold a meeting in August, and look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday the 20th September at 7.15pm in our usual venue St. Peters Church Hall, when Amanda Bridger will be telling all about her interests in "Minature Houses"



July has seen us settled at our new address, The Selsey Care Shop, 121 High St. with Selsey Community Forum Registered Charity No. 1156460.

We are there daily if you need help or information, Tel. No. **01243 201616**.

We are going to be at the Methodist Hall weekly Coffee Morning, from September, on the 2nd. Thursday of every month, from 10am to 11-30am, we hope members and their loved ones, old and new will join us for a social chat and get to know you.

Selsey Carers will be holding our "SUMMER TEA" on FRIDAY 17th of August, at the Selsey Centre, invitations will be sent out to members shortly, we sincerely hope you will come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon's catch up, and reassurance of our commitment to supporting you as you care for your loved ones.

**CHARITY BAND DAY**

Monday 27th August 2018  
 12pm till 7pm

The four bands are

The Fabulous Fug Band, The Ballroom Blitz  
 The Lobster Pot, Bonney J Band  
 and also Sean sings Elvis

There will be Children's entertainment, and it will be held in the garden at the Fisherman's Joy pub, East Street Selsey.

It is a free event, but buckets will be available to donate money towards Carers Support Selsey in partnership with SCF Charity no 1156460

If any Selsey Businesses would like to sponsor this event, please contact Sue Bellamy on **01243 601347**



**SEAL ISLAND WI**



On Thursday 9th August we will once again be holding our popular annual Plonk and Ploughman quiz at the Selsey Centre 6.30 for 7pm. This is open to ALL, cost £6.50 each, table of 6, £39, to include a free bottle of wine per table. If you want to come and are unable to make up a table please call 605290. Tickets will be available in July from High House Insurance, High Street, Selsey. (See page 36 for details)



Our next meeting will be on Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup> when we will be welcoming Clive and Sue Fennell who will be giving a talk on 'the not so idle women of the canals'.

We are always happy to receive new members and ladies of all ages will be made welcome at our meetings on the first Thursday of the month at the Selsey Centre, Manor Road at 7.30pm – first meeting is free. Our events programme flyer can be picked up at the Centre.

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This is a fantastic double bill event on Saturday September 1st, featuring award winning folk duo 'Ninebarrow' supported by the entertaining and, at times, hilarious Sally Ironmonger.

Doors and bar open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm at The Selsey Centre, Manor Rd, Selsey, PO20 0SE (in The Selsey Festival).

'Sally Ironmonger' accompanied by Brian Carter, kick off the evening ([www.sallyironmonger.co.uk](http://www.sallyironmonger.co.uk)) followed by the fabulous award winning male Folk harmony duo, 'Ninebarrow' (nominated for the Radio 2 Folk Awards) they are currently thrilling audiences all over Britain with their harmonies and versatile instrumental skill. ([www.ninebarrow.co.uk](http://www.ninebarrow.co.uk))

Just click on [www.ticketsource.co.uk/selseyfestival](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/selseyfestival) to buy your tickets on line at £14 +booking fee or just call in to Selsey Town Council to buy and collect them direct.

There are also a limited number of discounted tickets at £12 each available from Julian or John if you can get along to one of our monthly club sessions, where you will be made very welcome.... details can be found on [www.selseyfolkandmusicclub.co.uk](http://www.selseyfolkandmusicclub.co.uk) and facebook .co

Other enquiries 07721 532711 [julian.lindseyclark@gmail.com](mailto:julian.lindseyclark@gmail.com)



**Selsey Gardening Club**

previously Selsey Horticultural Society)

Below is a photo of the winners of the Members Fun Mini Show.



Classes entered were a photo 'climbing plant in your garden', best weed, 1 single rose, a bunch of sweet peas, flowering pot plant, 3 stems of a flowering shrub, fruit, vegetable, 3 different flowers, and a single onion which was given to all members earlier this year to grow.

The winners of each class were decided by those present on the night.

We have no meeting in August, we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Should you have any questions about the Gardening Club please contact Tony (Vice Chair) on **07546 491353** and he will be happy to help.

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Welcome to August

We have our usual weekly activities and some events for the Selsey Festival here during August, please pick up one of our brochures for further details. Tickets available from Ticket source.

The National Blood Service are here on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, please book an appointment to give blood [www.Blood.co.uk](http://www.Blood.co.uk) Thank you

Ninja Camp is on 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August 10am-3pm contact Lee Or Bea [www.facebook.com/ninjacampswestsussex](https://www.facebook.com/ninjacampswestsussex) for details

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 2pm-4pm Youth Summer club

9<sup>th</sup> August WI – plonk and ploughman's

11<sup>th</sup> August St Peters Church- Cliff Richard tribute

14<sup>th</sup> August Bouncy castle Day with soft play 10am-3pm £2 ages 0-10 years

16<sup>th</sup> August U3A- 7-10pm Cheese and Wine plus speaker

18<sup>th</sup> August LDN Wrestling door opens 7pm tickets on sale @ The Selsey Centre

24<sup>th</sup> August West Sussex Guitar Club

And we have the Selsey Folk and Music club here on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Aspire are running a GCSE English class here again in September please contact 01243 850740 for more information.

Private party hire available every weekend – advanced booking essential please contact us on 01243 603836 or see our website [www.selseytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.selseytowncouncil.gov.uk)

The Selsey Centre Team



The 2018 Surrey County Master Finals were held at the Surrey Sports Park, Guildford, on Saturday 30th June.

183 swimmers, from 18 yrs old up to the Queen of swimming, multi-world record holder Jane Asher who is now 87 yrs young.

Our Selsey local swimmer Tony Hayward competed in 5 of the 32 events. Tony won 3 gold medals in his over 75 age group for the 25 metres, 50 metres and 100 metres breaststroke. He then took silver medals in the 25 metres freestyle and 25 metres backstroke events.

On a very hot day with swimmers being at the Olympic size pool from 11am to 8pm 3 World records and 9 British records were broken.

Tony represented the London based Spencer Swim Team who, as a team of 12, won a total of 28 gold, 14 silver and 11 bronze medals.

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## A PICTURE GALLERY OF THE SELSEY CARNIVAL

It all started so simply. 'Look what I found!' the young man said. 'We could put it in Selsey Life for August. It would be good publicity!' And then the rug was pulled out from under our feet by the cancellation of said Carnival for this year. This is not the first, nor even the second time, that this has happened in Selsey so be of good cheer! I'm sure it will be back.



This image is from the 1890's. There are a great many sailing ships at sea, a young lady on the left sitting on the sand with her picnic basket at her side and two separate boats and groups of people. I cannot guarantee that this is the same event, but the Bognor Regis Observer of 27 August 1890 records the Selsey Regatta during which there was the usual Galley Race.

*'An interesting feature was the rowing match in salvage galleys between eleven fishermen and twenty-two cricketers... (here follows a list of the gentlemen involved) This was a good race, though it was evident throughout that the fishermen, who pulled much more evenly than their opponents, would be the victors. This proved correct, the sons of Neptune beating the cricketers by several lengths.'*



By 26 August 1908 the newspaper was reporting on 'Regatta and Carnival at Selsey'.

*'The Committee and promoters of the Selsey Regatta seem particularly unfortunate in selecting their date for the annual regatta. Last year it clashed with a big political meeting, and this year it had to be postponed from last Thursday to Saturday, there being rain and a high south-east wind blowing, which caused a heavy 'slop' preventing small boats from going out.'*

The sports were held on the Friday 'as the weather was all that could be desired, and the sports, including running races, egg and spoon races, high jumps, etc. were successfully carried through, each child receiving a prize of present of some description'.

And so the Carnival progressed through 1912 and 1913 with the weather playing an important part in what was held and where and what was cancelled or postponed but, eventually, the procession of 1912 was held one week later. The Chichester Observer of 27 August 1913 offered excursion fares on the Selsey Tram:

*'From Chichester to Selsey at 9d return fare on the trams leaving Chichester at 2.20, 3.20, 4.20, 5.20, 6.40 and 7.35. A special late tram will leave Selsey at 10 o'clock for all stations to Chichester'.*

The Carnival of 1913 was a somewhat hastily devised event but *'In spite of the short period of preparation the Selsey Carnival on Wednesday evening proved a big success, and, favoured with fine weather, it was witnessed by a large concourse of people. The entries reached the gratifying number of seventy, and many of the fancy costumes and decorated motor cars were most artistic.'*



This picture is thought to be around 1930 and is, quite clearly, taken as they turn into West Street.

And now we jump to 1935 when the newspapers reported *'the annual mounted carnival was held at Selsey. The procession formed outside the Selsey hotel and paraded some of the principal streets before arriving at the field in East Street to be judged'.*

This picture is thought to be either 1935 or 1936 and certainly a great many horses followed a similar route.



On 12 August 1936 the Chichester Observer told us of:

*'Selsey Carnival Queen. Crowned at Church Fete'*

*'Brilliant weather greeted a brilliant ceremony on Wednesday last, when with a background of blue sky and glistening waves, the most beautiful young lady, according to popular vote, in Selsey, was crowned Queen of Carnival in Selsey for 1936. Surrounded by her maids of honour, the Queen, Miss Iris Fox, made a radiant picture, cloaked with Royal purple and wearing a simple white gown.'*

Any future Carnival Queens might like to know that Mr W A Thornton presented Iris with a *'beautiful diamond clip'* while Lady Felix Brunner presented her with a trinket set. The Maids of Honour were Miss Freda Mould, Miss Doris Henstridge, Miss Lina Langford and Miss Pamela Purchase.



And this is one of those rare occasions when we have both the photograph and the newspaper report to go with it.

This is Male's float for 1938 when the Hogs Norton Fire Brigade took to the road. Several people have commented to me that Male's always had spectacular floats and I think we can see that here. It won Class K, tableaux, motor or horse-drawn. This year Doris Henstridge went one better and became the Carnival Queen, receiving a basket of fruit. Attendants were Dorothy Mariner, Jose Francis, Joyce Hawkins and Winifred Glew.

*Apparently they 'combined nicely the virtues of modesty and graciousness.'*





The one to the right shows Molly Barnes as the Carnival Queen.  
Also from Tony Harris.



And now it gets to be pictures rather than words! This one was given to me by Tony Harris. Any idea of the year chaps? Is Jose Francis still around please?



And now one from the young man who started all this, Barry Glew. It is 1972 and features not only Barry but also his brother Danny.



In 1970, the Carnival Queen was Linda White and her attendants Mrs. Dawn Wood and Christine Gaston. Dawn – you haven't changed a bit!

I have, however, refrained from including the picture of them all to avoid embarrassing them.

The picture quality from my scanner isn't the best but those of you who were there will recognise the float, I'm sure.

In 'this year the committee has set £1000 as its target to be shared among local branches of the British Heart Foundation, Bill House, the British Red Cross Society, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the RSPCA, the West Sussex Association for the Blind.'

The front page of the Selsey Carnival Supplement to The Promoter of 1970.



And here we have the Great Pram Race with Andy Capp and Florrie.

But, of course, it isn't only the pictures and the blurb which trigger memories but also the adverts and I make no apology for including the picture of Chambers Garage, below.



And, finally, a contribution from Pip Bishop.



I hope you have enjoyed this wander through the years. I think the thing that strikes me most is that we used to have the best decorated bikes, prams and horses, the best lady's and gentlemen's costume (pedestrians or mounted) and even the best illuminated house and, of course, a band or two. There were carts and wagons as we see in this picture and the prizes ranged from silver-plated egg cups to a gold brooch for the lucky lady who won the swimming race! How times have changed. Still, perhaps we shall see the Carnival return next year.

Failing that, look out for the Christmas Selsey Life. If you have any Carnival Pictures you would like me to include on a follow-up, please contact me!

Thanks are due to John Prior, Tony Harris and Pip Bishop for lending me their photos, to Brian Male for allowing me to use his picture of the Hogs Norton Fire Brigade and to Danny, Barry and Sean Glew for their support of this article and their late father, Reg, who so carefully preserved the supplement. I should also acknowledge Chichester and Bognor Observer (David Philip on behalf of Copydesk Sussex) for allowing me to quote from their articles.

I am greatly indebted to the family of the founders of The Promoter for agreeing for me to share part of their supplement with you.

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## Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group News

August 2018

### Still Time to Enter! - MWHG 20th Anniversary Photo Competition

Join us in celebrating our 20th year by snapping the wildlife, heritage and landscape of Manhood Peninsula.

There are 4 possible categories to enter (Wildlife, Heritage, Landscape and an Under-16 category entitled 'My Local Nature') and all photos must be taken on the Manhood Peninsula. **Go to [www.mwhg.org.uk](http://www.mwhg.org.uk) for more details and how to enter.**

**Competition open to entries from 16th July– 12th August**

**Prizes to be awarded:**

Overall winner: £100 cash prize

Each category winner: £50 cash prize

**Winners announced on the week of the 20th August**

Photos can be uploaded via the website and can also be tweeted to us on our **Twitter** page or posted onto our **Facebook** page at [mwhgpage](https://www.facebook.com/mwhgpage). Entries via social media must note the category and include the hashtag **#MWHG20** to be counted. For full terms and conditions visit [www.mwhg.org.uk](http://www.mwhg.org.uk).

### Wildlife on the Doorstep: Results of our Selsey Centre Bioblitz

On 13th June MWHG held a day of wildlife discovery at Manor Green Park next to the Selsey Centre. With help from wildlife experts we recorded a grand total of 109 species. Within this total, 8 butterfly species were recorded, 9 species of bee and a further 13 species of invertebrate, including various true-bugs, crustaceans, molluscs, crickets, grasshoppers, a beetle and a dragonfly. The highlight was an Essex Skipper butterfly, which has no previous Selsey record! In the meadows we identified 74 species of plant and FLOW Project Manager Jane was delighted to find a short-tailed field vole and a wood mouse in the Longworth traps. After showing the vole and mouse to excited volunteers, Jane released them back into the meadows.



Jane shows volunteers a short-tailed field vole.



We found lots of slow-worms under the reptile tins

We were pleased to meet some very enthusiastic locals at the event and also several parents, who stopped to take part in activities with their children, including barn owl pellet dissection. Overall it was a successful bioblitz, blessed by beautiful weather, during which we collected many valuable records to highlight the wildlife using the site, much of which is often hidden, but is all around us!

For more information on our events and volunteering please see [www.mwhg.org.uk](http://www.mwhg.org.uk) or follow us on social media at [mwhgpage](https://www.facebook.com/mwhgpage)

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Set over the course of four days leading up to a massive German attack on the British trenches in 1918, Journey's End charts the tension and claustrophobia as the new recruit to the company, Lieutenant Raleigh, discovers that Captain Stanhope, his former childhood friend and hero, has changed almost beyond recognition.

There are ten men in the cast. We have ten brilliant actors who have immersed themselves in the characters they portray. We are proud of these talented young men. A hundred years ago, they may well have died on the battlefield.

The play runs for 2 hours including a twenty-minute interval. Suitable for families.

**Tickets £12 Concessions £10**

#### DATE & TIMES OF PERFORMANCES

All dates are in October

Thursday 4th	7:30	Saturday 6th	7:30	Monday 8th	7:30
Friday 5th	7:30	Sunday 7th	2:30	Tuesday 9th	7:30
Saturday 6th	2:30	Sunday 7th	7:30		

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1st September 2018



Ahoy my hearties! Jump aboard Pirates on the Run on Saturday 1st September to enjoy a family friendly colourful inflatable fun run. Challenge yourself to tackle this 3km inflatable obstacle course and you too could be scrambling over our Treasure Island!

Be sure to catch the display by The Chichester Olympic Gymnastics Club at the beginning of each wave. Celebration Samba will also perform in this action packed event with a samba band, featuring steel drums. There will be a treasure hunt, face painting, talk like a pirate lessons, hook a shark, coconut shy, selfie cabin, and tropical refreshments and prizes on offer for the best fancy dress.

Join #teamwilf and help St Wilfrid's Hospice go the 'extra smile' to help local people to get the most out of life for as long as possible.

Tickets available: £16 for older sea dogs (adults) and £8 for young deck hands (children). Everyone who registers will receive a commemorative t-shirt in their registration pack.

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### Are you concerned with speeding vehicles in your community?

### Do you want to calm vehicle speed on your local roads?

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where active members of local communities join with the support of Sussex Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices.

Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds. In cases where education is ignored and evidence of repeat or excessive offences is collated, enforcement and prosecution follow.

Volunteers receive appropriate training and are supported by neighbourhood policing teams. The scheme aims to cater for the problem of real or perceived speed related offending and through partnership with the community, it is to be used in circumstances that are necessary, justifiable and proportionate in order 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.

Further information on Community Speedwatch schemes can be found on their website [www.communityspeedwatch.co.uk](http://www.communityspeedwatch.co.uk). Their website can provide you with further information on how to start a new group or join an existing volunteer group.

If you are interested in setting up a Community Speedwatch team in your area you can contact PCSO Jason Lemm for further information on [jason.lemm@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jason.lemm@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

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## THE PENDRAGON PAGE

### FULL STEAM AHEAD

The use of steam to power engines was developed over a period of 100 years. The first steam engine was developed by Thomas Savery in 1698. It was a rather crude machine, designed to pump water from coal and tin mines. It had no moving parts and used a great deal of coal to pump out a small amount of water. However, it paved the way for the invention of using steam to power machines to do useful work.

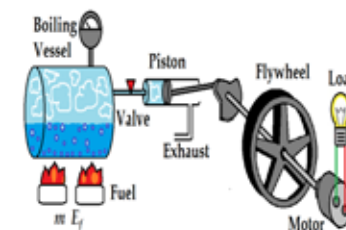


Thomas Savery

Thomas Newcomen realised that there must be a more efficient way of using steam and he designed an improved water pump whereby steam pushed a single piston. Both Newcomen and Savery were solely concerned with the problem of pumping water out of the coal and tin mines in England. It was not until 1753 when a Scottish engineer called James Watt, developed an engine that would push a piston backwards and forwards, which in turn drove a wheel and produced circular motion.

The invention of machines, powered by steam, grew and

the Industrial Revolution changed the way in which people worked and lived.



Basic principles of steam driven power.

Many cottage industries became mechanised. For example, in 1809 the first woolen mill was opened. Previously preparing wool for cloth making had been done in rural homes across the country. Steam now powered engines that washed, picked, carded, spun and wound wool. Machines could run 24 hours a day; people left the land and headed for factories instead.



19<sup>th</sup> Century Woolen Factory

At the same time Richard Trevithick developed the first steam driven locomotive in 1804. By 1813 George Stevenson invented the famous Rocket, the first commercial steam train and by 1825 this was carrying passengers and goods between Stockton and Darlington. Steam was here to stay.

The growth in industry and changing lifestyles with the development of towns and cities, led to a demand for more and more power. It was not practical for every home to have its own steam powered machine. Fueled by coal or timber, the first steam-electric

power station was built in 1882. Water was heated and the resulting steam was forced under pressure to spin massive turbines that powered an electric generator. What had started as a way of pumping water out of privately owned small mines, came full circle as hundreds of thousands of tons of coal were needed every year to power the growing number of steam machines and electric generators.

Eventually demand outstripped supply and new sources of energy needed to be found. The science of nuclear fission was developed from 1895-1945. Between 1939-1945 research and development focused on the atomic bomb. After 1945 the emphasis changed to searching for a way of harnessing atomic energy to produce electricity. The most effective way was found to be using the heat generated from nuclear fission to produce steam to feed turbines which generate electricity.



Nuclear Power Station

Today, 86% of the world's electricity is generated by steam. The once familiar sight of lumbering great steam locomotives may have disappeared but steam has played a vital role in both the Industrial and Technological revolutions, and it is still 'full steam ahead' today.

Next month: A Kind of Magic

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## Passing through Pagham Harbour and Medmerry

For the majority of our birds, the breeding season is drawing to an end. Many of our migrant species have already started to head to their wintering grounds. Our tern colony will be dispersing and many of our warblers will be joining them on their journeys south. Now is the time to keep an eye out for our summer visitors that have bred in upland areas such as common sandpipers and greenshanks.

The common sandpiper is a medium sized wader with brown upperparts, white underparts, greenish legs and a distinctive white shoulder. It has a curious habit of bobbing up and down, known as 'teetering'.

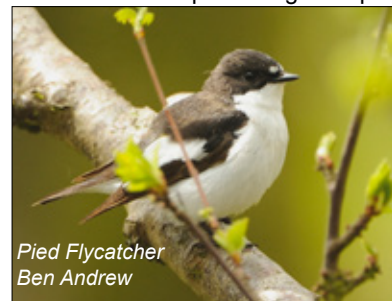


*Greenshanks*  
Chris Gomersall

Larger than the common sandpiper, with longer legs and a longer, slightly upturned bill, the greenshanks upperparts are grey and underparts white. At this time of year both often turn up on the Ferry and Breech Pools on Pagham Harbour and also the Stilt Pools on Medmerry.

These areas are also good places to search for the diminutive little stint which starts to move through our reserves at the end of this month into September. A tiny wader, smaller than a house sparrow, it feeds rapidly with a shuffling movement, pecking quickly at the surface of the mud and hardly ever looking up. Most little stints we see at this time of year are juveniles and look white below and brown

above with two pale stripes or braces down the back. It may not sound like a particularly pretty bird, but if you are fortunate enough to get a good view of one through a telescope, you will discover the brown is actually a delicate mottled patterning and quite beautiful.



*Pied Flycatcher*  
Ben Andrew

Later in the month it is worth checking Glebe Meadow and the churchyard at Church Norton for flycatchers. Male pied flycatchers are smart little birds in spring with black upperparts and white underparts and a characteristic white wing patch. Now they resemble the females as their black plumage moults into brown. Spotted flycatchers are much less dapper with simple brown upperparts, off white underparts and streaky breasts. Both species live up to their name by darting out from a perch, erratically catching flying insects mid-air, but unlike the pied flycatcher, the spotted flycatcher tends to return to the same perch.

For more information on what you can see and where, pop into our Visitor Centre on the B2145 just north of Selsey.

### RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry

Thursday 02 August, [Hunting for mini-beasts and dragons!](#) Calling all bug detectives – join us hunting and learning about the bugs that live in our reserve. Discover the world of dragonflies and create your own to take home.

10.30am (duration 2 hours) Booking essential £3 per child / £2 members

Sunday 05 August, [Someone to Guide You.](#) Unsure of what that bird is? Our friendly guides will be at our brand new Ferry Pool Hide, Pagham Harbour to help you spot and identify the wildlife that you see. 11am – 2pm Drop-in Free

Tuesday 07 August, [Mudlarks & crafts!](#) Mud, glorious mud – that's what a lot of our wading birds think! Come and find out what it is that lives in our mud that attracts so many birds, before making your own monsters that might hide in our mud.

10.30am (duration 2 hours) Booking essential £3 per child / £2 members

Thursday 09 August, [Discover birds of prey!](#) Learn more about this fascinating group of birds and make a raptor kite to fly at home.

10.30am (duration 2 hours) Booking essential £3 per child / £2 members

Tuesday 14 August, [Talk to the animals?!](#) Ever wished you were Doctor Doolittle and could talk to the animal? Come and discover how animals and plants communicate and what they are saying before creating works of art to take home inspired by your experiences.

10.30am (duration 2 hours) Booking essential £3 per child / £2 members

Thursday 16 August, [Seashore Safari!](#) Can you find sharks on our shoreline? In a special beach-combing event we'll discover who lives in our seas and on the beach. Meet 10.30am at Church Norton car park PO20 9DT (duration 2 hours)

Booking essential £3 per child / £2 members

Thursday 16 August, [Salthouse Sundown.](#) As the sun sets over the harbour, the Friends of Pagham Harbour invite you to relax with a drink and nibbles – what better way to end the day! 7.00pm Salthouse, end of Church Lane, Pagham, PO21 4NX (park at Church Lane, or meet 6.30pm at Sidlesham Quay to stroll down with us to the party). Free.

#### Big Wild Sleep Out 2018!

Saturday 18 August, Grab your tent and sleeping bag and join us for [Big Wild Sleep Out 2018!](#) As well as experiencing the sights and sounds of the reserve at night, we will be seeing what mammals magnificent moths we can trap, getting crafty and detecting bats too. Saturday 5pm – Sunday 10am Booking essential via [eventbrite.co.uk](#)

£35 adults / £17.50 children; £28 adult members / £14 child members

Tuesday 21 August, [Mini-beasts & Crafts!](#) Calling all bug detectives – join us hunting and learning about the bugs that live in our reserve, before creating your own mini-beasts to take home.

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Thursday 23 August, [Natures Treasure Hunt!](#) Solve the clues, find the treasures and then use them to create a work of art.

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Tuesday 28 August, [Mudlarks & crafts!](#) Mud, glorious mud – that's what a lot of our wading birds think! Come and find out what it is that lives in our mud that attracts so many birds, before making your own monsters that might hide in our mud.

10.30am (duration 2 hours) Booking essential £3 per child / £2 members

Thursday 30 August, [Mini-beasts & Crafts!](#) Calling all bug detectives – join us hunting and learning about the bugs that live in our reserve, before creating bug shelters to take home. 10.30am (duration 2 hours) Booking essential £3 per child / £2 members

Check out our website [www.rspb.org/paghamharbour](http://www.rspb.org/paghamharbour) for full events program.

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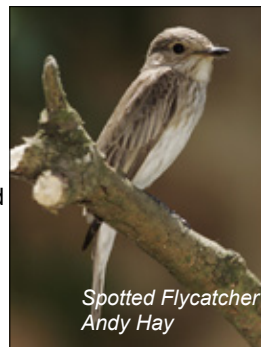
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## Going for gold - the Silver-spotted skipper by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Am I the only one not interested at all in the World Cup? I can't think of anything duller than watching a bunch of over-paid men kicking a bag of gas up and down a field. By the time you read this we'll have already worked out which country is the best at kicking a ball and we can forget about it all for another four years. Meanwhile, I'll be spending my July and August in pursuit of my favourite sport - butterfly watching - and I'll be sat on the turf watching a tiny orange butterfly racing around and fighting.

When it comes to sports, the Silver-spotted skipper is a true Olympian and stands on all levels of the podium. Their wings are golden and bronze with shining silver panels on the underside. It's one of our smallest butterflies and it gymnastically zips, twists and flips around the downland turf at incredible speeds. The males are vicious little blighters too. They defend a territory and will attack any other insect that dares wander into their arena.

And the one thing they love more than racing and fighting is sunbathing. In Sussex you'll only find them on the hottest slopes of the South Downs where they seek out their favourite hotspots – the bare ground created by grazing animals. This bare earth heats up and forms a microclimate much warmer than the surrounding grass - and to a tiny butterfly that's the difference between Iceland and Ibiza.



*Silver spotted skipper butterfly*  
Graeme Lyons Sussex Wildlife Trust

These butterflies were doing fine for centuries but back when England last won the World Cup in 1966 the world above their hot hoof-print havens had begun to shift. Changes in economics and agricultural policies took the sheep off the Downs and the cold shadows of tall grasses, brambles and thorns took over. With their habitat cooling, the future looked dark for our sun-loving skipper and by the tense semi-finals of the 1990 World Cup it was facing extinction in Britain. In Sussex it held on at a few colonies on the far eastern edge of the South Downs. But the world has started to change again; we're getting hotter! As the global temperatures rise, people and polar bears are panicking but this little butterfly has kept its cool. It is finding that there are now more of those nice hot microclimates available.

Meanwhile, conservation groups across the South Downs have brought back grazing to conserve our precious chalk downland habitat. Up on Malling Down near Lewes you'll see my woolly colleagues, the hungry Herdwick sheep, at work on the Sussex Wildlife Trust's reserve. It's one of the hotspots for this skipper in Sussex. With the sheep creating the perfect habitat and the thermometers rocketing each summer the stage is set for a Silver-spotted comeback! And here he comes! Off to a flying start in the eastern South Downs! Passing Alfriston and Fittlehampton! Overtaking Lewes on the inside! Vaulting past Ditchling and Wolstonbury and, with a hop, skip and jump, he's made it to Storrington! Re-conquering the South Downs - 42 miles in 28 years - surely that's worthy of a medal!

Head out for a walk on the South Downs in August and you may be in with a sporting chance of spotting this skipper – as well as many other beautiful chalk downland butterflies.

## Chichester Conservancy Volunteers August 2018

### EBERNOE

Sunday 5 August

Conservation – Bracken control on Ebernoe Common with Richard Wilson of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers. Meet in church car park at 10.00 am  
01243 528056

### AMBERLEY

Sunday 12 August

Conservation – Wetlands Management with Scott Robertson of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers on Amberley Wildbrooks from 10.00 am

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### GRAFFHAM

Tuesday 7 August

Morning walk on Graffham Common with Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust. Meet in National Trust car park, Lavington Common, Map Ref: SU949187 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Donations to the Trust appreciated  
07827 830891

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## RSPB Events for August 2018

### PAGHAM

Wednesday 15 August

Evening Bird Walk along Pagham Harbour North Wall with Kerry Jackson of the RSPB Chichester Local Group.

Meet at end of Church Lane, Pagham PO21 4NU,  
Map Ref: SZ880976 AT 5.00 pm 01243 262833

### CHURCH NORTON

Tuesday 21 August

Morning Bird Walk around Church Norton and The Severals with Graham Whitehead of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet in car park by church PO20 9TD, Map Ref: SZ872956 at 10.00 am 01243 262833

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#### Recent Callouts

#### 02/06/18 11:28

Team paged to East Head, West Wittering to 2 adults and a child stuck in the mud with an incoming tide. Hayling Lifeboat and Portsmouth Coastguard Rescue team were also tasked with Portsmouth Coastguard Team being stood down on route as Hayling Inshore Lifeboat was able to recover all three people due to the rising tide. The three casualties were then handed over to us and safety advice was given, no medical assistance was needed. If you become stuck in mud try to spread your weight as much as possible. Avoid moving and stay as calm as possible. Discourage others from attempting to rescue you, since without the proper rescue equipment they may become stuck too.

#### 02/06/18 18:39

Team paged to the Lifeboat Station to get eyes on a vessel that appeared to be in difficulty with 3 persons on board. Once on scene and we had eyes on the casualty we requested the immediate launch of the Inshore Lifeboat as they appeared to be in an inflatable boat and were struggling with the tide and the offshore winds.



Selsey Inshore Lifeboat launched and was quickly on scene and took the casualties aboard and towed the inflatable boat back to East Beach Dive Ramp where we were waiting for them. Safety advice was given as they had no lifejackets or a radio and had been out fishing all afternoon. We then gave them a lift back to their car which was at Church Norton where they launched from.

Blow up boats and toys are great fun in the swimming pool, but we do not recommend their use at the seaside. This is because they can easily be blown out to sea.

We strongly recommend that blow up boats and toys are not used in an offshore wind – that is when the wind blows from the land out to sea – because they can quickly be swept out to sea. Go to a lifeguarded beach if possible and heed the lifeguards' advice. If people do find themselves being swept out to sea, our advice is to stay with the boat or toy and shout for help, waving arms if possible. Do not attempt to swim for shore if out of depth. Ideally make sure that someone ashore is keeping an eye on you.

Thank you to the first informant that had been keeping an eye on them all afternoon.

#### 03/06/18 17:27

Team paged to reports of a missing 2 year old child at West Wittering Beach. Stood down on route to West Wittering with the child found safe and well.

FREE Child Safe Wrist Bands are available at the Lifeguard Tower on West Wittering Beach please use them, and write your mobile contact number on it. When visiting the beach please keep an eye on your children at all times.

If you lose your child on the beach or in an emergency out at sea or along the coast dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard straight away!

#### 08/06/18 17:12

Team paged to reports of a vessel washed up on the shoreline opposite Gill Way, East Beach. Two Coastguard Rescue Officers recovered the Fishing Punt from the water, to the top of the beach, details and photos were sent to Solent Coastguard. A quick shoreline search was carried out with nothing else found.

#### 16/06/18 08:40

Team paged to reports of ordnance at Medmerry Beach a search of the beach was carried out and several pieces of ordnance were found, the beach was closed, photos were taken and sent to E.O.D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team) who confirmed the items as ordnance and a controlled explosion was carried out.



Team stood down at 12.10 to return to station.

If you come across any ordnance on the beach please do not touch it and dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard straight away. Ordnance found on this beach before has been found to be highly explosive so please do not touch it and call the Coastguard straight away!

#### 16/06/18 12:10

As we were returning to station from our previous tasking the team were paged to assist Chichester District Councils Foreshore Team after five Jet Skis had launched from the dive ramp at East Beach Car Park. (Jet Skis are not permitted to launch from this ramp). With one jet ski continuously over turning in the swell and one person in the water we requested the launch of the Selsey Inshore Lifeboat. We requested the lifeboat to stand off for safety cover until all jet skis and persons had been recovered and were safely out of the water due to the conditions of the tide and swell. Safety advice was also given.

\*\* Jet Skis are not permitted to launch or be recovered from any of the ramps in or around Selsey. \*\* Bunn Leisure Owners are able to launch their Jet Skis at Bunn Leisure. You may also launch jet skis from Bognor and Itchenor.

#### 23/06/18 16:07

Team paged to reports of a missing 5 year old child last seen heading into the water at West Wittering Beach. Team stood down on route to West Wittering with the child found safe and well.

Hayling Lifeboat were also tasked and stood down.

#### 24/06/18 15:03

Team paged to reports of 2 people stuck in the mud with an inflatable kayak at Birdham Pool. On arrival the two people had made it back to firm ground after they managed to get free and crawl back to the shore. No first aid treatment was needed and safety advice was given! Portsmouth Coastguard Team we're also tasked but stood down on route. In an emergency out at sea or along the coast or if you're stuck in the mud dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard! Getting stuck in mud and quicksand is a favourite plotline in films and books, but it can really happen, especially in wide, flat estuaries and bays. Never try to cross a bay – the ground can look firm and safe, but be incredibly treacherous.

Walking over (and through) mud is difficult and tiring and there can be hidden channels of fast-flowing water. You can get trapped in the mud, which is frightening at the best of times but potentially fatal if the tide comes in. If you get stuck in mud or quicksand:

- try to spread your weight as evenly as possible across the surface
- avoid moving and stay as calm as you can
- discourage other people from attempting to rescue you, since without the proper equipment they could become stuck too
- if you have a mobile phone, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. If you don't, shout for help.

#### 25/06/18 16:20

Team paged to reports of a person that had capsized in a Kayak off Marine Car Park and was in difficulty. The person had managed to get back to shore ok with half a paddle as his paddle had also snapped while he was in trouble. Selsey Inshore Lifeboat was also tasked but was stood down before it was launched. No first aid was needed and Safety advice was given.

#### 28/06/18 15:03

Team paged to reports of two persons in the water and vessel aground in Chichester Marina. After a sudden gust of wind in Chichester Harbour the vessel went aground throwing two persons onboard into the water, thankfully both people were wearing lifejackets which deployed themselves. Chichester Harbour Patrol also responded, and recovered both casualties from the water, no first aid was needed or given and the vessel was towed back to its mooring at Dell Quay. Team stood down to return to station.

#### 30/06/18 13:37

Team paged to reports of a young missing child last seen in the water at West Wittering Beach. Coastguard Rescue search teams were deployed to the East and West, both Hayling Lifeboats were tasked and Coastguard Helicopter Rescue 175 was also in attendance with Sussex Police.

The young girl was found safe and well about half a mile away as she had got herself disorientated and just kept walking. The girl was brought back to West Wittering Beach and reunited with her parents.

#### 30/06/18 15:20

As we were returning back to station from our previous job we were tasked to two people in an inflatable kayak off Clayton Road, Selsey that were being taken out to sea by the wind and tide. Selsey Inshore Lifeboat was also tasked. Once the inflatable kayak was ashore safety advice was given. Neither persons had lifejackets on and were also drinking.

Our advice for blow up boats and toys is the same as for the 2nd June incident.

#### 30/06/18 15:56

Just as we had left the station to go home from our previous job we were paged to reports of a missing 6 year old child at West Wittering Beach. Stood down as we were leaving the station with the child found safe and well.

#### 30/06/18 18:25

Team paged to reports of a 14 year old boy drifting out to sea on an inflatable toy by the Oval Playing Field, Selsey.

Selsey Inshore Lifeboat was also tasked and launched to carry out a search.

While on scene and looking for the boy in danger on the inflatable toy we were approached by a member of the public, who informed us this was a hoax and that his brother and a group of friends thought it would



be funny to call us!

Hoax calls are a dangerous waste of resources!

Hoax calls will always be treated as real until confirmed otherwise. This ties up valuable resources, potentially leaving areas uncovered until teams can be diverted.

Those who volunteer and risk their own safety to rescue others should also not be put at needless risk in responding to hoax distress calls!

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During recent months the club has held a number of events including 3 club competitions judged by club members, our AGM and our annual Presentation Dinner held at the Selsey Golf Club where, as the name suggests, the winners of the season's competitions are presented with their trophies by the club President David Nicholls.

### 1) "Print of the Year" competition for the Turner Trophy judged by Club Members.



The winning print – GLOWING IN THE DARK by Graham Ainge

### 2) "Digital Image of the Year" competition for the Robert and Nikki Mole Shield judged by Club Members.



The winning Digital image – FLEDGLING ROBIN by Dick Read

Our current season has now finished but during the summer break we shall, as usual, be holding our Summer Exhibition in the Town Hall (in association with Arts Dream Selsey) from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Admission is free so please come along and view over 200 prints and a digital image slideshow presentation with musical accompaniment.

Visitors are very welcome to join us for club meetings (for a £2 admittance charge) which are held on alternate Monday evenings commencing on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

There are many more images and further information (including our programme of events) on our website [www.selseycameraclub.co.uk](http://www.selseycameraclub.co.uk)

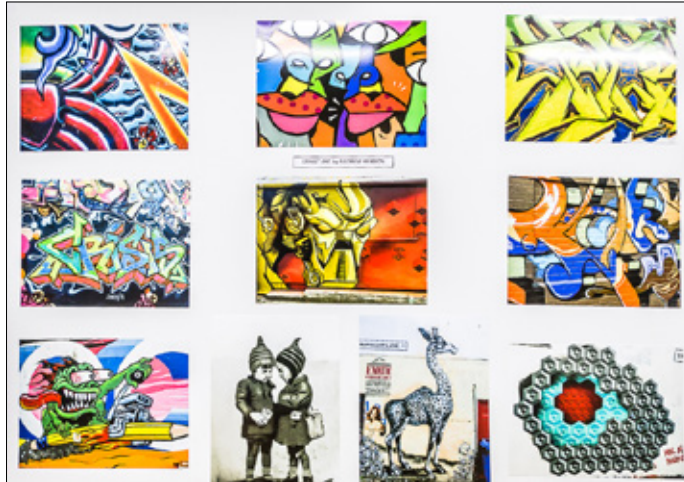
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The winning Photoboard – STREET ART by Andrew Kendon

### 4) Presentation Dinner held at the Selsey Golf Club



Club Trophies to be presented to the season's competition winners.



Photo by Meryn Woodland



## FRIENDS OF SELSEY MEDICAL CENTRE (FSMC)

Our AGM is over, and I am delighted and encouraged to report that the event was well attended, far more successful than in recent years. There was a really great question and answer session, including several from one volunteer wishing to join the committee.

More recently, the Committee has been seriously concerned over several unsuccessful attempts to hold Fund raisers. As always, we must rely on the continued generosity of donors for the prizes drawn in any tombola/raffle. Such events are not necessarily well supported. Door-to-door distribution of Friends leaflets has resulted in a zero response. We need, of course, to come up with new ways to attract interest and so improve the finances to ensure that the benefits to all who use the Centre may be enjoyed for years to come. One excellent idea came from Dr Rachel Jamieson, who suggested that various drop-in clinics, targeted to a specific part of the community, might promote some interest among the younger and older folk, depending on the topic of the day.

It is important to remember that the Friends charity was formed to administer legacies generously left in the wills of deceased members of the community to improve the environment of both doctors and patients in the Centre. If no further monies are raised, (despite the credit balance enjoyed at present) as requests continue to be put forward by the medical practice for much needed equipment, improvements to the facilities, etc., then it follows that eventually the well will run dry. I think most will agree that, when their health necessitates a visit to the Centre, patients can at least sit on comfortable chairs as they wait – chairs provided by the Friends. Then there are the new TV screens, which are so much more informative than the numerous notice boards. Also, of course, the newly replaced retinopathy camera, which is so much appreciated by Selsey's 1,000 or more diabetic patients.

Just a last thought to those who are reading this article: the Friends next Tombola will be held, as always, on Lifeboat Day. If you plan to attend, please stop by our tombola and give us your support! Thank you.

Rosemary Sparrow  
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# In the Garden

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

August still sees our gardens bursting with produce and flowers. The main occupation this month is harvesting and enjoying our produce and cutting the flowers to fill our house with beauty and scent. Bird song is not so loud now as the birds are relaxing for a while as the majority of broods have now fledged and left the nest.

The corn in the fields is now golden and the trees are at the height of their greenery. Young Pheasants and Rabbits are very noticeable in the countryside. On hill-sides blue Harebells can be seen nodding their bell-like heads in the gentle breeze and blue Cornflowers can be spotted in the fields. Butterflies and Bees are at their busiest collecting their nectar from the many flowers and shrubs.

August is holiday time so just recline, enjoy some wine and have a great time.

## Jobs for August

If the flowering performance of Perennials such as Campanular, Delphiniums, Sedum or Cardoon is somewhat declining it is best to lift and divide them. Re-plant in soil with some added compost and make sure it is well watered. Plant in groups of 3, 5 or 7 rather than dotting them around. They will provide an impressive display next year.

Keep grapevines well watered and ventilated - thin out some leaves if necessary. Nip out all unwanted shoots after they have produced one leaf to concentrate the efforts of the plant into producing grapes and replacement shoots for next year's harvest.

Pinch our any sideshoots on Tomatoes. Tap the flowers regularly and mist-spray in the mornings to encourage fruit set. Give regular feeds using a high potash Tomato food, preferably with added calcium. Never allow plants to wilt or blossom end rot will result. Support the plants securely, tying as necessary. Remove lower leaves gradually as they start yellowing but do not expose fruit to strong sunlight. Make sure the Tomatoes in greenhouses are well ventilated or mildew will be a problem.

## Tip Top Tips

- Chopped up Banana skins spread around Rose bushes make good fertiliser and help discourage Greenfly.
- To prevent birds from pecking fruit on trees tie a bag of moth balls to the lowest branch.
- This is the time to cut down old Raspberry canes and thin out new.
- Continue to cut Sweet Peas and cut and dis-bud Roses to extend the flowering season.
- Cut out stems that have fruited on Blackcurrant bushes to give more room for the young stems that will fruit next year.
- Reduce lawn mowing in hot, dry weather and raise the height of cut. Irrigate the lawn in the evening and give a thorough soak once a week.
- Keep flies away by placing fresh Mint on the kitchen window sill.

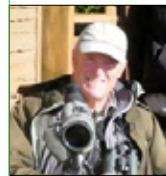
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## The Selsey Birder - A Welcome and a Royal Visitor

You've probably seen us if you've ever wandered down to the beach at Selsey Bill! Mostly men of a certain age - though we do count an increasing number of ladies amongst our ranks - we are usually dressed in dull green or brown anoraks, huddled against a wall near our base beside Bill House, in a comfortable position sheltered from the prevailing wind. We are the Selsey Birding group, counting and logging bird numbers as they pass on their spring and autumn migration or spend the winter months off our coastline. Summer is the quietest time by far for us anoraks, which is probably just as well, for this of course is when most 'normal' people head for the beach!

Selsey Bill is a nationally famous site for recording bird migration, due to its geographical position as a prominent headland on the Channel coast. In spring, many seabirds are observed moving up-Channel, heading towards their breeding grounds, whilst other species arrive from the sea, often near exhaustion and desperate to feed up and rest in the trees and vegetation at the Bill-tip before moving on. Some that breed locally may remain to feed through the summer, but in autumn migrant birds need to feed and put on weight, vital to prepare them for their return migration, whilst sea-birds in winter may remain awhile before heading for their wintering grounds; in short then, Selsey Bill is actually an important site all year round.

Continuous observations have been made at this site since 1959, by a succession of volunteers and observers, and all bird records are forwarded to the Sussex Ornithological Society (SOS) which in turn liaises with the Sussex Biodiversity Centre, to ensure this important information is fully documented. I have been a regular watcher there for the last 45 years (since 1973) and have witnessed a good many changes in that time. One of the biggest changes has been the loss of natural habitat due to the continual spread of housing development over the years, to the point where what little green space now remains there is of critical importance to wildlife. The long, vegetated gardens adjoining the beach fall into this category and we are always most grateful to the householders who tolerate us looking into their private gardens, whilst the understanding of the Bill House staff deserves a special mention!

Another important area of green space is the Oval Field, although apart from a stand of Elm trees on the west side, it is basically just a rather barren open field. There is surely a bit of scope here to enhance the area by planting a small amount of more colourful habitat to make things more interesting for everyone - visitors, dog-walkers and birders alike, not to mention the wildlife, so watch this space.

Whilst on the subject of habitat, I've heard some folks complain that the beach margins in front of the field are sometimes a bit untidy or 'just weeds' - but in fact these are part of the vegetated shingle, a very rare habitat nationally, and an area holding scarce plant and insect life. It may not seem like it to some, but we are lucky indeed to have it, so do please try to love it just a bit more now!

My order for thousands of items has been sent in preparation for this year's Poppy Fortnight. (27th Oct - 10th Nov).

Last year I actually had a collector for every street in Selsey. Years of experience, however, tell me that one or two will have to drop out because of age/infirmary.

Why not join our team? Can you spare just a few hours of your time either collecting House-To-House or standing in the street for a couple of hours? It really isn't too much to ask to help those who have done so much to keep us free and safe over the years.

The Poppy lapel pins continue to sell apace. Two more shops now have them. They are Liz in her newly-opened "Liz's Gems" in Penny Lane and Tina and her family at "Seal Island Wools" Pop in for a natter and pop out with a pin.

Best wishes to all.

Adrian Wilson

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*The vegetated shingle at Selsey Bill*

So now you know a little about us, let me say that although we may sometimes look a bit odd, or even intimidating if in groups, we are not, so don't be frightened to ask the green army what's around. And a special plea...if you have a strange bird in your garden, don't wait until it's gone, come and tell us as soon as you can, or at least get a photo, and hopefully we'll identify it. You never know what may turn up.... it could be something unusual, rare or even (to use birders' parlance) a mega! Which brings me nicely to the 'Royal visit'....

On the late afternoon of 19<sup>th</sup> June a birder at Pagham Harbour was viewing the Church Norton colony of breeding terns when he spotted a slightly larger one with a thick orange beak. A couple of photos were obtained and after a bit of detective work and a second opinion it was established that the bird was in fact an American Royal Tern - a mega indeed - being the first for Sussex and only the fourth record for Britain. As the news spread, keen birders started to make for the area, and 100+ managed to get there before dark. Sadly, only a few very early risers saw it next day at about 0420 a.m. before it upped and flew off 15 minutes later, leaving behind a squadron of very disappointed twitchers who arrived just too late. Ah, the joys of birding!



*American Royal Tern (centre, orange bill) at Church Norton, 19<sup>th</sup> June (photo: Andrew House)*

So, I will sign off for now with a welcome to all from me and the Selsey Birding group, and it is hoped these updates might become a regular feature in this magazine in the future. Meanwhile, keep those eyes open.....and you can always get up-to-date birding news at our (free) website: 'Birding the Selsey Peninsula' ([selseybirder.blogspot.co.uk](http://selseybirder.blogspot.co.uk)) Selsey Birder





## FOLLY

Unhurried, the lap of an incoming sea  
 Lazy advance over hard rippled sand  
 In contravention of powers that be  
 No sign its pent up rush toward land  
 In still breezeless air of late afternoon  
 Sand structure facing a watery fate  
 Remnants of ebb tide randomly strewn  
 Lethargic the seas that patiently wait  
 Breakwater uprights in warm shallow pools  
 Steadfastly challenge a half hearted tide  
 Winner and loser of fierce coastal duels  
 When water and timber with venom collide

Lesser than noble such noblemen now  
 Enemy eating at soft castle walls  
 Surely their charter could never allow  
 The melting away of temporary halls  
 No forethought given to stable foundation  
 Too little time for to draw up a plan  
 Fanciful whimsy this fragile creation  
 Sinking, returning to where it began  
 Retreat for a moment then probe and explore  
 The notion that all may not be what it seems  
 Leave slightly ajar life's sceptical door  
 Embracing gladly the power of dreams.

JOHN BYRNE MAY 2011



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The season is flying by - already we are more than half way through - and it seems to have gone in a flash. In general, the results of our matches (all Friendly) have been in our favour.

Captain's Day (June) was a huge success thanks to Captain Jim and Mrs Captain Chris. Bowling was followed by a buffet and social evening. The winner of the "Spider" was Marcus Whiting and the winning bowling team was Chris Bond, Jack Sutherland and Jack Baldwin.

The Chalet Owners Challenge (early July) was another enjoyable event. The day started earlier than scheduled due to a certain England footie game in Russia, as many wanted to get glued to TVs. Our match was followed by a BBQ, the meat and Pimms supplied by the Selsey Country Club, the sides by the Chalet Owners and the desserts by the Bowlers. The Chalet Owners, some of whom are not bowlers, put up a good challenge.

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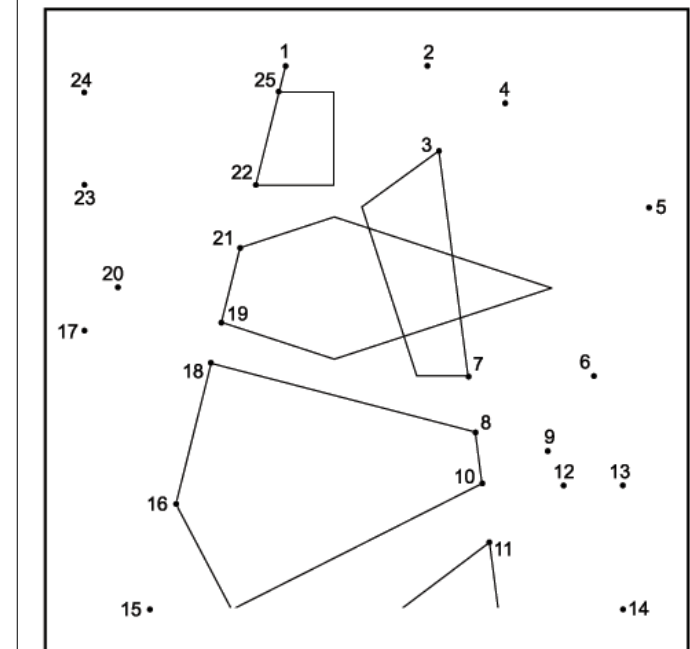
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	SCENE		WEATHER

Draw a line from dot number 1 to dot number 2, then from dot number 2 to dot number 3, 3 to 4, and so on. Continue to join the dots until you have connected all the numbered dots. Then, count all the triangles, rectangles, rhombuses, trapezoids and pentagons.



- 1) In 1993 who became the 42nd President of the United States of America?
- 2) How many separate bones appear on a Jolly Roger flag?
- 3) Maglev is short for what?
- 4) In the Bible what is referred to as the staff of life?
- 5) In total, how many sides would three rectangles and three triangles have?
- 6) How many minutes are there in one day?
- 7) What lives in a vespiary?
- 8) In which sport would you perform an Eskimo roll?
- 9) What enemy of the Batman has been played by both Burgess Meredith and Danny De Vito?
- 10) How many players are in a netball team?
- 11) What is a Moorish idol?
- 12) According to the proverb, what sort of men tell no tales?
- 13) What species of spider has varieties called Goliath and Cobalt Blue?
- 14) Who was the brother of Mary and Martha raised from the dead by Jesus?
- 15) Which English cathedral city shares it's name with a shade of green?
- 16) Who composed The Tales of Hoffman?
- 17) What star sign follows Taurus?
- 18) Enrico Forlanini built the first one in 1905. What was it?

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**Last month's  
 answers**

- 1) Eat - ate
- 2) Dustin Hoffman
- 3) Horse
- 4) Eight
- 5) 1987
- 6) 1933
- 7) Narcissus
- 8) John Brown's
- 9) Ireland
- 10) Joan Collins
- 11) Devonshire
- 12) Sir Robert Walpole
- 13) Andy Warhol
- 14) Ambrose Bierce
- 15) Cleveland, Ohio
- 16) Elmer Bernstein
- 17) Happy Birthday to You

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It would now appear that after all the rain back in the spring we are now nearing drought conditions. The sun continues to shine and the temperature continues day after day to rise to the late 'twenties'.

The course in standing up to these extremes very well and thanks to the grounds staff, Martin and Roger that it is looking good, the greens are still very green and the fairways, although going brown and hard now, are playing well.

On Thursday 21st June four very energetic and determined gentlemen set out to play 72 holes in one day, that's four rounds of golf. They started at 5.00 in the morning and after 27 holes had a break and ate a hearty breakfast before continuing with the next round. Considering every round would take on average three and half to four hours this was some mammoth task. They completed the 4 rounds about 6.00 in the evening. They have raised over £2300 to date and still more money has to be collected. This event was held in support of the MacMillan Cancer Charity. These sturdy gentlemen were John Mustoe, Kevin Holder, Richard Surridge and Terry Varney as seen in the photo.



There has been much activity this year generating from the Professional including a very successful Demonstration Day of leading brands of golf clubs where everyone was welcome to go along and try different clubs and of course talk to Gary. Also as mentioned in the Men's Section, Gary teamed up with the Men's Captain and they held their own Challenge Competition. Another very successful event.

#### Ladies' Section.

No complaints from the ladies about the hard fairways, the ball goes a lot further and good scores are achieved by all.

On 6th June the Ladies played the Bronze and Rabbits Cups, These two competitions are played on the same day, the Bronze is for lower handicap players with handicaps less than 28.5 and the Rabbits is for those with handicaps over 28.5. The winner of the Bronze was Gill Hill. The winner of the Rabbits was Eddie Williamson.

The following week was the Ladies Championship, the Buxton Knight, so called because Mrs. Buxton Knight a previous Lady Captain, presented the trophy to the Ladies Section many years ago, so that it could be presented to the Club Champion each year. This year's Club Champion was Meg Mearns with a nett score of 74 and Gillian Hill was the runner-up with a nett score of 75. Gill also came in with the lowest gross score.

The Elizabeth Perkins Prize was played on 19th June and the winner, also with the lowest gross score again, was Gill Hill. The runner-up was Judy Sharpe.

On 2nd July the Grandmother's Trophy was played. This fun competition was first played 26 year's ago when Meg Mearns first grandson was born. Meg presented the Club with a beautiful bronze statue of an early 20th century lady golfer. The Ladies make this a very special occasion with the golf being followed by

afternoon tea in the Club House Restaurant. All the Ladies put on their 'best frocks' and sit down to enjoy the company and the tea. After the tea the Trophy is presented to the winning grandmother. Every lady really would like to win this trophy and this year it went to Eddie Williamson. Eddie has played in this competition every year, coming second or third several times but has never won it before. (Photo is of Eddie Williamson holding the coveted trophy)



#### Men's Section

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of May a competition that had to be rearranged, The Wentworth Taylor was played. In second place were Dan Russell & Martin Kay with 42 points and in first place were John Shepherd & Nigel Hillyer who won on count back also scoring 42 points.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of May we had a club match away to Gosport & Stokes Bay; unfortunately we lost 3 ½ to 1 ½ but had a great day out.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> May we held the Captain's v Vice Captain's challenge, a 27-hole competition held on the same day. A good win for the Captain's team, 15 ½ to 10 ½, who also won the event last year.

On 27<sup>th</sup> May was the Captain/Pro Challenge, unfortunately neither myself of the Vice Captain were available to play. Mick Liddell, last year's Captain stood in for the Captain and, together with Matt Hurst, Denny Terry and the Professional, Gary Hughes, played the rest of the field. Teams of 4 from all sections of the club played and 56 golfers took part. Any team beating the Captain and Professional's team were awarded with a golf ball each and it is understood that the Professional had to provide quite a few golf balls from his very well stocked shop. The winning team were Terry Stevens, John Bateman, Dan Fern and Colin Dowdswell with a score of 120 points.

On 10<sup>th</sup> June the Club Championship Qualifier was played. In second place was Joe Smith with nett 64 and in first place was Roger Cawte with nett 63. and the flowing week the Club Championship and Rackstraw cup was played. This year's Champion was Billy Aspital who scored a 146 gross. Runner up was Malcolm Cawte with 149 gross. The Rackstraw was won by Steve Grown with a nett 139 and second was Billy Aspital with a nett 140. The weather was not kind and the pin positions were very difficult.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June the Druids Cup was held on a lovely morning. The day started with a Buffet Breakfast and the winner was Ash Barton with 21 points and second place was Matt Hurst with 19 points. On 30<sup>th</sup> June the Captain held his Captains Day; it was a wonderful day with fantastic weather. Thanks to all those who took part in the day and those who donated prizes. The Men raised over £1000.00 for their Captain's charity. Special thanks to Louisa and the team for the BBQ and the Thai buffet, which went down very well indeed. The winner was John Smith with 37 points winning on count back from Roger Cawte. Also, John Mustoe achieved a 'hole in one' on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Well done to John.

#### Veteran's Section

During the month of June the Veterans had 4 club matches, three away and one at home. On June 12th they played Avisford Park Golf Club and lost. On 21st they played at Southsea Golf Club and lost. June 25th they played Crookhorn Golf Club at Portsmouth and again lost the match. However on 5th July when they played Southwick Park at home the result was a win. Their match was

followed by a meal in the Club Restaurant that was enjoyed by all and the visiting team complimented the greens staff on the good condition of the course.

On the 11th July, a white tee medal competition was played. During that competition Brian Mariner achieved a 'hole in one' on the third hole. Brian has been a member of the club for many years and this was his first 'hole in one' Well done Brian. (Photo is of Brian Mariner)



#### Junior Section

The Juniors continue to progress and Lloyd Hughes and Luca Alonso played along side Keith Homer, past President of the Club, and Roger Cawte in the Captain/Professional Challenge held as already mentioned on 27th May and their team, with considerable help from the boys came a very creditable third.

Gary Hughes the Club's Professional intends to hold summer camps for young folk interested in learning and playing golf during the summer holidays. This is an exciting new project and he intends to hold these on a Tuesday and Thursday mornings throughout the summer holidays. For further details please contact Gary on Selsey 01243 608936

#### "Thank You"

A huge "Thank You" to June & Kevin for rescuing my model yacht from East Beach pond reeds on Wednesday 17th July 2018. We are eternally grateful for all your help and patience.

Kind Regards Paul & Caroline.

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**PHEW !!!** new members and established members of Crablands are certainly getting their full money's worth this summer as the playing of either tennis or bowls has been non stop for the first half of the season and whilst all the



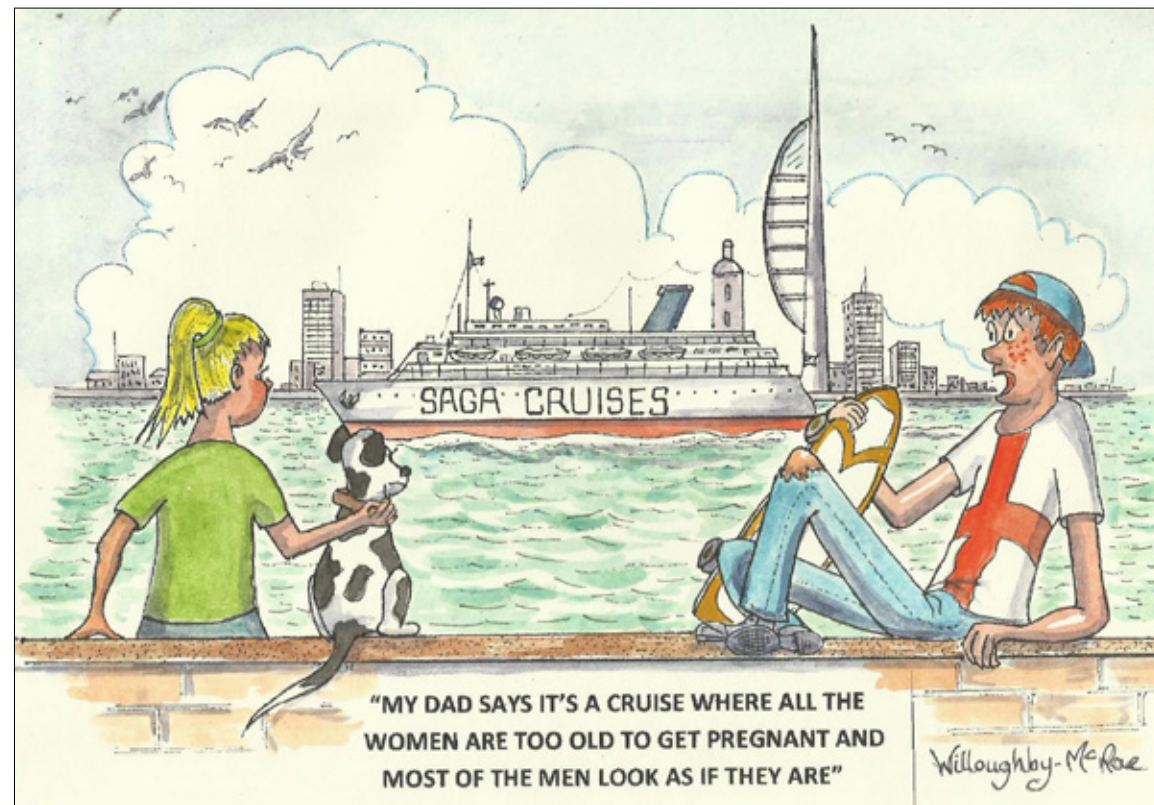
gardeners amongst readers of this article will be out doing their rain dances, here the organisers of matches and events have had no problems having to re-arrange fixtures etc.

With wall to wall sport on the television ie. football, tennis, cycling, cricket etc. you might well be thinking I would like to try my hand at a game of ...?.... perhaps I will give it a go, now is definitely the time to come and see any of the folk here at Crablands who can give you all the information and help needed to get started playing tennis, green bowls or short mat bowls, as a member this opens up opportunities for organised social evenings and/or the participation in table or mini-tennis: all questions re.tennis contact Jo on [606890](tel:0606890) –re. bowls ring Chris on [601859](tel:0601859) – re. short mat bowls call Jim on [606172](tel:0606172) – we definitely do not bite and the facilities on offer are top rate.

We do try and encourage young people to come and try either tennis or bowls and on Saturday mornings you will find a lot of enthusiastic boys and girls emulating Rafael Nadal or Angelique Kerber.



We have coaches for both sports and they will help and encourage both children and adults; those who might want to play to a high competitive standard or those who just want to play to enjoy the exercise and the company of like minded sports people. Be bold do come and have a go.





The season has improved at Selsey, with a few League wins, and Friendly wins on Sunday's.

Our big event coming up is Selsey Cricket & Social Club's famous Beer, Rounders and Family day, which will be on the Recreation Ground, as part of the Selsey Festival 2018 on Sunday August 12th 2018.



It promises to be a fantastic day out for all the family, with lots of things to see and do, so come along and enjoy the fun.

Ground open from 10:30 matches start at 11:00 am.

There is Pay Bar in the Club House open all day until late, open to the public, offering cheap alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks.

Attractions on the Field to include,

Hog Roast by Whole Hog Catering Company, Burgers, Raven Handbags, Hook a duck, Tin can alley, Lucky dips, Embroidered flannels, Key rings and Dreamcatchers.

So come along whether you are local, or visiting Selsey, everyone is welcome, and have a fantastic day out.

Further information can be had by emailing us at [info@selseycc.co.uk](mailto:info@selseycc.co.uk)

Every team will get a minimum of two games. Make up a team (7 persons) or just come along to watch and enjoy the day.

If you want to enter a team please contact us on [info@selsey.co.uk](mailto:info@selsey.co.uk) or call John Reeve on 01243 604924 or just turn up on the day, Entry is free.

Selsey Cricket Club is located at The Sir Patrick Moore Pavilion, Recreation Ground, High Street, Selsey, PO20 9BB, car parking in the new Co-Op behind the fire station, or at Selsey Medical Centre.

The join up of the Cricket Club and Football Club is still making progress.

Discussions have taken place on funding, we already have approx £430,000 towards the project. We have a number of other areas to put funding bids in over 15 areas. It is anticipated that we need £600,000 to complete the project.

We now have a target to raise a sum of between £80,000 and £90,000 pounds.

Bids are to be in the name of Sports dream, unless specific to footie or cricket club.

We welcome new members both playing and Non Playing.

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

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

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We are a very friendly and inviting club, with outdoor nets, clubhouse with bar.

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

Membership of Selsey Cricket Club is open to all applicants regardless of age, ability, disability, gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, nationality, religious belief or social/economic status.

More information about joining can be found on our Website

<http://www.selseycc.co.uk/join-on-line/>

Now on to the History of the Club  
**1897-1898**

A meeting was held on the evening of Monday, 5th April 1897 at the Anchor Inn, Selsey (now, of course, it is in Sidlesham).

'Mr G Humphry CC in the chair. It was decided that the Cricket Clubs of Selsey and Hunston should be amalgamated 'Union is strength,' and the players from this district may reasonably be expected to give neighbourly rivals a good game.'

This looks very much like an attempt to address the issue of a lack of players.

Sure enough, 2nd June 1897 reported a match – Littlehampton v Hunston & Selsey.

'This match was played on Thursday, at Littlehampton, and resulted in a draw. At the call of time, the visitors had two wickets to fall and were 57 runs behind.'

14th July 1897 saw Littlehampton v Selsey at Selsey. It seems as though the Hunston merger was very short-lived.

'This match was played on Friday. Wadham took eight wickets for 36 runs.'

**1898**

The Priory Park Cricket Club Letter Book offers us a tantalizing glimpse of the times.

On 9th March 1898 W D Rasell (William Duke Rasell - Priory Park Secretary)

wrote to Mr F Fogden, Hon. Sec. of Selsey Cricket Club. The Selsey Cricket Club had obviously challenged Priory Park as the letter reads as follows:

'Dear Sir

Mr Harris our late Hon. Sec. has handed me your letter of the 7th instant re matches for the coming season. My Committee meet in a few days when I will place your challenge before them and write you again with their decision.'

This was not too long in coming as on 17th March 1898 Mr Rasell again wrote to Mr Fogden:

'Dear Sir

I am directed by the Committee of the Priory Park C.C. to say they have with regret decided to decline your invitation for two matches during this coming season as their programme has been completed for some weeks otherwise they would have been pleased to have met your club. In the event of your wishing to play us next season (1899) kindly write not later than January.'

As we can see, Selsey missed the boat!

The following interesting snippet of information must have put the cat among the pigeons in Selsey Cricket circles as Newton Clayton Senior was an Estate Agent of some renown in Selsey, although born in Oswaldtwistle, Lancs. Rather confusingly, his son is Newton James Haworth Clayton, (born in Selsey), and both gentlemen were of a suitable age to play cricket.

'9th April 1898 Newton Clayton Selsey

Dear Sir

Priory Park Cricket Club

I beg to inform you that at a Meeting of the Committee you were proposed by Mr H W Harris and unanimously elected as member of this above club. I enclose you a copy of the Rules and a list of fixtures.

Yours faithfully

W D Rasell'

However, things looked brighter later in the year at least in terms of matches played. On 25th May, reported on 1st June 1898, Selsey played Littlehampton at Littlehampton.

'...the game resulting in a win for the home team by 156 runs with several wickets to spare.'

Reported on 15th June 1898, Selsey v Goodwood

'Played at Selsey June 9th, the home team being poorly represented, resulted in a win for Goodwood'

Reported in the same paper was the following:

'Selsey v A E Cosens XI

This match was played at Selsey on Monday June 6th, rain prevented an early start being made and the game resulted in a draw'.

A E Cosens was Alfred Ernest Cosens born in Hunston in 1868 and baptised there on 10 May of that year. He inherited Church Farm, Hunston, from his father while he was still a young man and married Mary Elizabeth Oliver on 12th November 1893. His mother was Emma Jane Fogden.

It became obvious that Selsey was severely limited in the opposition it had. Priory Park had pointed out that Mr Fogden needed to get his requests in earlier but even Portfield did not often feature.

Selsey played Littlehampton (again) and the match was reported on 22nd June 1898.

'Played at Selsey June 16, the bowling of Messrs Arbury and Holland proved too good for the home team's score.'

Here the style of reporting cricket matches changed. A report on 27th July 1898 reads as follows:

'A match was played here on Friday last (22 July) between eleven of the Selsey CC and twenty-two Selsey fishermen resulting in an easy win for the Club. Score: Fishermen 43, Club 129 for seven wickets. W Lambeth 55, H Penfold 28, W Goode 20 not out and F Fogden 11, being the principal scorers. On Monday, August 1st, the Club play the visitors at Selsey and an interesting game should result.'

This, of course, mirrored the Benedicts vs Bachelors match of earlier days. On 10th August 1898 this match was reported:

'A Cricket match was played on Monday by the visitors v Selsey CC, which resulted in an easy win for the latter, who made 122 runs for five wickets, of which Charles Harding made 32 not out. The visitors making 117 in the two innings, Mr Goode having the highest score (22). The game was witnessed by a large company. Refreshments were supplied on this occasion by Mr

James Northeast.'

3rd September 1898 was the last match of the season.

'It was between the Club and eleven of Selsey visitors selected by Mr H A Smith ending in favour of the Club. For the winners Messrs. Todd, Penfold, Harris, Clayton and Humphry's bowling being very effective, for the losers Messrs. Watts, Mallison and Trotman rendered good service.

On Thursday several visitors with the help of a few residents arranged a concert in aid of the Cricket Club, when a capital programme was gone through to an appreciative audience, encores being numerous. Mr N Clayton presided and at Conclusion of Concert proposed a vote of thanks to all those performers who had so generously given their services to aid the CC and hoped that it was but the beginning of what would now be an annual institution, viz; Club v Visitors at Cricket followed by Concert in aid of Club funds given by Visitors. The two secretaries Messrs Fogden and Dewey are to be congratulated upon their success in bringing the Cricket season to such a successful end. Thanks are also due to Mr Fogden who generously lends his meadow for the matches.

Ricky Halpin

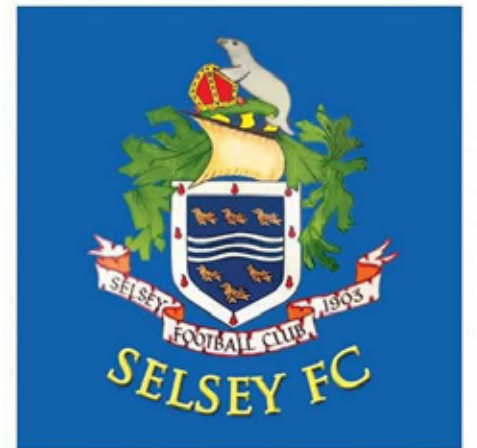
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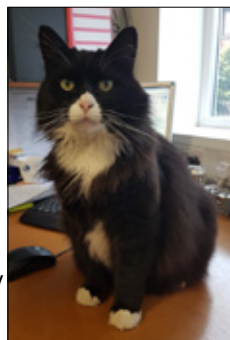
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Markus August 2018

Hello everybody! Me again – the extremely handsome and sophisticated office cat, Markus – doesn't my Bib and Tucker look good?



The weather is super hot again at the moment, so hot in fact, that I have instructed my staff to put bottles of frozen water covered with a pillow case or tea-towel, in with the bunnies and guinea pigs. They really are feeling the heat at the moment – you could even direct a cool fan at your bunnies and pigs at home to help cool them! If you have white or light coloured animals, it would be wise to pop some suntan lotion on their ears and nose – a high factor children's lotion should be fine to use.

It is also imperative that small animals and their accommodation be kept super clean in this heat as they can be susceptible to fly-strike – where flies lay their eggs in their fur and they then develop into nasty little wiggly things which can be harmful to your pet. A daily bottom check is also advisable, however undignified that might sound to me!

The Centre is starting to really fill up now, we have lots of cats waiting to be re-homed as well as lots of pairs of bunnies, including some really big ones (I'm told they are giants!) who have been waiting for their forever homes for a few months now.

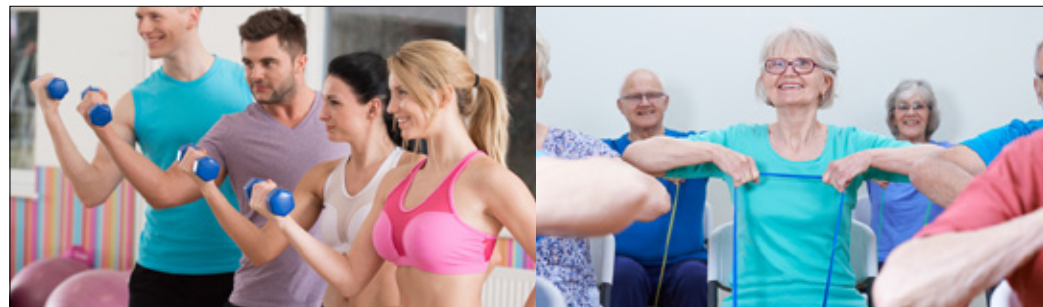
If you would like to come and meet any of the Rabbits or Guinea Pigs, please do pop down to The Centre on any Sunday afternoon between 2pm and 3.30pm, and one of my members of staff will be happy to show you who is available for re-homing. I may even grace you with my presence... if you are very lucky!

Well, that's all from me for now, I shall be back with you in September with my next monthly report!  
Love Markus x

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

PS: We have a Viewing Day Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018 12-2pm. Viewing days are non-appointment days so people thinking of adopting a cat can pop along. Otherwise we rehome 7 days a week by appointment only.

Photo by  
Lorraine Westwood



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### Pet of the Month August – Mulled Cider and Mulled Wine

This month allow us to introduce you to Mulled Wine & Mulled Cider. A lovely brother and sister who are looking for a forever home as a pair. They are 4 years of age and have been at The Centre since January. Since arriving at The Centre they have undergone full health checks and having regular grooms and are looking a stunning brother and sister. Mulled Cider is a light brown lionhead male and Mulled Wine is an agouti colour female. Mulled Cider is easy to handle, he likes being stroked and is happy to be handled. Mulled Wine is now getting used to being handled and happy to be stroked. With a little more time she will be as happy and as trusting as her brother. The brother and sister are ideally looking for a home with older or no children where they can have lots of fun and love from their new owners. If you think you may be able to give Mulled Wine and Mulled Cider the new home they deserve please give The Centre a call.



## THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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

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

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



### Brent Lodge Briefing's – It's heating up at the hospital

It's been a busy summer already in the hospital, with an abundance of wildlife in need. The staff have truly been run off their feet, as at this time of year we always see an influx of young wildlife, who are all very needy requiring several feeds around the clock. We have seen everything from herring gulls to the tiniest of garden birds and not forgetting our baby mammals that will melt your hearts.

The staff have already become fond of a few of our patients including our baby barn owl siblings, 2 young kestrels, bunnies and of course the many hoglets we are currently caring for. We have also seen a very high number of injured wood pigeons which is due to a successful breeding season. As a result of the influx of patients we are desperately in need of extra help from more volunteers. Our hospital staff always need help to clean and feed the many wildlife patients in our care, this is something we are eternally grateful for on any day of the week.



At this time of the year we are also absolutely DESPERATE for tinned cat/dog food (especially as we start coming into hedgehog season). Due to the high numbers of baby herring gulls we have in, we are able to use meat as well as fish flavoured food. This summer we have found that puppy toilet training pads have been a complete life-saver, helping to dramatically cut down our washing loads saving the staff so much time. We are currently using 50-80 puppy pads a day, so if anyone can donate any of these items, we will be very grateful.

Whilst most of us have been enjoying the warm weather of late, please do remember your wildlife friends who can find it increasingly difficult to find water for drinking and bathing, during this very hot period. Providing regular bowls of clean water in your garden can help birds, hedgehogs and their young survive these very testing times.

### Wildlife is feeling the heat too!



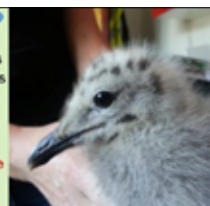
Please put out plenty of water.

We hope to see you at our summer open weekend on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August, from 10am – 4pm. Entry is by tin of pet food or donation. There will be plenty of great stalls to buy gifts, including bric-a-brac, books, toys, merchandise, refreshments, wildlife information and local crafts. (See page 36 for details)

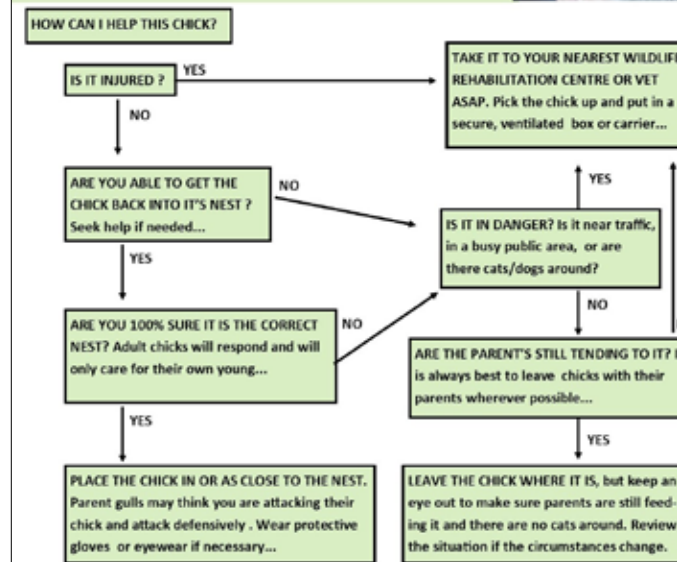
We look forward to updating on more Brent Lodge news soon!

### Have you found a gull on the ground?

Unlike small garden or woodland birds, gull chicks are born with their eyes open and can walk soon after hatching. Gulls often nest on top of buildings and sometimes their chicks fall off and find themselves in danger. It takes just over a month from hatching for chicks to old enough to fly, and in that time they are very vulnerable.



All species of gull are protected by law and it is a criminal offence to cause harm to them or obstruct their nests.



If you can't get the chick to your nearest wildlife centre the same day or it is closed, keep the chick quiet, in a well ventilated area and provide a dish of water and cat/dog food. They are able to feed themselves at any age.

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**THE WRITERS CIRCLE**  
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  - 10am Sung Eucharist
  - Sunday Messy Church at 12 noon in hall on last Sunday of the month
  - Tuesday 9.30am Eucharist
  - Wednesday 9.30am Eucharist
  - Thursday 7pm Eucharist
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2pm Sunday 2nd September - WW1 Concert in Church followed by 'high tea' in the Church Hall. Tickets £10 in support of St. Peter's Church and the WW1 War Graves Commission. Please call Sally on 01243 604104 for tickets or back of Church on Sundays - payment on collection of tickets - members of the venture club please call them directly.

10am - 12noon - Saturday 22nd September - St. Peter's Church Hall - Book and Bric a Brac Sale in support of St. Peter's with refreshments. 50p Entrance.


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Sundays 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th August  
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SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

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Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 601032



Bits of Bruce:

I love the summer holidays, August is my most favourite time of the year. I always manage to get away for two weeks in August and just chill. Usually with family, or just friends, but if I am really lucky it could be with both. A time of deep joy, fun, and quite a bit of partying; so this means I always miss the start of the Selsey Festival. There is so much on offer, but I always miss it. My August away does not end there; I have to squeeze in some training, the odd week of some conference or other, as well as some contemplative quiet time in a Monastery or Abbey somewhere. I used to get back just in time for the parade at the end of the festival. And have to listen to all and sundry telling me what a great time was had here in Selsey. 'The FESTIVAL was GREAT! It had something for everyone!' I hear it every year. But this year may be different I am still away for two weeks, but not at the start and the weeks are not together, more days away really. So for once I will be able to go and join in some of the fun. I have to get my festival brochure and plan out what I can, or what I cannot do, there is so much! I have to say I am looking forward to getting out and about and enjoying all that the Selsey Festival has to offer.

Just saying: Jesus liked Feasts and Festivals, Church Authorities in His day, said 'He liked them too much'. Yet in this day and age I hear people, who perhaps do not know Him that well, say 'He is boring and out of touch'. I do not think that about Him at all, maybe the Church from time to time falls in to those categories, but Jesus never. That loving, caring man, attended parties, sat on the beach round an open fire, sang songs, cooked and ate the fish that He had a hand in catching, and told stories that could make you laugh or bring you to tears. Perhaps that's what we all need, a time to chill, to listen to some Jesus stories, and eat some fish on the beach. If we do, do it by BBQ on the beach, please take your rubbish home, including the BBQ tray. Saving the world takes just one moment of thoughtful care, but that's another Jesus story, perhaps for another time. Happy Festival!

Rev. Bruce Allinson OCC

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 am	Mr. Jeff Craghill
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 am	Mr Roy Firth
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 am	Mrs Margaret Thompson
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 am	Revd. Bruce Allinson Holy Communion

Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 01243 601032

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This is my Theatre are bringing two shows to delight audiences in church, open-air and historical venues across the country this summer!

We working with the charity that looks after St Wilfrid's Church in Church Norton, Selsey, the Churches Conservation Trust, to bring theatre to some of their rural, redundant churches. We performed last year at the church and had a wonderful response from those who came.

In August we're back once again, this time with with Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest on 12th August at 3pm and 7pm.

Title: The Importance of Being Earnest  
Written by: Oscar Wilde  
Adapted by: Sarah Slator  
Running time: approx. 1 hour 10 minutes

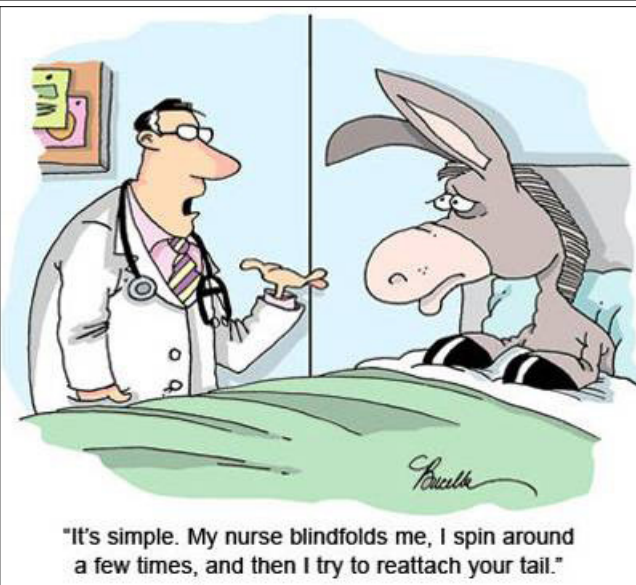
Performed by just 3 actors, this "Trivial Comedy for Serious People" will be a fast-paced, one-act adaptation that will truly demonstrate, as Algernon/Ernest observes "the truth is rarely pure and never simple."

We are also working with Chichester Guildhall to use that venue as a theatre space and are performing Alice's Adventures in Wonderland there on August 8th at 3pm.

Title: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland  
Written by: Lewis Carroll  
Adapted by: Sarah Slator  
Running time: approx. 1 hour 10 minutes

This is my Theatre invite you to join them for a trip into this well-loved tale, based upon the original novel written by Lewis Carroll and specially adapted for the stage. With live music and characters you won't forget, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland will engage and delight audiences of all ages.

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