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Editorial

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This month we are pleased to welcome back Tony Hayward, our gold medal winning swimming coach. Also this month we welcome the Manhood Classic Car Club to our pages. As always, we are sure you will give them your support

This month, not only do you have the chance to win £5.00 in our free-to-enter competition (see below), our regular contributor Tara Wright of The Write Zone is running a competition to win some goodies - please see her column in the magazine.

We hope you still find the magazine interesting and enjoyable. We welcome any submissions and comments.

Potential advertisers, we feel we have proved that people want to, and do, read this magazine, and that they will see your advert, so why not give us a try?

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As always, may we please ask you to support our advertisers whenever you can, and, of course, a big big thank you to all of our advertisers for supporting the Selsey Life.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and we trust you enjoy the rest of the magazine. Fingers crossed for June.

If you find Selsey Life interesting, informative, helpful or just enjoy it, perhaps you would consider contributing to the running costs? Any donations to our account would be appreciated.

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Last month's competition

The winner of last month's draw was Julia McLaren, kindly drawn by Judi Lamdin of Raycrafts.

Congratulations

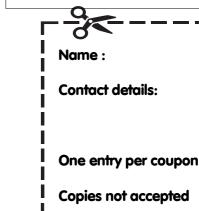


To be in with a chance to win £5.00, simply fill in the coupon, cut it out and put it in the competition entry box which, this month, is in

The Fruit Basket, 1 Orchard Parade, Selsey.

Unlimited entries, but only one per coupon, copies not accepted.

Draw to take place on Friday 31st May. Good Luck.





Sea's the Day: Selsey youngsters receive Arts Award

Two young people from Selsey were presented with Bronze Art's Awards from Trinity College at the Annual Town Meeting last

Jack Davey and Charlie Smith gained their awards through their work as part of the Sea's the Day project; a joint venture between Selsey Town Council and Chichester District Council, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

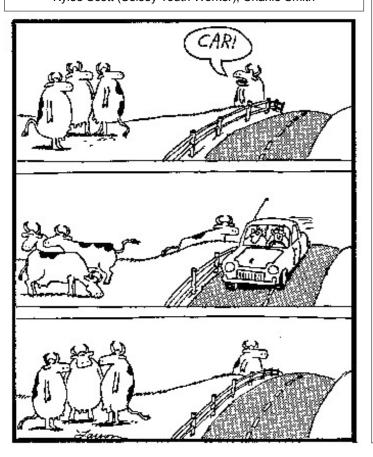
The project is documenting the history of the Selsey Fishery through a short film, book and exhibition at the Novium museum later this year. Jack and Charlie worked on production of the Sea's the Day film working closely with Dan Musty from Millstream Productions and local fishermen.

They were presented with their awards by chairman of Selsey Town Council, Mike Beal following a screening of the film. Kylee Scott, Selsey Youth Worker, supported the youngsters throughout the project "We're extremely proud of their efforts and their hard work will be seen for years to come!"

For more information on Sea's The Day and to view the film visit www.facebook.com/seasthedayselsey/



Presentation of Bronze Art's Award From left to right: Mike Beal (Chairman of Selsey Town Council), Jack Davey, Dan Musty (Millstream Productions), Kylee Scott (Selsey Youth Worker), Charlie Smith



Selsey Schools



Building children futures together

Pirates vs Mermaids

Pupils in Year 3 and 4 at Medmerry School entertained friends, family and peers with their theatrical performance of the musical Pirates vs Mermaids, a story of the rivalry between the two ocean-living groups. Starring Captain Scarypants, the story tells the tale of trainees pirates who need to complete their training... but can't swim! In the end,



they have to ask their enemy

neighbours - the mermaids for help.

The children performed fantastically, with roof-raising songs, and plenty of laughs for the whole audience. Mermaid and pirate costumes filled the stage, and the make-up added the perfect

twist to the performance that entertained everyone. Thanks to the hard work of the backstage team, there were also plenty of props to set the scene as the school hall became the home to the pirate ship and the mermaids' cave.

The performance was the second of this year's shows, with the infants taking part in the nativity at Christmas, and Year 5 and 6 pupils preparing for their end-of-year extravaganza in July.

Curiosity Award

Each term, the School Community Council awards certificates and prizes to two winners of the SCC Award linked to the school's values. The value for the spring term was "Curiosity", and the SCC members were pleased to select from a number of nominations to identify an infant and junior pupil who are very curious in their nature and always keen to know more about things. The winners, Sam Dobson and Olivia Hill, were awarded their certificates in the final assembly of term.



Out in the Wild

All three infant classes took the opportunity of spring to find out more about animals near and far. Children in Reception class visited Staunton farm where they got to meet the new-born lambs and feed some of the animals. Children in Years 1 and 2 found out about some of the larger animals of the world with a visit to Marwell Zoo where they got to see penguins, zebras and even giraffes. Despite some very chilly weather, a fun time was had by

Sporting Success

Following the victory at home earlier in the year, Medmerry football team travelled to West Wittering Primary for the return match. After a hard-fought and equal opening 10 minutes, the deadlock was broken: Medmerry went 1:0 up and then quickly doubled their lead just before half time. In the second half, the Medmerry team were very much in control with West Wittering only having a couple of chances. Medmerry then dominated play, scoring another 3 goals.

Final score West Wittering 0:5 Medmerry.

"The Belsey Bhuttle"

After many years as Treasurer and Driver Ken Flower retired form the Shuttle Bus organisation.

A Presentation was held at the Annual AGM held at the Town Council.

Ken has been the backbone of the Organisation for many years and was part of the original group from St. Peter's Church that came up with the idea of a Shuttle Bus. Through his outstanding devotion to the project he was able to obtain grants to help fund the new long wheeled based sprinter Bus, with help from the Town Council and West Sussex Mini Bus Fund

Some of the regular passengers were invited for the presentation and, representing them, Mrs Betty Blalock made the presentation of a set of engraved glasses.

We are very grateful to the The Town Council for contributing to

Ken's commitment, enthusiasm and dedication will be sorely

May I also take this opportunity to thank all of our Drivers who willingly give their time to help run this essential service.

May I also remind readers that this service is for all, not just the elderly. To enable us to keep this service running we do need more people to use the Bus. Please have a look at the timetable on the website to see if this could be of use to you.

It is a hail and ride service covering most of Selsey. We visit the Health Centre, the High Street and ASDA regularly throughout the morning.

Mike Lewis Co Ordinator, Selsey Shuttle Bus



Selsey Walking & Outdoor Festival, 25 May - 2 June, 2019

Now in its 6th year, SWOF offers the chance to discover the amazing wildlife, history and natural scenery of this unspoilt tip of the Manhood Peninsula. We have events for a variety of ages and

A member of the Weald and Downland museum will show us how to make corn dollies and play traditional games. Dr John Mason from the South Downs Planetarium will not only give a lecture but lead an astronomy walk along the sea front. This year we are bringing the Open Gardens back to Selsey, a very popular event in the past.

Want to experience Tai Chi Chih, snorkelling, learn why there are so many homes built from railway carriages, discover the Selsey Tramway, have a guide to aquatic life, learn about marvellous moths from the RSPB, discover many thatched and historic buildings in the area, learn how Natures Way get food to your plate, and of course enjoy cycle routes, lovely walks and eat nice cake - then SWOF is for you. We even have a guided tour of Chichester's city walls.

There is too much to list here and further details can be found at www.SWOF.co.uk or follow us on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/SelseyWalkFest.

You can send us an email to: selseywalkingfestival@gmail.com. if you want further information.



Sunday May 5th, Sponsored Walk.



There will be 2 routes, a 10 mile circular route starting at the boathouse and taking in Ham and Pagham. A shorter route of about 5 miles designed to be more accessible to young participants and to offer a more family friendly option.

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The Academy, Selsey - The Bridge.

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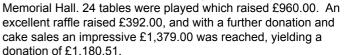
Winners of the Rock Challenge Southern Open Final 2019.



Full report in the June issue of Selsey Life

RNLI Bridge and Tea

Another very successful afternoon of competitive bridge was held on Wednesday Lifeboats 20th March 2019 in the West Wittering



An excellent tea was served in the interval, thanks to Kim Henshaw and her team. Many thanks to all who contributed to the prizes and to all the players for buying the tickets.

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THE BENEFITS OF SEA BATHING

The joy benefits of sea bathing don't stop at allnatural highs and boosting immunity. Did you know that sea-water contains the same 84 vital elements as the human body? To celebrate the sea we're launching a new communityfunded project here in Selsey in May called The Selsey Sea Bathing Society. Here we discuss just why it's worth braving the cold and dipping more than just your toe in.

1. Boosts your immune system

For your body, a sudden and drastic change in temperature constitutes an attack – as anyone who's ever fallen overboard in British waters will agree. And, whilst "attacking" your own body may not sound like a good thing, there's no harm in keeping it on its toes. In fact, quite the opposite. Scientists from the Czech Republic immersed willing subjects in cold water for one hour, three times a week and monitored their physiology. They found significant increases in white blood cell counts and several other factors relating to the immune system. This was attributed to the cold water being a mild stressor which activates the immune system and gives it some practice.

2. Gives you an all-natural high

Winter swimmers talk a lot about the 'high' they get from cold water – a feeling of wellbeing that's so encompassing that it becomes quite addictive. The cause? Endorphins. Endorphins are the body's natural pain killers, and, in the case of a cold dip, it uses them to take the sting away from your skin. So, to get high on your own supply, all you need to do is jump in the sea. And if you think that sounds dangerously close to the pleasure/pain barrier then you're probably right. The two other primary causes for endorphin release are pain and orgasm.

The cold will also stimulate your parasympathetic system, which is responsible for rest and repair, and this can trigger the release of dopamine and serotonin. These neurotransmitters are a vital part of keeping us happy and low levels of them are linked with depression. Couple this effect with the endorphin rush as you take the plunge and it should make for a warm glow and a wide smile when you re-emerge.

3. Gets your blood pumping

Being hot brings blood to the surface. Being cold sends it to your organs. Both extremes work your heart like a pump. That's why the whole sit in the sauna, roll in the snow, sit in the sauna thing makes people glow. But why is increased blood flow good for you? Well, it helps flush your circulation for starters, pushing blood through all your capillaries, veins and arteries. It will exfoliate your skin and flush impurities from it, thus helping your complexion (firm-bodied women of all ages around pool sides say it stops cellulite). Evidence also demonstrates that your body adapts to the cold with repeated exposure and this may improve your circulation, particularly to your extremities — no bad thing in the winter months. You could get these benefits by switching between the hot and cold taps in your shower, but that isn't nearly as fun as quick dip in the sea here in Selsey, followed by wrapping up warm afterwards.

4. Improves your love life

In a study with a similar format to the one above, participants took daily cold baths and were monitored for changes. In addition to some similar results to their Czech counterparts, these researchers also found increased production of testosterone and oestrogen in men and women respectively.

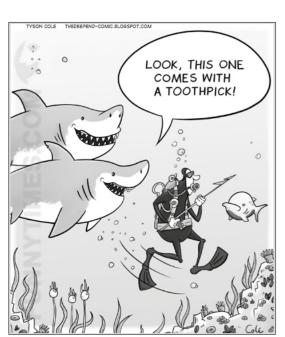
In addition to enhancing libido in both sexes, these hormones also play an important role in fertility. Whatever your procreative desires, a dip of a different sort certainly could add an edge to your sex life.

5. Burns calories

We all know that swimming is great exercise. but there are some extra benefits from doing it in the English Channel that you just won't get from a warm wade in the Med. Swimming in cold water will make your body work twice as hard to keep you warm and burn more calories in the process. For this sort of exercise, fat is your body's primary source of energy and the increased work rate will increase your metabolism in the long run.

The Selsey Sea Bathing Society is a new community-backed and funded project. Details can be found here:

https://www.selseyseabathingsociety.com/. Their first meet up takes place during the Selsey Walking and Outdoor Festival on Saturday 25th May at 4.30pm. See website for more details.





The Write Zone with 7ara Wright



Everyone loves a happy ending. I only write that with confidence because I've not yet met anyone who didn't enjoy a happy-ever-after. From Annie Hall to Pride and Prejudice to Zulu and everything in between, the greatest stories ever told set out what our characters want or need, and then involve us in their journey to find it. You might have noticed that a major aspect of storytelling is the uncertainty that your hero or heroine will succeed. In fact, the notion of

failure is what keeps our heroes on their toes, and us hooked. And let's not forget those all-important character flaws. A fear of snakes stands between Indiana Jones and escape from peril; Mr Darcy's pride stands between him and Elizabeth Bennet's trust. Engaging characters are usually at odds with something — either with themselves, or a situation or with others. Even Shrek is plagued by self-doubt. When conflict or uncertainty is absent, a story lacks tension and we don't care for the characters or what happens to them quite as much as we could. So, it would seem that conflict and an uncertain outcome are part of the DNA of a good plot.

I've been told by several people that one of their favourite characters in *The Yum Yum Bazaar* is James Brookes. James is an ordinary man who sets out to surprise his wife with a romantic break in Sorrento for their tenth wedding anniversary, but his plans go awry when he discovers that she's been having an affair. Shell-shocked, James flees to Sorrento alone where he finds the time and space to contemplate his life wrecked marriage and, moreover, his life. The farm in Sorrento on which he stays is owned by the indomitable Claude who, incapacitated by a broken arm, comes to rely on James for practical help. Through being a good neighbour, James is imbued with a new sense of self that eventually enables him to make a tough decision about his future. In the final denouement he makes the acquaintance of Claude's spirited daughter, Anna, and there's more than enough spark between them to hint at the possibility of a new beginning.

People enjoy James Brookes' tale because his wife's infidelity is the catalyst that drives him to confront his emotional conflict, much of which arises because of his refusal to see what

has been staring him in the face. People have asked me what happens to James, and whilst I certainly have plans for him in a future edition of *The Yum Yum Bazaar*, I couldn't help feel that the question was an opportunity for some of you to put pen to paper (or finger to keyboard) and design a happy-ending for one of your own characters. So, for a chance to win a beautiful leather-bound journal and a copy of *The Yum Yum Bazaar*, read on for details of the **Selsey Life Spring Writing competition**.

"The Letter"

Imagine that you are clearing an old barn. You find a box containing someone's personal belongings, an old photograph album and a bundle of letters. One of the letters describes a relationship that intrigues and surprises you. What is this relationship and why is it intriguing? What does the letter reveal about the author and their circumstances? What does it describe about the hurdles or hardships they overcame to find their happy ending? As the writer, you can decide all of this.

Word limit: <u>maximum 800 words including the title</u>. Your entry can be written in the first or third person, be an account of the contents of the letter, or be written as the letter itself.

Entries should be submitted in the body of an email (not an attachment) and addressed to me at:

authortarawright@gmail.com. On the subject line please write: Selsey Life Spring Writing competition – "The Letter".

<u>Deadline: Midnight on Friday 14th June 2019</u>. The winner will be notified thereafter and their story will be published here at The Write Zone in a future edition of Selsey Life. Good luck and happy writing!

7ara

www.tara-wright.com authortarawright@gmail.com

Read James Brookes' story in *A Perfect Stranger*, part of *The Yum Yum Bazaar* collection available as an Amazon ebook.

The Yum Yum Bazaar: Five lives; five stories – one spell-binding book that will remind you that seldom is life completely in our control and, when fate intervenes, there is nothing you can do to stop what happens next.

'Wright is a brilliant storyteller ... her fantastic stories thrill with emotional drama. Addictive.' — Gillian Plowman, playwright, author of Me and My Friend, winner of the Verity Bargate award.

THE WRITERS CIRCLE

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Tea or Coffee included.

For more information contact Pat Read Tel: 601550

- 1) What is the cube root of 512?
- 2) What is the capital of Papua New Guinea?
- 3) Which former motor-racing driver set up his own airline?
- 4) What pollinates the Yucca tree?
- 5) How many hours is the UK behind New Zealand?
- 6) What separates the Isle of Wight from the mainland?
- 7) The brickfielder is a hot, dry northerly wind in which
- 8) What did the Romans call Wales?



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SELSEY WI



Ladies of Selsey come and join us at our next meeting.

It will be on Wednesday 8th May at 2.15pm at Selsey Town Hall This will be our Resolutions Meeting.



If you would like more information about joining us please contact Stella Crist 01243 603221 or Heather Coleman 01243 604603. Registered Charity No: 1016914



At our next open meeting on Friday May 24th we shall be welcoming Ian Keable for a return visit to Selsey.

He will be telling us about an aspect in the life of Charles Dickens that is not well known; his life as a conjurer and demonstrating some of his art! As usual we shall meet in the Selsey Centre. The doors will open at 2p.m. with the meeting starting at 2.30p.m.

We would also like to draw your attention to our fund-raising evening in the Selsey Town hall on June 21st when we shall be hosting

"Midsummer Madness Italiano"

This evening will be open to all residents of Selsey and holidaymakers. We shall be offering an Italian buffet supper with wine, and welcoming Andy Thomas who will be talking about conspiracies of our world, examining The Gunpowder Plot, JFK, Watergate, Princess Diana & many other controversies.

Tickets will be available from Highhouse Insurance at £7.50 per person after Easter until June 10th. Tables will seat 10 so you can book as a party if you wish. Members can buy tickets at the April and May open meetings.

Do ring Sue on 07710658331 if you need any further information.

Any enquiries can be made through our website. We can be emailed at info@selseyu3a.org.uk



L.I.N.C **Ladies in Contact**

The Next Meeting for Ladies – in – Contact will take place in St. Peters Church Hall on Thursday 16th May at 7.15pm when Asha Park from The Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital, who have been caring for wildlife for 45 years, will be coming along to tell all the up - to - date news concerning the hospital.

Cost for the evening is just £3 includes coffee, tea and biscuits on arrival not forgetting a free raffle ticket. The Venture is available to members please remember to book you place with them on

Needless to say, we will be making a donation towards the hospital to help care for the provisions needed for patient care. But if you would care to bring along one tin of either Cat or Dog Food, they would be extremely grateful to help maintain food supply.

We always aim to conclude around 9.00 pm

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

SEAL ISLAND WI

Two wonderful 'Ambassadors' from St Wilfred's Hospice came to our April meeting to tell us about the work they do, volunteering opportunities and the exciting new building.



Our next meeting will be on 9th May (second Thursday due to local elections) at 7.30 pm in The Selsey Centre. This is our Resolutions meeting so discussions will be followed by a fun beetle drive and supper. Please bring your own plate and cutlery.

We are a friendly group of ladies and visitors are warmly welcomed. Information about our programme can be picked up at The Selsey Centre and we also organise regular lunches, walks and outings. For more information ring June on 607637.



Selsey Gardening Club

Our next meeting will be on Friday 10th May Barry Newman, NDH, FNVS

Barry is a well known grower, exhibitor, lecturer and judge. He will be talking on 'The Modern Kitchen Garden'



Conference Room, Selsey Centre Manor Road, 7.30pm start

Visitors welcome at £1.50 per visit Raffle Tea & Coffee available

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

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SELSEY VENTURE CLUB NEWS



There have been some changes at the Selsey Venture Club, one of which may be of significance to members is a change to the Amenity run on Thursdays. As from April we will be running buses to Bognor on the first and third Thursdays in the month with the other Thursdays to Chichester; this is by the popular request of

Selsey Venture Club members have recently been on an outing to Garsons Garden Centre near Titchfield in Hampshire where we enjoyed lunch and other refreshments. All four of the buses were used, which enabled us to take in excess of forty members.

Our next planned outing is to Haskins Garden Centre on Thursday 9th May. This may be good timing for members to stock their gardens with summer bedding plants. Those who wish to will be taken to the Toby Inn nearby for a carvery lunch. We will commence our pick-ups from members' homes at 9.00am and depart the Garden Centre at 2.30pm. Please note that only three buses are available for this outing and so numbers are reduced accordingly.

Following on in July on the 8th we shall be going to the New Forest with lunch at the Fighting Cocks at Godshill. When the lunch menu has been finalised it will be displayed in the Club and on the buses to enable members to make their choice. Alison will be collecting money for the meal in June on Tuesday the 11th and Friday the 14th. As with all outings numbers will be limited to the available buses and drivers details will be in the club diary. We are currently looking into an outing for June but have a few details to sort out first bearing in mind that we have our AGM in June

We are still desperate for minibus drivers with a D1 licence. although we have been fortunate to welcome three new drivers since February. We need drivers for some evenings and occasional weekends and we have to provide cover for volunteers' holidays. Can you help?

To arrange to go on any outings, become a member or volunteer driver call into the Club in Elm Grove Selsey or phone the office on 605115.

Nigel Cooper Acting Transport Manager & Alison Cooper Social Secretary.

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Visit: www.manhoodclassiccars.com Or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/ManhoodCCE past times past times

WEST STREET HOUSE

The original brief was to find photographs of this substantial property and its outbuildings for the current owner who is seeking to restore them to their former glory but the only pictures to come to light seem to have ignored the house altogether as you can see from this example from Tania Savitsky, which shows the stables and coach house plus the walls with the ornate metal chain on the right of the picture.



If anyone has a more representative picture they are willing to share, please let me know. In the light of this singular lack of success I decided to take a look at some of the previous occupants of the property and write about them instead.

This is not as simple as it seems as you may realise from the series of articles this whole exercise generated. However, finally we have a proper Selsey person.

HENRY ROBINSON ARNELL 1814 - 1879

Henry was born on the 27th September 1814 and baptised in Selsey on 22 December of the same year. He was the second son of John Arnell, a yeoman farmer and Elizabeth Warner. His older brother was William Edward Arnell, baptised 5th May 1813, who later became a draper in Chichester. Their sister was Harriet Warner Arnell, baptised on 19th January 1827.

We next come across Henry in the Tithe Map of 1839. He owned:

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ARP = Acres, Roods and Poles. The money is the tithe payable to the Rector, in this case, Rev. Barré Phipps.

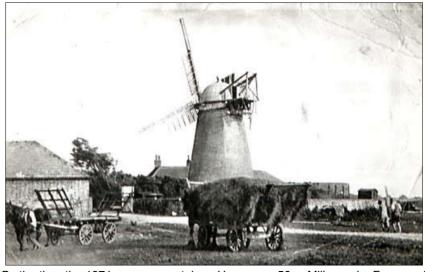
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Also in 1839, on 16 January, there is a document in which the signatories 'grant and confirm unto Henry Robinson Arnell, his heirs and assigns 3 roods of land and buildings. The 'premises (were) late in the occupation of widow Stubington' and, when looking at a later census, there she is in West Street.

We then find Henry in the Poll Book of 1841 which tells us that he owned freehold land for his own occupation in Selsey Parish. We can be certain this is he as his distinctive middle name is included. The 1841 census for Mary Farne shows her at home with her parents and four of her sisters: Sally Farne, baptised 28th February 1813; Charlotte Farne, baptised 31st March 1815; Frances Elizabeth Farne, baptised 1st February 1818; Eliza Farne, baptised 19th September 1824. Her additional siblings, no longer at home, were George Farne, baptised 23rd February 1803; John Farne, baptised 28th January 1805; Charles Farne, baptised 19th November 1807; Ann Clayton Farne, baptised 29th October 1810.

On 20th November 1845, at the age of 31, Henry Robinson Arnell married Mary Farne of West Wittering in the Parish Church. Mary was 21 and she was the daughter of George Farne and Elizabeth Russell. She was baptised on 19th September 1824. The marriage certificate says they were both 21 but perhaps this should read 'over 21' in Henry's case.

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In 1851 we find the happy couple at the Mill House, Selsey along with their daughters Elizabeth Warner Arnell, baptised 31st January 1847; Mary Ann Arnell, baptised 7th May 1848 and Fanny Farne Arnell, baptised 10th June 1849. Henry is a Miller and Farmer. They also have a 12-year-old servant called Charlotte Burt

By 1861 Henry is described as a Miller and Farmer of 160 Acres employing 5 Men and 1 Boy. He and Mary have added to their family with the birth of Rosanna Warner Arnell, baptised 7 May 1854. This time the servant is 13 and is Elizabeth Tobit.

There was bad news for Henry as his father, John, died on 5th October 1870. John was a yeoman but one of his executors, Benjamin Arnell, was a miller on the Isle of Wight.

By the time the 1871 census was taken, Henry was 56, a Miller and a Farmer with 5 Men and 2 Boys. Living at home were Elizabeth W Arnell, Fanny F Arnell, Kate Arnell, baptised 21st October 1851 and Rosanna Arnell, baptised 7 May 1854. Missing from this line-up is Mary Ann who died on 19th January 1863, aged 15.

As if to emphasise just how much Selsey families are inter-related, Ann Clayton Farne married George Woodland in 1839, Sally Farne married James Clayton in 1842 and Charlotte Farne married George Clayton in 1843!

For most of Henry's life, his entries in the various County Directories have him in the Commercial section as a Farmer and a Miller. However, in the 1878 entry he is in the Private Residents section and obviously considers himself to be of the Gentry. While there is no direct link, the deeds of West Street House contain a document dated 29 September 1873 which is a conveyance of messuage and premises at Selsey. Futhermore, there is another document from 2 June 1873 when James Cobby Street, and others, discuss the Purchasers Requisitions on the tithe. The outcome of this discussion was the recommendation that 'Mr Arnell, if a willing purchaser, to complete the purchase'. Perhaps it is not too fanciful to assume that Henry Robinson Arnell retired to West Street House. There was some sadness this year, though, as Rosanna Warner Arnell died on 15th August 1878.

Henry Robinson Arnell died on 21st August 1879 at Selsey, aged 65, leaving under £4000. The will was proved by Fanny Farne Arnell, daughter not only of Henry but also of 'one of the surviving Executors' ie.his wife.

From here, we shall follow Fanny's progress because we have now reached the point where West Street House is definitely involved.

In 1881 Fanny, Kate and their mother Mary lived at Ivy Cottage, Selsey – I assume it's the one at Crablands. This is very confusing because the census enumerator has entered at least a dozen households all living at Ivy Cottage! My assumption is based on the fact that the entry follows that of West Street. This is not to be confused with Ivy Lodge in the High Street where Colin Pullinger, the perpetual mousetrap inventor, lived.



And here we are, standing in Mill Lane looking at Ivy Cottage. The Mill House had been taken over by Frederick G Sharpe, a farmer of 205 acres employing 2 men and 1 boy.

In 1891, Kelly's Directory shows that Mrs Arnell lived at West Street House, the first time this name has been used for the property. Even the census for that year merely says 'West Street'. Mary lived with Fanny and both ladies lived on their own means.

Fanny married on 19th August 1892. She was 43 but her husband, Henry Benstead from Wokingham in Berkshire, was only 27. He was a certificated schoolmaster which meant that he was a qualified teacher as opposed to an uncertificated schoolmaster who was not. You will remember meeting Henry in an earlier article!

On 12 April 1895 Mary Arnell, Fanny's mother, died.

Henry and Fanny lived in All Saints Rectory in Wokingham where he was still teaching. The 1901 census is somewhat economical with the truth as Henry is listed as 36 and Fanny is 35.

On 1st June 1904, the Bognor Regis Observer carried the following article:

'Selsey has lost a highly respected parishioner in the person of Miss Kate Arnell, of West Street House. Miss Arnell, who suddenly died of heart failure at Midhurst, where she was spending a few days with her sister, was a member of an old Selsey family. She was taken suddenly ill on Friday night and died very early next morning. Miss Arnell was an active working member of the Church at Selsey and in her capacity as District Visitor had made herself beloved by all with whom she came in contact. Sympathetic references to her death were made in the pulpit on Sunday by the Rev. J Cavis-Brown.'

Kate died on 27th May 1904.

past times community news

Fanny seems to have inherited or is otherwise managing her father's copyhold rights as on 14 June 1906 she was 'admitted' to land described as 'Willshire's barn and stable in High Street and Paddock Lane Close, Selsey.' This seems to be the same copyhold her father donated for the school playground on 17th August 1872 which 'heretofore formed the site of a barn called Willshire's Barn'.

By 1909, Henry Benstead appears in Kelly's Directory as living in West Street House, with Fanny, and he is listed as a Private Resident as he has now retired from school teaching. In 1911 he and Fanny are still in West Street House. They are still being economical with the truth as Fanny is only three years older than he!

Harriet Warner Arnell, Henry Robinson's sister, died on 23 September 1912. I only mention this because one of her executors is William Thomas Arnell, a miller in Sandown on the Isle of Wight. It seems you can't take the miller out of the Arnell family.

The Bognor Regis Observer of 10th May 1916 provides us with a snippet of information regarding Henry Robinson Arnell. The newspaper published a retrospective piece about the Old Church Band - regular readers will recall my early serial about Rev. Kenneth Holland MacDermott who wrote a book about the church gallery musicians and who collected some of their instruments.

'Among other members of the old Church band were Mr William Clayton, who died in 1882, aged 86, and Mr Henry Robinson Arnell, who died in 1879, aged 65; they played the bass viol and the violin respectively, and it is pleasant to think that their memory is still kept fresh in the parish by the presence among us of Miss K H Clayton, daughter of Mr William Clayton, and Mrs H Benstead, daughter of

And so the saga of West Street House is almost complete. Of course, there have been many other owners and perhaps there may be more articles about them. Who knows!

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Update from the Chichester Prevention Team You can contact your local team in the following ways:

Call us: on 101 to report a crime or 999 if it's an emergency

• Email us: chichester@sussex.pnn.police.uk

National Knife Crime Awareness Week - Operation Sceptre

Tens of thousands of people joined in the conversation about knife crime across Sussex during a week-long national campaign.

During Operation Sceptre, which ran between March 11 and 17, officers were out across the county talking to people about knives. Schools, colleges and youth events were visited during the week to speak to young people about how to act if they feel pressure to carry a knife, and what to do if they feel in danger.

Throughout the week, 38 educational establishments were visited and approximately 5,600 young people spoken to about the

impact of knife crime.

Test purchases were also carried out across the County. Police cadets worked with Officers and Trading Standards colleagues to try and buy a knife in shops when they were clearly under 18. Out of 47 shops tested, 12 failed.

Across the Force knife amnesty bins were in place in Police Stations and knives were handed in and will be destroyed.

Other activities included the use of a knife arch at railway stations. This acted as a metal detector and those who avoided the arch were spoken to by Officers.

If you need to talk to someone anonymously, Crimestoppers can be reached on 0800 555 111.

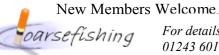
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Local Oasis swimmer Tony Hayward has achieved the qualifying times to swim in the 100 metres breaststroke and both the 50 metres freestyle and breaststroke events.

He is currently training five nights per week to gain maximum sprint fitness.

One of the oldest competitors in the over 75 age group Tony holds 3 County titles and took 5 gold medals in a recent competition in Newport, Isle of Wight.

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Selected for 3 relay races also, Tony hopes for all top ten finishes with a podium presentation a top priority.



Wed 15th May, with guests, 'Andrew Perry vocals and guitar and Bob Turner - mandolin and banjo' (£4 each).

at Selsey Club, Coxes Road, Selsey

7pm for 7.30 start

Play/sing/or just listen and relax with a drink from the bar. All welcome. www.selseyfolkandmusicclub.co.uk

- 9) Which South American country's flag is different on each side?
- 10) How many spots are there on a standard dice?
- 11) Who was Frank Sinatra's second wife?
- 12) Flu, Floppy Dick and Hoopla are all what?
- 13) In which US state is Lake Crater?
- 14) Who did Boris Yeltsin appoint as Russian Prime Minister in 1999?

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SELSEY BILL NEEDS A BUS SHELTER

For over two years we have been trying to get a bus shelter at the site of the old Selsev Bill.

Dozens, if not hundreds, of people stand in the driving wind and rain each day waiting for their buses, with no shelter. Winds around the I.O.W. are often 70 to 80 m.p.h.

Many buses use the stop - Stagecoach twice an hour, Compass cross country to Wittering, Sainsbury and Tesco shopping buses. Academy / Bishop Luffa school buses.

Various investigatons have taken place regarding siting and suitability of the shelter, culminating in a satisfactory solution being found in April 2018. A meeting was held at S.T.C. with chairman, town clerk, councillors and interested residents, where diagrams/ photos of site, showing practicability, were shown. All seemed positive.

Now almost another year later, we still do not have a bus shelter there. Also, I have noted people standing at the Asda stop, with bags of shopping, in the wind and rain with no shelter. Surely this should be another priority. perhaps Asda might contribute to this one. Obviously our local council have funding pressures, but this seems to affect the daily life of so many people.

However, back to the shelter at Selsey Bill – if you would like to support the campaign to get this shelter – perhaps we can start by emailing the chair of S.T.C. with our views

mike.beal@selseytowncouncil.gov.uk letters: Selsey Town Council, High Street, Selsey, PO20 0RB

Marjorie Graham

marjorie@hughgraham.net

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- 15) How many animals are there in the Chinese calender?
- 16) In which country is the film Strictly Ballroom set?
- 17) In 1896, what was the speed limit in the UK increased
- 18) What is a hen less than a year old called?



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Selsey Care Shop Update

It has been a busy few months for the Selsey Care Shop. In February we worked in partnership with Sussex Grange and the Selsey Club. The plan was to have an activity based in a venue that was accessible to those who are known to the Selsey Dementia Action Alliance, along with some people from the

services provided by the Sussex Grange. Keeping active,

stimulated and inspired is important for everyone, it is extremely important for people with dementia. Having had conversations from the manager, staff and activities co-ordinator at the Sussex Grange, and from our own experiences of supporting people, we planned to pilot a "Musical Bingo and Tea Party" at the Selsey Club. It was a lovely gathering, and we were treated to some beautiful singing from Pat. (Pictured on the right with Sue Hancock SDAA Development Co-ordinator). We evaluated the event, and the responses were very helpful in deciding what next could be planned.



Selsey Dementia Action Alliance is now one year old. On Tuesday 26th of March we celebrated this by bringing together those that have been involved in some way of making this happen. I have had the pleasure of supporting the team on their journey, and was able to share my

experience of this. The number of people visiting the shop continues to grow. Referrals from other agencies and professionals continue to come in, and activities are more popular then ever. The key aim of the shop is to provide a one stop shop that can offer guidance, and signpost and support to accessing other organisations. To basically be a beacon of light and listening ear, when things aren't going too well. The shop is being utilised to its full potential, and other support activities are being

developed to support many of our residents. It is a truly responsive and proactive service, preventing social isolation, friendship and support networks. It enables people to live in their homes longer, and is a community asset in the true sense of the

It is a charitable organisation and fundraising is continuous to ensure that the services provided remain sustainable. On the 2nd of April a few of us went to an event in Gatwick to feedback to the "dragons" representing Health Education Kent, Surrey and Sussex Dementia Network, who have supported us financially to the sum of £5000. It was also an opportunity for other organisations to hear our story, our progress and our challenges. They were also able to bid for their own funding in order to develop their initiative within their community.



During Dementia Action Week which takes place on the 20th -26th of May this year, the Alzheimer's Society are encouraging people, workplaces, schools and communities to take action and improve the lives of people living with dementia.

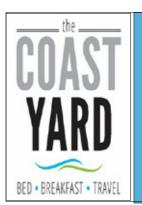
As a community we all have a role to play in making the UK a dementia-friendly place to live. This doesn't have to be big gestures, the smaller ones can be extremely effective. You can pop into the shop to find out about being a Dementia Friend. Book into a session convenient to you which can take just 45 mins to one hour. There are also Dementia Friend Sessions that are designed for young people which will be taking place during that week. We have many Dementia Champions in Selsey. If you are a customer facing retailer, you may like to talk to us about supporting your team to become a dementia friends- the first step to becoming a dementia friendly organisation. You may want to fund raise, to support some of the activities locally in Selsey or the wider community. You may have some time to offer your support as a volunteer. All our volunteers are DBS checked, and provided with induction, training and on-going peer support.

For more information about any of the above please pop into the shop in the High Street, or telephone (01243) 201616

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stwh.co.uk/support-us/events/inca-trek-trail-to-machu-picchu-peru

Moonlight Walk on 11th May

A walk to remember a loved one, a walk for fun with family and friends and a walk to show you care. Starting at Westgate Leisure Centre, you can take a 5 or 10-mile route which includes the specially lit Bishops Palace Gardens, Just £17 per adult and £14 per child (10-17yr olds). For the first time St Wilfrid's are offering individual fund-raisers the opportunity to earn 'Super star walker' status to



receive a special hoodie if they can raise over £200 each. Further prizes are on offer for the top 3 teams and the top 3 best individual fundraisers. Every penny counts as St Wilfrid's completes its £16.2 million move to Bosham this Summer. For more information visit stwh.co.uk/moonlightwalk

transfer to and from the event also available. Suitable for novice

Ride London Pedal like a pro on closed roads through iconic London streets with Trail Guides available from the Oxmarket, other central locations and each Art Trail Venue. First 2 weekends in May 2019 Sat, Sun & Mon May 4th, 5th, 6th Preview Exhibition 10.30am - 5.30pm April 23rd - 28th www.chichesterarttrail.org

and experienced cyclists alike. To book you place on #TeamWilf register before Friday 25th May.

Sky's the limit with St Wilfrid's

Fancy a unique walk with a view? Soaring 170 metres above Portsmouth Harbour, the Emirates Spinnaker Tower is taller than the London Eye. If you're brave enough to join #teamwilf and tackle the 100 meter abseil, there are two summer dates to choose from -

Saturday 29th June or Saturday 20th July. Want to learn how to fly? St Wilfrid's are looking for people to make a sponsored 10,000 feet freefall tandem parachute jump. There are now two opportunities to take the Leap4Love all taking place at GoSkyDive in Salisbury,



the country's premier site for first time skydivers. Choose between Saturday 8th June or 28th September. If you raise enough sponsorship you can jump for free!

Bungee at Brighton Marina

Take a leap of faith with a 160ft bungee jump! Appreciate the views of Brighton beach and distant shoreline on one side of the bungee jumping cage, admire the city lights of Brighton and Hove on the

Face your fear and help raise funds for St Wilfrid's Hospice to continue supporting families facing terminal illness. Register now for Saturday 7th September 2019. Adventurers aged 14 years and older only need apply.

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nature Waders, terns and expectant mothers at Pagham Harbour & Medmerry

As the weather warms up our reserves of Pagham Harbour and Medmerry are bustling with life. Avocets and little ringed plovers are settling down to breed on Medmerry's Stilt Pools. Little ringed plovers are

small waders with short legs, brown back and crown with white underparts. They have a distinctive black chest band, black mask with white forehead and a yellow eye-ring. The avocet is an elegant looking, black and white wader with long legs and an up-turned bill.

The youngsters will begin hatching later this month and are like little pom-poms on legs but

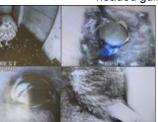
Avocet chick - David Tipling



Little Tern and sand eel

also have their parents' distinctive bill shape. In Pagham Harbour, little terns are returning to breed on Tern Island, just off Church Norton. This is one of our reserve's greatest conservation stories and as such a star species to see. During the 1990's their numbers crashed particularly along the southcoast with disturbance cited as one of the main causes, along with climate change and

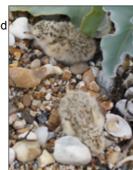
With careful conservation work they were lured back to Pagham Harbour and the colony has now grown to be one the most productive sites on the south-coast for this dainty little seabird. Little terns are the smallest of our terns, sporting a black cap and white forehead, yellow legs and a yellow bill with a black tip. They share the island's nesting rights with their cousins', the sandwich and common terns, as well as blackheaded gulls and ringed plovers.



Meanwhile, back in our Visitor Centre, on the B2145 to Selsey, we are following the fortunes of several species on our nest-cams. A beautiful tawny owl has been sitting on at least three eggs. The kestrels have been spending a lot of time in their high-rise 'des-res' and by the time you read this should be incubating eggs, along with our two blue tit families. You can follow their progress everyday on our cameras in the Visitor Centre on the B2145 between Chichester and Selsey.

Over the last couple of years, we have been doing a lot of work around our Visitor Centre and Discovery Zone. On Saturday 01 June we are celebrating our efforts with an open-day and you are invited to join us and try your hand at a host of free events, from pond-dipping and bug hunting to mud-sifting and wildlife watching. See our website www.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour for details.





Little Tern Chick



RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry

Thursday 02 May, Batty about bats! Bat-detectors in hands, discover which bats call Pagham Harbour their home. Learn more about these intriguing nocturnal mammals with an evening stroll around Church Norton with Hampshire Bat Group's, Nik Knight. Meet Church Norton car park PO20 9DT, 8.15pm (duration 2

Booking essential £12 per person / £9 members

Sunday 05 May, Dawn Chorus. Join in International Dawn Chorus weekend and decipher this spring phenomenon with our Warden in a 'secret' part of our reserve. Close your eyes and soak up the sound of the birdsong as it gathers from a single voice into the crescendo of a full orchestra in a part of the reserve not open to the public. We'll finish off with a well-deserved breakfast. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs with either bacon toasties or sausage baps, toast and jam, and a choice of tea or coffee.

4.30am (duration 2½ hours + breakfast) Meet Church Norton car park PO20 9DT Booking essential £18 per person / £14 members

Saturday 18 May, Marvellous Moths. Moths are far from dull some are masters of camouflage, while others are as bright and beautiful as butterflies. Join our Warden when he opens up our moth trap and reveal which super moths have been caught from the night before.

8 am - 9 am.

£2 per person / £1.50 members

Tuesday 28 May, Pond dipping and Bug hunting! Come and discover what weird and wonderful creatures lurk in the depths of our lovely new pond and live in our Discovery Zone.

10.30am (duration 2 hours) Booking essential, £4 per child / £2 members

Saturday 01 June, RSPB Pagham Harbour Open Day. To

celebrate our wonderful reserve and the work we have done on our Discovery Zone, we are inviting you to try your hand at a host of FREE activities from pond dipping and bug hunting, to mud-sifting, arts & crafts and wildlife watching! Come on down and have a funfilled day getting closer to nature.

10am - 4pm

All activities FREE - please note booking essential for Ponddipping, Mud-sifting and Bug hunting. To book your places go to www.eventbrite.co.uk

Saturday 08 June, Orchids in June. Orchids have always had an air of mystery. Join our Warden looking for these gorgeous plants and learn about the secret lives of the ones that occur on our

11am (duration 1 hour)

Booking essential £4 per person / £2 members

Sunday 09 June, Wildlife Photography Workshop. This allday workshop provides an introduction to the key principles and techniques for Nature and Close-up/Macro photography. The workshop will combine theory with opportunities to put into practice what you have learnt regarding camera settings and image composure on our beautiful reserve. During the practical session walks there will hopefully be opportunities for you to try and capture images of Orchids, Dragonflies and insects in addition to birds around the reserve.

8.30am (duration 8 hours)

Booking essential £25 per person / £20 members

Sunday 09 June, Someone to Guide You.

Unsure of what that bird is? Our friendly guides will be at our Church Norton Hide, RSPB Pagham Harbour, PO20 9DT, to help you spot and identify spring arrivals and the wildlife that you see. 10am - 1.30pm Drop-in, Free

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Back garden beetlemania

Rose chafer by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

a great place for their C-shaped larvae to develop. The adult beetles live for just a few weeks.

They're powerful flyers too. Dark, smoky wings extend from under their emerald elytra (wing cases) and with a buzz our Faberge bugs take to the air. Admittedly they do tend to crash into fences quite a bit. I said it was beautiful. I didn't sav it was graceful. Recently these beetles seem to have been crashing around in other areas of Sussex.



c Graeme Lyons



Rose Chafer c Derek Middleton

So this summer I'm starting a campaign to make Sussex the official rose chafer capital of England. I'd like you to look in your gardens and nearby parks for this stunning, shiny green beetle. If you see one, please try to take a picture and email it to my colleague Lois at the Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre with details of when and where you saw

it (loismayhew@sussexwt.org.uk). Let's put Sussex on the beetle map!

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On 17th May 2011 Peter Hodge was stood waiting at Lewes bus

experts), delicately picked up the little insect between his thumb

and forefinger and took it with him. And so both passengers rode

the 143 bus back to Ringmer and into the pages of Sussex

ing to win any Miss Beetle beauty contests either. But if it's

3,000th species of beetle recorded in our county.

wildlife history. Because when Peter examined the little beast

station when he noticed an intriguing little black beetle crawling on

the brickwork. Peter, being one of Britain's top coleopterists (beetle

under his microscope, he realised it was the click beetle Melanotus

punctolineatus - the first one recorded in Sussex - making it the

That little beetle may have been historic but it wasn't much to look at. To be honest, most of the other 2,999 Sussex beetles aren't go-

good-looking beetles you want my friend then you need to take a

trip to Arundel or Lewes this month because those towns are both

famed for being a hotspot for the most glamorous beetle in Britain

The rose chafer is one seriously

gorgeous insect. Each one looks

most dazzling metallic green and

hand polished. How can I put it?

Their resemblance to Egyptian

scarabs brings the romance of

The Nile to your compost heap -

carefully crafted, coated in the

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Rose Chafei

c Derek Middleton

RSPB Events for May 2019

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Thursday 23 May

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

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Saturday 25 May

Bird Walk on west side of Medmerry with Rob Yarham of the Chichester Local Group from 10.00 am until early afternoon. Meet at end of Clappers Lane, Grid Ref: SZ817968 at 10.00 am 01243 262833

SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST May 2019

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In the Garden

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

May is the time when Spring really arrives and trees and flowers are in full growth, Camellias, Cherry Trees, Hawthorn, fruit trees and Horse Chestnuts are now in full glorious flower. Lambs are to be seen enjoying their short lives gamboling in the fields on sunny days. The fields are mainly brown as they have been ploughed and are being sown up with oat, wheat and rape etc.

Bluebells will appear in profusion in the woodlands this month – it is like looking at a shimmering sea of blue. Daisies and Buttercups are everywhere and some Cowslips. May is a musical month- birds singing, brooks babbling and Bees humming. The hedges are ablaze with colourful Wild Roses, Gorse and Honeysuckle and beautiful butterflies. The ponds are alive with young ducklings, moorhens and coots.

May is here, let us be of good cheer and let us reflect on nature's wonderful bounty bestowed by our Good Lord on us all.

Jobs for May

Plant out Summer flowering bulbs, corms and tubers. Bury Dahlia tubers at least 10cm deep with a strong Dahlia stake to provide support. Protect young shoots from late frost and also from slugs and snails. Don't put out any pot grown Dahlia's until late in the month. Also plant Canna, Galtonia, Lilies, Oxalis and Gladioli as well as many others.

In order to get the largest crop from your Potatoes plants remember to earth up the stems on a regular basis as they grow. This is done by pulling up the soil around the foliage with a hoe, small spade or large trowel. This will encourage more tubers to develop from the buried section of stem. Keep the soil moist by watering if required. This encourages the tubers to swell. Apply fertilizer or liquid feed at regular intervals.

Continue to water recently planted Trees, Shrubs and Hedging until they are well established. Give particular attention to any plants by walls, buildings or fences. Watering little and often is not sufficient, they need the soil drenched thoroughly.

Tip Top Tips

- * Sow biannuals such as upins, stocks, honesty, foxgloves and wallflowers
- * Sprinkle some natural fertilizer around roses shrubs and under hedges
- * Remove spent flowers from Camellias
- Sowing of annuals should be completed by the middle of this month
- * Concentrate on keeping weeds down as they appear
- Ventilate Greenhouses on warm days but close vents in the evening
- * Plant up patio pots and hanging baskets and keep in the green house until end of monthand are well established
- * Clear blanket weed and duckweed from ponds
- * Cut Asparagus this month and in to early June
- Soot is useful to keep slugs and snails at bay in the herbacerus borders

"A Swarm Of Bees in May is worth a load of Hay"

- 19) In Heraldry, what colour is gules?
- 20) What was King Harold's sobriquet?
- 21) Who is the patron saint of carpenters?
- 22) Who was head of the German 55?
- 23) Which is further North, Manchester or Sheffield?

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Recent Callouts

03/03/19 15:58

Team paged to two large oil drums washed up on the beach at West Beach and the beach at Bunn Leisure.

The team were tasked to locate, investigate, and take photos of the oil drums and send the information to our Operations Room for counter pollution.

Both oil drums were empty and sealed and moved to the top of the beaches and arrangements will be made for Bunn Leisure and the Council to dispose of them safely.

05/03/19 16:04

Team paged to reports of ordnance at Medmerry Beach on arrival photos were taken and sent to E.O.D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team).

Unfortunately the tide was coming in and the ordnance was covered by water before E.O.D. could make it.

The team stood down to return to station, a team member returned first thing this morning however the piece of ordnance could not be located.

07/03/19 02:30

Team paged to a police incident at Bognor Pier with Littlehampton Coastguard Rescue Team, Littlehampton Lifeboat, Selsey Lifeboat, and Coastguard Helicopter Rescue 175. Hillhead Coastguard Team and the Ambulance Service were also tasked

No further information on this incident will be released at this time. Returning to station at 06:00am.

09/03/19 14:25

Team paged to reports of a large red marker buoy adrift and heading ashore off Bracklesham Beach.

On arrival the marker buoy had made it ashore and the team pulled it to the top of the beach above the high tide mark, photos and details were then sent to our Operations Room where arrangements will now be made for it to be collected.

Team stood down.

09/03/19 15.20

As we were stood down from the previous incident we were tasked to Itchenor Harbour Office to meet a member of staff from London Zoo after a dead porpoise had washed up in the harbour yesterday.

The porpoise was collected and is being taken back to London Zoo for post-mortem to find out the cause of its death.

Dead mammals can be full of dangerous toxins and other

things, so please stay away and keep dogs on a lead to prevent them coming into contact with them.

Dolphins, porpoises and whales are all protected under the Royal Fish laws of the United Kingdom and HM Coastguard undertakes duties on behalf of the Receiver of a Wreck to record details of Royal Fish washed ashore.

If you come across Royal Fish washed up on the beach or stranded

dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard please do not attempt to push or re-float an animal that has beached itself or washed up on our shores.

deligible 11/03/19 12:40

Team paged to reports of ordnance at Medmerry Beach.

The team located the ordnance and photos were sent to our Operations Room and E.O.D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team). However the ordnance was being covered by the tide on arrival and with approximately 55 minutes till high tide the team were stood down to return to station and back to work.



Arrangements were made to be re tasked after high water.

11/03/19 15:00

Team re tasked with Hayling Coastguard Rescue Team to meet E.O.D at Medmerry Beach.

The beach was closed and a cordon was put in place, the ordnance was located and E.O.D carried out an assessment of the ordnance before carefully digging it out of the shingle and clay.

A controlled explosion was carried out on the beach at 16.20. This piece of ordnance was highly explosive so please do not touch any ordnance found on the beach. This piece and other ordnance found on this beach has been found to be highly explosive. Do not touch suspected ordnance and please dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard straight away!

A video of the controlled explosion is available to watch on our Facebook page.

16/03/19 12:50 Team tasked while out on a Local Knowledge Patrol to kayakers in difficulty and 1 person in the water off Butlins in Bognor.

Littlehampton Coastguard Team and Selsey Lifeboat had also been paged.

Arriving on scene we could see three people in the water, we were ready and carried out a snatch water rescue. Once all three casualties were safely ashore the Lifeboat was stood down.

One of the kayakers that were in the water was in a lot of pain with a possible dislocated shoulder, an ambulance was

requested and casualty care was given while we were waiting for it.

With all kayaks and all kayakers located we were stood down with Littlehampton Coastquard Rescue Team to return back to stations.

27/03/19 09:47

Team paged to possible ordnance on the beach at the end of Danefield Road, Selsey.

On arrival we met with the Chichester District Council Foreshore Officer who was on scene.

Photos were taken and sent to E.O.D. (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team). A cordon was put in place and the beach was closed, with an incoming tide and the possible ordnance nearly covered by the tide the team were stood down once it had been completely covered.

28/03/19 08:22

Team retasked to Danefield Road in time for low tide where we met with Sussex Police and E.O.D.

Once E.O.D. were on scene they carefully examined the items and confirmed it wasn't ordnance and were able to safely reveal the item buried in the sand.



Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team





Morning all...or afternoon, evening whatever! 'Ne'er cast a clout, till May be out'..that's the saying we're looking for. That's when all the winter woolies can be packed away...with a bit of luck. That was a favourite saying of my dad, who was actually born in 1907 -I know, I was an unexpected arrival rather late in his life! I never actually knew where that saying came from so I looked it up using omnipotent Google. Apparently, it's an old English proverb, the earliest citation goes back to 1732 although it is assumed to have existed well before that. A 'clout' is just a piece of clothing so, it's been assumed that the phrase just means 'don't discard your clothing until the end of May' but, there is another interpretation some people think that the reference to 'May' is not the month but the May flower or hawthorn because the tree flowers in late April or early May. Either way, it's a pretty good bit of advice in my view and be assured that the Johnson family winter wardrobe will be staying exactly where it is for another few weeks yet!

There are quite a few interesting facts attached to May, actually - did you know, for example, that the month is named after Maia, the Greek Goddess of fertility and that in any given year, no month ever begins or ends on the same day of the week as May does? The Romans called the month Maius and it wasn't until the 1400's that May was actually used. It was also considered to be a bad month to marry; 'Marry in May and you'll rue the day'. It's even national smile month, or supposed to be here in the UK!

So, enough of the (old) English lesson! I was loitering at a bus stop recently - being a non driver I do that guite a bit and, truth be told, I guite enjoy it. I've had some brilliant conversations with people of all ages, most of whom I will probably never meet again but have each left their own individual imprint on my life. One such conversation happened last month whilst waiting for a bus over in Brighton and carried on until my new travelling companion and I parted company at the bus stop outside the Pavillion. I'll call the chap in question 'Tom.' He's 16 and is studying for his GCSE exams, like thousands of other young people across the country. I walked up to the bus stop and noticed that he was sitting on the bench studying a piece of paper entitled 'Language Devices.' At that point my heart went out to him; the English Language syllabus is designed, in my view, to squeeze the life out of the richest language in the world. Just my opinion, but it's way too formulaic.

Being somewhat passionate about the written word, I'm afraid I had to say something. "Looks interesting"...wasn't the best of conversation starters but did the trick and we were soon mutually consoling each other about the application of language devices for 'specific purposes'. We were both grumping that it's too mechanical and he was at a loss to understand how to remember them. He said he'd previously enjoyed writing but found he was really struggling to adapt his style to such a prescribed formula. I gave him a few tips and went on to explain how I completely empathised with him; I studied Thomas Hardy and Chaucer for A level English Literature, neither of which I can bring myself to even look at again. Very sad. In fact, my daughter shares my love of literature and I've actually talked her out of studying it at A level in case it sucks the life blood out of her passion as well.

metaphors, similes, oxymorons and various other devices we writers use all the time without actually realising it. We discussed

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SELSEY LIFE IS 16TH MAY

the good old genre, audience, purpose instruction and why it's so subjective and how, contrary to commonly held belief, you really don't have to swallow the Oxford English Dictionary in order to write a piece of descriptive narrative - in fact, it's counter productive and is a sure fire way to lose your reader's attention. Evoking feelings and 'painting pictures' for your reader isn't really a tick box exercise, it's a mixture of calculation and instinct; imposing invented rules for writing is just too constraining and doesn't result in students becoming good writers. In fact, successful writers I've met have all had a feel for language but can't always quite understand how they can do it so well.

For reasons I've never understood, something like sixty percent of people would like to be able to write for a living. The fact that people actually think that tells me they really don't understand just what a hard slog it can be sometimes. Trust me on this, the fantasy is so much better than the reality. One of our greatest writers, in my opinion, was George Orwell; he had a few things to say about us writers. This was his description of those of us who earn our living through the printed word: 'All writers are vain, selfish and lazy. Writing a book is a horrible, exhausting struggle, like a long bout of some painful illness. One would never undertake such a thing if one were not driven by some demon which one can either resist nor understand'. Thanks for that, George, although as I was recently accused of being self absorbed, maybe not that far from the truth! This is, of course, not

the popular view these days. People seem to think that we sit in front of our computer screens, gazing out of the window, allowing our minds the freedom to transcend reality and float about in another dimension. Inspiration always comes, of course, in this illusionary world. If only! I've been writing for more years that I can



remember and despite trying to break away I've always come back to it. It is indeed a demon 'which I can neither resist nor

So, my heart goes out to Tom and all our youngsters who are doing exams this term - especially those doing English Language! Just try to remember that the mechanics of writing aren't everything. Yes, there are a few techniques that we use but, by and large, it comes from the heart and not the head. It's a feeling rather than something objective. That doesn't mean that you can go your own way for the exam! Absolutely not! Certain things are required and you need to do whatever is necessary to get the marks - throw all those language devices in! That's how to please the examiner but, if you feel that the life of a scribe maybe for you in the future, listen to your heart, writing can't be unemotional or impersonal. You can't detach from yourself and every word you write is a little bit of you.

So, there we are - remember, no casting any 'clouts' for a while. If my memory serves me correctly, the first Bank Holiday is usually a bit suspect but it perks up as the weeks go on. We can but

Take care all, hope you have a happy and peaceful month.

donnajohnson279@gmail.com

Tom and I spent a good 45 minutes on the bus discussing

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Selsey's Hidden Secret



The Selsey Club in Coxes Road Selsey was built in 1928 as a Private Members Club and to his date remains the same. New members are always welcome, call in or phone 606015.

Julie & Danny Kelly

are the new proprietors and run the Club with the help of their Daughter Maria, Son in law Mark who is the (bar manager) & some part time staff.

The Club has a private function room that can be hired by members for parties / weddings / funeral wakes and meetings etc. There is entertainment most weekends at the Club and at least once a month there are Cabaret evenings that include a three course dinner, followed by some fantastic entertainment so for more information see the Clubs face-book page (The Selsey Private Club Ltd) or Tel: 01243 606015.

We open at 12pm every day and close at 11pm Monday to Thursday, 12pm Friday and Saturday, 6-7pm Sundays depending

We are the HQ for the Selsey RNA and the Selsey Lions. We also host the Selsey Folk and Music Club on the 3rd Wednesday every month.

One of our pride and joys is our championship snooker table for the use of our members, we have snooker teams on Fridays that play in our very own mini crucible. Darts every Monday and a Quiz night every other Thursday, something for everyone, we have other things coming in the near future.

Outside there is a lovely decked area and a grassed beer garden for alfresco dinning and is a great place to catch up with friends

For the foodies among you Sunday roast will be on the menu as from Mother's day, please check for specials as we are doing lunches Monday to Friday and food related things on a regular

Our other passions are with our local community, we have been doing Meals on Wheels for a number of years with the help of volunteers to do the deliveries.

And of course as the founders of the Christmas Day community lunch that has now seen its fifth year we are kept busy raising funds and awareness.

Also we have just started to get involved with the Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance and we host afternoon tea and upcoming events for them.

Julie and Danny, Selsey's Hidden Secret, The Selsey Club, Coxes Road.

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community news

SAT 4TH MAY: THE FABULOUS UK AWARD WINNING IRON TYGER 80'S ROCK TRIBUTE BAND (Christmas day fund raiser - Tickets only: £10/Club Members: £6) THUR 9TH MAY: IT IS QUIZ AND BINGO NIGHT @ 8pm SAT 11[™] MAY: ENJOY SOME RAT PACK AND ROCK N ROLL FROM THE LOVELY BOBBY BARNES

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SAT 18TH MAY: CABARET DINNER AND COCKNEY CAPERS WITH MARTIN DAVID (FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL) THUR 23RD MAY: ITS QUIZ AND BINGO NIGHT @ 8pm SAT 25TH MAY: THE WONDERFUL KELLY LORRAINE VOCALIST

SAT 1ST JUNE: THE FABULOUS SEAN WARD AS ELVIS THUR 6TH JUNE: IS QUIZ AND BINGO NIGHT @ 8pm SAT 8TH JUNE TO BE ANNOUNCED

SAT 15TH JUNE: THE BRILLIANT MULTI-TALENTED STEVE **WILLIAMS**

SUN 16[™] JUNE: FATHERS DAY LUNCH WED 19TH JUNE: FOLK AND MUSIC CLUB ALL WELCOME

THUR 20TH JUNE: IS QUIZ AND BINGO NIGHT @ 8pm SAT 22ND JUNE: WE HAVE THE LOVELY VOICE OF BOBBY

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Alan Nicholls writes:

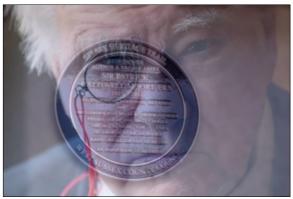
Thanks for including my pictures of Selsey beach which you posted in issue 242 of the current magazine.

I have attached a copy of a line and wash painting I made of Medmerry Mill which you might wish to print in a Summer edition.



Aristotle said 'A single swallow does not make a Summer' so there are two in this painting of Medmerry Mill which appears on one of my cards which Raycrafts sell.

I hope that this will be a lovely Summer so Happy Summer



A plaque unveiled by Brian May Wednesday 24th April on Farthings, where Sir Patrick Moore lived since 1967.



Spring is here and although we have had a few cold days, it has mostly been good, warm and the sun shining.

Just the right weather for a game of golf. The course is looking superb after the winter and in remarkable

condition. The fairways smooth and lush green and the greens are playing well. Dressed in its spring colours; the golden yellow of the gorse bushes intermingled with the white of the flowering hawthorn in all the hedges around the course against the green of the fairways looks stunning. Our green keepers have done a wonderful job thoughout the winter. Congratulations on all their hardwork and on behalf of the membes, thank you. The course looks so inviting and golfers just cannot wait to play a round of

Ladies

The Lady Captain, Mrs Carol Wheeler, held her Captains Coffee morning, her first event of the year, in February. Held in the Club House, ladies enjoyed coffee and cake. A raffle was held and cake and bring and buy stalls provided the opportunity to shop!

The money raised by these activities will be going towards the Lady Captain's charity that this year is again the Selsey First Responders

The Ladies have played the first month of the season's competitions. The first competition they played was a 14 hole stableford and played over 14 holes and not 18; easing the ladies in gently to the full round the following week to be played the

following week. The ladies play only 9 holes during the winter months, so the first few games can be a challenge!

The MacMillan Nurses competition was played on 11th March and was won by Judy Sharpe and second was Rita Green. Donations were made and sent to the Charity.

On Monday 18th the Spring Give and Take was played, This is competition where all players take a prize and all players win a prize, This was followed by a late lunch of sandwiches and chips and that all so needed cup of tea.

The following week the Flag competition was played. This competition involves each player playing to her handicap plus the scratch score of the course. Alison Weller was the winner and did not run out of shots until the 18th hole.

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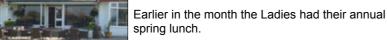
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This was a superb carvery provided by the Club Restaurant and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their meal. Some of our ladies who are unable to play

at present and some past members joined the party and it was good to see them again. The Lady Captain, Carol Wheeler, provided wine and a jolly time was had by all.

In February the new Club Captain, Mr. Steve Growns, held his first event of the year, the Captain's Cheese and Wine evening. The evening was a great success. Steve's daughter Molly sang at the event. The song she chose to sing was Piano Man and donations were asked for to support St Wilfrids Hospice in

> memory of three long standing members of Selsey Golf Club who sadly passed away during Christmas and January. The amount raised in their memory was £440.

The Mens' competitions started again in March with the Terry Parker Trophy a drawn pairs competition. This was very close. Mark Brown and Barry Croxford won with 36 points, but three pairs all had 34 points and the it was Barry and Simon Rishman who came second on countback. A good start to the season.

On Sunday 24th the Peter Grindley Pro Putter Competition was played. Peter Grindley retired in June 2017, he had been the Clubs Professional for over 35 years. Matt Campbell won the competition with 41 points playing off a handicap

of 2.8. Matt was a junior member of the club and is now playing as a full seven day member. Peter Grindley was delighted to present his trophy to Matt whom he had a long association with throughout his junior days and young adult years at the club.

The Junior Section of the club will continue this year. Lessons will be held on Sunday mornings. Boys and Girls can join from the age of 6 to 18 and and there is no membership fee. A junior team will be entered into the Sussex League this year, so good luck to the young golfers. For more information please contact Gary Hughes, the Club's Professional, on 01243 608936.

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For another year we, here in the South, are fortunate enough to have come through a reasonably good Winter and it is the time to think about enjoying some outdoor sport. With the clubhouse

having had it's annual "spruce up" and the bowling green and tennis courts - hard and green - ready to go, there is nothing to stop you digging out your sports gear and coming to join us here at CRABLANDS. Even if you have not given yourself some "fun" time to exercise for a while then think about it and come and have a go, perhaps rekindle your interest, here we can give you the

choice of green bowls and tennis outside and short mat bowls



As a member here you can also enjoy the facilities: ie. some evenings table tennis and mini tennis and during the colder months on Friday and or Saturday evenings a variety of social events are available in the clubroom where the

bar is open. We are very lucky to have some members who are willing and able to give their time and energy to organise these popular evenings.

We have a third section where no one has to worry about the weather and our Short Mat Bowlers have completed their Winter competitions and the winners were:-

LADIES PAIRS WINNERS MOLLIE BACK & LIL TUCK RUNNERS UP CHERYL BROWN & ELAINE SADLER

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RUNNER UP ARCHIE COLETTA

LADIES SINGLES WINNER JAN OBERMAYER RUNNER UP DENISE MERRITT

2 WOODS DRAWN PAIRS WINNERS CHERYL BROWN & PETER BLACKMAN RUNNERS UP IRIS BROWN & BILL MERRITT

The Summer Short Mat Season is in session and for all contacts and further details of all sections of the club go to our website www.crablands.com

SELSEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Meets at Medmerry Primary School, School Lane Wednesday & Thursday evenings at 7pm & Sundays at 9.30 am & 3pm. All equipment provided.

New members welcome Contact Sylvia Cox on 681663 or Annette Iskett on 606227

email: annetteiskett@hotmail.com



LITTLE SPAIN BOWLING CLUB Golf Links Lane PO20 9DR email: lsbowlsclub@gmail.com

www.selseycountryclub.co.uk/little-spain-bowling-club

This season has started well with the Easter weather being particularly kind.

Our "Open Day" was successful and we welcome our new members to Little Spain. It is also good to catch up with returning

All our fixtures are in place and our first match is against Crablands on May 1st. A local derby which is always a most enjoyable game.

Happy Bowling to All - Enjoy the season



Baby and Toddler play with Bounceabout is here on the 7[™] & 21ST May £2.50 all ages under 5 years 9am-12pm

Some of our regular activities

Monday- Ringcraft training with Chichester and district canine society 7pm

Tuesday- Zumba with Lisa Neno 6.30-7.30 contact details

Wednesday-Yoga with Vince 6.30-7.30

Thursday-Ballet and contemporary Dance (Children) with Jess

Friday-Paracise with Heidi Dunster

If you are interested in any of the above activities please contact the person taking the class thank you

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selsey cricket club



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We welcome new members, both playing and non playing, we are a friendly welcoming club, with great playing facilities and a bar.



Anyone interested in joining please contact us info@selseycc.co.uk

Our latest fixtures can be found online.

http://www.selsevcc.co.uk/fixtures-2019/

NEVER DULL, THESE THEATRICAL FIXTURES

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For the first of our big family days of the year we again at Selsey Cricket Club welcome the Thespian Thunderer's to Selsey Cricket Club, playing for the Sir Patrick Moore cup and Family day out, Sunday 12th May 12:30 pm for a 1.00 pm start

The Thespian Thunderer's are a team of players from the World of Show Business, and the Worlds Premier Actors cricket team.

The Thespian Thunderer's with actors and directors involved in a dozen West End shows:

The Woman In Black, Pygmalion, The 39 Steps, Yes Prime Minister, the Mouse Trap, and Buckley amongst them; not to mention productions at The Donmar, The Old Vic, The National,

Chichester and nationwide.

A Thunderer won Best Newcomer in the Edinburgh Festival Comedy Awards. others were longlisted. Thunderers won BAFTAs and starred in hit television series for The BBC, ITV and Sky: Spooks, Horrible Histories, Spy, New Tricks, also from Game of Thrones, Harry Potter, Eastenders.

This will be another great Family Day out at Selsey Cricket Club, and everyone

is welcome; attractions on the ground include include:

ARO Kick Boxing, Funky Fusion Kids' Parties, Football Shoot Out. NERF fun. Lil Ninias kickboxing for 3-6 year olds, Craft Stall, Whole Hog catering company food, burgers

etc., Loz's Crafty Corner, Loz's Castles, Embroidered gifts, Dream catchers, Hook a duck, Tin can alley, Lucky dips, Build a furry friend Vintage Tales Glitter Tattoos, Face Painting, Bouncy

a furry friend, Vintage Trike Ice cream, Teas and Coffees in the Club House, hand made bags, Mind Charity Stall Tombola, Second Hand Cricket Books, Licensed Bar Open to the Public, Large picnic area on the ground.

Within the Cricket Club pavilion, is the Sir Patrick Moore 3D exhibition, which will be open to visitors on the day, this recreates Sir Patricks study at his home "Farthings" with original items on show owned by Sir Patrick

This will be a day out for all the Family.

Please share this information with all your Family, Friends, colleagues please to make this another day to remember.

Selsey Cricket Club is located at:

The Sir Patrick Moore Pavilion, The Recreation Ground, High Street, Selsey, Chichester, West Sussex, PO20 9BB

Free public parking is available in Co-Op, behind the Fire Station, High Street, Selsey, also paid cheap parking is available in East

Car Parking at the back of the Club is reserved for players and

The Stagecoach Gold 51 service runs on Sunday from Chichester **Bus Station**

Further information email info@selseycc.co.uk, or on our Website www.selseycc.co.uk

On Sunday 26th May we have our First Women's Softball Tournament:

Selsey Cricket Club Women's Festival Paddock Lane. Selsev. Chichester PO20 9BB

Sunday 26th May 2-5pm

It is an opportunity for women who have never played cricket, to be able to give it a go and last summer over 700 women in Sussex tried cricket for the first time.

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It is with great regret that we learnt that Doris Amis, has passed away peacefully at Tenchley Manor.

Doris used to love coming to Selsey Cricket Club with her late Husband Glyn, to watch Pete, James & Tom play.

Doris used to help out with many things at Selsey Cricket Club, including with the teas.

The President Chairnan and Committee of Selsev Cricket Club would like to send their sincere condolences to all the Amis Family at this very sad time.

Doris's Funeral took place at St. Peter's Church Selsey on Friday April 12th at 2pm

R.I.P Doris

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

I'm writing this article today with a tear in my eye and a heavy heart. Today I lost one my friends at The Centre, Carlos.

Carlos was a sponsor cat and had been here since 2002. He was a special cat with his cheeky personality and his toothy one sided grin - he will be missed by everyone.



Now time to cheer you all up a bit, this one made me very happy. A man phoned us to say he had an unneutered male cat living with him at his home. Unfortunately he couldn't keep looking after it because it didn't get on with his other cats. Luckily we had some space to take it in and upon arrival we found it had a microchip. Although the chip was not completely up to date, a quick call to the vet where it was implanted got us in contact with the original owners. Not only was this cat a spayed female (just with a bit of attitude) but she had been missing for over a year. Cue a tearful reunion and a happy cat and owner. The importance of this story, get your cats microchipped it can make such a difference. Also if you find a stray cat try and do your best to get it scanned for a chip because you never know. I am of course microchipped to The Centre, not that I really go far, I like my office comforts too

Lastly if you haven't come to visit us at our new shop in East Wittering then please pop by, I know my lovely staff and volunteers would love to see you there. It's full of lovely 2nd hand goods including furniture. Find it in the old Travis Perkins shop on the corner of Oakfield Road and Cakeham Road.

Can't wait to speak to you again next month! 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 25th May 2019 12-2pm. Viewing days are non-appointment days so people thinking of adopting a cat can pop along. Otherwise we rehome 7 days a week by appointment only.



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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

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

24) "I Could Be So Good For You" is the theme song of which TV series?

25) What type of bird is a lory?

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Pet of the Month May 2019 Hogarth



This month allow us to introduce Hogarth a handsome boy black in colour. He arrived at The Centre in 2013, his owner couldn't cope with him any longer. Since then he had been rehomed but unfortunately after 4 years he has been brought back because he can be a little naughty sometimes and his owners were expecting a baby, and he also did

not like their dog. Hogarth is a sweet, lovely, cheeky boy, who does love having a fuss made of him, and he loves playing with toy mice. He has the coronavirus, which is very common among cats, and so will go on foster for this, the staff at The Centre can give you more information on what this means, but it doesn't bother him. He would be suited to a confident owner who doesn't mind his naughty side who has no young children, or other pets. If you think you may be able to give Hogarth the new home he deserves please give The Centre a call Monday to Friday 9am-

THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

Holborow Lodge, Chalder Lane, Sidlesham, W. Sussex PO20 7RJ

Also find us on facebook www.facebook.com/catandrabbitrescuecentre



IZ NIGHT





We're having a quiz evening on Sunday 12th May 2019 at 4.00pm.

Teams of 4 or 5 To be held at The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, PO20 7RJ.

> £8 per person to include food and hot/cold drink (bring your own alcohol/drink if you want to).

Ticket only event, for more information, please email Pamela at pmfitzsimons1@hotmail.com

To purchase tickets contact admin@crrc.co.uk or call 01243 641409, you can pay by DEBIT Card, cheque or cash (in person at CRRC).

General knowledge and lots more - so get swotting up!! Raffle also on the night

CRRC President Susan Jameson to be Lady Quiz Master

It's going to be a fun filled evening, so we hope lots of you can come along!!

Brent Lodge Briefings -**Building work underway**

Thanks to the support of The Jean Sainsbury's Animal Welfare Trust and The Michael & Shirley Hunt Trust we're delighted to say that building work for the next stage of our 'Big Build' project has started. With the completion of stage 1 to build 12 new bird of prey aviaries last year, 5 brand new waterfowl pools and a further 2 general purpose enclosures are being constructed on site. These will allow us to treat far more seabirds and large water birds than we can currently accommodate such as swans, geese and gull.

Sadly, this does mean for the next 6-8 weeks the main hospital site will be a building site, this also means that we are unable to sadly host our famous spring open weekend due to the ongoing building work. Whilst this will be a loss to the charity and a disappointment to local supporters, we feel it is necessary so we can provide these brand new enclosures before the season really takes off. However, should you wish to donate further funds towards the 'Big Build' project and help in lieu of missing this open weekend, your funds will go directly to this project. www.shop.brentlodge.org/

Just a little update on our original fox cubs from our last article, they are all growing up so fast and we now have a total of 8 cubs. These will all hopefully grow up to benefit from Stage 3 of the 'Big Build' development, to construct new mammal enclosures. Our new incubators are most definitely in use, occupied with 3 teeny



baby blackbirds, & 3 very cute baby rabbits that were sadly disturbed and the mum didn't return. Another 2 incubators are being used to house 5 teeny

baby mice and the last one is on standby for any

incoming patients.

Baby season is well underway for us now however this is still just the

beginning of the spring/summer season, we have a lot more patients to come with a lot more manpower required. With longer days and MANY more mouths to feeds, we will be relying on our volunteers more than ever to support us through these months, so please get contact if you would like to help feed and clean our patients. We continue to work long hours to ensure we are giving the very best level of care, even during our busy times. We will shortly be returning to our summer opening hours of 8.30am - 8:30pm, although this will have a dramatic impact on our staffing cost we feel it is a necessary expenditure, to continue to deliver efficient care.

We are also grateful for the support we receive from the local community either by volunteering or by making a generous donation. If you would like to help us to secure the future of wildlife in our care there are many ways you can support us by visiting our website, www.brentlodge.org.

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Steve's Puzzle Page whats on

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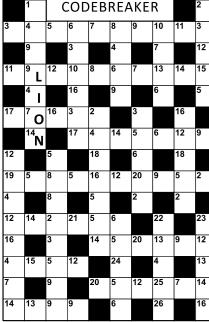
APRIL BIRDHOUSE BLOSSOM **BLUE SKY**

MAY **NESTLINGS SEEDS** SOWING

MARCH

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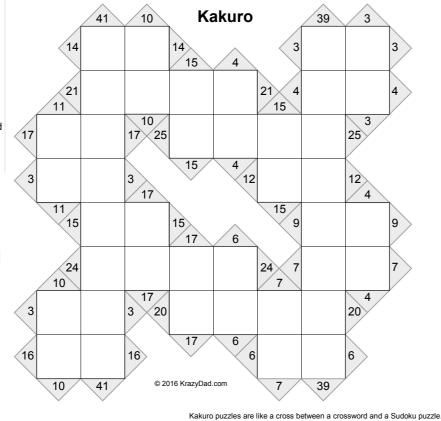
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search puzzle

Words go left, right,

up, down,

not diagonally.



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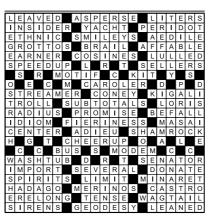
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- 15) Mars 16) Jack Rosenthal 17) Pig 18) F. Scott Fitzgerald's
- 19) The Moody Blues 20) Judd Hirsch 21) Primrose
- 22) George Mortimer Pullman 23) Mrs Krabappel 24) White persian
- 25) Asta 26) Clyde 27) Sexton Blake

Instead of letters, each block contains the digits 1 through 9. The same digit will never repeat within a word. If you add the digits in a word, the sum will be the number shown in the clue. Clues are shown on the left and right sides



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Commencing 9th May



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or just pop along to have a look and a chat contact Chris on Selsey 601550

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From 2-4 pm in the Town Hall

Admission £3, including refreshments

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Last year's concert raised over £450 for Selsey First Responders

Please help us to do even better this year

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Darby & Joan Club Selsey

The club meets every Friday between 2.00 & 4.00 at St. Peter's church hall for a game of prize bingo and raffles and of course a nice cup of tea and chat. Also during the year we have subsidised days out to garden centres for cream teas and a bit of shopping. Transport to the hall is supplied by Selsey Venture bus, if you are a member of this great service they offer. We are a club are affiliated to the R.V.S For more information please call Kim or Graham on 01243 937 730 or 07838 549 034

SELSEY CANCER RELIEF FUND DATES TO REMEMBER Methodist Church Hall 10am

Saturday 4th May - AGM All welcome table sales after

Saturday 1st June Jumble Sale 10am

July - collection boxes There is ample parking behind the Fire Station.

SUNDAY 26th MAY



CARD BINGO EVENING

8PM START

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

Selsey Methodist Church

1st and 3rd Wednesday ~ 2-4pm (in the large hall) For more information contact Lisa Allinson on 601032 churches

Bits of Bruce:

The Easter week saw protests in London and in other major cities around the world, concerning the next extinction. Extinction you say? Yes extinction, there has been five previous extinctions on planet Earth and we now face another one. This one caused solely by us, Humanity.

Over the Easter bank holiday, a 'die in' was staged in the Natural History Museum, it was a piece of theatre; hundreds went into the galleries of the museum and just lay down, like fallen bodies on a battlefield. They just lay there in protest; silent and still, lifeless, our dystopian future in a museum that displays dead things, long gone.

Over many months a young girl call Greta Thunberg has led a silent school strike, by not going to school on Fridays she sits with a placard opposite her Parliament building, it says Climate Change is here, now! Slowly over the months other children have joined her protest. Parents and teachers angrily tell them to think of their futures, go back to school. The Children reply, why? There is no future unless you change your ways now! As each month went by more and more children around the earth guit school on Fridays and protested that not enough was being done by their parents and governments, about Climate Change, that they and their children did not have a future, so why should they be in school? Thousands of children from all around the globe asking us to wake up, join them and as good parents help stop this rush into the end of the world as they know it. Greta is now a spokesperson for what has become a global movement. Her words are so profound that she has been nominated for The Nobel Peace Prize, and I guess she will probably win it.

We need to listen to our children; the time has come when we take on board their worries and concerns. That what good parents do. We want the best for them, so we need to do our best for them. We must protest, we must stand up and be counted. It's no longer safe to say 'I'll be alright' because our children won't be. We must engage with this problem, use less fossil fuel, and encourage use of renewable fuels. Eat less meat, use less plastic, recycle more, use public transport - the list is endless, we have to ask difficult questions of ourselves and ask difficult questions about Climate Change of those in charge of our local and national Governments, ask them 'What are they going to do about Global warming? And if their answer is 'nothing or nothing just yet,' in the next elections, do not vote for them. We have to listen to our children and grandchildren they are the promise of our future.

I am just old enough to remember the old sandwich-board man who walked up and down Oxford Street, day in, day out in all sorts of weather. The board proclaimed 'THE END IS NIGH'. As children, we used to laugh at him; I hope and pray that his is not the last laugh we hear, as we tumble into extinction, the sixth great extinction, for us the last, for this Earth, our beautiful world who knows?

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 5th May 10.30 am Dr. Mike Nicholls Sunday 12th May 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson

Holy Communion

Sunday 19th May 10.30am Revd. John Wren

Sunday 26th May 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson

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Tel: 01243 601984 Email: rector.selsey@gmail.com

Sunday 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Sung Eucharist

Sunday Messy Church at 12 noon in hall on last

Sunday of the month

Tuesday 9.30am Said Eucharist Wednesday 9.30am Said Eucharist

Thursday 7pm Said Eucharist

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East Beach Church

Weekly Sunday Service at 10am

Saturday 4th May

6_{pm} - 8_{pm} - An Interactive Quiz Night

Sunday 5th May

10_{am} - All Age Service

Thursday 9th May 2.30pm - Tea & Chat

Thursday 16th May 12.30pm - Lunch Club

Saturday 18th May

11 am departure - Ladies Inspire Group

'Ladies Who Lunch'

Foodie outing to Stanstead Park! Call (601231) or email the church for details or to book your space

Sunday 2nd June
10am - All Age Service

Saturday 8th June
Ladies Inspire Group
'Flower Show at Stanstead'

For more information call (601231) or email the church

Wednesday 12th June

2.30_{pm} - Return to Sunday School Launch of a new Service in partnership with Selsey Dementia Action Alliance group For more information call or email the church

See separate Selsey Life adverts & our website for our Youth & Children's Clubs
For information on our regular weekly activities

www.ebecselsey.org.uk or call 607741

Marisfield Place - opposite East Beach Shops
Pastor: Phil Harding - 01243 607741 or office@ebec.org.uk



Selsey men in Sheds

www.selsey-men-in-sheds.co.uk

We are open every Tuesday 10am till 4pm. Fancy making something out of wood? How about helping someone make something. Share and learn skills with others, or drop in for a cuppa.

Call Bill on 01243 605770



East Beach Church

Wow!! What a week East Beach Church had with their ever-popular **Easter Eggstravaganza Holiday Club**.



This year the theme was discovering the true treasure around Easter & exploring the Bible using a setting of a Pirates ship.



Forty or so children packed in to enjoy Team Games, Challenges, Puppet Shows, Craft, Boat Races etc. They had a whale of a time ably looked after by Pirate (Pastor) Phil, First Mate Alistair & a great team shipmates. The finale that rounded it all off was in the Easter Sunday morning Service where Parents, Grandparents & Carers experienced some of the fun of the week.

Why not check out the church website for details of the Childrens & Youth Clubs at East Beach - www.ebecselsey.org.uk

