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Ta Daa! The mean, mind-blowing May issue has arrived. (Yes, I am running out of M words.)

Did you all enjoy your Easter? Did you enjoy the Easter Services? Did you get lots of chocolate? Are you all sticking to your diets?

You will be pleased (I hope) to see the return of the Reader's Gallery - I have some already for June, but please keep sending them in.

I must take my loyal readership to task (yes, you at the back there). I had a problem with the word interesting in the last editorial, three times I believe (have a look in the April edition) but nobody has taken me to task over it. (I also have spotted a problem with the word 'for'), This may be because of the amount of errors I make and that you are all used to them, however please accept my apologies and I will try to do it again. (!)

This issue we carry some adverts for the impending Selsey Jubilee Jamboree - I hope you are all looking forward to this, and will try to give it the support it deserves.

We have some more societies starting this month. If you run a society or are planning an event and would like it advertised, please email the Selsey Life at selsylife@btinternet.com - you are reading this, think how many others may be who would see your advert?

Have you been watching the 1% Club show on ITV? At last a quiz show where I have a chance of knowing the answers, instead of not knowing what is being spoken about.

The next issue is due Friday 3rd June, but because of the Jubilee holiday it may be a day early or late - please accept my apologies for not being precise but I am not certain at this moment regarding our distribution day - it is of course a long time since this sort of holiday has happened.

My usual repetition will now follow, so if you know it you may now continue reading the rest of the magazine.

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

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

Please, wherever possible, do your best to support any of the local shops and venues that you can - you will miss them all when they are gone, and please mention Selsey Life when responding to anything in the magazine..

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

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This month we have kindly had two tickets donated to us by the Selsey Music Group for either of the two concerts being held on Sunday 19th June - the winner can choose which of the two concerts to see. (See page 16 for details)

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



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

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

Good luck with your entries. Competition closes Friday 27th May (please note the winners will not be announced in the June Selsey Life as it will have already gone to the printers, but it will be in the July issue.) We will contact the winner as soon as possible, so if you have not heard from us by Monday 30th May you should still have time to book your tickets.

Last month the seagull was on the 'How many painted eggs' quiz on page 28, and the winner of the Sunday roast for two, kindly donated by the Selsey Club, was Kim Taylor. The prize was drawn by Jake Hawyard.



Name :

Contact phone number and full address:

I found the seagull on:

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Year 6 residential took place in Devon this term.

The week was filled with a variety of activities to test and improve their teamwork and communication skills, and enhance their perseverance and independence.

The activities completed by the Year 6s included coasteering, abseiling, craft stacking, fire and tent making, archery, and kayaking alongside a range of team building games. The Year 6s loved the week away and excelled in every challenge they faced. Some children wanted to share their experience:

I thought it was amazing, my favourite part was coasteering. I learnt that I can do anything I want to - Charlie Jones.

The week taught me to include everyone in everything and if someone needs help to help them! Lucie Greenwood - Hewitt



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DANCE LIVE WINNERS

This year The Academy was able to be a part in the amazing Dance Live event with the support of Chris Williams Dance and Selsey's Youth Dream charity. This new event replaced the popular Rock Challenge which had been running for a number of years but unfortunately due to lack of funding had to close. The new Dance Live was developed to allow students to get a professional theatre experience and compete against schools in their region. On Thursday 3rd of March at The Lighthouse Theatre, Poole the team came 1st Place and went through to the finals on May 3rd at The Portsmouth Guildhall.



Academy students involved were: Rosie Mitchell, Lottie Cooper, Michaela Wragg, Kayla Cobden, Evie Lee, Liam Burton and Darcey Ford.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council, under the leadership of Sue Cole, met with Anthony Smith from Cove's Seal Bay Resort to negotiate a student based rewards package to celebrate our Stars of the Year. The team discussed opportunities available to our winners, their friends and family at the end of the Summer term. Winners will be selected by each department with a celebration at Seal Bay Resort in July. This event will be the culmination of a year of hard work and dedication with students having amassed over 216,000 house points. Yes 216,000! An amazing 95% of interactions between staff and students are positive.

Issue 1 of the NEW School Paper 'The Squawk!'

Two Year 7 members of the Student Council, Marley Coe and Alexander Ellis have been working hard on launching our first school newspaper 'The Squawk!' An amazing first attempt, thank you and well done. *[I will have to watch out. Ed.]*



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

The Top 10 students in each year, based on reward points, were invited in the final week to have breakfast with the Headteacher to celebrate their achievements. These students had received the most reward points over the last term. Congratulations to them all.

Year 7

Tilly Benham, Marley Coe, Phoebe Daniel, Tarren Gratwick, Matty Mavers, Becci Muller, Daisy Rey-Barreiro, Hanna Spalek-Makielak, Jack Taylor, Brooke Walker.



Year 8

Kyra Davies, Max Game, Evie Gray, Bradley Harper, Bobby Lee, Reggie Lee, Jake Morris, Filip Nowacki, Ella Partington, Oscar Wood.



Year 9

Ayla Dalgliesh, Lilly Fauguel, Lochlann Hodnett, Joshua Hunt, Ben May, Daniel May, Max Oliver, Sophie Rowland, Emily Snow, Ellie Watman.



Year 10

Luke Cabrera, Conor Clarke, Zoe-Ann Davey, Katelyn Hagel, Maddison Hotston, Alfie Lee, Oscar Lee, Ryan Muller, Emily Rey-Barreiro, Sarah Walford.



Year 11

Levi Brown, Kai Ellis, Jack Griffiths, Lily Honeywood, Ella Lyon, Maddie Mitchell, Amy-Lou Pink, Matilda Prince, Amelia Pulley, Ruby-Rose Stapleton



HOMEWORK STARS

This term we also celebrated the commitment to homework. For every piece of homework completed students are entered into a draw to receive a tablet at the end of each full term. Winners for the Spring term are:

Year 7 Coby Hammersley



Year 9 Emily Snow



Year 8 Franki Giles



Year 10 Cameron Pavlou



Year 11 Ruby-Rose Stapleton



KEY DATES

- 9th May 2022 - Yr 10 Geography Field Trip
- 16th May 2022 - Yr 11 GCSEs start
- 19th May 2022 - Yr 7 Parents Evening
- 20th June 2022 - 8th July - Yr 10 Mocks
- 28th June 2022 - Yr 8 Army Team building day
- 29th June 2022 - Yr 11 Prom
- 5th July 2022 - Yr 10 College Taster Day
- 12th + 13th July 2022 - Yr 10 Work related learning day
- 14th July 2022 - Whole School Awards Evening

You could be missing out on Pension Credit worth more than £3,300 a year.



If you are over State Pension age, you can use the online Pension Credit calculator, www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator, to help check if you are likely to be eligible and get an estimate of what you might be entitled to claim.

The Department for Work & Pensions has launched a new campaign which aims to tackle some of the myths that may stop people applying.

It also reminds people that even a small award can provide access to a wide range of other benefits. These include help with housing costs, Council Tax or heating bills. For those aged over 75, this includes continued entitlement to a free TV licence.



YEAR 11 UPDATES

Year 11's are now on their final preparations towards the formal examination window and we have been working hard to prepare and support them.

END OF YEAR 11 CELEBRATIONS

Our annual Charity Dress Up Day was confirmed for the 5th May. This 'rite of passage' allowed the Year 11s to come dressed up as superheroes, film stars, animals and cartoon characters, all in the name of raising money.

We are also well underway planning for the Year 11 Prom which will be held on Wednesday 29th June at Chichester Golf Club.

YEAR 9 OPTIONS

The Year 9 Options process was a huge success despite having to wrestle with a Google upgrade! All our young people have selected their next steps and we are

Even if you **own your home** or **have some savings**, it's worth checking to see if you're entitled to **Pension Credit** - you might be surprised.



Selsey Care Homes win prestigious awards

Two Selsey care homes have received prestigious awards at this year's West Sussex Care Accolades which recognise the dedication and hard work of the people who work for almost 600 registered care providers across the county. Staff from Sussex Grange won awards in three categories, while the Bill House also had a winner in one category.

The awards ceremony was headlined with a "personal thank you" from Chichester MP, Gillian Keegan, followed by further thanks and words of encouragement from Keith Hinkley, the Director of Adult Social Services for East and West Sussex.

Nominees were shortlisted in nine different categories and invited to attend the ceremony, with the winners being presented with an engraved trophy and a certificate to highlight their achievements.

The four local winners are as follows:

Ancillary Worker Sussex Grange Amelia Hinshelwood



Care Worker Sussex Grange Phil Woods-Lennon



Best Practice Sussex Grange Margaret Blaikie

Covid hero Bill House Faye Underdown

Tom Jameson said "We are extremely proud of the whole team at Sussex Grange, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them. These awards reflect the exceptional care that we are well known for, both at our care home and in the community, and it is great to see these three worthy winners receiving the recognition that they deserve"

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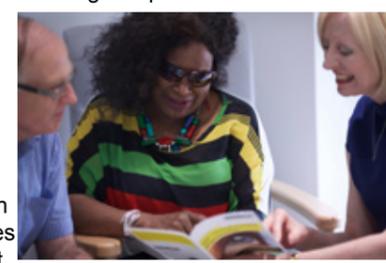
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Living With Sight Loss – How 4Sight Vision Support Can Help

4Sight Vision Support has been providing support and specialist information to blind and sight impaired residents of all ages throughout West Sussex for the last 100 years. Some core services have changed very little, others have changed enormously or been introduced as times and technology move on, and in 2021, major service updates were introduced as a direct result of experiences gained during the pandemic.



A sight loss diagnosis can be a devastating and life-changing time. In the run up to Global Accessibility Awareness Day on 19th May we'd like to highlight how we can provide one-to-one assistance if you or someone you know needs support, or if you yourself are supporting someone with sight loss. Our services are free and you do not need to be referred. We can:

- Help after diagnosis at the eye clinics to enable you to understand your eye condition, the registration process, and promote good eye health
- Help you connect with others, sharing experiences and support
- Provide assessments to identify magnification, techniques and products to help with everyday tasks such as reading, shopping, medication, preparing meals
- Help with accessing benefits and concessions with assistance to complete forms, such as Personal Independence Payments (PIP), Attendance Allowance (AA) and Blue Badge
- Enable you to remain independent, communicate effectively, and develop new skills with the help of technology
- Provide appropriate and up to date information, advice, and guidance in formats accessible for you
- Support with education, training, learning, and employment
- Enable you to access leisure, social, health and wellbeing activities within your community

If you'd like to find out more, or are interested in volunteering or fundraising for us, please call on **01243 828 555**, email enquiries@4sight.org.uk or visit www.4sight.org.uk

Image: Help and Support at a 4SVS Eye Clinic

After the Flood

In time a brand new age will dawn their sickly planet will be mended once nature conquers mankind's thorn her climate crisis will have ended lost glaciers should re-appear rapidly rising seas will fall the future should become more clear a near miss far too close to call

They'll know of tiger, frog and mink and wonder how we let them go they'll strive to bring back from the brink The polar bear, the carrion crow they'll marvel at great cities lost to terrifying flood and fire they'll curse us for the dreadful cost of landing them in such a mire

They'll look back at the things we did aghast with disbelieving minds they'll know how close the planet came from tell tale clues we left behind but mended will their new world be where man and nature give and take distinguishing 'tween want and need where much is honest little fake

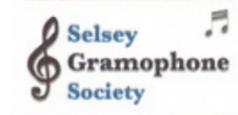
A world with people satisfied to lead life at a slower pace where 'thinking' must be justified a better informed human race but will the lesson have been learned? sixty generations hence will a life for which we yearned? be waiting out there in suspense

Could they – like us – for granted take? the planet and its natural wealth might they make just the same mistakes? respecting not, its fragile health we messed up once and got reprieve a last ditch chance to put things right but they'd be hare-brained to believe they could avert a similar plight.

JOHN BYRNE FEBRUARY 2020
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Selsey Gramophone Society promotes, plays and discusses audio recordings of all genres in their more traditional formats, namely 78s, vinyl, cassette and CD, using the Society's own acquired equipment from the 1970s onwards.

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

- Jubilee Jamboree Meeting – Wednesday 1st June**
Presenter: Martin Elliott
A Celebration of the Royal Elizabeths
Recordings of the 1937 and 1953 Coronations
Including the King's Speech and much, much more
- Wednesday 6th July – Presenter: John Dickson**
Theme: A Musical Journey

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

Members will be welcome to make their presentations at future meetings, and to make suggestions for the development of the Society.

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

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

Martin Elliott and John Dickson – Co-Leaders
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in the Town Hall.
Our Speaker will be David Standing
"Old Fashioned Flowers"



We will also be having a Books/Jigsaws/Plant/and Seasonal Produce Sale Table



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

"Appellation Controlee", "Gran Reserva", "Premier Cru", "nose", "palate", what exactly is "Terroir" ?



I am wondering if there is any interest in having a **Selsey Wine Interest and Appreciation Group** to discuss these and other possibly confusing vinicultural terminologies.

We would meet, say every other month in a convenient location, to taste, enjoy, compare and discuss a few selected wines, then maybe look into and talk about things like storing wine, serving wine, wine countries of the world, grape varieties, etc. It is felt that meeting every other month would be most appropriate (odd months are suggested in order to avoid the Christmas period), so if there is enough interest we could kick off in May 2022.

There would obviously be a small monthly subscription to cover costs. It has been calculated that three top wines could be guaranteed each month using a Wine Club as the supplier at their usually discounted prices. This would be arranged by the Group Leader but in line with members' wishes and preferences.

Also we would try to find a knowledgeable Guest Speaker from time to time to talk to us on a related subject of their choice or from members' suggestions, and we would arrange visits to local vineyards to taste and support English wines.

If you are interested please let me know by dropping me an email to register your interest at lunn.peter@gmail.com

We would probably have to limit the membership of the Group to seven. If there is more demand, then a second Group could be formed accordingly.

Thank you. Peter Lunn
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Friday 27th May 2022

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Non-members – admission £3.00

One of my favourite parts of being an MP is visiting our local schools, I recently went to Bourne Community College to meet students and their teachers for their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) partnership launch. Last year, I opened their STEM Centre which houses facilities for robotics, design & technology, and composite materials, so it was wonderful to go back and see them benefitting so many children.



The STEM Partnership is about the College working with local schools, including Bosham, Funtington, Westbourne, Southbourne, and Chidham primaries, to target the pupils in greatest need of support in these vital subjects to increase attainment and aspirations towards STEM careers. As a group, they share teachers, resources, and take part in group engagement with STEM ambassadors and clubs. It was wonderful to see all the different projects available, including robot wars, green power, and even work with rockets! As someone who started their working career in a car factory, I know first-hand how valuable these skills can be.

I know many people are already feeling the pinch with rising inflation, food prices and fuel costs. Last month the Chancellor aimed much of his Spring Statement at helping those most in need with the cost of living. Such as the cut in fuel duty by 5p for twelve months. Together with the fuel duty freeze, this will save car drivers £100, van drivers £200, and HGV drivers £1,500 this year. Even with such interventions, the coming months will be extremely challenging for many households.

We're also doubling the Household Support Fund to £1 billion to allow councils to support vulnerable families with living costs. If you are struggling there is a wide range of support available to help with rent, energy bills, debt management support, and much more – a good place to start is the Chichester District Council website 'help with finances' page, or if you wish to speak to someone call the Citizens Advice Bureau on their freephone: **0808 278 7969**.

You can keep up to date with all my work in Chichester and Westminster by signing up for my regular newsletter: www.gilliankeegan.com

Gillian Keegan MP

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| 1) Which English king was "the Confessor"? | 6) Who is known to his fellow countrymen as "Sarko"? |
| 2) Who is the "Bard of Avon"? | 7) Which 20th century Pope was "Jolly"? |
| 3) Which English monarch was called the "People's King"? | 8) Which British prime minister was nicknamed the "Grocer"? |
| 4) How is US outlaw Henry Longabaugh better known? | 9) How was Ilyich Ramirez Sanchez better known? |
| 5) Which World War II commander had the nickname "Bomber"? | 10) Which English king was the "Merry Monarch"? |

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THEODOSIA VICTORIA DENMAN 1897 –1981

Recently I was asked 'Do you know when Miss Denman retired?'. The answer was 'Sorry, No' so I set about trying to find out. For those newer residents in Selsey, Miss Denman was the organist and choir mistress at St Peter's Church.

She was born in New Malden, Kingston, Surrey, the daughter of Lewis William Eden Denman and Emma Rainbow. Emma was born in Arlesey, Bedfordshire and was baptised on 7 November 1869. In 1871 she lived in Hitchin Road, Arlesey with her parents. Charles, her father, was an Agricultural Labourer and her mother was a straw plaiter. At that time there were 30,000 women and young children earning a living plaiting straw which was made into items such as hats and baskets. It is interesting to note that, at its peak, in the early 19th century, women could earn more by plaiting than a man could earn on the land.



In 1881 she was a scholar in Straw Street, Arlesey and her father was a Licensed Victualler at The True Briton Public House which still exists in Hospital Road, almost opposite Straw Plait way. He was also a 'Bricky' and a Labourer.

This modern picture is courtesy of Kevin Lane and was taken in 2008. Kevin has kindly given me permission to use it in the apparent absence of older pictures.

Emma married Lewis at St Matthews Church, Camden, London on 5 August 1889 when she was 20 and he was 22. Emma's father was Charles Rainbow, 'a gentleman' while Lewis's was Lewis William Denman, a Clerk in Holy Orders. I can only surmise that this is the reason for Lewis and Emma marrying in London rather than the bride's home town.

1889 Marriage solemnized at *St Matthews Church in the Parish of St Matthews Oakley in the County of London*

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
489	5 th August 1889	Lewis William Eden Denman	22	Bachelor	Poultry Farmer	Houghton Place	Lewis William Denman	Clerk in Holy Orders
		Emma Rainbow	20	Spinster		Houghton Place	Charles Rainbow	Gentleman

Married in the *Parish Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by *Alfred Evans* or after *Alfred Evans* by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *Lewis William Eden Denman* and *Emma Rainbow* in the Presence of us, *John David Smith* and *Ellen Flower*

Lewis' pedigree was a very different thing despite his occupation being Poultry Farmer. Lewis' father was the brother of Thomas Aitchison Denman who was the 2nd Baron Denman of Dovedale. The Denman family included an Attorney General and Lord Chief Justice, a renowned obstetrician, a High Court Judge, an Admiral and the 5th Governor-General of Australia.

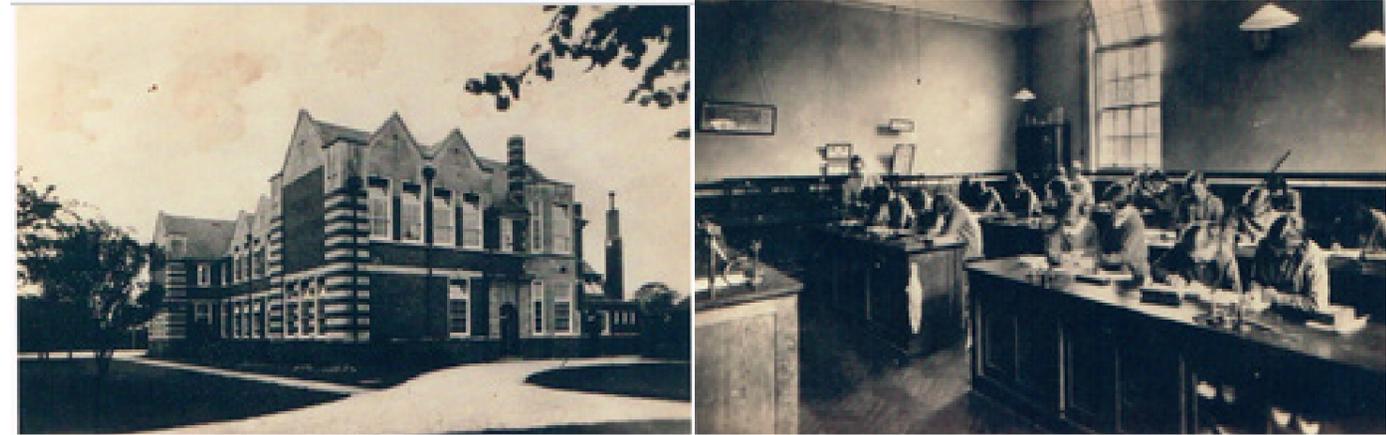
By 1890 Emma and Lewis were in Selsey, living at The Lodge, High Street (later to be the home of Alexander Savitsky) but by 1891 they were in East Road with their son Joseph Alban, born 17 June 1890. Lewis was 'Living on own means'.



Theodosia Victoria was born on 8 June 1897 and was named after the wife of the 1st Baron Denman. Theodosia means 'Gift of God' or 'Giving to God' which seems rather appropriate in view of her later life. 'Victoria' may have been to mark the Diamond Anniversary of the accession to the throne of Queen Victoria, which was also June of that year, but this is pure conjecture on my part. According to her obituary, written by Rev. Hugh Pruen, she was known as 'Dodo'.

In 1901 the family lived at 'The Elms' in Church Norton. Lewis was a Poultry Farmer on his own account. In 1909 Joseph emigrated to Canada to be a farmer.

By 1903 Lewis was the organist at St. Peter's Church, Selsey, a position he held for 13 years. 'Dodo' attended Chichester High School for Girls and became Head Girl.



These pictures are from 1935 and show the main building and the Science Lab. Having gone to a school of similar vintage myself in the late 1950's, I am pretty sure that Miss Denman would recognise them. The High School was founded in 1910 so it must have been very new when she started at the age of 11.

At the age of 18 she had taken over the role of church organist and Lewis had 'down-graded' himself to singing bass.

In 1939 The Denman's were still at The Elms. Lewis was a Market Gardener and Dodo was a Church Organist. Lewis died on 19 May 1947.

On 22 April 1955 Dodo sailed tourist class to Canada to see her brother, Joseph, when she recorded her occupation as 'housewife'. Her return journey on 4 August aboard the Cunard Steamship Co. vessel 'Scythia' was by first class. Her address was still The Elms at Church Norton and her occupation was 'organist'. Joseph returned the visit two years later in November 1957.



Joseph died on 21 April 1965 in British Columbia, Canada and is buried there. He married Annie Mary Spicer on 26 March 1919. She died in 1954.

A contributor to the Parish Magazine of February 1982 wrote the following:

'In due course, Dodo took over as Choir master and worked with a total of six incumbents. Her loyalty and devotion were an example to all; she cycled in from Church Norton in all weathers until she succumbed to a moped, which she rode until shortly before moving to her new home nearer the church, in 1978.'

Theodosia Victoria Denman died on 22 December 1981 at the age of 84 at 35 Windsor Road, Selsey.

And now I am going to quote from Rev. Hugh Pruen's Obituary which also appeared in the above-mentioned Parish Magazine, with permission of Fr. Andy:

'Miss T V Denman, whose recent death will have saddened many, was a great Selsey character and indeed an institution in the village. She had already been organist for almost thirty years when my predecessor, Canon Handisyde, came to the parish in 1944 and she completed fifty years in the post shortly after I arrived in 1966. We had some difficulty in deciding when she had actually taken office, since it seems that her take over from her father was a gradual one, but in the end 1916 seemed to be the right date.

In fact she was to continue for another ten years and celebrate her diamond jubilee, utterly loyal and totally dedicated to the end. Clergy and Church and Choir members came and went but she continued, a wonderful example of the Church of England at its most faithful and its most glorious....

Beneath a shy and seemingly diffident exterior she had a kind heart which showed in many unobtrusive acts of generosity of which few knew....'

It would seem appropriate to quote the Denman family motto which she certainly lived up to:

PRUDENTIA ET CONSTANTIA – Prudence and Constancy

Her retirement date was approximately 1975!

PUZZLING PICS
From Selsey Photo Archive



Any ideas as to who these chaps are please? Funeral Directors perhaps?

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

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

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Kevin Lane, Photographer.

The Puzzling Pic of elephants in the April Selsey Life has been solved. They are in East Street and were seen by Anne Pearce (née Jenkins) from her front garden when she was a young girl. The elephants were walked all the way from Chichester to Selsey.



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The CEO of IKEA was elected Prime Minister in Sweden. He should have his cabinet together by the end of the weekend.

The Write Zone with *Tara Lennon*



'They ought to recycle fag-ends,' the man sitting next to me grunted, flicking through the in-flight magazine. Deciding this pronouncement could not be for my benefit, I continued to watch the shuffling crawl of passengers up the aircraft aisle next to me. 'Do you think that if local councils collected up all the fag-ends, they could put them to good use?'

I swivelled my head and looked at him with minor apprehension. 'Sorry, are you talking to me?'

'I was just saying: if all the councils in Britain recycled all the fag-ends, they could probably make something out of them. Notebooks or printer paper. It would save a few trees.'

'Fag-ends?'

'Yeah, cigarettes.'

'I know what fag-ends are.'

'Just saying.'

I narrowed my eyes, as much in curiosity about his left-field recycling proposition as a dark suspicion that he was about to set the tone for what I'd hoped, up to a moment ago, would be a pleasant flight, silently decanting the plans I had for my week in Majorca accompanied by a drink and tasty snack. The bank of seats in front juddered as the female directly in front of me loomed up like a grizzly from dense undergrowth. Facing backwards down the plane she scanned the passengers behind me. 'Brian ... Brian! Will you be all right over there?' she called. I imagined Brian, landlocked by passengers, adrift from his mate, gesticulating wildly. A one-sided conversation ensued before the lady plunged back into her seat with the force of a killer whale dropped into the sea. I closed my eyes.



'Are you seeing friends or family in Majorca?' The guy next to me was speaking again. I kept my eyes closed hoping that he'd give up. Then I felt something brush my knees. I cracked open my eyes and watched his hand feel around in the seat pocket in front of me. I drew my knees away from his hand.

'Can I help you with something?' I asked sharply.

'Sorry, I'm looking for a menu. I don't have one. Do you mind?'

'No, help yourself.' He glanced briefly at the menu, tucked it into his seat pocket and smiled at me. I bristled at his cheek.

'So, are you visiting friends or family in Majorca?'

Inwardly I sighed that he hadn't given up.

'Just a short break,' I told him with the kind of enthusiasm I reserve

for my ironing mountain.

'Nice,' he replied, ignoring my tone. 'I'm visiting a mate. He's getting married soon and I'm going to talk him out of it.'

I felt my eyes widen. 'Really? Why?'

'She's not right for him. He's not happy.'

This was colossal over-sharing, and whether he was doing it deliberately to bait me into conversation I had no way of telling. In my head, questions flapped like seagulls. I batted them away. I stared at the fasten-seatbelt sign, praying that we'd be underway soon. I glanced at my watch. We were already twenty minutes over our departure time.

'Ladies and gentlemen, this is the cabin manager. Please can I ask that you take your seats as quickly as possible?' A Mexican wave of turning heads stared at the passengers still filtering down the aisle. In the middle of the plane, an argument was breaking out between two men. I poked my head into the aisle, almost colliding with the hip of a man wearing trousers the colour of crushed-strawberries.

'Are you waiting for a written invitation, or what, mate?' Just sit down. Look, everybody's waiting.'

'I'm trying to find somewhere to put my bag!'

'See that compartment thing over your head? That's where the bags go.'

'There's no space and it won't go under my seat.'

I frowned. The older gentleman standing helpless with his mis-fit bag was looking trapped, penned in by accusing eyes.

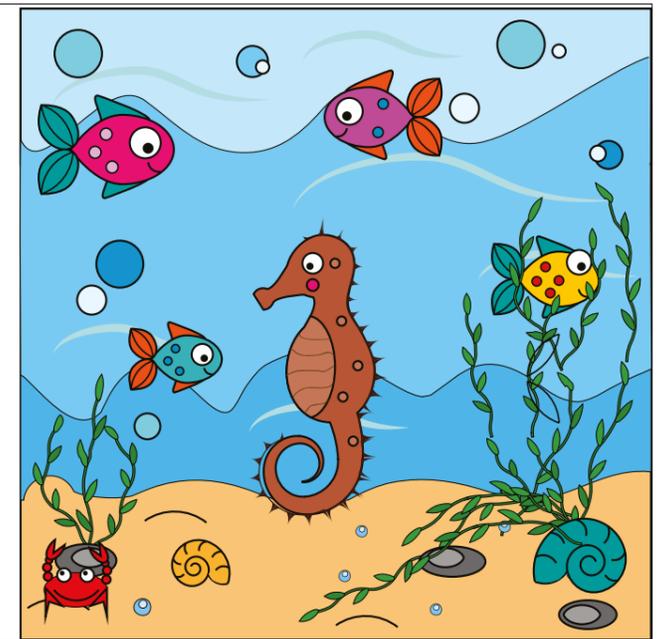
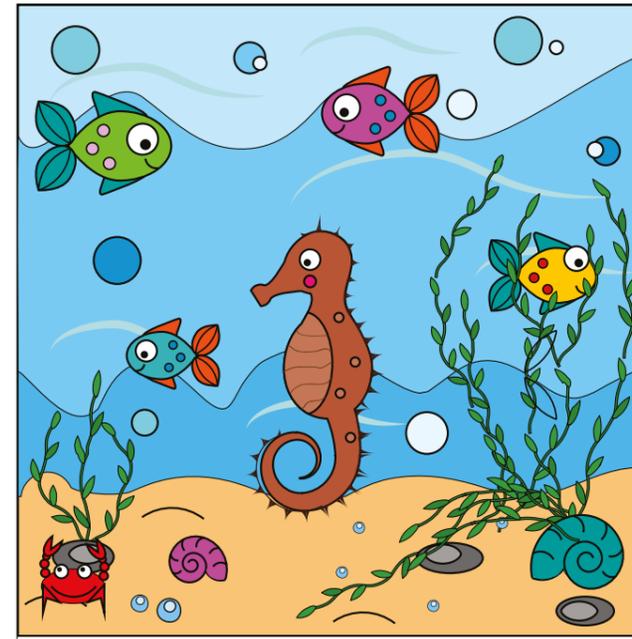
'That's hardcore rude, isn't it?' said my menu-thief. He'd undone his seatbelt and had levered himself upright for a better look. Passengers in the aisle parted, crushing themselves into miniscule gaps to let a member of the cabin crew get to the scene. Just as I pulled back to make room, the man in the crushed-strawberry trousers turned sideways, his crotch colliding with my nose. Beside me, the menu-thief chuckled and re-fastened his seatbelt. 'I don't understand why people take so much with them. One bag, me. That's all I need. One bag. If it doesn't fit in the bag, it stays at home.' As if inspired by his own thinking, he leaned forward, attracted the attention of the passenger sitting across the aisle and regaled her with his wisdom. Could he be any more annoying? As if reading my mind, he reached up and, like a bored child, started to twist the overhead air-flow controls. A jet of icy air hit the side of my head. As he settled back and closed his eyes, I stared resentfully at the side of his face. I reached up, and nudged the air-jet his way. Then I turned on my cabin-crew call button. This looked like a full flight, but maybe, if I was very lucky, some blessed soul on this aircraft might be willing to swap seats with me. Otherwise, I thought grimly, this was going to be a very long flight.



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- 11) Who was "Uncle Joe"?
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- 13) Which 20th century dictator was called "Pineapple Face"?
- 14) Which Irish nationalist was the "Big Fella"?
- 15) Who was the "Iron Lady"?
- 16) Which US president was the "King of Camelot"?
- 17) Which English monarch was "the Bastard"?
- 18) Name the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral
- 19) Which Labour Prime Minister followed Harold Wilson?
- 20) Name Guy Burgess's partner in spying and escape.
- 21) Who was the iconic Latin-American revolutionary killed in 1967?
- 22) Which UK Cabinet minister was at the centre of a 1963 sex scandal?
- 23) Name the legendary head of the FBI.
- 24) Who was the 18th century author of The Social Contract?

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Did you know?
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SELSEY MUSIC GROUP'S NEXT CONCERTS

Selsey Music Group is excited to be part of the prestigious Festival of Chichester for the first time this year. We have arranged for the world-famous pianist, John Lenehan, to come to Selsey on Sunday 19th June. He will be performing two wonderful concerts, both involving the showing of silent films and some still images, and at the same time he will play suitable accompaniment on the piano.



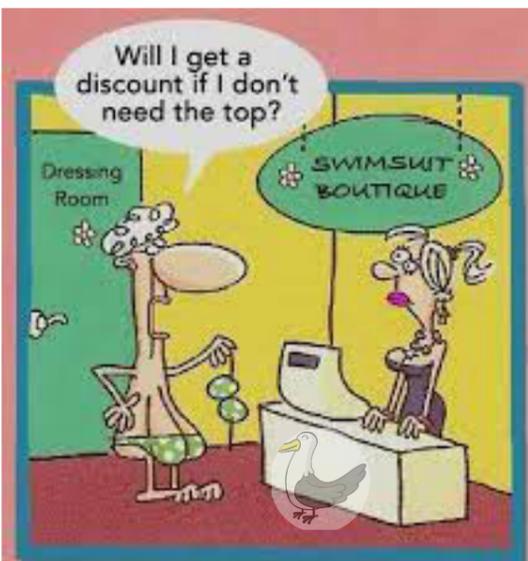
The afternoon's show, 'In the Footsteps of Laurel and Hardy', is eminently suitable for both adults and children and is a very funny and uplifting performance that will have you roaring with laughter. It starts at 4pm (doors open 3.30pm) and lasts 75 minutes.



The evening's performance, 'The Roaring Twenties', is aimed more at an adult audience as there are some subtitles to be read. Clips of films from the era and some still photos are shown and you will learn a lot about historic moments from the time. The world premiere of this show was watched in January by two members of SMG who thought it was absolutely brilliant; it was met with rapturous applause from the packed audience. The evening ends memorably with a wonderful rendition of George Gershwin's 'Rhapsody in Blue'.

Doors open at 6.30, the concert starts at 7pm and lasts approximately 2 hours.

The concerts will take place at Selsey Town Hall. Tickets for the afternoon are £5 for children, £8 for students & seniors, and £10 for adults. For the evening they are £15 for adults and £10 for seniors, students & children. They are available from The Fruit Basket, 5A Orchard Parade, Flawless Finish, 133 High Street, or on the door (if any are left!).



Update from the Chichester Neighbourhood Policing Team



Distraction Burglary

You may have heard of a "Distraction Burglar" before. They're also known as "bogus callers".

Their intention is to trick you by taking advantage of your trusting nature or kindness and will pretend to be someone they are not in order to gain access to your home.

Some will work alone yet at times they may work in pairs and one of them will aim to distract you so their accomplice can access your home.

They could be male, female, of any age, wearing a uniform, everyday clothes or even smartly dressed.

Common methods that we've seen used before – they may pretend to be from a care agency, the council or a utility company investigating a gas, water or sewage leak. They may pretend to be unwell and need a glass of water or claim to be in a hurry / an emergency and they need to get into your home quickly.

Our advice is to be extremely vigilant about unexpected callers. If you don't know them or you're not expecting anyone then don't let them in.

Put the door chain on before answering the door or use a door viewer to see who's there.

If you are unsure whether they are genuine then always ask for identification. An official visitor won't mind being asked for I.D. – this goes for everyone, even the emergency services.

If you're still unsure, then ask them to wait outside whilst you call the customer services department of whichever company / organisation they claim to be from. Close the door while you do this.

If the person is asking for a favour, such as a glass of water or to use your toilet, then direct them to a public place or a nearby shop. It's natural to want to help others but sadly this is a technique distraction burglars sometimes use to take advantage of others.

For pre-planned appointments with a utility company, request that a password scheme be set up.

If at any time you are concerned, then call us straight away on **999**.

Remember – If in doubt, keep them out!

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YOU MAY SEE AN ELK AT THE SELSEY SURGERY!

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One example of new equipment provided through the Friends is an ELK (short for Emergency Lifting Cushion with Airflow compressor). This was recently of immense help when a patient was unable to get up from the floor after a heavy fall in the surgery. The flat cushion was placed under the patient and slowly inflated by the airflow compressor, bringing the patient to a comfortable sitting position. Thus the patient was lifted from the floor without risk of further injury nor any strain on surgery staff.

We're doing a modest membership drive during 2022 and hope you'll be kind enough to support us by joining The Friends or perhaps re-joining. You may see our bright yellow posters on boards or in shop windows around the town. We'd like to thank the businesses and organisations who have kindly agreed to display them on our behalf.

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

The easiest thing to do is phone **01243 945263** and talk to Rosemary, our Membership Secretary, who will welcome your call!

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Update

Information
from Selsey's
team of
Independent
Councillors

We thought we'd explain to those newer members of our community, and indeed others who may not know, why we decided to form Selsey's Local Alliance.

We are a grouping of current and previous Town Councillors, and local residents. We realised, in late 2018, that being 'separate' from each other, was not the best way to operate, so not in the interests of Selsey. Working on the basis that 'the whole is greater than the sum of its parts', we organised an informal group to share ideas, skills and knowledge. When Donna & Tim decided to stand for Chichester District Council, it became clear that our town's interests would be better served, if we registered with the Electoral Commission. Only groups which are registered have a legal right to be given committee seats, so by registering, we could be more effective. We are entirely apolitical and our membership has national allegiances across the board. These differences are set aside, because Selsey is our focus.

The formalising of the Local Alliance does not compromise individuals' independence; everyone votes as they like. We work collegiately, and co-operatively, but that doesn't mean we always agree - we just set aside disagreements. Over 300 'localist' organisations, like ours, are registered across the UK - they focus on a small area. Many of these smaller 'parties' like the Local Alliance, represent areas which feel 'overshadowed' by their District centres - in our case, Chichester.

Independent Councillors joining forces is not unusual, and it is constructive. It ensures small areas like ours can be fairly represented, with everyone committed to working together, rather than separately. We believe we are more effective for our town, working as a team, as we are seen as one entity, rather than a disparate group of individuals. Given that we have 'lost' two years due to Covid, this has never been more important.

We look forward to sharing news and updates with you.

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Did you know?

Ruth Wakefield, inventor of Chocolate-Chip cookies, sold her idea to Nestlé in exchange for a lifetime supply of chocolate

25) Who was the first president of independant Zambia?
26) Who was the Nazi war criminal executed in Israel in 1962?



Watch your step!

As children we were taught that birds nest in trees, and whilst many species do indeed build their home on the branches and in the trunks of many trees, there are so many more that will nest on the ground. Why they do this is uncertain, as surely it would make them more vulnerable to predation. Well not necessarily. Nests on the ground are generally far less conspicuous than the majority of nests in trees. They are superbly camouflaged using the habitat and environment around them. Think about it, we have all seen nests in trees, but how many nests have you seen on the ground?

Chiffchaffs and willow warblers make nests in low vegetation and often in the grass itself. I have watched a chiffchaff coming and going from one such nest just two feet from the woodland path I had been walking on.



Skylark nest
(c) Andy Hay

Similarly linnets, meadow pipits and skylarks will make their nests on the ground in open countryside and farmland, with nothing to show but a small depression lined with grass. Yellowhammers and corn buntings seem to prefer the edges of fields bringing their little cups of grass closer to pathways.

Lapwings are often seen rising nervously from grasslands where they make a small scrape or depression in the ground covered by grass and redshank will also choose to nest on these surroundings.

Shingle beaches are the preferred nesting habitat of numerous shore-breeding birds including terns, oystercatchers and ringed plovers. They also make a shallow scrape in the shingle but their eggs, and the chicks when they hatch, are so well camouflaged that you are likely to tread on them rather than see them in time.

Of course all manner of ducks, waders and wildfowl will nest on and around the shores of ponds and lakes, with a variety of scrapes, hollows and vegetated nests, some obvious and some, again, distinctly not.

It is therefore, unsurprising that disturbance is the one of the major causes of brood failure in ground nesting birds. All of the birds I have mentioned you can see in and around West Sussex and all occur on our reserves of RSPB Pagham Harbour and RSPB Medmerry. However, the majority of those I have mentioned are also red-listed birds, that is to say, they are of the highest conservation priority, needing urgent action. Red-listed species include species that are globally threatened and with historical declines of at least 50% of their breeding population.

So what can we do? Can we do anything? The answer is resoundingly, yes we can! The simplest thing is probably the most effective - watch your step this breeding season,

keep to paths and please keep dogs on leads in the countryside and on reserves until at least after the breeding season is over. By doing so we will give ground nesting birds the best chance of rearing families successfully and give us the pleasure of seeing and hearing them again next year.

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RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry

May

Saturday 7 May, Bird Watch: Spring into Pagham!

Would you like help finding and identifying the birds of RSPB Pagham Harbour? Join our friendly guides on the reserve as we look for spring migrants and summer breeding birds! Our nesting seabirds, including little terns, sandwich terns and Mediterranean gulls, will be back on their nests now! Our guides will be where the action is, so ask for directions at the Visitor Centre.

10am–1pm, Free event

Saturday 14 May, Guided Walk: Medmerry in May!

Join our guides for this wildlife walk around the west side of our wonderful Medmerry reserve, a haven for birds and wildlife with its fields, hedges, bushes, mudflats, inlets, pools, beach and big skies! We'll be helping you find and identify lots of birds, including breeding birds of the farmland, hedgerows, marsh and Stilt Pools, and maybe even some rare migrating birds still passing through!

10am (duration 3 hours), meet at RSPB Earnley Car Park at 9.45am

£7.50 per person / £4.50 members



Skylark
(c) Chris Gomersall



Yellowhammer
(c) Andy Hay



Monitoring
Redshank
nests



Newly hatched Little Tern chick
and egg in nest (c) Ben Andrew



Lapwing on nest
(c) Ian Francis



Little Tern chick



Ringed Plover on nest
(c) Andy Hay



Raven

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

May 14th 1264. The aftermath of the battle. Two thousand corpses lie strewn on the slopes and riverbanks around Lewes. Some view this as a victory; for others this is defeat. But for a large, black bird who has calmly watched the bloodshed from the side-lines, this scene of slaughter is an all-you-can-eat buffet. Democracy never tasted so good.

Smart birds, Ravens. Way before 1264 they'd realised they needn't waste their energy killing to eat when other less intelligent species can do the dirty work for them. For centuries Ravens exploited man's enthusiasm for resolving quarrels with clubs and swords. Ravenous Ravens dined out at all the finest battlefields, burial grounds, gibbets and gallows.

Hanging around with corpses would get anyone a bad reputation but the Raven's took on mythological proportions. Across the northern hemisphere the bird became respected and revered by many cultures as an omen of death, denizen of the afterlife, messenger of defeat. This sinister CV secured them a plethora of portentous appearances in everything from the Old Testament to Game of Thrones. The sight of a Raven struck fear in the heart of man who would dare not harm it. Today Ravens still occur in our folklore as the earthbound spirit of King Arthur, and at the Tower of London the birds are entrusted with the fate of the kingdom.

Yet aside from all the make-believe malevolent accolades bestowed on the Raven, it truly is magnificent to watch. As befits Britain's wickedest bird, the Raven certainly dresses the part in a costume of sleek, glossy black feathers, shaggy 'beard' and stout dagger beak. It commands the sky; wheeling on wide wings and uttering its guttural 'cronk cronk' call. Sometimes their behaviour is incongruous with their evil image. To see Ravens rolling and tumbling through the air during their joyous display flight is like catching the grim reaper doing the hokey-cokey.



Raven
(c) Peter Brooks

When not busy instilling fear in the population, Ravens performed an important clean-up job ridding Britain's towns of rotting rubbish and the bird was protected by royal decree. But in the 17th century people's perceptions changed and for centuries the birds were persecuted. Ravens, and the old beliefs they represented, were exorcised from England. By 1895 they had vanished from Sussex.

But informed, tolerant attitudes have recently allowed Ravens to return. They mostly breed on our chalk cliffs and quarries but can be seen flying over our towns and cities. In our comfortable world of surround sound and selfies there is something reassuringly sinister about watching a Raven circling overhead; a spectral souvenir of our brutal, primitive past. Sussex will never again be the site of a bloody revolutionary battle. But there's no harm in a few Ravens hanging around. Just in case.

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Raven
(c) Tom S B Lee

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Saturday 21 May, Bird Watch: Summer Seabirds!

Would you like help finding and identifying the birds of RSPB Pagham Harbour? Join our friendly guides on the reserve as we look for summer breeding birds! Our nesting seabirds, including little terns, sandwich terns and Mediterranean gulls, will be on their nests now! Our guides will be where the action is, so ask for directions at the Visitor Centre.

10am–1pm, Free event

Saturday 28 May, Guided Walk: Medmerry in May!

Join our guides for this wildlife walk around the west side of our wonderful Medmerry reserve, a haven for birds and wildlife with its fields, hedges, bushes, mudflats, inlets, pools, beach and big skies! We'll be helping you find and identify lots of birds, including breeding birds of the farmland, hedgerows, marsh and Stilt Pools, and maybe even some birds of prey!

10am (duration 3 hours), meet at RSPB Earnley Car Park at 9.45am

£7.50 per person / £4.50 members

Tuesday 31 May, Discovery Day – Pond dipping & mini-beast. There are so many fascinating creatures that live, lurk and hunt in and around our lovely ponds and Discovery Zone. Explore and discover the amazing underwater world and the tiny creatures that live on the reserve, before having a crafty time and creating your own weird and wonderful mini beasts.

10.30 (duration 2 hours)

£4 per child / £3 members

June

Saturday 4 June, Guided Walk: Summer Seabirds!

Would you like help finding and identifying the birds of RSPB Pagham Harbour? Join our friendly guides on a walk around the reserve as we look for some of our summer breeding birds, including nesting seabirds such as little terns and Mediterranean gulls.

10am (duration 3 hours)

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We have listed below the various positions that we need filling.

DRIVERS You only have to have a U.K. driving licence to drive the smaller bus. Should you already have a D1 license you can drive the larger bus.

SATURDAY MORNING HELP. To help sort goods, clothing, books etc. Also to assist our customers with their purchases.

OFFICE STAFF. Morning or afternoon. Computer skills are not necessary but would be useful.

All of the above only require empathy with our members and people that you come into contact with.

Just a few hours a week/month of your time is all we are asking of you at a time convenient to you.

Please phone our office **01243 605115** or email ventureclubselsey@gmail.com and leave your name and contact details and the position you are interested in and the relevant person will contact you.

Shall we talk about dementia?

Some 900,000 people in the UK are living with dementia, and by 2040 this is likely to rise to around 1.6 million. One person in every 20 over the age of 65 has dementia, and one in every five people over 80 has the condition

Dementia can affect a person in different ways because it may impact their memory, language and behaviour and even their mobility, coordination and vision. If you have an older loved one who has recently been diagnosed with dementia, what can you expect as their condition progresses? How will they change, and how can you best support them?

Tackling common challenges
'Let's talk about dementia' is a new guide from leading care home provider, Care UK, which tackles 21 common questions and scenarios that families experience as they navigate their loved one's condition.

This free guide captures the real life experiences of relatives of Care UK residents living with

dementia plus advice from expert care home managers. The result is a resource packed full of vital insights into how to approach the physical, behavioural and emotional challenges of dementia.

Did you know that people with dementia may walk with purpose, often pacing for hours at a time? Or that they can experience a restlessness called sundowning syndrome? Many people also don't realise that their loved one may still look for companionship and physical affection. 'Let's talk about dementia' addresses these areas and many more.

Time to talk
While there's still no cure for dementia, we do have the knowledge to help those who have it to live well. 'Let's talk

about dementia' is a powerful resource that family members, friends and the wider community can use to support people with dementia to enjoy a happy and fulfilled life.

To download Care UK's 'Let's talk about dementia' guide visit careuk.com/chichester-grange

Trust us to care
Chichester Grange is Care UK's care home in Donnington. Here our expert team are trained in the latest dementia care approaches. We provide quality care for older people living with dementia in a calm and supportive atmosphere.

To find out more about dementia care you can trust, call us on 01243 884815 or email caroline.thomas@careuk.com

The Selsey Private Club, Coxes Road
PO20 9AN 01243 606015
New members welcome.





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

You will also find a wonderful function room where there is entertainment most weekends and where Sunday Lunch, the best Roast on the Coast, is served.



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

There is a weekly Bar Menu with specials on food and drinks, please enquire as below.





What's on for May:

Saturday 7th May
Sharon Lamley covering party songs from across the decades.

Saturday 14th May
Mirth Comedy Club, 4 Comedians and a Comper

Saturday 21st May We are having another Open day to raise funds for the Ukraine. We will be having Cream teas and non stop entertainment plus more from 2pm until approximately midnight. The event is at the request of Kirsty Hammond and Steve Denne, and we are looking to fund another trip with humanitarian aid to Poland. Anyone who can help with raffle prizes donations and entertainers etc please get in touch.

Friday 29th Tubbs's Ska Northern Soul Motown and Reggae

Saturday 28th Steve Williams fabulous Voice and Guitarist.

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

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

We are in the process of introducing a new range of guest cask ales for our members to enjoy and have a new food menu to suit all tastes and pockets.

On Monday 25th April we introduced a housekeepers menu where we have a selection of meals at affordable prices to suit everyone. We are going under the age old saying that it is cheaper per person to cook for 10 or 20 people than it is to cook for 1 or 2 people, these meals will consist of Meat Potato's and 3 Veg and are order only, and can be eaten in or take-away Please call us on **01243 606015** or **07767 421297** for menu selection and your choice. Prices: Small.....£3.95 Med.....£4.95 Standard..£5.95

Keep an eye on our Facebook page The Selsey Private Club Ltd for updates.
We are host to the RNA, the Selsey Lions, The Selsey Folk and Music Club, Julie's Art Club and much more.

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

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

Just call in we will show you around..

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

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





May's Update

There have been over 21,000 deaths in West Sussex since the beginning of the pandemic and sadly due to lockdowns, many were unable to be with loved ones as they passed away or to attend their funerals.

As part of **West Sussex County Council/NHS Joint Dementia Strategy** a “**Reflective**” memorial has been commissioned. This will provide people the opportunity to reflect with others and share precious memories of their loved ones. It takes the form of a reflections sculpture of 200 steel forget-me-knots and will be on display at various locations around the county.

The **Selsey Community Forum**, in partnership with **Sage House** (Tangmere) will be taking their turn on **Friday, 13th of May** with the memorial at the **Chichester Festival Theatre**. There will be an opportunity to join other people in viewing the sculpture, writing a memory, poem, sharing a photo, that will be placed in a jar. All contributions to the jar will be then made into a memory book which will be held for public viewing. There will be information about developing your own memory box, and other resources made available.

We would like to invite you to join the communities across West Sussex, to reflect on losses of loved ones during the Covid pandemic.



Dementia Awareness Week takes place between **16th May-22nd May**. During this time **Selsey Community Forum** will be reminding our community about the amazing work that takes place in our area to enable us to be a more dementia and compassionate community.

For more information about these activities, please ask us at the **Selsey Care Shop**. We will also be focusing on fundraising opportunities to ensure that the activities and support can continue. To find out more about making a gift or leaving a legacy to **Selsey Community Forum Supporters**, please pop in or check the website www.selseycommunityforum.uk

Karen Pirks

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

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Opening Hours: Mon – Fri: 9am – 4pm Sat: 9am – 1pm Sun: 10am – 1pm



In Memory of Cliff Reeves



Cliff played the piano from when he was young, and during his various jobs he kept in with numerous bands.

After a post at Huntington, he took the job of Head of Music at Manhood Community College (now The Academy) in 1980. In 1981 he succeeded in securing a donation from Roger and Martin Bunn to obtain musical instruments, together with two trophies.

Known as the Manhood Showband, within the year they were performing at the Chichester Gala. Their many successes included, in 1984, the Mayor of Chichester's Charity Ball, 2 programmes for Radio Sussex, making a tape for Radio Solent, and the National Festival of Music for Youth at the South Bank, London. (They were the only band in Sussex invited).

They also undertook many local functions. Cliff left the teaching position in 1990, and the band later closed down. However, after retiring Cliff continued to give little piano concerts in aid of local youth projects and other charities.

Cliff sadly passed away in late February.

Thank you for all you did for us, Cliff.



(Thankyou to Marjorie Hughgraham and Bernard Hope for the information and images)

The “Iron Way” across the Manhood Peninsula

Crawling along the B1245 in slow moving, heavy traffic, one wonders if there is an alternative. Well, for a few decades from the 1890s, there was – a narrow gauge railway known as the “Selsey Tram”.

The Light Railway Act of 1896 made it possible to build light railways and local businessmen seized upon this for a railway connection between Selsey and Chichester across the Manhood Peninsula. A tramway was selected because it avoided more expensive and stringent regulations relating to railways - including safety arrangements at road crossings! The plan developed into a narrow gauge light railway designed by Col. H.F. Stevens, a light railway engineer. The plan attracted local agreement and even landowners in the area, seeing business potential, sold land thus avoiding compulsory purchase actions.

The line opened on 27th August 1897 as the “Hundred of Manhood and Selsey Tramway”; locals nicknamed it the “Sidlesham Snail”. It ran from just south of Chichester Station towards the coast with a manually operated lifting bridge over the Chichester canal. The next stop, Hunston, was a coaling and water depot. The line then ran to Sidlesham, Pagham Harbour, Ferry and Selsey Town. It originally terminated at Selsey Beach, although that stretch closed by 1908. The line also included several “halts” such as Chalder Farm, Hoe Farm (a private halt for the landowner) and Selsey Golf Club (another private halt). The total length was 7.25 miles.

Construction and land purchase cost £21,570 and the initial rolling stock cost £3,268. There were two engines - “Selsey” painted blue for passenger trains and “Chichester” for goods trains. Seven passenger trains ran each way on a weekday (one extra on Monday) and three on Sunday. The complete journey took 30 minutes. There were no signals on the line and safety responsibilities were vested in the staff on duty.

Sadly there was one fatal accident on 3rd September 1923, when a train derailed near the Golf Club Halt killing the fireman and injuring the driver. The subsequent inquest returned a verdict of accidental death, although the jury also commented on poor upkeep of the track. An earlier incident occurred when the line was flooded near Pagham harbour in December 1910. The line then had to be raised above the water level before re-opening. A horse bus was used whilst repairs were carried out.

However, over the years after WW1, passenger numbers declined from 102,292 in 1919 to 21,088 in 1933 mainly due to the growth of road transport. This made the Selsey Tram financially unviable. There was a possibility at one point that the Southern Railway Company would take it over but that was declined. By then the Southdown Motor Services were running timetabled services and passengers preferred to use these. The Selsey Tram finally closed in 1935.

Today, little remains of the tramway except half a mile raised bank alongside Pagham harbour, part of a farm track between Pagham harbour and Selsey golf club and a quarter mile farm track west of Hunston village. A section of the track is now a footpath from north of the Chichester canal towards Stockbridge, whilst a concrete structure adjacent to the canal shows where the track crossed via the lifting bridge.

Today, given the pressure on the B1245 the cost of living and climate change, would there now be a role for the Selsey Tram or something similar?

Helena Millen

(See <https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-the-selsey-tramway-1928-online> for a video of the tram in action ; Ed.)

In the Garden

our monthly guide to gardening - In memory of Giles Peare

Jobs for May

Hedges are now sprouting rapidly, so keep well-trimmed to prevent them looking untidy. Most hedge varieties can be left alone until early Summer but the quicker growing types need up to three trims a year.

After two or three mowings at a high cut, the mower can be moved to a normal setting. In order to keep the lawn in good condition, plan to cut it every 7/10 days. Turf or seed any bare patches.

If more than six weeks have passed since early Daffodils or Tulips growing in grass, have flowered, lawns can now be cut without fear of harming the plants.

Winter Heathers now need to be cut back or they will not have time to make enough new growth for flowers next year.

Most houseplants will need a weekly feed at this time of year to encourage strong growth. Cacti will benefit a lot from a high potash feed such as a Tomato or flowering-plant fertiliser.

Earth up all varieties of Potatoes and water early Potatoes in dry weather to ensure heavier yields.

Try to remove the dead flower trusses of Rhododendrons and Azaleas to tidy their appearance and prevent seed formation.

The warmer weather means Greenhouse pests such as Whitefly will breed quickly. Control by spraying regularly or use biological control.

Sow Runner Beans where they are to grow at the base of canes.

Tip Top Tips

- Take action to protect all tender plants if a late frost is forecast.
- Clear out Spring bedding and begin hardening off Summer bedding plants.
- Feed fish regularly and also give a special Aquatic fertiliser to water plants.
- Feed and weed lawns to encourage good growth.
- Ventilate Greenhouses and Conservatories and think about shading in the Summer.
- Lift out and divide Primroses and Polyanthus that have finished flowering. Replant into soil enriched with some rotted organic compost.
- Feed growing Tomatoes regularly with a high potash fertiliser to encourage good flowering and fruiting.
- Don't forget to place straw between plants of Strawberries.
- Do not water with a spout when a mist spray is essential.
- Do not broadcast small seed without mixing it with sand or fine soil.
- A kettle of boiling water works wonders on weeds in paths and patio cracks.
- Soak Nettles in water for a few days, draw off the liquid through a sieve and use as a spray against Aphids (i.e. Greenfly, Blackfly and Whitefly).

Hello all, and happy May! 'Ne'er cast a clout till May is out' that's the saying for the fifth month, and it seems pretty appropriate to me. I certainly don't go too far without a jacket! Let's hope that we've turned the corner, though, and that we see a bit of sun.

Don't know how many of you use Google Maps on your smart phones. Anyone who knows me will tell you that I am seriously directionally challenged, and have absolutely no navigational skills whatsoever, so Mr Google has been a great help to me. Given that Maps just keeps doing its thing in the background, it regularly sends me updates of my movements. Now, when I first realised that this was happening, I must admit, it did spook me out a bit. It's not that I'm anywhere I shouldn't be - (well, not often, anyway!) - more that the forensic detailing of where I went, how I got there, and how long I was there for, was a bit disconcerting. I did make a point of turning it off for a while - then I turned it on again. (Why?)



Apparently, last month, I stayed in the UK, but visited 12 cities and 48 places. I walked for 18 hours, but was in a car, bus or train, for 35 hours. I went to 176 'shopping' places, 127 places which served food and drink, 28 places which are considered 'cultural' and 41 'attractions' - whatever that may mean. That didn't sound quite right to me, but I've worked out that walking through a shopping centre will imply that I visited any shops I was nearby to, and anywhere I may drive through, will assume a visit. It's only when you look at the breakdown of the times you spent at these places you realise that 'raw' information is not necessarily quite as accurate as it seems.

One very interesting statistic is that although I travelled 2,144 miles, only 230 of those miles would be classed as 'low emission' - in other words, for 230 miles, I was either walking or on public transport. It's very difficult when you live at the bottom of our long and winding road, of course - we've got to travel for 9 miles before we really get anywhere. It has its positives, but when trying to do our bit for climate change, in terms of transport, it isn't easy.

In Selsey we are trying to be proactive and there's lots of tree planting going on. They are the ultimate carbon capture machines, locking-up carbon and keeping it for literally centuries. We will also have a pollinator highway soon, a West Sussex project in conjunction with one of our Selsey community groups, which will hopefully increase the bee population. Einstein is alleged to have said that 'If the bee disappeared off the face of the earth, man would only have four years to live' - there is some debate about whether he did actually say this or not, and indeed whether the armageddon-like prophecy is actually likely. It would, however, be a disaster for our planet. Plants would start to disappear, they would become extinct just because they weren't being pollinated, which would impact on the food available for some animals. There would be an indisputable break-down of the natural food chain and the extent to which food prices would increase, would represent economic and social disaster. It would all be very disturbing, so anything we can do to help our little bee friends out, must surely be to our advantage. Fun fact: in Britain, we have around 270 different species of bee, of which around 250 species are actually 'solitary' - they don't live in a hive with thousands of other bees - they live entirely on their own.



My regular couple of readers will know that, truth be told, I am a bit of a tree hugger and I find watching trees be cut down really upsetting. I know sometimes there is no alternative - we have a 'miniature' willow in our garden, which would quickly not be miniature if we didn't prune it back, but it is a very good species for

soaking up water, and we all know how high the water table is here. I have learnt that it's necessary to plant the right trees in the right place, in the right way, otherwise, however 'nice' they may look, they won't sustain, and we won't have achieved anything, save killing them off. They are probably the single most powerful weapon we have against climate change. Irrespective of personal views about humans' contribution to it, it is a fact that temperatures are going up, and we are having more incidents of high intensity rainfall. Climate change is a massive and extremely complex issue, but the planting of even one single tree will help, and we can start ensuring that our planet will be protected for future generations.



This month, of course, will be the beginning of the GCSE and A level exams. It's been an incredibly difficult time for our young people, who have had to deal with an enormous amount of disruption to their education since Covid hit. Being married to a teacher, I was able to see first hand just how difficult it was for many students to struggle through online lessons - infact it was a challenge for teachers and students alike. My husband always used to finish lessons a couple of minutes early so his students could have a short chat with each other; it certainly wasn't 'normal' but for a very short while, there was a bit of interaction. As someone who had to get used to Zoom meetings, I can tell you it's very difficult to stay focussed and concentrate for very long in a 'virtual' situation, so I completely understand how hard it must have been for our young people. School years have had to be collapsed together sometimes when teachers have been ill, and it's been next to impossible to find supply teachers to take over. Covid and other bugs have still been doing the rounds, so all in all, year three of Covid, whilst not seeing lockdown, has certainly been tough. I'd like to send my very best wishes to all our young people taking their exams this month, and in June. You've all done incredibly well to get this far.



Hopefully, we will be able to 'cast a clout' at the end of this month, and the gardeners amongst us will be able to get out there and start planting. Gardening is a bit like the Forth Bridge, you stop at one end of the year, then it's time to start again at the other. Gardens, these days, are the size of handkerchiefs - long gone are the days when houses were built with sufficient land to cultivate vegetables and fruit, which is very sad actually. I always find it interesting to go up to Sidlesham as they were part of the Land Settlement Areas which were set up in 1934. Some 1,100 small holdings were set up, and 5 settlements of 'Cottage Homesteads' of about half an acre were set up across the country, About 100 unemployed industrial workers and miners arrived in Sidlesham in 1936 - the idea being that unemployed workers from depressed, industrial areas would be re-settled, and the expectation would be that they could go into agricultural production. The LSA continued until 1983, but some of the small holdings are still used for their original agricultural purpose today.



This late May Bank holiday is, of course, going to be a special one - as it's being moved to 2nd June, with the new, additional Bank Holiday on 3rd June, to recognise the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Selsey will be celebrating, but whatever you do - enjoy yourself!

Take care, all
Donna donnajohnson279@gmail.com

Selsey Open Gardens May 29th 2022



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

Theme this year is Wildlife gardening.

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

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

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

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

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

The Hidden Garden

a Selsey Community Garden for all to enjoy. Come and join us and meet other passionate gardeners, learn seasonal gardening ideas, swap seeds & plants and help grow fresh vegetables and flowers to take home.

Open every Saturday 10-4pm
at The Bridge Support Centre
behind Selsey Library, PO20 9EH

Contact Paul on
07815 790770 for more
information

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THE BRAEMAR GATHERING

by Patricia Read

When my husband, Chris, retired after 35 years in the Royal Navy aged 50, some might have found it strange that he was planning on buying a boat and going back to sea again. We hadn't been married long at this point and never having sailed before meeting him, I did manage to pass my Level II Dinghy Competency whilst stationed in Gibraltar for two years, but when we left Chichester in July 1999 for what was to be seven years living on board our boat, I had no idea what colourful people and adventures, most wonderful, some scary, lay ahead in the numerous countries we visited, filling many diaries. Now I have time to look back on those diaries, bringing back many memories, and this is just one of those stories, which made me chuckle and I hope you do too.

We were to spend seven months in the Caribbean sailing along the Windward Islands, and had moved on to the smallest inhabited island of the Grenadines, Mayreau, population 250. We'd heard on our travels about a Bob Marley look-alike called 'Righteous', who had a bar on this island, which we were told served the best rum punches in the Caribbean.

We dropped anchor on a calm, clear, aquamarine sea with no other boat in sight and a completely deserted beach. After making everything secure, we both jumped into the warm water and swam towards shore, soon finding the soft sand beneath our feet. Standing on the warm sand, we looked back at our boat, glistening in the sunshine, and then surveyed the virgin beach with a backdrop of palm trees, and the only sign of life our own footprints. Beyond the palms was dense vegetation, through which we followed a narrow path for a few yards before stopping suddenly in our tracks at the sight which beheld us. Hidden tidily away behind bushes we discovered tall piles of white plastic beach loungers, hundreds neatly stacked and completely invisible from the shore. To our left was a steep, narrow path through the bushes, which we decided to follow, still puzzled as to the great number of loungers and who they might belong to, but in a few days we would find out.

We followed the distant sound of reggae music and as we drew closer, we were faced with a brightly painted shack with a small verandah at the front where a couple of locals were drinking. Sure enough, there was Bob Marley himself with long dreadlocks, a broad welcoming smile, and a handshake to greet us with the enthusiasm worthy of meeting long lost friends. During the next couple of unforgettable hours, we discovered why Righteous, his guitar and his rum punch, which went down like nectar, were legendary throughout the Windward Isles. We eventually, very reluctantly, said our goodbyes and staggered, rather than walked back to the beach, thankful that it was downhill and that the water was still like a millpond as we swam back to our boat.

We awoke the following morning to a boat rocking and rolling, a heavy sea, and grey skies. The change was dramatic, and during that day we made an aborted attempt to reach the shore again, but this time in our dinghy. The crashing waves on the shoreline made it difficult to beach it with the heavy engine on the back, and although there was a small wooden dock, we didn't want to risk leaving the dinghy banging against it in the heavy swell. We returned to our boat and for the next five days stayed put, stormbound and taking advantage of the books we'd picked up at different bars and restaurants on our travels. Chris found that, instead of Bernard Cornwell's Sharpe's novels and military history, in desperation he'd discovered that many lady writers were also a compelling read. Luckily our food stocks were enough to see us through.

On the Sixth day, I emerged into the sunny cockpit with a cup of coffee to find a much calmer sea and was startled to see an enormous cruise ship had arrived silently during the night and was now anchored on our stern. Although it was a few hundred yards distant, it seemed much closer with its towering decks and I saw it was Fred Olsen's cruise ship, the Braemar.

I shouted down to Chris that we at last had company and that they were already off-loading passengers and crew into bright orange pod-like boats, ferrying them to the small dock. We decided to get into our dinghy, and this time row out to the dock ourselves and by the time we were ready and had reached the dock, hundreds of Braemar passengers had been ferried to shore, and we hauled our dinghy onto the wooden boards.

The mystery of the loungers was soon solved as hundreds were now arranged along the length of the beach, with the addition of comfortable cushions, which had been transported in crates by dozens of Malaysian crew members. Our arrival was witnessed by a few of the crew, but had gone unnoticed by the crowds now settled on the beach, so we mingled with the hordes and then settled down on two of the comfy loungers with our books and a beer! It was a novelty to have English company around us, or any company at all for that matter.

There was much activity behind us with the setting up of a gargantuan feast on rows of trestle tables, also transported, together with large chests and crates, by crew members, one at each end. Eventually the signal was given that passengers could form a queue for the banquet, which looked fit for a king. We were ushered along by the crew, and so felt we would look out of place if we didn't go with the flow and join the happy throng.

I suggested to Chris that we shouldn't get too chatty with anyone, in case they asked how we were enjoying the cruise, but there was no stopping his usual friendly banter, whilst I held back a bit, worried that someone may start off an awkward conversation.



As we neared the feast, I hoped to get round as quickly as possible, but the queue snaked at a snail's pace around the tables, which had been beautifully laid with white damask tablecloths and decorated with large ice carvings, which were starting to drip in the heat of the day. Many chefs offered us steaks, chicken, pork, lamb and salads of every description, fresh vegetables, fish and pies and much more so that holding our plates soon became a balancing act. Another plate was put onto my tray to hold the tropical fruits, which had been carved into shapes of animals and flowers, and the choice of numerous

gateaux. I felt some relief when the bread rolls and baked potatoes were in sight at the end of the last table, and hastily beat a retreat to one of the further benches and tables which had miraculously also been set up by the crew. Meanwhile Chris was having the time of his life choosing from the many salad dressings and chatting away to fellow diners.

Having eaten everything on our plates and feeling replete, we retired back to the loungers where we were treated to a wonderful display by the ship's band and a turn by the Entertainments Manager who was sporting a tuxedo and bow tie, with shorts and flip flops on his bottom half. He was carrying a small silver tray on which was a bottle of champagne, accompanied by two champagne flutes. With whoops of delight, rather rotund ladies took turns in having their photographs taken with him, showing only their upper bodies and the wonderful tropical backdrop, giving the impression they had their own personal butler.

As the afternoon drew to a close we made a move before

the rush started back to their ship, and returned to our dinghy, which we launched onto a much flatter sea. Half way to our boat, we were surprised to pass the Entertainments Manager, the tails of his tuxedo floating on the water behind him, swimming along with two bikini clad ladies in his wake. We asked if they were all OK, and he said that he and his girlfriend and her mother had decided to swim back the Braemar, but had not realised quite how far it was from the shore, but insisted they wanted to carry on.

Some twenty minutes after we'd boarded our boat, the trio reached us and we called over the side to them, asking if they would like to come aboard for a drink. It was bizarre to find ourselves fishing a man out of the water in evening attire, along with his two ladies. We were concerned that a search party might be launched if they were seen setting out to swim towards the liner, but his girlfriend replied 'Oh no, everyone knows he's a nutter'. We had a very entertaining and amusing half hour with them over gin and tonics, before they all dived back into the water, but this time heading back to the shore. As he swam away he shouted to us 'If ever you're passing the Braemar, do come on board as our dinner guests'. Quite how this could happen I wasn't sure, but thanked him anyway.

By six o'clock the beach was deserted again, with all traces of their presence removed, except for the neatly stacked loungers hidden away behind the trees and bushes. All in all a rather satisfying day.

27) Who was Soviet leader at the time of the Cuban missile crisis?

28) Who became leader of the British Labour Party in 1980?

Dear All

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

Can you let me know :

1. If you are able and willing to knit squares for blankets? IF so please start knitting and sending ASAP!! The pattern is below.
2. Are you able to recruit some more knitters? Please pass on pattern .
3. Are you or your knitting group able to find someone to crochet (or sew) squares together ? Single blankets are the most needed 63 (9x7) 8"squares make an adult single blanket .
4. Is anyone willing to accept squares and join together (crochet method is on pattern but happy to have them sewn) ? If so whereabouts in the UK are you?
5. At present squares can be sent to me, Sue Hoskinson, address at end of this article, but we can increase production if someone else can receive and join too .
6. Any **Completed blankets** should go to Charles ... important ..PLEASE contact him to let him know you are sending them

charles@storerbox.co.uk

Contact number 01277 350660,
website www.hopeandaiddirect.org.uk

ADDRESS FOR **COMPLETED** BLANKETS :

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Barbara Robinson's (Best Ever) Diagonally Knitted Squares:

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

**Selsey Gardening Club**

Our May meeting will be on Friday 13th May
(2nd Friday of the month)

Gloria Robinson from Tawny Nursery



will be giving a practical demonstration

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE
St Peters Church Hall, St Peters Crescent, Selsey
7.30pm start

There may be the opportunity to buy plants so
bring along some spending money just incase

Subs are now due at £10 per year
cheques should be made payable to 'Selsey Horticultural Society'
should you wish to pay online please ask for bank details

Raffle Tea & Coffee available
Where possible please could you bring the correct money.
Visitors Welcome £1.50 per visit



As COVID numbers are still high, we
encourage you to wear a mask
whilst attending meetings and sanitise your
hands on arrival.

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

Cast on two stitches

Knit 1, then increase one stitch by knitting into front then back of 2nd stitch,
Continue increasing one stitch on every row like this until work measures 8" alongside edge and you have approximately 60 stitches depending on tension.
Knit one row without increasing
Then on next row Knit 1 and then begin to decrease by knitting 2nd and 3rd stitches together then Knit to end
Continue until 1 stitch remaining. Cast off

Joining together

Squares can be sewn or crocheted together in strips and then strips joined
Finish off with a border of crochet - two rows and a row of little loops or whatever takes your fancy !

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

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

Take two more squares and using same continuous yarn do the same across and continue adding pairs until 7 pairs of squares joined. (Like a washing line!) Break yarn
Go back to beginning and similarly join one square to one of each of the pairs again with continuous yarn.
Carry on adding rows until 9 rows altogether.

Then turning blanket 90 degrees work each join across the other way.
I usually then crochet a border/frill and include the loose ends in this

Hope this makes sense! If not contact me sue@hosko.co.uk
I usually put in a 15p 'Bag for Life' and label single blanket plus carrier

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CRABLANDS BOWLS & TENNIS CLUB

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



Crablands Short Mat winter ended with out Finals producing some exciting games to finish the season.

In the prestigious Open Singles it was a close match from the start & it wasn't until the 16th end that Elaine opened a significant lead 14-7.

Trading end for end John could not deplete the lead & lost 21-14. Elaine will go on to represent the Club in next season's Champion of Champions.



**Open Singles Finalists
Elaine Sadler & John Hardy**

The Ladies' singles was gripping to the final end, Elaine taking an early lead but Cheryl finding her form to draw level 15-15 on the 21st end. Again taking shot for shot it was 19-19 on 28th end and, with Cheryl taking 2 shots on the next end it was victory for the relative newcomer.

The Men's singles saw Les take an early lead but Tony clawing back to within 1 shot 13-12 after 17 ends. Les then pulled out all the stops and won 21-12.



**Ladies' & Men's Singles Finalists
Elaine Sadler & Cheryl Brown
Les Jewiss & Tony Dade**

The start of our Non-Winners singles, contested between John Hardy & Marcus Whiting, promised to be a close contest but in the end the greater experience of John was too much for Marcus who faltered on 7, final victory to John 21-7

Elaine & Les were once again appearing, this time together in the Australian Pairs. Determined to take revenge for last year's defeat, Gill Oliver & Jim Saunders romped into a 12-9 lead with only 4 ends remaining. However, Elaine & Les were not having this and took the remaining ends, winning 16-12.



**Non-winners' singles Finalists
Marcus Whiting & John Hardy
Australian Pairs Finalists
Elaine Sadler/ Les Jewiss & Gill Oliver/ Jim Saunders**

In the Open Pairs, Elaine & Les were once again partners but this time Denise & Bill Merritt got the better of them winning with a significant score line 22-14.



**Open Pairs Finalists
Elaine Sadler / Les Jewiss
Denise & Bill Merritt**

Being Heathers first season of competition the Ladies' Final was always going to be one way despite the experience of her partner, Elaine.

Cheryl & Mollie romped away with it from the start & Heather & Elaine were surprised to take 12 shots from them! Final score 23-12.

Our Chairman's Cup Pairs between Val Foyle / Tony Dade & Alex / Graham Ainge was a well contested affair till half way through when they were drawing 8-8. Val & Tony then got the bit between their teeth & took most of the remaining ends winning 22-11.



**Ladies Pairs & Chairman's Cup Pairs Finalists
Heather Clarke & Elaine Sadler
Cheryl Brown & Mollie Back**

Our final game, the Drawn Pairs between Elaine & Les against Rod & John, again proved to be nail-biting, score line 15-15 with one end remaining. All 4 had proved worthy finalists but a fantastic shot by Rod on this final end, sealed the game 16-15.



**Drawn Pairs Finalists
Elaine Sadler & Tony Dade
John Hardy & Rod Shambrook**

During the season our Members delight in playing each week in our Internal League. **Monday League** winners were Sylvia Ballinger, Graham Ainge, Les Jewiss, Bryan Jackson & John Hardy. **Wednesday League** winners Tony Dade, Sarah Fewster & John Hardy. **Friday League** winners David Neal, Elaine Sadler, George Arnold & Graham Ainge.

The Bitterns went to East Preston Green on Thursday 17th March. Both triples were won so we get a much needed 6 points. Our last match, so we have to wait for the other teams to play to see if we stay in Div.1.

Crablands short mat members Elaine Sadler, Cheryl Brown and Graham Ainge qualified as the 4th team to represent West Sussex at the 2022 National Short Mat Triples Final in Melton Mowbray on Sunday 10th April. There were 63 teams at the final and the Crablands team were very probably the least experienced team there. However, despite very tough competition they did well to score 2 shots against Worcester 2, 6 shots against Cornwall 2 and 3 shots against East Sussex 2.



Crablands Avocets were delighted to win their last two short mat league matches of the season. They played away matches against Lavant Blue and then East Preston Blue and secured 6 league points for both. This secured them the third position in their Division - a great result.

Bitterns & Cormorants successfully remain in Division one for our next winter season & Avocets will be top of Division 2 next season.

Well done to all our members a brilliant winter season 2021/22 here's to a successful 2022/23.

If you are interested in taking up short mat during the summer months in preparation for our winter season, please contact Alex Ainge Short Mat Fixture Secretary via email alex.ainge@btinternet.com or call her on 01243 605918.

Crablands Green Bowls start their summer season...

Here we go with the first report of the season: Opening Day 2022 48 plus bowlers were welcomed by President Ian Ford for our first match in glorious weather. We played for a couple of hours before being "fed" by Carole Cornwell and her willing band of helpers. Many thanks to those ladies. Thanks also to Tony Dade and his own "band" for presenting a green in excellent condition. The "Red" team just pipped "Black" 85-79 with the winning rink comprising Julia McClaren, John Hardy, Tom Oliver and Ian Ford. Tony Dade won the "spider".

Interested in joining Green Bowls? Please contact Chris Lewendon Green Bowls secretary via email chrisandlew@hotmail.com or call her on 01243 601859

Crablands Tennis Section - May 2022

Welcome to all our new and existing members. It looks like being a record year for membership which is very exciting.

We would like to thank all those members who kindly donated money for the Ukraine Fund. Konrad Marek and Ilze Danga have recently returned from visiting the Ukrainian border, delivering the money collected and generally helping out where possible. The Mayor of Puchaczow Commune presented Konrad and Ilze with a Certificate of Thanks along with beautiful books of the area signed by the Mayor. The Certificate will be on display in the Clubhouse along with one of the books. And of course, a heartfelt thank you to Konrad and Ilze.

Crablands Bowls & Tennis Club joint website is - crablandsbtc@hotmail.co.uk



Opening Day 2022 Bowlers



The world premiere of the choral piece *Shifting Shingle*

A piece inspired by the climatic conditions of Selsey composed by International Composer Howard Moody. Performed by 80 Selsey singers and 4 brass band players. Conducted by Martin Elliott.

Performances June 5th
The Jubilee Stage at the *Jubilee Jamboree*,
Recreational Field Selsey
2.30 pm & 5.30 pm

This is a FREE opportunity to see and hear a unique composition funded by Arts Dream Selsey

Singers include: Selsey Community Choir, Sing Your Heart Out Selsey, St Peters Church Choir, The Shanty Men and Maids, Cloud Nine Musical Theatre Group.



SELSEY CANCER RELIEF FUND
DATES TO REMEMBER
Methodist Church Hall 10am
Saturday May 7th Jumble Sale 10am
Saturday August 6th Jumble Sale 10am
Saturday September 3rd Jumble Sale 10am
There is ample parking behind the Fire Station.

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

Sadly, last month's pet of the month Pugsley the cat is still looking to find his forever home. Please do have a look at our website to see all my furry friends that are available for adoption.

I wanted to share some really good news with you that our longest resident cat Binky-Lou has finally found her forever home. Binky-Lou had spent nearly 500 days at the rescue centre after being brought in to us in December 2020 because she was stressed by the other cat in the home. Because of this and the fact that she couldn't go outside she was going to the toilet outside of her litter tray. She did continue this at The Centre but after all medical tests came out clear it was determined to be behaviour and probably due to stress. She was rehomed once while being with us but after a few days she was unfortunately returned for being too active. She was a lovely friendly girl who would always be hanging on the front of her pen to meet the staff. Finally, after 476 days she has now been adopted and I am so happy that her new owners took a chance and adopted her. I am excited to hear how she gets on in her new home.

As we are now coming into warmer months, my staff have been busy preparing for some exciting events throughout the local area. They are all really excited that there is many lovely events we can attend this year to help with spreading awareness of The Centre and the work we do. Please do have a look at the website to see the events we will be attending, my staff and volunteers would love you to come say Hi!

Did you know that at our charity shops, The Centre and at events we are now selling CRRC Tote bags? For £5 you can get yourself a lovely new shopping bag, spread awareness of The Centre and all the proceeds go towards supporting the animals, that's a win for everyone!

Lovely to chat to you all again, see you next month.

Love Markus x

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



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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

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

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

Pickles, Salsa and Chutney

This month we would love to introduce you to Pickles, Salsa and Chutney. These three gorgeous rabbits arrived at The Centre in January as their owner no longer had the time to care for them and felt they would be better off with someone with more time. Pickles is a neutered male and Salsa and Chutney are female, they are all 4 years old and are looking for a new home together. They are all friendly rabbits who will come straight over to you for strokes but they would also benefit from being with someone who has lots of time to spend with them building up their confidence but also give them lots of cuddles. Pickles does have an issue with a few lumps in his tummy which have been investigated by our vet who after trying a few things felt they would be fine to leave them. These lovely rabbits would be suitable to be homed with children but would need to be housed in larger accommodation which would be suitable for all three to live together.



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

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

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

Baby Rhyme Time

Join our baby rhyme time fun with rhymes, songs and musical instruments. All babies and toddlers welcome!

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

Every Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am

West Sussex County Council Selsey Library School Lane, Selsey, PO20 9EH 01243 602096



Preparing for baby season at Brent Lodge

Here at Brent Lodge baby season is in full swing. In addition to sixteen fox cubs – some tiny ones still with grey fur and being hand-reared in incubators, some already exploring our new bespoke outdoor fox enclosure - we have a plethora of chicks. This is particularly welcome news after having to turn away birds for the first time in the charity's history due to bird influenza in recent months.



Fox cub



Duckling

We have ducklings, fledgling pigeons, baby blackbirds and even a young robin, all keeping the staff busy with demanding feeding schedules.



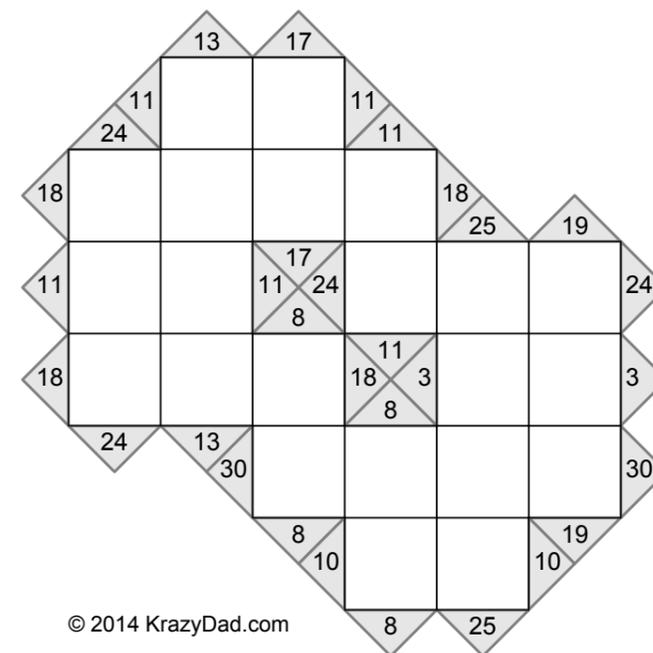
Blackbird fledgling handfed

Bird news

One instance of bird flu on site would mean euthanising all existing patients and closing the whole centre for up to nine months. So, while we're thrilled to have our feathered friends

Did you know?

The first baseball gloves were flesh coloured in case spectators noticed and accused players of cowardice.



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Kakuro puzzles are like a cross between a crossword and a Sudoku puzzle. 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 of "across" words, and on the top and bottom sides of "down" words.

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



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

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

For more details go to: www.saintsofsussex.com



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

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday May 8th 10.30 am Dr. Mike Nicholls
 Sunday May 15th 10.30 am Mr. Adam Cook and Mr. Tim Cooper
 Sunday May 22nd 10.30 am Mr. John Carr
 Sunday May 29th 10.30 am Mrs. Margaret Thompson

Our minister is Revd. Ian Suttie 01903 245799



SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

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



A quick survey.

The Boss was talking to somebody who has 4 great-great grandchildren. Do any of our readers or their friends have any more than this or know anybody that has more than this? We would be interested to know. Please email us in the normal way, or call 07534 364943, or put a letter through 42 Beach Road letterbox.



ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

The church is open daily for prayer and visits.

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

Please check our noticeboard and website for service times

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

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



St. Peter's Church News

Sue Ripley, the organiser of Young Church, writes " There was great excitement in Young Church at the arrival of an envelope marked 'Buckingham Palace'. We had made cards to send to our Queen to congratulate her on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee, and were delighted to receive a reply in the form of a card from Her Majesty thanking us for our kind message. There was also a letter from one of the ladies in waiting, who was interested to hear about Selsey's plans for the Jubilee celebrations." The children involved were each given a copy of the letter, and the original is now on the Young Church noticeboard in the church hall.

As spring is here the first weddings of the main wedding season have already taken place, at one of which the procession included a very well behaved little dog. Some of the weddings have been delayed for two years, and one is soon to take place after three postponements. St Peter's is a lovely venue for weddings, and we are very happy to begin hosting them again after all those months when it wasn't possible. It's so good to see the wedding groups again and hear the wedding bells ring after all those months of restrictions!

29) Who followed Harry Truman as US president?
 30) Name the US newspaper tycoon with lots of prizes after his name?



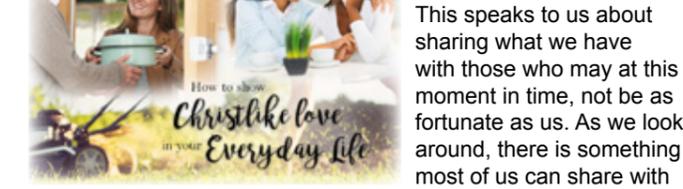
Beacon Church Selsey

It was lovely after two years of various levels of lockdowns and social distancing, to be able to truly celebrate Easter and it's story of good news and hope. Wasn't it great too, to have the freedom to visit family and friends? At Beacon Church on Easter Sunday, we had the privilege of hosting a ResBite Tea, and we sang together some Easter songs and reflected on Easters past and present.

Of course, it was not the end of the story when Mary discovered an empty tomb and the Lord Jesus risen from the dead. The two Marys were not the only witnesses to the risen Christ – the guards saw first hand too Jesus come out of the tomb alive. He went on to appear to all his disciples, but first He came alongside two of them as they travelled from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus. They did not recognise Him but despite their sadness of the moment at having seen their best friend crucified, they still extended the arm of hospitality to this unknown traveller inviting Him into their house to stay overnight and share a meal with them. Importantly here, they did this before



they realised who their guest really was. This speaks to us about sharing what we have with those who may at this moment in time, not be as fortunate as us. As we look around, there is something most of us can share with



someone else. We in our community are great at seeing a need, and doing something about it, whether it be Foodbank donations, responding to appeals for Ukraine, cooking a meal for another, offering to share our home with refugees, collecting prescriptions, visiting lonely folk, supporting some through challenging chapters in their lives, or simply coming alongside someone as they navigate difficult times in their life. We are with these actions, bringing hope and a Beacon of light and love to others. Sometimes sharing will mean a sacrifice in some way for us too, but we should never forget, Jesus 'gave' His life. For what? In the Bible, John 3:16 explains..... *'For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life'*. Wow, the offer of external life, joining Him in heaven after our time here on earth!..... The alternative to being in Heaven for eternity is not worth considering.

It was good to be represented at the **Selsey Town Council Annual Town Meeting** at the end of April and give people an idea of our church life and our involvement in the community. If you have not had opportunity yet to meet us, why not drop in?..... You are assured of a warm welcome!



Regular Weekly Church Events

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

May Diary

Sat 7	Men's breakfast at the Boulevard
Sun 8	5pm Evening Worship around the Lord's Table
Mon 9	1.30pm Inspire – Pebble Art
Sun 15	3pm ResBite Tea
Sun 22	5pm Spotlight
Mon 23	1.30pm Inspire - Colouring/Bring your own project

June Diary

Sun 5	10am All-age Worship – Theme: - Platinum Jubilee
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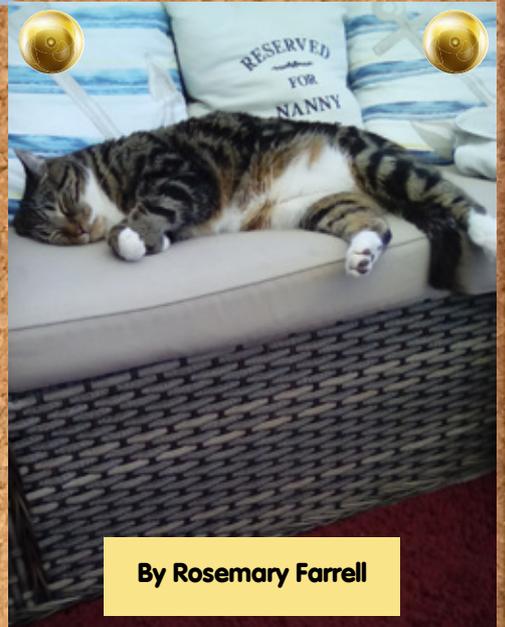
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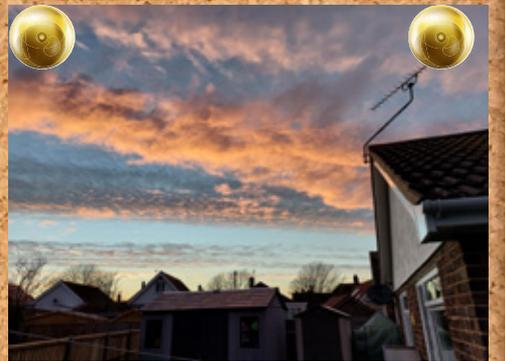
By Rosemary Farrell



Just taking a nap by St Bernard



Left picture by Amanda Bridger



By Dennis Wheeler



Princess Ena by Martin Elliot



By Meryn Woodland



Above by Alan Ede



By M Hains



Sedge warbler singing by Eira Brewster

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