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Selsey Community Forum is a Registered Charity which aims to bring together local voluntary and professional organisations in order to identify and help to meet the community needs. The forum involves a partnership of County, District and Town Councils, churches, charities and voluntary groups as well as the commercial sector. Over the past four years, while helping to develop the Selsey Community Plan, the Forum has been involved in starting and sustaining over 100 new projects and organisations; current examples are described below. More information on these projects is available at selseyinfo.co.uk.

Selsey Information Exchange (SIX) provides an information service to the local community which aims to raise awareness of the wide range of facilities and activities available within the village; it publishes a directory of local clubs and leisure activities and also maintains the Selsey Community Diary. SIX operates from a small unit in Penny Lane, High St, and provides information for both visitors and newcomers to the local community.

Ferry Farm Solar Project will provide energy sufficient to power 1,300 homes. This innovative project, based on our very sunny Manhood Peninsula, offers ownership shares to local organisations and individuals. It is expected to produce up to £35,000 each year for a fund to support local community groups. Selsey Community Forum has been invited to administer this fund for a 3-year trial period, starting in Spring this year.

Selsey Community Forum also aims to guard the financial health of local voluntary organisations by continually seeking new sources of funding. Many of the activities and projects with which the forum is involved are undertaken by volunteers who freely give their time and efforts to the local community. Nevertheless, the forum does need funding for a variety of unavoidable expenses. We are fortunate to have received financial sponsorship in the form of grants and donations from a wide range of organisations and individuals; among our benefactors have been the National Lottery, West Sussex County Council, Sussex Community Foundation, Chichester District Council, Selsey Town Council, Highhouse Insurance Services, Aztec Computers, Star Advertising Products, MT Video Services and a wealth of individuals, many of whom have been anonymous. We do have a continuing need for funding and all contributions are most welcome. If you feel able to make some donation, would like to remember us in your will, or would like to join our valuable band of volunteers, please let us know.

Membership of the Forum is open to charitable and voluntary organisations operating in Selsey; they are welcome at meetings of the forum – the next is on Wednesday 15th March at 4.15pm in The Academy.

STOP PRESS! As you will see from an article elsewhere in this magazine, there are moves afoot to make Selsey into a Dementia-Friendly Community. Selsey Community Forum, working through Selsey Community Watch, will play a central role in the partnership which aims to implement this initiative. Selsey is judged well-suited to become a Dementia-Friendly Community because it already has a large number of the caring community activities which are needed to make a success of this new project.

Learn more at selseyinfo.co.uk, from 01243 201616 or at Penny Lane, High Street, Selsey.

Selsey Internet Radio, now broadcasting as Manhood Internet Radio, publishes a weekly podcast and has a library of earlier editions.



Selsey Community Watch (SCW) seeks to identify the vulnerable in the community and to counter loneliness, particularly amongst older residents. It is an association of professional, voluntary and other local groups which provides practical support and befriending activities to those in need. Current projects include Good Morning Selsey, offering a daily phone call and a friendly chat, Senior Selsey News, a newsletter intended for older residents and help in running ResBite Teas and Movies for Memories.

Flood Local Active Group Selsey (FLAGS) was inspired by a Selsey Sea Defence Conference in Jun 2016 which alerted to the possible risks of global warming and resulting sea-level rise. FLAGS monitors the threat of local flooding and the impact of new building developments, as well as the integrity of the flood defences. It is currently working on contingency plans to alleviate the effects of local flooding.

Cycling routes between Selsey and Chichester leave a lot to be desired: the narrow and busy B2145 is potentially dangerous for cyclists and the existing off-road routes are a challenge to commuters. Much progress has been made towards establishing a safe and reliable cycle route to Chichester; the Selsey scheme has now been recommended to West Sussex County Council for priority consideration.



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Date: 20 January 2017

Selsey RNLI lifeboat gets early morning call for assistance

UK Coastguard (Solent) paged the lifeboat crew at 3.10am on Friday 20 January. They requested the all-weather lifeboat (ALB) launch to the assistance of the 47ft tug boat General Six with 3 persons aboard.

The crew of the General Six reported via mobile phone that the vessel had machinery failure and they were drifting approximately 5 miles south west of Selsey Bill. With no radio contact with the vessel the ALB headed at best speed to the given position and once on scene quickly located the vessel at 4.10am

The weather on scene was Wind East North East force 4 Sea state Moderate in clear sky with good visibility. After checking the crew of the General Six were fit and well at 4.15am a line was passed to the crew of the General Six and a tow was established. At 4.20am the tow commenced towards Chichester harbour.

The harbour was reached at 5.15am and the General Six was safely berthed alongside in Sparkes marina at 5.25am with the help of Hayling Island Coastguard team. The ALB was unable to rehouse at Selsey due to tidal conditions so remained at Sparkes marina until 7.10am when they departed to return to Selsey.

The ALB arrived back at station at 8.05am and was rehoused washed down and refuelled by 8.45am.

The crew today were Coxswain Martin Rudwick, 2nd Coxswain Willy Pledger, Mechanic Gary Pearce, Colin Pullenger, Rob Archibald, James Albrey and Dan Langford.



Date: 21 January 2017

Selsey RNLI lifeboat assists tug boat for the second time in 36 hours

UK Coastguard (Dover) requested the

Selsey RNLI all-weather lifeboat (ALB) be launched to the assistance of the Tug boat General Six with three crew aboard which had reported engine failure and that they had been aground at one stage and suffered water ingress.



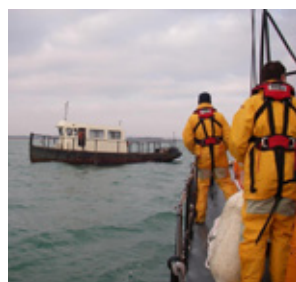
The General Six had no radio only mobile phones so the Coastguards had scrambled the Rescue helicopter to locate the vessel which was believed to be close to Littlehampton Harbour



and after locating it the helicopter advised a lifeboat would be required. Because of its weight 50 tons the Selsey volunteer crew were paged.

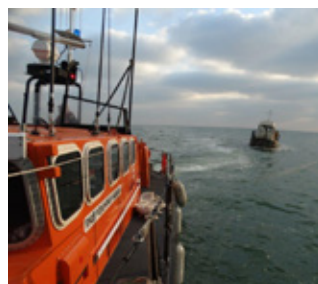
The ALB launched at 1.42pm on Saturday 21 January and proceeded at best speed to the position given by the Helicopter which was 8 miles East of Selsey.

At 2.07pm the ALB was on scene with the General Six the weather on scene was Wind Easterly F3 Sea state slight in good visibility. After confirming the crew were all ok and the water ingress was caused by breaking waves while the vessel was lying over during the grounding the Helicopter was released and a line was passed to the vessel to establish a tow.

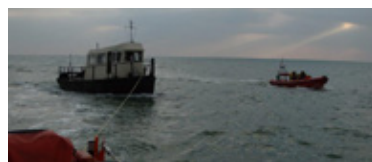


A course was set for Littlehampton harbour and at 2.22pm the tow commenced. Due to the weight of the General Six the coxswain asked Littlehampton lifeboat launch to assist entering the harbour.

Before entering the harbour two lifeboat crewmembers were transferred to the General Six to assist berthing. At 3.18pm the harbour entrance was reached and the General Six was safely berthed alongside in Littlehampton harbour at 3.50pm.



The Selsey ALB departed Littlehampton straight away to return to Selsey arriving at 4.45pm and rehousing straight away. The lifeboat was washed down and refuelled by 5.30pm.



The crew today were Coxswain Colin Pullenger, 2nd Coxswain Dave Lamdin, Mechanic Phil Pitham, Max Gilligan, Will Moir, Craig Sergeant and Pip Skeet.

Key facts about the RNLI: The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 230 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and has more than 140 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 137,000 lives.

Visit the RNLI's official [YouTube channel](#) for more films and follow our rescue stories on [Twitter](#).

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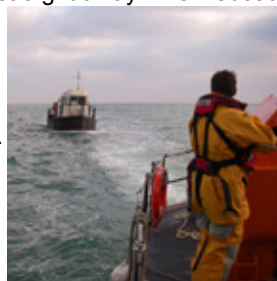
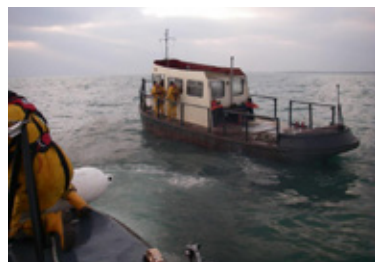
Back from a fantastic 8 day diving in the Maldives aboard dive boat MY Blue Voyager I arrived back here in Selsey to be quietly informed by my grandson that the photo attributed to me of the lifeboat slipway and snorkelers on page four of the Feb edition was not one of mine but in fact his. So abject apologies to grandson Thomas Challen. Mea Culpa as I forgot that there is now another budding underwater photographer in the family.

Again apologies to Thomas

Eddie Clamp

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Recent Callouts

07/01/17 17:39

Team paged to assist the ambulance service after a lady had fallen off the sea wall, near to East Beach car park.

10/01/17 14:37

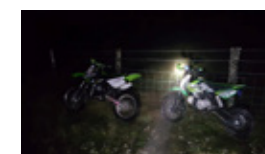
Team paged with both Selsey Lifeboats to help search for a vessel aground which was unsure of their location.

We located the vessel off Bracklesham Bay and Selsey Inshore Lifeboat was able to tow the vessel off to deeper water, Hayling Lifeboat was also launched to take over the tow from Selsey Lifeboat to Sparks Marina.

Returning to station at 16:45

29/01/17 18:04

Team paged to reports of two 14 year old boys that were missing after their motor-bikes had run out of fuel on Bracklesham Beach.



The weather conditions were very poor with heavy driving rain and winds.

Search teams were deployed and the two boys were located near to the breach at Medmerry. Both boys were fine although very cold and wet, they were issued with jackets and blankets before a long walk back to our vehicle where they were reunited with their Dad and were made warm. We recovered both bikes and pushed them back along the shingle to be picked up.

Returning to station at 20:20

VHF Channel changes coming in 2017

Boat owners, shipping companies and anyone who puts out to sea are being informed about a change in some of the VHF channel numbers used to contact UK Coastguard.



As a result of changes to Appendix 18 (Marine VHF) of the Radio Regulations it will mean that VHF channels 23, 84 and 86 will no longer be used for either Maritime Safety Information (MSI) or Radio Medical Advice.

The channels to use from September 2017 will be VHF 62, 63 and 64. The use of VHF Channel 10 for MSI and pollution control (back up) is unchanged.

Mark Lawson from the Maritime & Coastguard Agency said: 'Although it's not happening until September, when it happens the changeover will be absolute and we want to make people aware of this changeover in good time given our commitment to deliver maritime safety and wider support to the maritime community. 'The exact date of change will be announced as soon as possible. In the meantime, we suggest anyone who uses any type of vessel makes a careful note of these replacement channels so they are ready when it does happen.'

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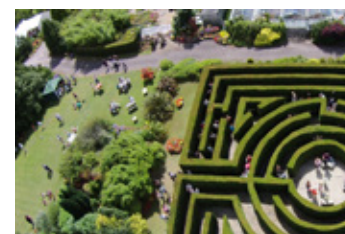
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MAZEGARDEN, Sidlesham, Newsletter

A new year and another visit to London to join in the launch of the 2017 fundraising for Perennial-Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society. This time we went to the Barbican, a short walk from Moorgate underground station.

There was a big auction which raised £11,000+, a raffle followed by the presentation of Perennial Champions Certificates to people judged to have done special events raising large sums for the charity. Having been included in this category 2 years ago we were astounded to be called to the stage to receive our Perennial Champions Certificate. We accepted this award on behalf of our wonderful team of volunteers who turn up before, during and on Open Day to make the magic happen. THANK YOU ALL.



Our 2017 Open Day will take place on 6th August and if you would like to come along and help please give us a ring. 01243 641451 answerphone. Volunteers are needed.

On a different note last weekend we had the production team and stars of a new Bollywood Feature Film, horror/thriller, in the Maze. An incredible experience with huge lighting units, sound vehicles, catering coach and many other cars and vans together with 50 people all in action from 12 noon until 12 midnight when the filming was completed. We finally got to bed at 2am when all the vehicles had gone back to their base in East Sussex. Watch this space for the date of release later this year.



What will be happening next at Mazegarden, we wonder.

Richard Bushby and Sandra Hamilton

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THE VENTURE CLUB needs drivers, especially for Sunday mornings to help the elderly and disabled to get to church. If you could spare a couple of hours a week, please get in touch.

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Please call on 605115 if you are able to help, or call into the office. Office hours are 9.30 – 11.30 and 2.30 – 4.00 Monday to Friday and 9.30 – 11.30 on Saturday mornings.

THE BOUTIQUE WILL RE-OPEN ON SATURDAY 4 MARCH 8.30- 12.

THE SELSEY PAVILION TRUST IS NOW FORMED !

We are delighted to announce that the Selsey Pavilion Trust has now been granted not-for-profit Charitable status by the Charities Commission .

Registered Charity Number 1171518

This, following the installation of the Blue Plaque, and the rousing ' Call to Arms ' by Arts Dream President Ellis Berg is evidence that this project is now firmly ' on the road ' no matter how long that road maybe.



As anyone can see, there is a lot to be done, but the visible enthusiasm of the Selsey community is encouraging us to work together to achieve the aims and vision of the owner and the Trustees. We will make this not only a community asset but a place that people want to come to from all the Manhood Peninsula as well as daring to cross the A 27 from Chichester !

Our progress is also being monitored by the Theatres Trust, the government advisory body to the Arts Council for preserving Theatres at Risk. The Selsey Pavilion is on that register, and we are grateful for their interest and advice.

Over the next months, we will be detailing fun ways in which you can get involved, so WATCH THIS SPACE !

Contact : Pamela Howard (Trustee)
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Neil Kimber
neilkimber@highhouseinsurance.com

Photo credit Ronnie Hall



Sussex Wildlife Trust invite you to a Coffee Morning on Saturday, 8th April, 10am to noon At 28 Woodland Road, Selsey, PO20 0AL Plants, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Cakes, Raffle and more All welcome, rain or shine. £1 Admission (including refreshments)

I thought I saw Gloria Gaynor as a zombie in the High Street - At first I was afraid, I was petrified....



SELSEY WI



Our President Stella Crist welcomed the ladies to the meeting.

After the formal business of the afternoon was conducted we welcomed our speaker for the afternoon, Nick Carter from the "Time for Love Company". The company make custom made books to celebrate the life of a loved one that will be passed down to generations to come. He proceeded to show us examples of the work the company produce, ranging from a Remembrance book to a Celebration book. During our tea interval we had an "Unwanted Christmas Present Table". Our members had bought along various items which were then sold.

Our competition for this month was a Valentine's card, which was won by Marion Hitchins.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th March at 2.15pm. Selsey Town Hall.

Our speaker will be Janet Pledger from Selsey Florist who will be showing us a Spring Flower Arrangement



If you would like more information about joining us, please contact Stella Crist 01243 603221

or Heather Coleman 01243 604603.

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Bunn Leisure reception, West Sands Funfair and White Horse reception, Lucks chip shop
The Seal Pub
Coast Yard Hotel
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Town Council offices
Royal British Legion,
Selsey Centre
The Selsey Country Club
The Selsey Scout shop
The following churches:-
Evangelical Church East Beach, St. Wilfred's Church Church Road, St. Peter's Church and Selsey Methodist Church
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Seal Island WI

Members and visitors were welcomed to the February meeting. We were given a brief rundown of future events: the Group Meeting on 16th March at Sidlesham Hall when Peter Parham from Strides will value small items, speakers' interview day on 30th March at Oving Jubilee Hall, Fishbourne Loves Books on 25th March and a pot luck lunch at Boxgrove on 19th May. Forms were issued for voting on our 2017 resolutions. We then welcomed the Selsey First Responders who proceeded to give a most informative talk on their role in the community and a demonstration of CPR and the use of a defibrillator, with some of our members eager to participate. Those present were then treated to homemade cake. The raffle was drawn.

Our next lunch club is at Billy's on the Beach at Bracklesham on Tuesday 21st February at 12.30. Melanie reminded members that March is Brain Injury Awareness month and asked if members would wear hats in aid of the charity to our next meeting on 2nd March, when we will be welcoming our speaker from Bignor Roman Villa.

We are always happy to receive new members and ladies of all ages will be made welcome at our meetings on the first Thursday of the month at the Selsey Centre, Manor Road at 7.30pm. For further information please ring Melanie on 01243 604059.



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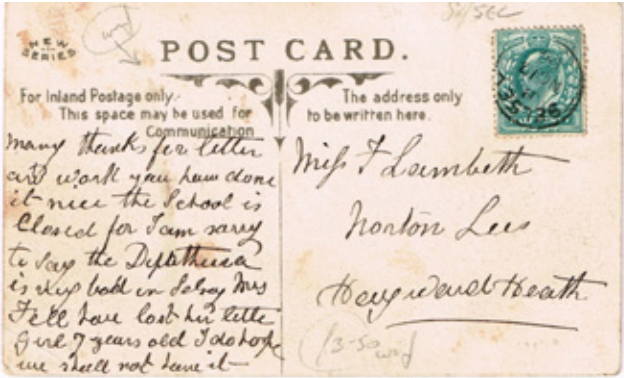


FANNY LAMBETH

(Pronounced Lam-BETH with the accent on the second syllable)

1883 – 1976

Having dealt with the life and times of Frederick fell in a previous issue of Selsey Life, it seems only right to now turn our attention to the recipient of the card.



Fanny Lambeth was the 5th child of 15 born to William Lambeth and Eliza Harding on 2 January 1883, in Selsey. All her brothers and sisters and her father were also born in Selsey while her mother was born in Bersted. Her grandfather, Thomas, lived at North Common Farm, firstly as an Agricultural Labourer and later, in 1871, as Farm Bailiff.

In 1891 Fanny was at home with her parents; she was 8 years old and a scholar. Her father was an Agricultural Labourer as were her brothers William and Frederick and they all lived at Common Lane, Selsey. William Senior, like his father before him, was an Ag. Lab originally, later becoming a Shepherd, living his whole life on the same North Common Farm. The owner of the farm was James Clayton who lived in High House, West Street.



Modern photograph taken by Ruth C Mariner in 2008



Late 19th-century detached villa: Norton Lees, 9 Oathall Road taken from Haywards Heath Historic Character Assessment Report of September 2005 compiled by Roland B Harris

By 1901 Fanny had left home and was working as a Kitchen maid. She lived with the Housekeeper and the Housemaid at Norton Lees, Haywards Heath. We know she was still there in 1904 from the postcard written to her about the diphtheria being in Selsey and the loss of Mrs Fell’s daughter from that disease. In the light of the 14 other children, it would be very easy to imagine just how worried her mother, Eliza, must have been. Fanny herself was 18 years old and had obviously been home for the day and helped with the housework.

On 30 October 1905 she married Arthur Henry Winborne at the age of 22 at Rumboldswyke.

Arthur was born in 1881 in Bexhill on Sea and in 1891 he lived at 5 Railway Cottages, Cuckfield, with his father, William, and the rest of the family. They were still there in 1901 when Arthur, aged 19, was a Painter’s Labourer. William was a Railway Signaller hence the Railway Cottage.

By 1911 Arthur was an Engineers’ Labourer with London, Brighton and South Coast Railway. On 6 December 1913 Arthur was admitted into the Haywards Heath Branch of the National Union of Railwaymen. At that time he was a Handyman and his pay/job was Grade C. It is from this Trade Union’s Membership Register that we learn that on 25 October 1918 he died from Natural Causes aged 37.

In 1911 Fanny and Arthur lived at 18 College Road, Lindfield with their two sons, Arthur William Winborne born on 22 February 1906 and George Frederick Winborne born 27 November 1909. On 2 September 1915 Nellie was born and so falls outside the currently available census returns. However, she does appear on the 1939 register when she lived at 11 Fawcett Road, Portsmouth with Fannie. Nellie earned her living as a domestic.

In 1948 Nellie married Raymond J Witt, an RAF technician in India, at Chanctonbury, Sussex. They had a son, John. As John is young enough to still be with us, my investigation stops there.

Fanny died at Worthing on 15 March 1976 aged 93 leaving £16,077. She had lived at 70 Henty Close.

I was pleased to be able to get in touch with Emily Winborne who has passed my research on to her family and told me that ‘Fanny continued to talk about her time in service to her grandsons. She had strong English ideas about class, and was impressed that “the Major”, for whom she was housekeeper for many years, had treated her as though she was on the same level as him. I assume this was after she was widowed.’

ARTHUR WILLIAM WINBORNE

Arthur William followed his father into the Railways as a porter but, aged 18, he joined the Royal Navy on 21 March 1924 for a period of 12 years and travelled the world. We know from his service record that, upon entry, he was 5ft 3¼ inches tall, had a chest measurement of 34½ inches and had dark brown hair, hazel eyes and a fresh complexion. By the time he left the Royal Navy he had grown to 5ft 4 inches and had a chest measurement of 36 inches. He passed the Education Test on 3 November 1925; this test probably contained elements of English, Maths, General Knowledge and so on. His service no. was K63639 which indicates that he joined the service as a

stoker. His duties would have involved tending various machines and making sure that they were working correctly.

Progression from Stoker II to Stoker 1 came not only through training and familiarity with the various machines but also by taking a test. On 1 August 1929 Arthur was awarded the Auxiliary Watch Keepers Certificate which he still held on 28 July 1936. This certificate was a stepping stone to further promotion. The Watch Keepers worked in teams of four (two pairs) each pair working 12 hours on and 12 hours off. Again, this Certificate was awarded after about 3 months training followed by an examination.

He qualified as a Stoker Petty Officer on 1 May 1931.

On 15 September 1937 he arrived in London aboard SS Modasa, a ship of the British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd. His port of embarkation was Malta (although the ship departed from Calcutta, India) and his final destination was the RN Barracks, Portsmouth (Victory II). He was listed as Naval Rating. SS Modasa was a steam ship built in 1921 and sold for scrap in 1953 at Blyth.

On 17 November 1938 Arthur arrived in London aboard SS Rajputana, a ship of the P and O Steam Navigation Company Ltd. This ship had departed from Yokohama. She was completed in 1925 but met her fate as an armed merchant cruiser when she was torpedoed and sunk off Iceland in 1941. Again Arthur embarked at Malta and, again, he was destined for the RN Barracks at Portsmouth this time to the Flagship, Victory I.

On 16 April 1939, after repeated recommendations, Arthur was presented with his RN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. He was also repeatedly Recommended for Re-Engagement.

In November 1944 the British Pacific Fleet was formed. It saw action against Japan during the Second World War and was composed of British Commonwealth naval vessels. One of the largest fleets ever assembled by the Royal Navy, by VJ Day it had four battleships and six fleet aircraft carriers, fifteen smaller aircraft carriers, eleven cruisers, and numerous smaller warships, submarines, and support vessels.

Arthur was released (abroad) on 12 August 1946 from HMS Golden Hind, an RN Accounting Base and HQ at Hargrave Park, Liverpool, Sydney, Australia.

Arthur’s service history is held at the National Archives in Kew and can be downloaded for a fee. Another fascinating document is The Royal Navy and Yapton’s Stokers by Jim Payne and West Sussex County Council, published as part of the West Sussex and the Great War Project. This outlines the lives of the stokers and is also available on line but is free.

Throughout his Naval career, his character was deemed to be Very Good and his efficiency Satisfactory.

In 1946, aged 40, Arthur married Maisie Gertrude at St. Candice’s Church, Kings Cross, Sydney, NSW. They had three children. Maisie and Arthur lived in various areas of New South Wales until Arthur’s death on 24 June 1991 aged 85. He is buried at Saint Brigid Catholic Cemetery, Branxton, Cessnock City, NSW.

Emily wrote:

‘In relation to Arthur William Winborne’s navy service (he was always known as Will), he used to tell his sons that he jumped into the water with his rum ration in a demijohn (he used to save his rations against regulations) and swam to a life raft, and was later picked up with his companions, somewhat drunk. He said his ships had been sunk 3 times. As far as I can tell, one of these must have been the Grimsby, linked to the Nile shore station, sunk by dive bombers off Tobruk on 25 May 1941, upon which he was promptly reassigned on 26 May. Although his retelling of the story to his sons was very light hearted, in later life, when Alzheimers affected his understanding of where and when he was, he used to believe that he was back in the sinking ship trying to get off, so it obviously affected him greatly. He also spoke to his sons about being chased down river by rebels when in China, which seems to be the Tsingtao incident.’

In a follow-up email Emily also mentioned: *‘A few months after the Grimsby as sunk in May, he was assigned to the Decoy based out of the Nile navy base in September 1941. The Decoy was badly damaged in a collision in November and henceforth out of action until February 1942.’*

GEORGE FREDERICK WINBORNE

George is something of a mystery person so his life is a procession of dates. I am not confident that they all relate to this man.

1926 London Gazette 4 June 1926. Temporary Postmen Messengers, without competition, appointed 3 May 1926.

1928 Appointed to Portsmouth and Gosport as a postman.

1931 Edinburgh Gazette FGW South Midland and Eastern Group, Post Office after limited competition, appointed 30 May 1931 to Norwich.as a Sorting Clerk and Telegraphist.

1935 married Hannah M Lewis at Fylde, Lancs. They had two sons, Julian and Christopher. Appointed to Preston in 1935. Still Sorting Clerk and Telegraphist.

1939 London Gazette, 19 January, Civil Servant, after open competition, Clerical Class

1939 lived at 48 Oakdene Road, Orpington, Kent with Hannah. He was a Clerical Officer, Civil Service, Employed by the Air Ministry.

1945 London Gazette Supplement 2 March, Sergeant Administrative and Special Duties Branch. Appointed 18 January 1945.

1969 – 1974 George lived near Preston and his wife Hannah died there on 7 March 1974. But there is a possible discrepancy here as the only death I can find for George is one in Cardiff in 1967!

Emily informs me ‘As for George, he worked for the post office and spent time in Aden, probably before and after the war, and perhaps in India also’.

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Your Medical Centre Needs You:

Are you new to the village, are you aware of the Friends of the Medical Centre and how the Friends helped with the building and the equipping of our Medical Centre that you see before you to day?

We have a very modern and pleasant center to visit when you are unwell or you need help. Without the members this center would not be as nice as it is, or so well equipped.

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We are a growing village and not many people will know what the old Medical Centre was like or that it was situated in St Peters Crescent. We have new estates now {and more being built} The Pye fields, The Meadows and the Old Pontins estate mostly occupied by new residence, where unfortunately our membership is very low! In fact we have a membership of approximately 480 people (we had nearer 2000 at one time), the population of Selsey I am told is nearer 12000 plus.

It goes without saying that if you live in this village then you will be registered with The Medical Centre and therefore you would want that practice to be clean, modern, attractive and in the fast world we live in as efficient and professional as possible, trying to match the services that a modern city practice can offer.

We are all well aware of the problems of the NHS and surgeries throughout the country. How can we make sure we maintain the standards that you have experience and enjoyed now and in the future? Well, we really need you to consider becoming a member, if you are not already.

Maybe ask to join the committee to ensure that what was started in 1990’s continues to work well for you and your children, your Grandchildren and your Great Grand Children.

Hopefully Selsey Village is very important to you that is why as I said before you chose to live here. The areas that matter to us should be the welfare of us all such as; The Sea Defenses, The Schools, The Medical Centre, The First Responders, The Carers and all the other charities that work tirelessly to make Selsey a nicer place to live.

So if you are not a member can I please ask you to consider joining us? The cost is a minimum of £4.00 per member per year with all funds going directly to benefit the surgery and in turn us, The Residents and Patients of our Medical Centre. If you are a member can I on behalf of the Friends thank you for your membership and continued loyalty. If you would like to join the committee we would be delighted to talk to you. In particular we would welcome younger members of our community who consider that the future of the Medical Centre has an important part to play in the wellbeing of the population of Selsey

The Medical Centre is now 17 years old and caters for a larger number of patients then was originally visualised. How can you help? Become a Member. Consider leaving a Legacy in your Will. Join the Committee

If you have recently joined your receipts will be sent out with the AGM in April/May. Yearly Renewal Letters will be sent out as normal in February

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National Service Times Remembered

This month I relate the story of local man Dougie Muncie who travelled quite considerably in his National Service (NS) – travelling to Iraq, Jordan and finally Cyprus while serving with the RAF Regiment.

Some may say that NS should be brought back. I say maybe but in a different form as I firmly believe the over stretched Armed Forces of today could not cope with it under its current manning and financial constraints. Just my humble penny worth and I am quite happy to be proved wrong. My father was a National Service instructor with the Royal Artillery in Larkhill, Wilts during the 50's and I know he hated it. He was much happier when we moved to the army Apprentice's School in Beachley near Chepstow to teach volunteers. He even appeared happy when I joined the RN at the tender age of 16.

Finally if any of you out there wish to relate tales of your NS please send them to me with any annotated photos (if you have them) via email to edward.clamp@btinternet.com , snail mail or even by hand. I now have local man Dave Houlton who promises to relate his own personal story of his National Service with the Army in Burma where I hear he was awarded a campaign medal. No Navy volunteers as yet but I know of a local man who served on HMS Ocean during his time. You know who you are, don't be shy Winking smile.

Here is Dougie's story. Hope I have annotated all his photos correctly – apologies if not.

Eddie Clamp MBE
Doug Muncie – his story.

Doug served his National Service with the RAF Regiment between 1955-57.

After six months training he was sent to RAF Habbaniya in Iraq. RAF Habbaniya was constructed on the west bank of the Euphrates and opened on 19 October 1936. The squadrons, units and headquarters and the hospital gradually moved in from RAF Hinaidi, Baghdad, which was vacated by the British and renamed “Rashid Airfield” by the Iraqis. Originally called RAF Dhibban, the station was renamed RAF Habbaniya on 1 May 1938.

The base was extensive and included the Air Headquarters of RAF Iraq Command, maintenance units, an aircraft depot, and RAF hospital, RAF Iraq Levies barracks, and the RAF Armoured Car Company depot as well as fuel and bomb stores. There were numerous billets, messes and a wide range of leisure facilities including swimming pools, cinemas and theatres, sports pitches, tennis courts and riding stables. It was self-contained with its own power station, water purification plant and sewage farm. Within the base was the Civil Cantonment for the civilian workers and their families and the families of the RAF Iraq Levies. Water taken from the Euphrates for the irrigation systems enabled green lawns, flower beds and even ornamental Botanical Gardens.

After World War II the families of British personnel started living at

Habbaniya and a school was started. There was a 7 mile perimeter fence round the base but this did not enclose the airfield which was outside.

In 1952 a second airfield was built on the plateau to cope with the long range and jet aircraft using the base (this subsequently became the Iraqi Air Force Al Taqaddum airbase). The airfield was a transit camp for British Forces on their way to the Far East and other parts of the world.



Iraq

After a few months he was sent on to RAF Mafrak, Jordan - at this period trouble was brewing as King Hussein had just sacked Glubb Pasha who ran the Jordanian Army. During the 1948 Arab–Israeli War the Arab Legion was considered the strongest Arab army involved in the war. Glubb led the Arab Legion across Jordan to occupy the West Bank. Despite some negotiation and understanding between the Jewish Agency and King Abdullah, severe fighting took place in Kfar Etzion, Jerusalem and Latrun.

Rumours that Abdullah was once again in contact with the Jewish leaders further damaged his standing in the Arab world. His many critics suggested that he was prepared to compromise the Arab claim to the whole of Palestine as long as he could acquire part of Palestine for himself. ‘The internecine struggles of the Arabs,’ reported Glubb, ‘are more in the minds of Arab politicians than the struggle against the Jews. Azzam Pasha, the mufti and the Syrian government would sooner see the Jews get the whole of Palestine than that King Abdullah should benefit.’

Glubb remained in charge of the defence of the West Bank following the armistice in March 1949, and as the commander of the Arab Legion until 1 March 1956, when he was dismissed by King Hussein who wanted to distance himself from the British and disprove the contention of Arab nationalists that Glubb was the actual ruler of Jordan. Differences between Glubb and Hussein had been apparent since 1952, especially over defence arrangements, the promotion of Arab officers and the funding of the Arab Legion. Despite his decommission, which was forced upon him by public opinion, he remained a close friend of the king. He spent the remainder of his life writing books and articles, mostly on the Middle East and his experiences with the Arabs.

After about five months here Doug was sent to Cyprus where EOKA were still trying to kill British Servicemen any way they could.

While all this was going on the Suez crisis was building up and he and his unit were placed on full alert and told to dig in anti-aircraft guns to protect the airstrip which was crowded with aircraft preparing for the Suez Canal invasion.

A few months after this he was flown home for demobilisation in the UK at RAF Innsworth.



Iraq



Dougie in Jordan



Community Spirit.

Following a conversation with my priest on Sunday, he was questioning what is happening to the community, not so much our community of Selsey, but "the community". He raised this as we are currently being offered information from Sussex Police with regards to scamming - How come people are so vulnerable to such crimes? What led people to be so desperate to engage in any type of social contact they are taken in and become victims of fraud?

It is a sad state of affairs, that our elderly and vulnerable are easy targets for the predators, whether this is due to their isolation, or the fact that they are easily taken in due to perhaps some memory loss. However, I explained to the priest that whilst some communities have unfortunately become fragmented due to many reasons, from my experience some are adapting and becoming very strong, vibrant and resilient to change.

In September last year, I took on a role with West Sussex County Council (WSCC) as Partnership Officer for the Learning and Development Team. My prime aim was to work with the private, voluntary and independent sector across adults and children's services. Having worked in adults services, for private organisations and local authority services, for older people, people with dementia, and people with complex health care needs including autism, and epilepsy, I have 20 years plus experience. I wanted to put that experience to good use and when this role came up it was the ideal solution. I have lived in Selsey for just 10 years and feel that I am no longer what is considered a "grockel", however I am finding out who and what is my "community".

Newly in post, I decided that in order to not spread myself too thinly I would focus most of my energies initially on Selsey. I sent an email to our local Town Council Chair, about developing a Dementia Friendly Community, something that I am passionate about having managed specialist day services for people with dementia, in Henfield and Chichester. My email went from one person to another- acknowledging my enthusiasm but keen to share with me what was already in place. From that moment, I began to discover my "community".

I was invited to the Selsey Watch Forum which meets monthly at the Fire Station. I met many people there who were committed and very active in providing services to many groups of people in Selsey. They are teams of very active and dedicated volunteers, with some creative initiatives, supporting our older residents and groups of younger people and families in need. They work tirelessly to identify need and offer support and friendship to many of our residents in Selsey.

The list of community activities is endless, and evolving and there is evidence that there are some great intergenerational activities taking place- for example The Bridge is a Youth Support Centre providing digital support with a cup of tea to our residents in order to develop their digital savviness. Other activities in Selsey include:

- Carers Support- offering support to 325 carers;
- Senior Selsey News- a newspaper that is distributed to 1000 people;
- Fitter Sitters- a weekly exercise session for up to 30 people;
- Telephone service to 20 people a day, 500 a month;
- Crafty Natter group – an afternoon twice a month for up to 30 people;
- Afternoon Res-bite teas twice a month for 30 plus people;
- Foodbank- 100 people supported in December 2016;
- Christmas Lunches to 100 people and 18 lunches delivered;
- Film and lunch club- 50 people twice a month;

"Community"- definition from Wikipedia
 "A community is commonly considered [by whom?] a social unit (a group of people) who have something in common, such as norms, values, or identity. Often - but not always - communities share a sense of place that is situated in a given geographical area (e.g. a country, village, town, or neighbourhood). Durable relations that extend beyond immediate genealogical ties also define a sense of community. People tend to define those social ties as important to their identity, practice, and roles in social institutions like family, home, work, government, society, or humanity, at large.[1][2][3] Although communities are usually small relative to personal social ties (micro-level),[citation needed] "community" may also refer to large group affiliations (or macro-level), such as national communities, international communities, and virtual communities.

The word "community" derives from the Old French comuneté, which comes from the Latin communitas "community", "public spirit" (from Latin communis, "shared in common").

[4] Human communities may share intent, belief, resources, preferences, needs, and risks in common, affecting the identity of the participants and their degree of cohesiveness.

The group work closely with the Town Council, the GP surgery and library all of which have many activities to support the residents of Selsey and will join us with their vision to become a Dementia Friendly Community. They also work with local businesses who promote, and support financially with their endeavours.

They are very keen on developing a Dementia Friendly Community for which I will be helping them to plan having recently become a Champion myself. I am keen to enlist the support of my colleagues in WSCC, and hope to put together an article of our journey in Selsey in our Connections magazine which reaches 373,500 households.

Ultimately they would like to work towards not only developing what they have in order for them to be sustainable, they would like to plan an open day to bring all this together.

Likewise, I will be working with the community, and other agencies and providers to support Selsey with recruitment of staff, and training of the workforce, and volunteers.

I feel privileged to be working with this group and hope to meet with other partners of the voluntary sector in Selsey, as yes the face of the community is changing, and whilst demographically Selsey is out on a limb, their collaborative working supporting their residents the impact of which, should not be underestimated.

If you would like to know more of our endeavours, or would like to become a Dementia Friend- please contact me.

Or if you are keen to share your experience of recently being diagnosed with dementia, or you are a carer of a person having recently been diagnosed. I would welcome your thoughts. Please email me at karen.pirks@westsussex.gov.uk



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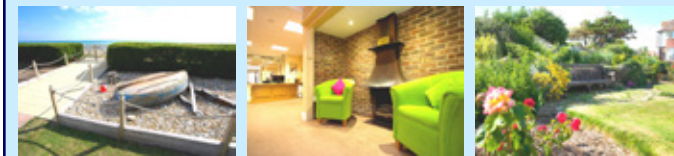
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- 1) In which year was the dog licence abolished in the UK?
- 2) In which US state is the Tongass National Forest?
- 3) Who was the original drummer in 'The Shadows'?
- 4) What was the only US group on 'Do They Know It's Christmas'?
- 5) Which Mama Cass song was used in the Meg Ryan film French Kiss?
- 6) What bird is sometimes called a mavis?
- 7) Horse and fan are types of what shellfish?
- 8) According to the proverb, what is the soul of wit?

Changes in the air

Already our winter migrants are leaving. Geese and ducks are heading north to their summer breeding grounds including our own pintail and wigeon ducks and brent geese. However, their departure means that soon the first of our summer visitors will be touching down on our shores signalling that spring is on its way.

The first of these are wheatears and can be found along our shingle beaches and in open farmland. The smart little male has a grey crown and back, black wings and an orange flush to its breast. Sporting a black patch through its eye and a white stripe above the eye, it flashes its white rump as it flies ahead.



Wheatear

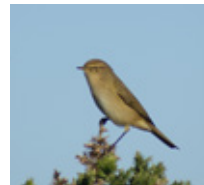
The smallest of our swallows and martins, the sand martin, is close behind and like the wheatear has spent the winter in Africa. Its upperparts are a uniform brown and underparts white, with a distinct brown band across the chest. They zoom through the skies, fast and agile on pointed wings, catching insects over open fields and water.



Blackcap

As the honks, quacks and whistles of our leaving wildfowl fades, a new sound emerges with the arrival of the first warblers. The male blackcap as its name suggests sports a 'black cap', while the female is similarly distinguished by her 'brown cap'. It has a typical hard unmusical call, but its song is a beautiful rich, fluting affair which few other birds can rival.

Willow warblers and chiffchaffs epitomise the unfortunate nickname of 'little brown jobs' that this group often get tagged with and are almost impossible to distinguish apart. The key to identifying them is their voices.



Chiffchaff

The chiffchaff repeats its name 'chiff, chaff' over and over as regular as a metronome while the willow warbler's song is a wonderfully evocative downward spiral and one my favourite sounds of spring.

We are busy preparing for another summer visitor, the little tern, for which Pagham Harbour is particularly important and internationally recognised. This delightful little seabird will start arriving in April. Staff and Volunteers are working hard to remove vegetation from Tern Island to encourage them to nest here and away from the shingle spit where they are vulnerable to disturbance. If you would like to help out on one of these work days and get a different view of the harbour, contact us on [01423 641508](tel:01423641508) or email pagham.harbour@rspb.org.uk



RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry Events

March

Sunday 5 March, The Great British Beach Clean. Join us and the Friends of Pagham Harbour for the Great British Spring Clean, cleaning our beach of litter and making a difference whilst in good company.

Meet 10am at Church Norton car park PO20 9DT

Sunday 19 March, Someone to Guide You. Unsure of what that bird is? Our friendly guides will be at the **Church Norton Hide, Pagham Harbour** to help you spot and identify the wildlife that you see.

11am – 2pm Drop-in Free

Sunday 26 March, Discover Medmerry (West) Guided Walk. Join our guides for our first spring walk of the year round the **west side** of Medmerry. Keeping an eye out for late winter leavers and early summer arrivals, this 4 mile walk combines birds and wildlife, with Medmerry's history and its creation into the reserve you see today.

10am (duration 3½ hours), meet at Earnley car park PO20 7JL at 9.50am.

Booking essential £7 per person / £4 members

Friday 31 March, Astronomy Night. An evening in the company of Ian Sharp – one of the UK's leading amateur astronomers, and the BBC The Sky at Night's Pete Lawrence. Learn to recognise Spring constellations, understand the Cosmos and how we fit in and view deep space objects through quality telescopes. **9pm (duration 3 hours)**

Booking essential, £16 per person / £12 members

April

Saturday 8 April, Historic Norton. A morning stroll discovering Church Norton's Norman castle, the 13th century Chapel of St Wilfred, the role Pagham Harbour played in WW2 and more.

10am (duration 2½ hours)

Meet at Church Norton car park PO20 9DT

Booking essential

£5 per person / £3.50 members

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The Butterflies of Sussex

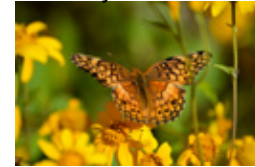
by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

As we head into spring our butterflies will start to emerge and, after seven years of research and writing, my book, The Butterflies of Sussex will shortly be emerging too. I've been reflecting on how all this came about. It started with a small boy captivated by a big yellow butterfly. When he got home he opened a wildlife book that his parents had bought him. There were lots of butterflies: blue ones, brown ones, orange ones, but only one big, yellow one – the brimstone. I had identified my first butterfly and discovered the thrill in giving something a name. That identification was the key to unlocking information on what that brimstone was doing, why it does it, where and when. The door to a parallel universe of butterflies, caterpillars, metamorphosis and beauty was flung open. I was like Alice lost in Wonderland, an adventure that has lasted a lifetime.



Brimstone

Fritillary The brimstone is one of 45 resident Sussex butterfly species - we are home to a sizable slice of the 58 species which live in the UK. Between 2010 and 2014, I co-ordinated the Sussex Butterfly Atlas Survey. Over that five year period a small army of dedicated notebook-wielding foot soldiers roamed the county's downland, farmland, heathland and gardens reporting brimstones on their buddleia in Battle and silver-washed fritillaries on sunlit woodland footpaths in south-west Fittleworth. From my home headquarters the whole project felt like a military operation. Maps were spread across my desk, target areas were identified and conquered squares were routinely crossed off. Slowly our current knowledge of our county's butterflies increased.



Looking back, we couldn't have chosen a more exciting period to study the butterflies of our county. In a changing environment, both physically and climatically, Sussex's butterflies have had to contend with habitat loss, wet summers and warm winters. Some species have adapted while others have required increased conservation efforts as their numbers have fallen. On top of this, we've seen unprecedented invasions of long-tailed blues and continental swallowtails from Europe as well as a new species for Sussex – the scarce tortoiseshell – arriving rather unexpectedly. All this has provided exciting stories and discussion in the upcoming book.



Tortoiseshell

The Butterflies of Sussex, co-written with Neil Hulme, will be printed and published by Pisces Publications. It's packed with beautiful photos and contains commentaries on all the butterflies found in our county with information on where and how to find them alongside many other features. In fact there's so much information in the book we've had to increase it from the original 288 pages to 352 pages while keeping the same pre-order price of £20. Bargain! This special pre-publication offer is available until the end of March at www.naturebureau.co.uk

Hopefully other people will look through its pages and it'll inspire them to get lost in Wonderland too.

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RSPB Events for March 2017

BURPHAM

Sunday 5 March

Morning Bird Walk on The Burgh with Chris Furlepa of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet end at T junction at top of hill, Map Ref: TQ042096 at 9.30 am. 01243 262833

NUTBOURNE

Tuesday 14 March

Morning Bird Walk on Nutbourne Marsh with Carole Griffiths of the RSPB. Meet end of Farm Lane, Map Ref: SU775054 at 10.00 am. 01243 262833

CHICHESTER

Thursday 23 March

Illustrated Talk by Brian Nobbs on 'Food for the Birds – Eat In or Take Away' to the RSPB Chichester Local Group at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester at 7.30 pm.

Entrance £3-50

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ARUNDEL

Saturday 25 March

Morning Bird Walk around The Dover with David Hart of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet at far end of the lane, Map Ref: SU061064 at 9.30 am 01243 262833

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CHICHESTER

Tuesday 28 March

Illustrated Talks by local wildlife enthusiasts/photographers to the Sussex Wildlife Trust, Friends Meeting House, Priory Road, Chichester at 7.30 pm

Entrance £2-00 01243 262833

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Chichester Conservancy Volunteers March 2017

LAVINGTON

Sunday 12 March

Conservation – Heathland Management on Lavington Common with Scott Robertson of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers from 10.00 am. 01243 552113 or 07815 021331

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Sunday 26 March

Conservation – Woodland Management with Richard Wilson of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers on The Mens from 10.00 am. 01243 528056



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Since opening in a burger van in Budgens Car Park in December 2005 SNAK SHAK has changed dramatically.

Situated now in our warehouse in Selsey High Street, our youngsters enjoy all the facilities and friendship our willing team of volunteers can provide together with support and guidance from our Youth Worker KYLEE SCOTT.

Most of our volunteers have been with us from the beginning and so some are reluctantly retiring and we desperately need new volunteers to keep the SNAK SHAK going. Open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 6.00 to 9.00pm the work can involve working in the kitchen, making simple food like toasties, serving drinks or being in the main area, with the youngsters, to ensure safety and to interact and support the Youth Worker. We also need somebody, with computer skills, to help with fundraising.

Our volunteers find they form friendships and enjoy working with one another as well as relating to the young people.

Since our start in 2005 life has changed dramatically and our Trustees have continually adapted how we run SNAK SHAK. In 2013 we raised funds and employed our Youth Worker Kylee Scott who, working closely with the Academy, has increased attendance at SNAK SHAK as well as working with families of youngsters when needed.

We recently received an unsolicited email from someone who has worked with SNAK SHAK from the beginning, but also works in mental health services, which I attach.

"I have been a volunteer youth support worker with the Snak Shak since Apr 2006. At that time there were a small number of teenagers would pop in and out, watch the TV, play air hockey and perhaps have a quick bite to eat. Numbers were poor and on some weeks there were more volunteers than young people. We of course spoke with the young people but felt unqualified to do anything to take anything to the next level.

The trustees had a bright idea to employ a professional youth worker. In conjunction with other services within Selsey, we secured the support of Kylee Scott. It did not take much time for the Snak Shak to turn into something completely different and for the numbers to increase dramatically.

Along with the marked level of attendance, the offer of professional guidance to the young people and ourselves has helped shape a supporting/nurturing environment at the Snak Shak and within the community. Trusted relationships have been forged with individuals and other organisations ; this includes local councils, county council, the local schools, GP surgeries, local mental health services and sexual health services. In addition to this, the rich vein of voluntary organisations in Selsey often get together to share resources and information. Kylee as the youth worker is instrumental in bringing these services together. She is inventive, creative and above all, trusted by the young people.

It is tough being a child today, world events make the world feel unsafe to many people. Selsey has a number of families that require specialised support and resources are stretched.

Performance/exam results create stress and recent reports show that an ever growing proportion of children from the age of 10 are experiencing this pressure. Selsey should be proud of the youth facilities it provides, it is an important resource to allow children to be children and provide a safe place for leisure and professional guidance. The provision of a professional youth worker is a small price for the community to pay for the well being of our youth today.

Working as part of the local mental health team, it is interesting to note that I have an above average number of clients for the Selsey area, but have had no young people filter through to my service since Kylee has been in post. In my opinion this speaks volumes."

So, a plea from the Trustees of SNAK SHAK:

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Scrapbooking is a method, an art for preserving, presenting, arranging personal and family history in the form of a book, box, and card.

Typical memorabilia include photographs, printed media, and artwork. Scrapbook albums are often decorated and frequently

contain extensive journaling.

Scrapbooking is a hobby commonly practiced in many parts of the world. So you'll see why I say, I can appeal to all of us, not matter if you collect postcards, family photos or vintage patterns, scrapbooking is a great, creative and colourful way of preserving and displaying.



In the 15th century, commonplace books, popular in England, emerged as a way to compile information that included recipes, quotations, letters, poems and more. Each commonplace book was unique to its creator's particular interests. Friendship albums became popular in the 16th century. These albums were

used much like modern day yearbooks, where friends or patrons would enter their names, titles and short texts or illustrations at the request of the album's owner.



Between 1795 and 1834 Anne Wagner, a British woman produced a scrapbook – 'Memorial of Friendship'. Anne Wagner's scrapbook includes pages she created, as well as contributions from friends and relatives.

The scrapbook contains handwritten poems, notes left by friends and relatives, and decoupage ephemera like locks of hair, decorative paper clippings, ribbons, and detailed watercolour sketches.

Modern day scrapbooking remains the same as that of Anne Wagner – we all have special trinkets, memories and lovely things that we want to keep safe, to back to from time to time. A way of enabling us to remember, reminisce and pass on history, stories and interests.

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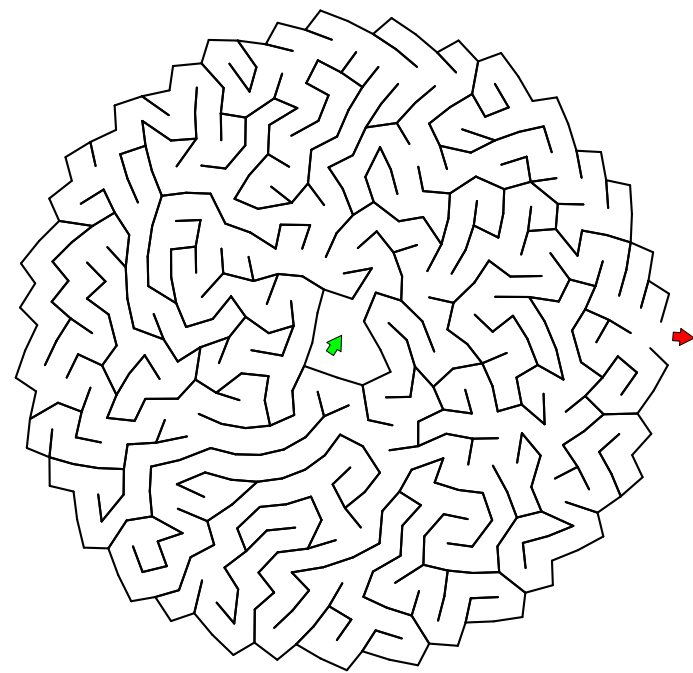
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SELSEY AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

The Lions club of Selsey and District have served the local community for the past 40 years helping the less fortunate than ourselves. We urgently need to augment our membership to enable us to continue and extend this rewarding community service.

We are holding a "Meet The Lions" evening to enable the general public and like minded men and women to know more about the activities of Lions Clubs International and in particular The Selsey and District Lions Club. We are positive, service minded people with a desire to help others in need, who at the same time like to enjoy a good social life.

We will be pleased if you are able join us to "Meet the Lions" and enjoy a social evening at the Selsey Town Hall High Street, Selsey. 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Light refreshments will be provided and in order to help us to know how many to cater for or if you require any further information, please call Lion Colin Rickman on **01243 60202**.

Mobility Scooters

We now have a small number of scooters available; but we still need additional ones, if you have one that is no longer required and wish to return or have one that you would like donate (runner or non-runner).

Please contact: Lion Brian h.**01243 602908**; m.**07956 502609**.

Lion Phil Billingham PRO Selsey and District Lions Club
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- 9) What is the name of Tony and Cherie Blair's daughter?
- 10) What, in medieval times, was a jongleur?
- 11) Which US singer was known as the 'Velvet Fog'?



SELSEY FIRST RESPONDERS SCHEME

How are we doing? Well, thanks to you, very well.

As many of you will know, we have been collecting donations to fund our Public Access Defibrillator Project and, thanks to the businesses and residents of Selsey (and some other generous non-residents) we are well on our way to achieving our objective. The first unit - Secure cabinet and defibrillator - is mounted to the front of The Southern Cooperative in the High Street and the second has just been installed at the East Beach Evangelical Church. It has been linked to the South Coast Ambulance Service (SECAmb) and is fully operational. The third unit will be installed at The Fisherman's Joy within the next 7 days and will be fully operational shortly thereafter. Also, we are very close to having received sufficient funding for yet another installation. The secure cabinets are being sponsored by High House Insurance Services Ltd and the installation and long term servicing of the boxes is being sponsored by Rose Electrics and we are most grateful for their generosity.

What is CPR and why are defibrillators so important? Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, is an emergency procedure in which a person presses up and down on the casualty's chest and gives them a series of rescue breaths to help save their life when they are in cardiac arrest. But what is a cardiac arrest? A cardiac arrest is when a person's heart stops pumping blood around their body and to their brain. It causes the person to fall unconscious and stop breathing, or stop breathing normally. Without CPR the person will die within minutes. Cardiac arrest and a heart attack are not the same thing, but a heart attack can lead to cardiac arrest.

How do defibrillators help?

A defibrillator is a device that can be used to shock the heart back into a normal rhythm during cardiac arrest. Statistics show the following results after cardiac arrest; albeit they vary from person to person:

- CPR, but no defibrillator the chances of survival are 6%
- Defibrillator within 3 to 4 minutes the chances of survival increase 70% to 80%
- Without a defibrillator, the chances of survival are reduced by 10% for each minute thereafter.

..... and that is why rapid access to a defibrillator is so important.

The defibrillators available to the public are clever and work automatically and will not shock unless it is necessary. They are simple and safe to be used by anyone. The rescuer will also be guided by the 999/112 call taker. If required, the call taker will advise the location of the nearest PAD.

It is the hope of the SCFR Scheme to hold demonstrations throughout Selsey in the coming months, but that will depend on the availability of Responders. A demonstration by First Responders Phil Tilbury and Tim Watson has been given already to the Seal Island Women's Institute and it was well received. Also, a splendid donation was made towards our defibrillator project.

Two new potential Responders have been interviewed and, hopefully, will start training with SECAmb in the near future. However, we still need more Responders. So, if you could give a minimum of 5 hours a week to help your community we would be delighted to hear from you. Contact: info@selseyfirstresponders.org.



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Be a Star for St Wilfrid’s Hospice

Registration is now open for the St Wilfrid’s Hospice ninth annual Moonlight Walk. This fun and friendly fundraising event offers the choice of either a 5 or 10 mile sponsored walk starting from the Westgate Leisure Centre in Chichester. The route takes in Centurion Way, the Roman Walls and Bishop’s Palace Gardens which will be beautifully lit with glow sticks.

The Walk takes place on Saturday 6th May starting at 10pm. Participants choose to walk with friends or family to remember loved ones, or just to contribute towards a good cause. There is a £15 entry fee which includes a T-shirt, refreshments, a light breakfast and even a relaxing massage at the end!

It is hoped that entrants’ own fundraising efforts will raise at least another £50 to help St Wilfrid’s continue to support patients living with a terminal illness, as well as their family and friends.

An incredible £70,000 was raised at last year’s Moonlight Walk, and the Fundraising Team is hoping to exceed that amount this year. The deadline for registration is Friday 21st April, and the Hospice has partnered with Everyday Hero to help make individual fundraising even easier. If you are interested in walking or helping as a volunteer, call the Fundraising Team on 01243 755827, email moonlightwalk@stwh.co.uk or visit www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight

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Thieves target vehicles at beauty spot car parks across Chichester District

News Witness Appeals

Chichester Police are urging drivers to be vigilant following 70 reported break-ins to cars and vans from across the district since the beginning of the year.

Offenders have been visiting beauty spot car parks during the day and smashing windows to gain entry to the vehicles as well as causing damage to locks and doors.

Various items such as handbags, laptops, hair straighteners and even a birthday cake have been stolen.

Chidham Lane, Kingley Vale, Cocking Hill and South Harting car parks amongst others have been targeted.

Sergeant Chris White said: “We are increasing our patrols of the area at various different times of the day, but there are some things that visitors can do to help deter thieves.

“The best advice is to not leave anything of value in your vehicle, especially not on display.

“In the unfortunate event that you do return to your car and find that it has been broken in to, please make sure you report it as soon as possible through our [website](http://www.stwh.co.uk) or by calling 101.

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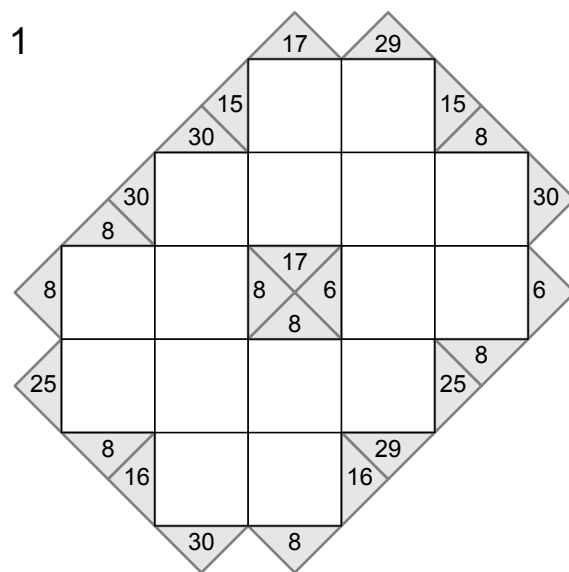
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- 12) Who is the Greek goddess of the rainbow?
- 13) On which river does the Irish city Cork stand?
- 14) What name was given to the disfigured Joseph Merrick?
- 15) In M.A.S.H., which island is shown on the signpost as 7033 miles away?
- 16) What do you call molluscs with a hinged shell?
- 17) What is Vexillology the study of?
- 18) What do lugworms live in?



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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 line. If you add the digits in a line, the sum will be the numbers shown in the clue. Clues are shown on the left and right sides of 'across' lines, and on the top and bottom of 'down' lines. **ANSWER NEXT MONTH.**

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19) Who was Chicago's infamous Mayor of the 1960's?

20) Which is further by air, Delhi to Cairo or Rome to Lagos?

21) Who were Sabrina, Jill and Kelly?

22) In which comic was Korky the Cat a character?

23) Who said the Battle of Waterloo was 'a damn close run thing'?

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In the Garden

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

This is the time of year that gives great joy as the earth slowly awakes from its Winter slumbers and the miracle of Spring unfolds. One moment the birds are crowding the bird tables for food and then you notice one with a piece of straw in its mouth and you know nesting and mating is well under way. With the daylight hours stretching and the warmer weather, we can now say goodbye to Winter and start to enjoy the Spring. The garden will really come alive this month and will take on a fresh appearance which offers a promise of what is to come. But watch out for sudden frosts and do delay planting and sowing jobs if the soil is cold and damp. A profusion of Spring flowers will now brighten up the garden. Spring-flowering bulbs come into their own and Forsythia will bring forth a stunning show of bright yellow flowers and also some early-flowering Cherry trees herald the spectacular display of blossom to come in April.

Later this month, the clocks go forward giving longer evening daylight, so there is no excuse for not using some of the extra time in the garden. Gardening is great exercise and there is nothing better for clearing out the cobwebs than working in the garden on a clear, mild Spring day, but do take it easy to begin with. Do digging in short spells so as not to harm your back. The freshness of the air is very invigorating but sometimes is so sharp that it's useful to have a greenhouse for retreat where you can have a potter amongst the plants and flowers and take in the accompanying scents that pervade the air. Part of the magic of March is the way, towards the end of the month, Blackthorn blossom may, if the year is kind, suddenly appear in snowy profusion, as if it has been brushed with confetti.

The Lambs are gambolling with gusto and the Hares keep busy with their Spring dancing and their somersaults. The first Butterflies and Bumble Bees now emerge and show that Spring is really here. The birds are now singing madly especially dawn and dusk. Daffodils, Narcissi, Primroses, Violets and Purple and White Crocuses abound. Do pick a posy for Mothering Sunday.

March is here - wondrous nature gives us good cheer!

Jobs for March

Prepare the vegetable plot for seed sowing and then decide where there is space for the following for sowing this month - Broccoli, Cabbages, Carrots, Cauliflowers, Kale, Leeks, Lettuces, Onions, Parsnips, Radishes, Spinach, Swedes and Celery.

Sow hardy Annuals and plant out Sweet Peas and Summer flowering bulbs.

Lift, divide and replant any over-crowded Perennials.

This is the last chance before Autumn to plant any fruit bushes or trees.

For any early crop of Strawberries, cover some of the plants with cloches.

Prune any diseased or dead branches from Trees and Shrubs and also any that are badly shaped.

Plant hardy Lilies and Montbretias and begin successional planting of Gladioli.

Start the propagation of Chrysanthemums and Dahlias from cuttings.

If there is any evidence of big bud on Blackcurrants, remove and burn the buds and spray accordingly.

Complete planting of Roses and deciduous trees and shrubs. Begin to plant Conifers and Evergreens towards the end of the month.

Prepare the ground for new lawns and begin sowing or turfing as soon as possible. Apply a compound fertilizer to established lawns.

Now the weather is getting warmer, start the pond water pumps and start feeding the fish. Remove any remaining dead leaves and sludge.

Tip Top Tips

Mulch bare soil in beds and borders.

Prune bush and shrub Roses.

Put gro-bags in the greenhouse to warm up before planting.

Put stakes and other plant supports in to support new growth before it really needs it.

Don't buy plants straight after a very cold spell. Their roots may have been badly affected, even if the stems look healthy.

Split Polyanthus after flowering.

Start to mow lawns sparingly towards the end of the month on a high cut. For the first cut, use an old blade in the mower because of any stones that may have found their way into the grass over the Winter - don't ruin a new blade.

Start to water indoor plants on a regular basis and give a little weak feed weekly.

Wrinkle-seeded Peas can be planted towards the end of the month.

Sow French and Runner Beans, Sweet Corn, Aubergines, Tomatoes, Melons, Marrows and Cucumbers under glass.

To deter Slugs, sprinkle bran around young plants in early Spring. Copper rings can protect the soft stems of plants as they give a small electric shock if they try to cross it.

Make a miniature Japanese Garden in a fish tank with some interesting and varied stones, coloured sand, a Bonsai Tree or two, a few Cacti and a few insect eating plants.

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24) Who were known as the 'Gnomes of Zurich'?

25) What triangle has three sides of different lengths?

26) What is a mound of stones covering a grave or tomb called?

27) What is nyctophobia a fear of?



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The Start of the 2017 Cricket Season is now only 5 weeks away.

The first weekend of the new season starts with two home matches, when we welcome Worthing Chips on Saturday 8th April and Bognor on Sunday 9th April, both for a 1:00 pm start.

After the Winter break, the Club bar will reopen on Sunday's from 1:00 pm on Sunday 5th March.

Friday evening bar open is scheduled to start on Friday 24th March at 7:00 pm

In preparation for the new season, getting the ground ready, etc, we will be holding two working parties, and would love as many volunteers as possible to help out, the working parties will be on Saturday 1st April and Sunday 2nd April from 9:00 am

Sunday 14th May we welcome back the Thespian Thunderers, who will be playing Selsey for the Sir Patrick Moore cup, for a 1:30 start.

As in previous years this will not just be a cricket match, but a family day out with attractions on the ground for all the family, the bar is open to the public.

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

The Captain of the Thunderer's is Peter Sandys-Clarke was in Indian Summers, as Captain Roberts.

He played Edward Burne-Jones in the BBC2 series Desperate Romantics.

He has also appeared in Foyle's War (as Mark Wilcox) The Play's the Thing, Frankie Howard: Rather You Than Me, Torchwood and Bonekickers. In theatre he has appeared in productions including The Letter, Jingo, and Journey's End at the Duke of York in which one reviewer called his performance "faultless".

He has also appeared as Freddy in Pygmalion and in When We Are Married by J.B. Priestley.

The Thunderer's with actors and directors involved in a dozen West End shows: The Woman In Black, Pygmalion, The 39 Steps, Yes Prime Minister and Buckley amongst them; not to mention productions at The Donmar, The Old Vic, The National, Chichester and nationwide.

A Thunderer won Best Newcomer in the Edinburgh Festival Comedy Awards, others were longlisted. Thunderers won BAFTAs and starred in hit television series for The BBC, ITV and Sky: Spooks, Horrible Histories, Spy, New Tricks etc.

As always we welcome new players, and new social members, seniors & juniors, men & Women.

Anyone interested in joining Selsey Cricket Club, please contact us on info@selseycc.co.uk

Later in the year we have on Sunday 23rd July from 2:00 pm the Presidents v Chairmans XI, apart from current players, we would like to hear from any ex Selsey Players who would like to take part.

Sunday 13th August is our Famous Beer & Rounders day, from 11:00 am, which includes a fabulous hog roast, the bar open to the public, many attractions on the field, including bouncy castles, craft stall, sweet stall.

Anyone who would like to enter a team please contact us on info@selseycc.co.uk

During the Winter the Club has been redecorated, with the kitchen being completely refurbished, with new floor stainless steel fitting etc.

As we still have no new photos until the season begins, here is a photo of when Members of Selsey Cricket Club appeared on Patrick Moores "This is Your Life" on 13th February 1974.



This was recorded at Thames Television, Euston Road, London.

Updated list of fixtures for the start of the 2017 season.

- 08/04/2017
Friendly XI
Chippingdale CC - 1st XI
- 09/04/2017
Sunday 1st XI
Bognor Regis CC - Regis Rebels Sunday XI
- 16/04/2017
Sunday 1st XI
Littlehampton, Clapham & Patching CC - Sunday Club XI
- 22/04/2017
Friendly XI
Gosport Borough CC - 1st XI
- 30/04/2017
Sunday 1st XI
Clanfield CC - Friendly XI
- 02/05/2017
Selsey Legends
Aldwick CC - Twenty20
- 06/05/2017
St Andrews (Burgess Hill) CC - 1st XI
1st XI
- 07/05/2017
Sunday 1st XI
Singleton CC - Friendly XI
- 13/05/2017
1st XI
Wisborough Green CC - 1st XI
- 13/05/2017
Littlehampton, Clapham & Patching CC - 4th XI
2nd XI
- 14/05/2017
Selsey Legends
Thespian Thunderers CC - 1st XI

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DONNA'S DELIBERATIONS

Well, it's March already! I promise not to drone on about 'time' this month but really – where does it all go?

I like March – I particularly like the saying attached to it: 'in like a lion and out like a lamb.' It's all about the weather, of course - favourite conversation point for us Brits. The month is often ushered in by extremely inclement weather but will then leave us with the gentle days of spring warmth and sun. We are talking about English weather though, so we may well have not quite reached the lamb-like stage by the end of the month - it's probably more like a slightly surly cat or a honking goose – but we get the idea.

March, of course, was originally named after the the warmonger, Mars – what is not so well known, however, is that he is also the God of Agriculture and for the Romans, just as us, it means a time of new growth and renewal; a time when the flowers begin to bloom, seeds are planted and we encourage and celebrate new life after the dormancy of the winter months. As some of you may know, I didn't have the best start to 2017 so I'm embracing the fact that I am now feeling much better and spring is (just about) with us. March is a time of transition from rest and reflection to growth and expansion and it's a good time to reconsider our New Year's resolutions – we should be nurturing those seeds of dreams and ambitions - not always easy, but those fragile seedlings need sustaining and in time, they will blossom. Here endeth the first (and last!) lesson.

March is, of course, also a time of renewal for our town. Like many other seaside towns it falls into a sort of 'hibernation' for a few months over winter. I must confess that I quite like it, for a while, when the visitors go home. Whilst vital for the economic viability of Selsey, I sometimes find the traffic and people in the High Street a bit tiresome and feel that I take my life in my hands whenever I cross the road (and yes, before you say it – I know, I should use the crossings!) I'm always happy when the influx of visitors begins again, though. Not only does it signal the end of winter but it's also heartening to see that so many people appreciate our special little part of the peninsula. I was disappointed then, to read an editorial in the local paper last month referring to Selsey as a 'ghost town' – it can hardly be said to be at its best in February but show me a seaside town which is. Selsey is going through a period of 'transition' itself in much the same way that March is a 'transitional' month but I would argue that rather than coming in a 'like a lion and going out like a lamb' we will do just the opposite and exit this period of change like a lion – our town will be vigilant and coincident in its ability to thrive and prosper. Yes, we have work to do but we have an amazing community and that, essentially, will be what underpins our ability to see this through and emerge all the stronger for it. I was saddened that a local publication thought it appropriate to talk our town down but if it has prompted more discussion and thought about how we see things evolving and progressing, then it can only be a good start.

I was reminded the other day about the Lifeboat Station. This iconic building will proudly facilitate its last lifeboat launch on 1st April. Losing such a unique building is, in some ways, rather sad. Living just along the road from it, I often see locals and visitors alike taking photos of it – as indeed have I on many occasions. For me, ever since we moved here, it's always been rather comforting – a physical expression of 'home.' I know, probably quite silly, but there you go.... Like me, it's ageing somewhat, however, having been built around the year of my birth (I'll leave others to work that out) it is showing signs of wear and tear, unsurprising when one considers it's been in the forefront of the storms and winds Selsey has been battered with over the years. I have been trying to picture the seascape without the station and I'm finding it difficult but I was reminded of a similar situation when we lived in Brighton.

Nearby Shoreham was home to a large power station with two chimneys which had stood 'tall and proud' for many a year; They were used as 'markers' for sailors when coming into the nearby port and were clearly visible from my kitchen window and indeed, for many miles around. The time came for them to make way for a new, more efficient station and hundreds of people gathered to watch the controlled demolition. It was quite spectacular to watch the way they just collapsed in on themselves – but, the whole area looked so very peculiar for months; something which had been there all my life had suddenly disappeared – it was a strange feeling and rather unsettling; I suspect I will feel much the same when our current Lifeboat Station is finally removed but it it will be replaced by the new boathouse, housing a state of the art Shannon Lifeboat. The building may change but Selsey's proud Lifeboat heritage will perpetuate.

As I said, this is a transitional period for Selsey with the loss of an iconic building and the development of a new retail area. Changes may be disquieting and disconcerting, we are all creatures of habit after all, but what truly defines our town is not its buildings but its community and this is what will sustain our journey through the forthcoming transitional phase in our town's evolution and I know we will indeed, emerge like a lion, not a lamb.

So, what's happening in March? Well, it's Easter, rather early this year, so by this time next month we will all be several pounds heavier – well, I will be anyway and it's also Mothers Day (yet more chocolate – it's going to be a good month!) It's rather a busy month when it comes to celebrations. March also heralds the return of one of my favourite tea spots, Becky's along the seafront; not only does it's reappearance herald the beginning of the better weather (ever the optimist) but it's one of those reassuringly regular occurrences which means we've safely transitioned through the winter months. Note to Becky – please make sure there's plenty of green tea and Belgian buns!

For we locals, an important event in March is the consultation for our Neighbourhood Plan. What is a Neighbourhood Plan I hear you say? Well, it helps local communities influence the development of the area in which they live/work. It can identify areas where new homes/shops/offices and other potential development may be built. It can also determine green spaces. Before the Neighbourhood Plan goes to referendum to ensure that residents are in favour of it being formally adopted, there needs to be a period of consultation. Feedback from everyone is really encouraged and indeed, necessary to make sure that the Plan which eventually goes forward considers residents' views. So, on the 18th March, at the Town Hall, the Neighbourhood Plan will be presented to our community and representatives of Selsey Town Council will be available to talk with everyone who visits. The Town Hall will be open between 10am and 5pm, no appointment necessary, just drop in. Please try to spare half an hour to go and give your opinion- it is really important and Selsey Town Council need to hear your views.

Strangely, I've just remembered - one thing I've missed out about this month...I'm off to a G4 concert (or maybe two...!) in keeping with my New Year's resolution to become a 'Groupie' - albeit rather late in life. Trust me, it's going to be a good month!

Take care all.

Donna Johnson
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RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

by June Newman

Stanford Horticultural Show was only six weeks away, and I was becoming more and more anxious. I always carried away most of the top prizes, but the vegetables I was planning to exhibit this year had not come along as well as I had hoped. I knew the reason for it, of course, and I was clinging to the hope that I would soon be able to remedy the situation.

I was in the greenhouse pricking out some seedlings when Alfie, my next door neighbour, called round.

‘How’s it going?’ he asked. ‘Are you definitely entering for the Show again this year?’

‘Of course I am. Several categories if you must know. Carrots, onions, marrow, roses. What about you?’

Alfie had only taken an interest in gardening since he moved in three years ago, but he had become quite knowledgeable and was a keen competitor, always hoping to beat me.

‘Oh, I’m only going in for the onions and the marrow. I’ve got some quite decent onions, but I reckon my marrow will take the top prize this time. It’s already bigger than your last year’s winner.’ He grinned with satisfaction.

I couldn’t allow him to guess that his words had me worried. ‘Come and have a look at mine,’ I ventured with some bravado, pretending that all was well. ‘It’s coming along rather nicely.’

We made our way through the garden and down to the end where I had my marrow bed.

‘There, what do you think of that?’ I pointed to a medium-sized Long Green Trailing variety, the only one I had found it worthwhile fattening-up for the Show.

‘Hmm, not bad,’ he said, lighting a cigarette and drawing on it deeply. ‘Bit small though, don’t you think?’

Although that had me seething inwardly, I managed not to show it. Instead I smiled knowingly. ‘Maybe it is at present,’ I replied, as smooth as a lying politician, ‘but wait until it’s had some of my special mixture, you’ll see the difference then.’

‘Not much time left though, is there?’ Alfie smirked, puffing smoke in my face. ‘Can’t help wondering why you’ve left it so late this year.’

‘To tell the truth I can’t get hold of the most important ingredient at the moment,’ I admitted. ‘But I’m sure to track some down shortly. I’ve always found plenty in the past, but my source seems to have dried up lately.’

‘Well if you don’t get some soon, mine’s the winner!’ Alfie sounded triumphant, not to mention pleased.

He crushed out his fag in the marrow bed and went off whistling ‘My Way’ – rather sarcastically, I thought.

I couldn’t wait for it to get dark, and that evening it seemed as if it never would. I couldn’t settle to watch the television, not even University Challenge, my favourite programme.

I kept looking at the clock, willing the hands to go round faster. Eventually, just after nine-thirty, I got up and went into the kitchen to put my wellies on. Perhaps tonight, by leaving it later, I would chance upon that essential ingredient. If not, I would have to look further afield.

‘And where do you think YOU’RE going?’ Doris stood in the doorway. Isn’t it funny how folded arms can look so disapproving?

‘Just going to look at my marrow dear,’ I lied. ‘I thought you were watching TV.’

‘TV?’ she screeched. ‘I was just about to make the supper and go to bed. It’s pitch dark out there. You won’t be able to see a thing.’

‘Look,’ I argued. ‘I’m taking the torch and I just want to feed my plants. This week’s Successful Gardener says this is the best time for doing it.’ (Successful Gardener had done no such thing, of course, but it seemed like a good thing to say at that moment).

‘That’s rubbish, and you know it!’ she countered. ‘You just want to get away from me at bedtime. What’s the matter? Afraid I may make demands on you that you can’t fulfil?’

Her sneering face infuriated me. Whenever she could, she would harp on about my shortcomings, especially in that direction.

‘Look, I don’t want a fight,’ I grated between clenched teeth. ‘Like I told you, I just need some time with my plants.’

‘You and your precious plants,’ she taunted. ‘I’m sick of them. You think more of them than you do of me.’

I could offer no argument on that score, so I grabbed the torch, went storming out of the house and made my way down to the marrow bed, but she was on my heels like some nightmare tigress, keen to continue with the harassment.

‘Call that a marrow?’ she sneered. ‘More like a banana. It’s pathetic just like you. Never be ready for the Show anyway. If you think it will, you’re kidding yourself.’

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Other dates for members of Crablands - Friday evening 10th March - a Donkey Derby:

Saturday 11th April – Tennis Presentation Supper and Sat. 22nd April – Junior Skittles and Presentation evening . After all these events we must hope that 2017 will prove to be successful and enjoyable for all sporting folk.

A reminder for all members that 1st April is subscriptions renewal date and for information on all things Bowls contact Chris Lewendon on [601859](tel:601859): Tennis – Jo Montgomery [606890](tel:606890) – Short Mat Bowls - Jim Saunders [606172](tel:606172). A reminder here too that the Saturday morning Junior tennis coaching sessions are underway and it is always reassuring to see the younghopefuls flying around the tennis courts. There are not too many venues where you could you find sports participants from the ages of 4-5 yrs – 80-90yrs !! Here at Crablands all are very welcome , why not come and join us?



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I was ready for the Show. In fact, my Long Green Trailing was acclaimed the best marrow the judges had ever seen. It was magnificent.

Alfie simply could not believe it. ‘Knocks mine into a cocked hat,’ he said admiringly. ‘You must have acquired that ingredient for your special mixture after all then. It certainly made a difference, just as you said it would. Shame Doris wasn’t here to share your triumph. Still no idea where she went off to I suppose?’

‘No, she just announced she was leaving me, and the next thing I knew she had gone. The police are baffled too. They think she’s probably gone off to that cousin I told them about living in the wilds of Canada. She always sent him a Christmas card, but I never did know the address. She had it in her diary, of course, but she took that with her. Her passport’s gone too, so that bears out their theory. I’m a bit lonely now, of course, but I just try to concentrate on my gardening, it’s so relaxing.

‘Well, all your stuff’s come along marvellously lately, I must say.’ If nothing else, Alfie was a generous loser.

‘It’s probably all the extra attention it gets now,’ I said.

‘Well – that and your special mixture,’ Alfie responded. ‘I suppose it’s no use asking what’s in it?’

‘No use at all,’ I said. ‘You find your own mixture.’ I grinned companionably and he went off smiling to himself.

I hope he never does rumble what my most important secret ingredient is. As it turned out, the variation this year has proved even more productive.

And, it’s given the local cat population time to recover.

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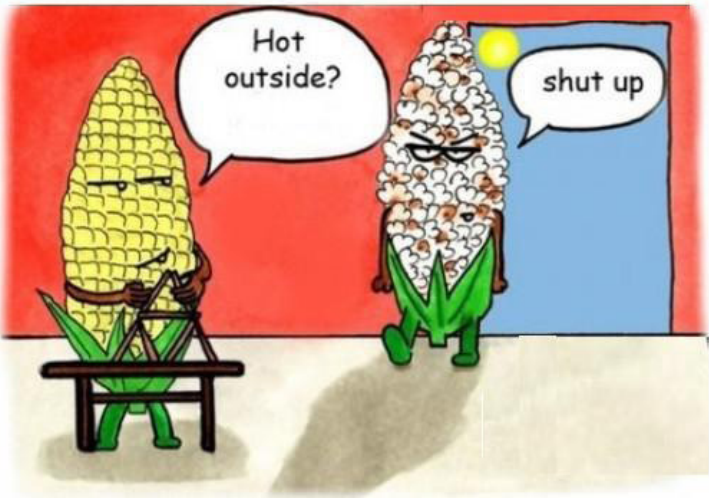
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Good day from your favourite Out and About Reporter at the Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre.

It's been a busy month. You may have heard me on the local radio station Spirit FM on 'War of the Works', over 5 days we had to answer general knowledge questions against another local team. It was a good thing I came in to help answer questions, without me we would not have won. I surprised myself how clever I am! We are looking forward to our prize and I am now studying extremely hard for any future competitions. I hope cat food pizza is on the menu.

Sadly my friend Desmond passed away recently, he wasn't an out and abouter, being 21 years old he lived in the house, during the day he was in charge of administration work and helping our liaison manager Claire in the office. We will all miss him.

I am arranging interviews among the others here, Marcus has said to me he thinks he would like to try for the role, that's if he will stop getting all the attention when we have visitors at the centre - I know he is a big ball of fluff but I am the most handsome.

We have a new friend join us a couple of weeks ago, Arlo decided he wanted to try life with us. He has fitted in really well, struts about like he's been here forever. I of course showed him the ropes and where the best sun bathing spots are, he spends most of his time watching staff working, making sure they are busy. That leaves more time for me to study, just there under the tree. It's hard work learning all these facts I just might have a nap, 'till next time, have a great month.

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Malinda & Madelina

This month we would like to introduce you to two wonderful sisters who are desperate to find a new home, maybe you could be the one to give them an amazing ending. Malinda is a white and torti female and her sister Madelina is white and black. They are both 15 years old loving home came to the Centre on the 12th November 2016 as their owners could no longer keep them at their home. They are very special girls and it is important to explain why. Madelina has cancer on her nose and it is quite serious, she may not have too long left in this world. Malinda has cancer on her ears, which is not too bad at the moment. This is why we need a new home for these lovely girls soon to give them as much time as possible being loved by their new owners. Madelina is on full foster so all her vet problems relating to her treatment of cancer are covered by The Centre, Malinda is on part foster which means any problems with her ears she can come back here to see the vet. They are both lovely girls that enjoy cuddles. Would anyone be willing to please take a chance on them? If you think you can offer Malinda and Madelina the new home they so desperately deserve, please do not hesitate to contact us here at the Centre.

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

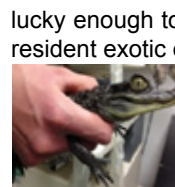
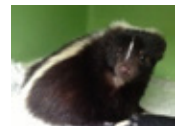
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With the type of pets people own becoming more and more varied, Dean is always kept on his toes, never knowing what might be coming into his consulting room next!

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- ❖ There are around 10,000 species of bird in the world. Over 350 of these species are parrots.
- ❖ Inappropriate nutrition is the cause of around 90% of health problems seen in vet practice and is the leading contributor to death in pet birds
- ❖ Captive tortoises can live up to 100 years.
- ❖ It is not advisable to hibernate a tortoise until it is at least 5 years old. At this age, their immune system is stronger and they can store a larger amount of body fat, which is crucial for hibernation.
- ❖ Lizards are able to smell by tasting the air around them. This is why they are often seen with their tongues going in and out at a rapid pace.
- ❖ Snake can range in size from 10 centimetres, to 7 metres long and have an average lifespan of 20-30 years in captivity.

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Graham's Brent Lodge Briefing – March 2017

At the end of my February 'Briefing', I wrote that I would keep you posted about the situation concerning the danger of bird flu at Brent Lodge. Mercifully, we have had no incidents, and, in some circumstances, restrictions on dealing with birds will be lifted soon, which is good news all round – but, we mustn't "count our chickens", as they say – which, in the circumstances, is hardly an appropriate proverb to use...

We are still 'bursting' with hedgehogs, but it will soon be time for those that have over-wintered to be released, provided that they have attained their 'target' weight of about 600 gms.

Bearing in mind that hedgehog numbers have fallen dramatically over the last few decades, it is a bit of a mystery that we have had more of the little critters in this autumn/winter than usual – this is a phenomenon noticed by other wildlife hospitals, too, so there is clearly something going on.

The people who research these issues seem to think that, because we have been having mild winters of late, the hogs' normal hibernation patterns have been upset, and also the milder weather has resulted in second broods, with the little ones having insufficient time to build up their fat reserves – they would then be unable to survive when they do eventually hibernate. It seems to be down to climate change – a factor affecting the patterns of behaviour of quite a lot of wildlife, both at home and abroad.

Another possible reason why Brent Lodge and other wildlife hospitals are receiving more hedgehogs is public awareness of the precarious situation concerning the total hog population – this is a very popular little animal, and many of our young people have, sadly, never even seen one. I like to think that the majority of people in the UK are fond of our native animals and birds, and will do what they can to help – witness the number of gardens with seed and peanut feeders, essential to keep our birds going through the shortages of winter (and appreciated by squirrels, too!)

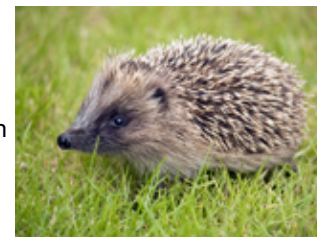
The Animal of The Month has to be Cassius!! (think boxers to explain his name...) His story reached the national press, both red-tops and broad-sheets! A gentleman saw his dog playing in the garden with what appeared to be a brown ball – he went to investigate what Rover/Spot/Lassie was playing with, and on retrieving said ball, a seemingly solid sphere of mud and clay, he noticed, on closer inspection, one or two spines just visible in the clay, and realised that the muddy ball was a hedgehog, and was breathing! The dog had probably disturbed the hog, which would have curled into a defensive ball, and was then rolled around by the dog, being covered in mud and clay as a result.

The hedgehog was taken to Brent Lodge where, with care and patience, the clay was gently removed – this took a while, as the clay had hardened, the animal was exhausted and angry and needed food and rest-periods while the task was undertaken.

Happily, all is now well, and Cassius will be returned to his 'home' as soon as he is completely recovered (and will no doubt be there when you read this..)

Though an unusual story, it does show that hedgehogs can get into all sorts of scrapes, some not ending as happily – as well as dogs being a risk-factor (especially at night), unchecked bonfires and over enthusiastic use of strimmers can also cause hedgehog casualties – please check your gardens before the work starts!

This has been rather a 'hedgehog edition' this month, but we are entering the time of lots of babies, too, all 'cheep-cheeping' away – the staff and volunteers are rushed off their feet, but we love it! I'll let you know the actual dates of our May Spring Fling in my next Briefing – until then, enjoy the beauty of the countryside and the wildlife around you... GC



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Answers next month.

L.I.N.C Ladies in Contact

Our March Meeting will take place on Thursday the 16th at 7.15pm in St. Peters Church Hall when Tracy Bowden, speaker for the evening from The Chestnut Tree House Hospice for children living within Sussex and surrounding areas, will be telling about hospice care services provided at the hospice.

Cost for the evening is just £2 includes refreshments of coffee, tea and biscuits plus a free raffle ticket.

The Venture Bus is available to members; we do aim to conclude around 9.00pm.

Should you like any further information please give either Mary Grantham a call on 604718 or Beryl Fletcher 603750.

A Warm Welcome to all Ladies.



Our next meeting will be on Friday 24th March at 2.30p.m. in the Selsey Centre.

The speaker will be **John Bowers**

John will be talking about the Criminal Justice System, as seen from the perspective of a man who has had considerable experience of it.

He will be sharing his poignant and dramatic story in an understated yet deeply moving manner.

Visitors are always welcome at our open meetings, so why not come and join us?

If you want to know more then please call Sue our Membership Secretary on 07710 658331



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Forthcoming events:

Friday March 24th Grand Fireworks Display approximately 7.30pm. The last display from the lifeboat gantry and slipway, kindly provided by Selstar. Join us on the beach for a spectacular display.

Saturday April 1st approximately 11.00am. Come along and see our allweather Tyne class lifeboat "Voluntary Worker" launch down the slipway for the last time. After launch "Voluntary Worker" will be moored off the beach for a few months until the new allweather Shannon class lifeboat arrives.

Saturday 1st April 7.30pm. The first fund raising event in the new boathouse. Enjoy "Songs of the Sea" performed by the Off Centre Choir, and a glass of wine. Expected to be very popular so get your tickets early – see www.selseylifeboats.co.uk for ticket details and information on the other events.

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Our next meeting will be on Friday the 10th March at 7.30pm in The Conference Room, Selsey Centre.

An illustrated talk by Monica Lucas
"THE GARDEN IN SUMMER"

There will be plants available for sale on the evening, so don't forget to bring some money.



Selsey Model Boat Club

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

The first Sunday in the month is Race Day
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or just pop along to have a look and a chat
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New Members Welcome

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Quiz Evening and Meal.

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On Sunday 12th March there will be a Tea Time Concert of music for violin and piano in Sidlesham Church. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Parish Rooms Project, and the music will include works by Handel, Elgar and Kreisler, as well as lighter items.

Joanna Chivers will be joined by Ian Scott who was accompanist for Patrick Moore on his UK tour. A graduate of the Royal Academy of Music, Ian studied violin with Lionel Bentley and piano with Alex Kelly. He has played all over the world including being pianist-in-residence at the Ritz Hotel in Paris and at the Dorchester in London, as well as having several seasons at Ronnie Scott's in London. Now resident in Yorkshire, he leads the Invittatione Orchestra and will be making several appearances in Hull during its year as City of Culture.

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