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Welcome to the March issue of the Selsey Life magazine.

Let us start this month with a little quiz, can you identify the following sound?

Thwap Splat

That will be the sound of the Boss whacking me around the head with anything she can lay her hands on when she gets back, because I forgot to put the cover price on the February magazine. (Just checked, it is on this one.) I apologise to our distributors and readers for any confusion caused. I would like to thank all of you who paid anyway. If you did not pay last month, but enjoyed the issue, perhaps you would consider putting an extra donation in the box this month? Also, if you are reading this magazine in a reception or whilst waiting in a shop, and you will be putting it back, may we please ask if you would still consider putting a small donation in the box? If we cannot make the printing costs there will not be a magazine for you to look through. Thank you.

So, March is upon us, with the start of Spring on the 20th, the clocks changing 29th March, St. David's Day 1st March, St. Patrick's Day 17th March and Mothering Sunday 22nd March. Quite a month to get into. Remember to shop local, support our shops, you will miss them when they are gone.

Good luck with this month's competition, we hope you have a lovely March, and we hope as always you enjoy this issue. See you in April if I have recovered from my head wounds. As usual we are happy to receive submissions and comments.

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For this month's Find the Seagull we are pleased to offer this lovely decorated Selsey Stone. The prize has been kindly donated by Anne Kinnear, whose work is for sale in The Shop, 89 High Street. To be in with a chance of winning, simply locate the seagull hidden somewhere in the magazine, and then fill out the coupon below and post the coupon in either of the two boxes at Pretty's Newsagent, 4 Orchard Parade, Selsey, or Village Flowers, 128 High Street, Selsey. The draw will take place on Thursday 26th March February mid-day. Entry by coupon only, no copies accepted.

Good Luck, and a big thank you to Anne Kinnear for the prize.

Congratulations to last month's competition winner, Jenny Ledger, drawn by Dawn at Village Flowers, who won the Seal decorated Selsey Rock kindly donated by Beth Lambert.



The seagull was in the centre pages, the third photo accross, the man in the striped top.

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SCHOOLSWORKS HOLDS FIRST TRUST-WIDE MATHS COMPETITION

Seven West Sussex Schools Competed as Part of National Event

Seven teams from across the Trust enjoyed solving a range of tricky maths problems



Schoolsworks, the South Coast based multi-academy trust, held its first Trust-wide maths competition on Wednesday 15th January. The event, which was hosted at Edward Bryant School in Bognor Regis, was organised as part of a nationally run competition offered by Explore Learning, with Schoolsworks staff receiving specific training in order to run the event.



Each of Schoolsworks seven schools sent a team of four able mathematicians to solve two problems, which were specially written for the competition by the NRIC project at the University of Cambridge.

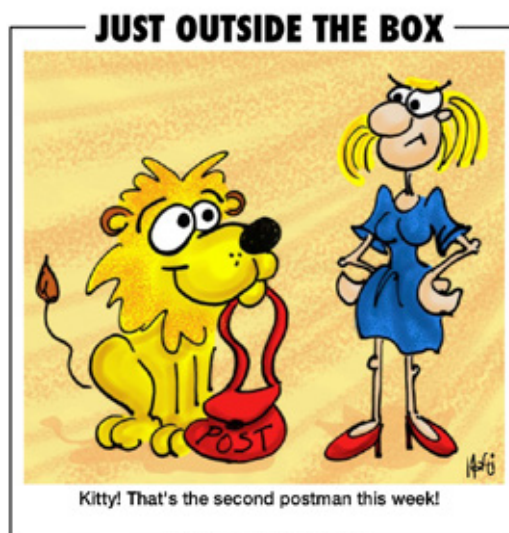
Marks were awarded for teamwork as well as each team's maths ability based on how well they tackled the very tricky challenges.

The Young Mathematicians Award is run by Explore Learning and invites schools from across the country to take part. The top placed teams are invited to a final at the National History Museum.



Chris Seaton, CEO of Schoolsworks, commented: "We were very excited to be part of this maths event. It was a great afternoon, and the children really enjoyed the opportunity to work together with their school friends to try to beat teams from their family of schools. The winning team from Rose Green Juniors will now go forward in the hopes that they have done enough to reach the national finals! My thanks go to Richard Waddington, Head of School at Edward Bryant, and Nicky Oakford, out Trust lead for mathematics, who organised the event."

Harry, from the winning team at Rose Green Juniors, commented: "It was such a privilege to take part in this challenge and work as a school team".



Hi!

We are back from the half term break with lots of exciting events ahead of us.

The Reception children will be visiting the local Vets and then they are off to Marwell Zoo to support their topic Paws and Claws.

We are looking forward to hearing from the Bronze Ambassadors about the conference they have attended and the week starting 2nd March is Book Week. The children are looking forward to dressing up as their favourite character from a book next Friday 6th March, when Year 5 will be presenting a very special Book Week assembly. It will be interesting to see which books are the current favourites!

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SELSEY VENTURE CLUB NEWS



During January over sixty SVC members enjoyed the annual seasonal meal, which was once again at the Park Hotel in Chichester. This event effectively closes out 2019 and Christmas which now seems a long time ago.

We continue to have a shortage of drivers for the minibuses and still find ourselves relying heavily on just a few to whom we are so grateful. This was particularly felt over the Christmas period when a number of our volunteer drivers were not available. We did receive one comment which was why didn't we pay the drivers more? If only this were possible, but if we did pay anything we would not be able to operate within the Regulations and Law. If you know anyone who might help us, please ask them and then let us know as we are in urgent need to help spread the load. The Selsey Venture Club is an extremely good cause and as often remarked by members this superb facility is not available in other towns and villages.

Announcing a future event, we have reserved tickets for the Neil Sands "Land of Hope and Glory" concert at the Alexandra Theatre, Bognor Regis on April 30th. The show promises to be as good as previous performances and has V.E. day commemorations as a theme. Members will need to be quick to book their place as the show is very popular and tickets limited; we advise you reserve your seat as soon as you see this notification. Please note we can only offer transportation to those who obtain their tickets through the Venture Club. Alison will be collecting your monies at the Venture Club on Tuesday 17th and Friday 20th March between 09.30 and 11.00am; sorry but any reservations not paid by 11.00am on Friday 20th March will be offered for resale.

To reserve your concert seat or talk to one of our people, call into the Club in Elm Grove Selsey or phone the office on 605115. If you are interested in driving for us there is another contact method via email which is selseyventureclub@gmail.com (please do not use for general or concert enquiries).

Nigel Cooper Transport Manager
& Alison Cooper Social Sec

SELSEY VENTURE CLUB

Just a reminder that we will shortly be visiting you to collect your yearly subscriptions for 2020-2021. This year the cost will be £20, as was agreed by members at our AGM.

Only members of the club are allowed to travel on the buses. This is for insurance purposes. Please make sure you always have your membership card with when using the Venture Bus.

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FAREWELL SNAK SHAK

It is with much sadness and regret that we announce the closure of the Selsey Snak Shak doors for the last time. Everything has its time and purpose and now after 14+ years the Snak Shak has run its course.

Much has happened in the last fourteen years; starting with the burger van in Budgens car park in 2005, to acquiring its current premises, the Snak Shak Warehouse, in 2007.

Our first customers are now adults and many have started families of their own, so why are you closing now, you may ask. To this question there is no single answer, but a combination of several factors: Firstly, funding for a revenue project like the Snak Shak has become increasingly difficult to the point of impossible; Failure to attract younger volunteers to replace ageing volunteers who have given such long and outstanding service to the community; And finally, the indication that the Snak Shak has run its course, when for twelve consecutive sessions, unknown in Snak Shak history, the attendance was zero, apart from one or two occasional youngsters. The youngsters have spoken with their feet and the Snak Shak has completed its purpose. We have to accept that now is the time to say goodbye.

So on behalf of the Trustees, a big thank you to all our volunteers past and present. A big thank you to our Selsey Youth Worker, Kylee, who has done so much for the Selsey youngsters in going the extra mile, and a big thank you to all our supporters who made the whole project happen.

In 2008 we held the Grand Opening of the Snak Shak Warehouse, and in 2020 we plan to hold the Grand Closing of the Snak Shak at a time and date to be announced, when we hope to see many of those who helped to make the Snak Shak the success it has been over the years.



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DONNA'S DELIBERATIONS

Hello, my fellow peninsula dwellers, how are you all today? Thoroughly fed up with this totally non-descript weather if you're anything like me. It's been absolutely perfect for the bugs unfortunately, and they've been thriving in these damp, not particularly cold conditions which seem to have prevailed since last September. I don't suppose many of us particularly like the really cold weather but, it has the advantage of killing off some of the little blighters which does help a bit. This seems to be the way of things now – climate change and specifically global warming, means that we will be enjoying rather moreclement weather. Whilst that may have its positive points it also has a few negatives: apart from the fact that the bugs can proliferate, warmer weather all round means more intense rainfall which, for us, is not good. The surface water this winter in Selsey and Sidlesham has been the worst I've ever known and it's becoming quite a concern for a lot of residents. At a recent meeting I attended, we discussed the impact of climate change down here on our little piece of the south coast and someone mentioned that Champagne growers were moving into the District because of the 'improving' climatic conditions. They may not be so keen when their vines start to float away or the roots start to rot because the water soaks away too slowly. We shall see....

The good thing about March, of course – apart from the fact that it's Mother's Day which is always nice – is that we put the clocks forward. Yes, I know we lose an hour's shut-eye and, trust me on this, as one who is obsessed with sleep – or rather the lack of it – I won't be looking forward to that bit, but it does mean that we are definitely heading in the right direction again and the days should soon start to be noticeably longer. That isn't to say that I particularly dislike the winter, though. In fact, there are some things I quite enjoy about it. There's something quite special about getting comfy on the sofa, drawing the curtains and sitting down with a nice cup of tea, just letting the world float by for a while. I know, I'm easily pleased! It was only recently during a foray into Ikea (I have to breathe very deeply when I enter those doors...!) that I realised the Swedes actually have a special word which kind of describes what has just taken me about twenty! The word is 'lagom' it's a bit like the Danish word 'hygge'. There's no direct English translation but it means everything in moderation, believing that it's the closest path to a long term, sustainable, healthy and happy balanced life. So, when we settle down on the sofa when it's dark and the wind and rain are pounding at the windows, we are practising 'hygge' – doing something which gives us a feeling of contentment and well-being. We're taking some time-out which means we are 'rebalancing' which is what 'lagom' is all about. I love words, so finding this out was fascinating for me. I believe we could all do with

a bit more 'hygge' and 'lagom'. What do you think?

So...on matters other – how was Valentine's Day? My daughter clearly has two, as yet unidentified admirers. It's all right for some! Mr Johnson and I enjoyed a brilliant meal at the Selsey Club – I had trifle for dessert so say no more. It was nice to actually have an evening out on the day itself; it's usually a school night so there's no getting my other half out. Flowers arrived at chez Johnson for moi early in the morning from my 'mystery man' – no idea who he is but he's been sending me flowers for the last 20 years! So, it was a nice day, all told.

We had a couple of birthdays in February and during one of our forays into Chichester to buy suitable pressies my daughter and I found ourselves in a particular shop. I won't say its name but I'll give you a clue – it wasn't the Body Shop. Truthfully, I try to avoid this shop as it gives me sensory overload – way too many different smells in one place, in the end I can't actually smell anything at all. As usual we were pounced upon as soon as we walked in. Having resisted the somewhat 'hard selling' techniques carefully disguised as 'information' we found what we were looking for and were just about to head to the till to pay when I realised something – if a customer loitered more than about 5 seconds by a particular display an assistant would approach. So, if you're looking at soap for example, said assistant will approach you and say 'Are you looking at soap today?' Talk about a statement of the obvious! It happened to us twice while we were there and the penny dropped when I heard a different assistant say it to another customer. Why people at the 'top' who send down these strange instructions to their employees don't actually think about what they are asking their staff to say, I have no idea. On one level it was quite funny but I really felt for the shop assistants who had to say it – they must have known how absurd it was but were stuck with it!

Anyway... Spring is springing up this month and signs of it are popping up everywhere. All of a sudden trees and bushes are beginning to bud and, thankfully, we seem to have successfully navigated our way through winter again. One of my favourite quotes about spring actually comes from Charles Dickens: 'Spring is the time of year, when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade'. Very accurate! It's a season which has inspired both writers and artists to compose wonderful narrative and beautiful, vibrant paintings. Maybe it can awake the sleeping talent within us!

Happy March, everyone

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- 1) Which familiar TV weather forecaster retired in 2000?
- 2) 'Strawberry' is a variety of what vegetable?
- 3) What was Kathy Mitchell's maiden name in Eastenders?
- 4) What is a treecreeper?

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The Write Zone with Tara Wright



In the course of my life I've been lucky enough to spot a few stars of stage and screen. I've queued for groceries behind Nicholas Lyndhurst, shared bathroom facilities with Buddy Holly's widow, and been knocked into a gutter by an apologetic Gareth Hunt. Generally, I have one golden rule: leave well alone. Famous people appreciate privacy. On a handful of occasions, though, I have broken this rule. Anyone remember Time Team? I spotted the giant of the man who is Phil Harding on a train to London and just had to fight my way through the crowded carriage to tell him how much I enjoyed the programme. He was delightful, and we spent a few minutes chatting about some of our favourite archaeological gems. Similarly, I spotted actress Anna Chancellor in Chichester's North Street one rain-drenched afternoon. It was a split-second mental toss of the coin: do I let the poor soaking woman keep going, or do I hail her to let her know how much I enjoy her work? I called it, in the name of appreciation, and was rewarded with a delighted 'thank you' and broad torchlight smile that could have illuminated a cave.

I'm not supposing in any way that my odd brush with a celebrity is by any means unusual. What is unusual, I think, is the privilege of spending quality time with a person you admire, which is exactly what I got to do shortly before Christmas. I was travelling to Christchurch, a journey I've made many times, and stopped at junction 3 services on the M27 for my usual comfort break. I ordered a coffee at one of the retail outlets and stood, automaton-like, waiting for my drink. Letting my gaze drift over my fellow travellers, I locked eyes with a man who had collected his breakfast and was searching for a table.

You know how your brain does that rapid shuffle to identify a familiar face? That's what my brain did. I thought, 'Good Lord, he looks just like Peter Owen-Jones.'

Reverend Peter Owen-Jones, some of you may know, is a Church of England Vicar, known for his BBC series The Extreme Pilgrim. I admire the way he has challenged the rules that have calcified faith and have been a fan for years. I wondered if it really could be him. It was years since I'd seen him on TV and his woolly hat was enough to throw me into doubt. If it was him, there was no way I could ignore the opportunity. As I stirred my coffee, I planned a fast, diplomatic entrance, a sincere thank you, and a swift, gracious exit.

Coffee in hand I approached, watching him tuck in to his breakfast and feeling the first pang of guilt. I apologised for intruding and as soon as he reassured me I wasn't in those melodious, cello-like tones which characterise his voice, I had all the confirmation I needed. He asked me to join him; I told him I had no wish to interrupt his breakfast. He insisted I sat down, telling me that he hadn't spoken to anyone in three days.

We talked for a whole hour, about books and writing, walking and our children, the challenges of parenting, and our plans for Christmas. We talked about love, and what it means to love, and who we love. We talked about finding ourselves in whom we love, and losing ourselves when we fall in love. We laughed. In the course of an hour, it felt like a cherished friendship I had not experienced, and yet had known my whole life.

We left the service station together and said goodbye with the long, sincere hug of two people who have enjoyed each other's company. The best tradition of the traveller who needs to wend his way arose. 'That's me,' he said, pointing to his Rav 4.

'And that's me,' I smiled, mildly incredulous, indicating my Rav 4. We looked at each other, the question blooming.

'What on earth is that about?' he laughed.

Tara

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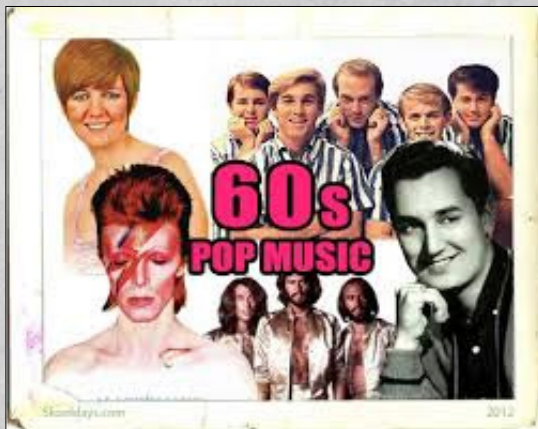
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If you would like more information about joining us, please contact Stella Crist on 01243 603221 or Heather Coleman on 01243 604603



SEAL ISLAND WI



At our meeting in February Jane Reeves from the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group gave a fascinating and informative talk about the FLOW (Fixing and Linking our Wetlands) Project. With a group of hard working volunteers she is surveying the condition of ditches and rife on the peninsula, making improvements for wildlife and helping to reduce flood risk. It was lovely to hear that we have a good population of water voles in this area, as numbers are dangerously low in other parts of the country. As this is such an important issue for all us living on the Manhood Peninsula, we were delighted to welcome visitors for the evening.



Our next meeting, on 5th March, will be a craft evening with Chris, a fun evening chatting and getting messy!

Why not come and join us? We are a friendly group of ladies who meet on the first Thursday of the month in The Selsey Centre at 7.30pm. New members and visitors are always very welcome.

For more information call Jane Mellersh on 605649.



On March 27th Jim Whelan will talk about his life Story in Theatre, film and in a variety of Clubs.

An interesting story, told with many details from personal experience. We look forward to seeing you in the Selsey Centre; as usual the doors will be open from 2p.m.

Lastly can I remind members that the April meeting will be our AGM, please do consider if you would like to contribute to the running of your U3A by joining the committee. We meet once a month in the Selsey Medical Centre and are hoping that we shall have support from at least two more members this year; many hands make light work!! Talk to one of the present committee members if you would like more information or ring our dedicated mobile number 07783040407.

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5) Mabel Lucie Atwell was known for cute illustrations of what?
6) What is 100F in Celsius?

7) Parsifal is an opera by which German composer?
8) Who led the UK Referendum Party in the 1997 election?
9) "Extras" in cricket are called what in Australia?
10) Which sex symbol said "The mind can also be an erogenous zone"?

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SELSEY’S CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD AVIATION!

As a small(ish) rural community, Selsey is not the obvious place to be connected with ‘planes although we did have the Advanced Landing Ground in WWII at Norton and the crash by the French lady, Madame Irene Schmeder Chapellut. Rather surprisingly, though, there are several encounters.

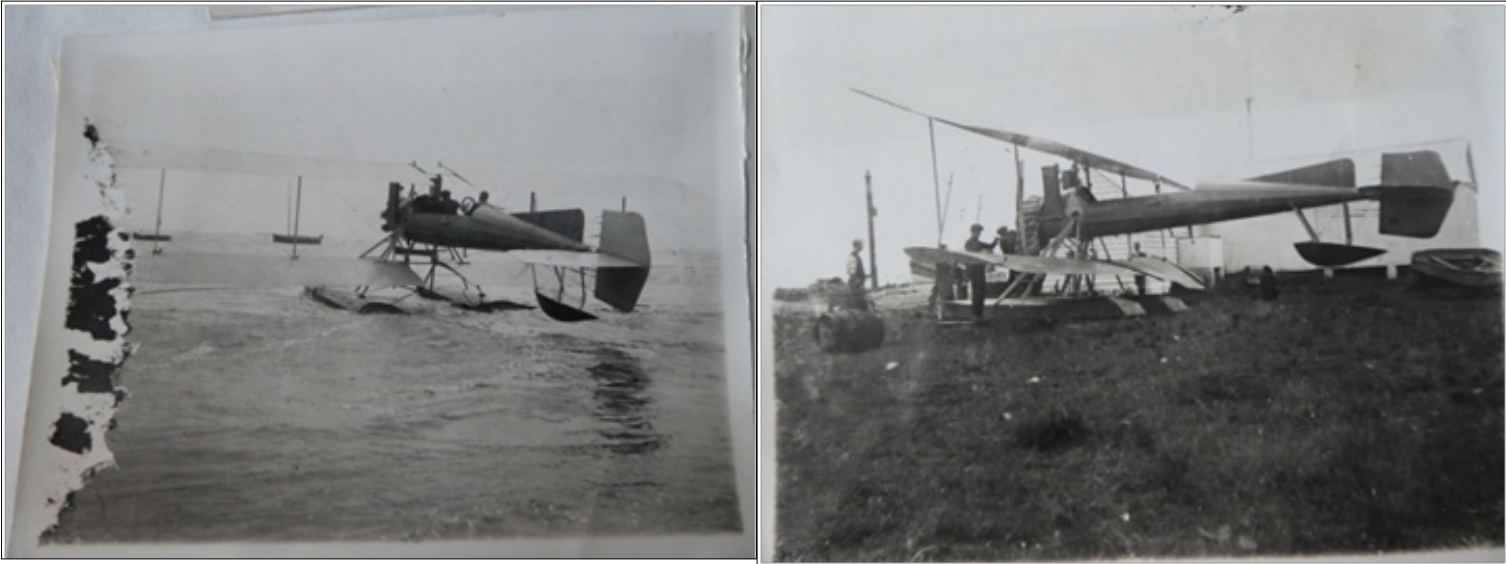
As far as I can remember, the Selsey-on-Sea Syndicate of 1907 was planning on having seaplanes from Imperial Airways landing on Pagham Harbour – thank heavens that plan never took off!



The picture on the left is from the Brian Male collection and is dated 1913, photograph by Arthur Henry Morey.

The two photographs underneath are taken from Mollie Tupper’s archives and show the same seaplane (aka waterplane, floatplane or hydroplane. I have used whichever terminology appears in the source document.)

This one is a famous one – it is the one which was flown by Henri Brégi and was a Breguet Waterplane.



A fine report was published in ‘The Aeroplane’ of August 1913 of which the following is an extract:

‘On Wednesday morning [6th August]:

About midday, Mr. Grahame-White left for Cowes on the Morane-Saulnier. M.Brégi, who had been flying with four passengers the previous day, left with Lieut. Seddon R.N. and another passenger for Portsmouth on Thursday in an attempt to deliver the Breguet waterplane to the Navy.

Unfortunately, when opposite Selsey, the engine lost power, and he was forced to descend to the water. In attempting to taxi to their destination, a wing of the machine was badly damaged by fouling a fishing smack, and, after drifting helplessly for some time, the waterplane was beached with great difficulty at Selsey, and accommodated at the Life Boat Station. Here it will remain till a new wing arrives from Douai.’

The West Sussex Gazette of 14 August 1913 also carried a report of the affair but added that the plane was being piloted by not only Henri Brégi but also his brother and that it was one of half-a-dozen machines being consigned to the British Government for trials.

‘Coxswain Sparshott of the lifeboat and several fishermen put off to their help, and brought them ashore and also succeeded in towing ashore the damaged flying machine to the fishermen’s beach, where it remained for some time, till its occupants took it to pieces and lodged the pieces in the lifeboat house to await the arrival of a new wing, which was sent for. The three occupants took up their quarters for the night at the Selsey Hotel, where their adventure gave a spice to the conversation at the dinner table for the guests of the hotel.’



Sapeur Bregi in front of his Breguet at Camp-de-Mailly

The Chichester Observer of 27 August 1913 reported the hydroplane’s departure:

‘The French hydroplane which recently visited Selsey owing to a mishap, took its departure with a new pair of wings, on Tuesday afternoon of last week. The pilot was accompanied by a passenger. In lovely weather, and in the presence of a large number of spectators, the hydroplane glided gracefully over the water towards Bognor, and then, turning westwards, it rose like a bird and disappeared to the accompaniment of cheers and waving of hats.’

Henri Brégi was a French Army Airman who had become interested in aviation as a teenager. He was one of the first to be engaged in tests of the value of ‘spotting’ for the artillery. He died on 12 January 1917, in France, and it appears that his machine was hit by a gust of wind and flipped, inverted when hitting the water.

With a feeling of déjà vue, I found another wrecked seaplane, this time in the Sheffield Independent of 25 September 1923:

‘US SEAPLANE WRECKED
Schneider Race Competitor Crashes Off Selsey

One of the United States seaplanes entered for the Schneider international seaplane race, fixed to take place on Friday next, from Cowes and Selsey and back, came to grief yesterday afternoon off Selsey Bill while on a trial trip, and is a total wreck.

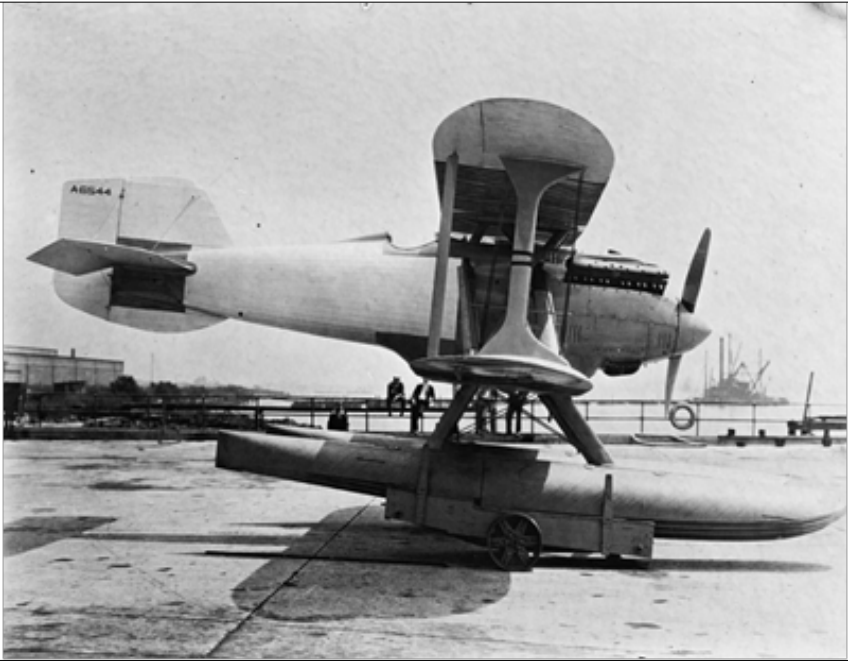
Her propeller was carried away and cutting through a float knocked it off. The seaplane crashed into the sea, and the other float came off on impact with the water.

Coast watchers at Selsey saw the pilot, Lieutenant Worthington Gorton, and the mechanic in the water, and put off to their rescue, which was

accomplished after they had been clinging to the wreckage for an hour and a half.

Communication was made with their headquarters at Cowes, and a motor-boat came out and took the two men back.

The crash of this 700 hp. Wright-American seaplane greatly increases Great Britain’s chance of retaining the Schneider Cup, which was wrested from the Italians last year by the Napier super-marine flying boat, which, greatly improved and piloted by Captain Biard, is favourite this year.’



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I was given the ‘heads up’ on this plane by my new team member, Anders Bruun, who tells me the plane was the Wright NW-2.

Yet another seaplane was ‘forced down’ and was reported in the Hampshire Telegraph of 1 August 1930.

‘A Seaplane, no. N251 was forced to descend owing to engine trouble about 100 yards from the Lifeboat Station at 11am on Wednesday. A perfect descent was made and the seaplane anchored. The Commanding Officer wirelessly to another seaplane in the vicinity which in turn communicated with the Calshot Seaplane Base who sent a Naval tender which reached Selsey about 2pm, and towed the disabled seaplane to the Base. The incident attracted a number of interested visitors.’

In 1934 the Chichester Observer of 27 June reported in its ‘Selsey Notes’ column:

This Savours of Mystery

At any rate it has the elements of a thrill. Listen. An

aeroplane circling over the waters edge. A large steam yacht standing out to sea. The plane diving and landing on the beach. There is none too much sand for the operation. Three or four minutes elapse ere she essays to rise. After several vain attempts she responds to her controls, staggers westward, returns towards the east, turns again and leaves earth for air. As she mounts, she heads for the yacht, dips in salute three times, ere fading away in the gloaming. And this at old world Selsey. On a Sunday evening in June, forsooth! What next?

Well, in this case what follows next is another photo from Mollie Tupper's archives.



taking care of people involved in shipwrecks. Just a thought!

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Hampshire Telegraph – publisher unknown
The Mollie Tupper archives

You would think, wouldn't you, that a photograph labelled 'the first aeroplane to land in Selsey' would have been mentioned in the local newspapers but despite very diligent searching, I can find no trace of it. The best I can offer is an approximate date based on what the people are wearing but if anyone knows differently, then don't hesitate to get in touch. As you can see, the ubiquitous bicycles feature in the foreground.

We know this is an aeroplane rather than a seaplane because it has a 4-bladed propeller, in-line engines and wheels.

And that, dear friends, is as much as I can tell you. It does strike me, though, that Selsey was a much more exciting place when entertainment was not based on electronic boxes but on rushing down to the sea to look at beached planes, helping to haul in the lifeboat with the enormous windlass and



Update from the Chichester
Prevention Team

You can contact your local team in
the following ways:

- **Call us:** on 101 to report a crime or 999 if it's an emergency
- **Email us:** chichester@sussex.pnn.police.uk

In an emergency, or if you see a crime in progress, always
call 999

Secure your shed or garage

It's strange how most people don't secure their shed or garage in the same way they do their homes. People often end up using a flimsy lock or padlock to protect the contents – whether it's a car, bike or lawnmower. The fact is, a burglar will usually try a shed or garage first because they can find the tools they need to get into the house. Please see advice below on how to protect your outbuildings:-

Shed and outbuilding security: first steps

First off, check that your insurance covers the contents of your shed or outbuildings from theft.

Think like a thief

Take a look at your shed and consider how you would break in. It's worth having a good padlock on the door with no exposed screws. Pay attention to hinges, as these are sometimes easily removable. If you have windows then these could be vulnerable unless they're secured with wire mesh or grills. And keep it locked at all times.

Alarm it

Consider a battery-operated shed alarm. They look low key but they respond to movement or door contact with an extremely loud siren.

Lock it, hide it or mark it

Don't give them the opportunity or the tools to commit a crime. Lock everything away securely. Tools can be locked inside a locker or box or secured with a chain.

Secure your bike to the ground or a lockable stand within a locked shed or garage. Visit <https://www.soldsecure.com/> to search for ground anchors and other locks designed to fix to floors and walls.

Although it might sound like stating the obvious, never leave your garage or shed door unlocked if you're not around.

Property marking your items is advisable and some tools can be painted with your name or postcode. Forensic marking is also an option.

Front office opening hours

Monday - Saturday 9am -8pm.
Chichester Police Station, Kingsham Road,
Chichester, PO19 8AD

I was in Chichester last week, and I asked this man I met how I could find out the time of the next train from Chichester to Victoria. He suggested I look on line, but I asked him if that wouldn't be a bit dangerous?



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Upcoming Events

28th March@ 7.30pm we have Shenanigans Music Hall tickets are priced at £11 and are available by calling [07946380205](tel:07946380205) or email shenansmh@yahoo.com.

National Blood Service are here on the 20th March please contact them on [03001232323](tel:03001232323) or go online to register.

West Sussex Carpet Bowls are here on Sunday 19th April

Regular Activities

Seal Island WI are here the first Thursday evening of every month at 7.30pm, for more details please contact them on [01243 60763](tel:0124360763) or [07941445630](tel:07941445630).

Selsey U3A monthly meetings are held here on the fourth Friday of every month, doors open at 2pm, for more details please contact info@selsey3a.org or see their website www.u3asites.org.uk/selsey

Are you looking for somewhere to hold regular meetings or exercise classes? Pop in or ring us to see what we have available.

The Selsey Centre Team



Undoubtedly there are numerous people living in Selsey who have suffered a stroke and are either living in a Care Home or are being cared for in their own home. Out of these people there are probably quite a few who would benefit by being able to meet up with other people who have also had strokes.

**HELP
WANTED!**

At present there is a Stroke Club in Chichester which is open every Thursday morning during "term times". Unfortunately travelling to Chichester from Selsey, for people in wheelchairs or with various disabilities as a result of suffering a stroke, seems to be practically impossible due to the fact that there is no transport available to accommodate wheelchairs at the times that the Chichester Stroke Club is open.

This is why we are trying to set up a Stroke Club in Selsey. In this respect we are therefore trying to assess if there are any people who would be prepared to assist with the running of such a club on a voluntary basis. This would involve assisting with serving tea and coffee, also helping with some of the activities, for example card games, crafts and any other form of entertainments such as exercises etc.

If you are able to spare some time to assist with this please make contact with Selsey Care Shop on [01243 201616](tel:01243201616).

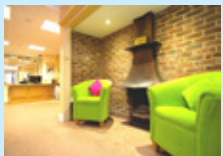
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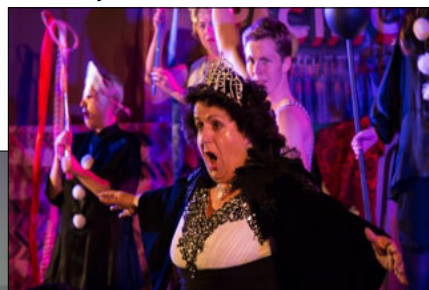


'Tonight Charlie Chaplin at the Pavilion' '2020'

1915 saw the birth of the Little Tramp, which made Charlie Chaplin the most famous man in the world. We in Arts Dream Selsey celebrated this centenary in 2015 by writing our own story about the boy born into poverty in South London who turned himself into a character, still recognized and loved a hundred years later. His films were all performed in the iconic Selsey Pavilion, and loved by generations of Selsey folk. That's where our play took place. As audience members entered the Pavilion, they found themselves in a huge props and costume store. There were hidden corners, vintage items from film sets, groups of old cinema seats - a fascinating place of wonders. Through the gloom the figure of Charlie emerges. He starts to pick through the rails, finding baggy trousers, too-big shoes, a tiny jacket and a bowler hat. He puts them on, practices the walk and, in front of our eyes, the Little Tramp is born.



We are immensely proud of our performers, the amazing standard of their singing and dancing, incredible costume changes and acting of a quality that brings laughter and tears to the faces in the audience. And so, five years after our original production, and with most of the original cast, we are bringing it back to Selsey. This time with new staging, new sets and costumes, remastered Chaplin Films from the Chaplin Paris Office and a few cast surprises that we know you will love! If you saw it first time round, you will want to see it again, and if you didn't, come and join us as we light up the old Pavilion theatre from May 26th - 30th 2020. Charlie will live on forever!



But our play is set in 1959. In the audience is the 70-year-old Charles Chaplin.

We shall call him Chaplin. We shall call the little tramp, Charlie. They speak across the years. Chaplin calls out and catches the tramp's attention. There was a time before that, you know

We go back to a poverty-stricken beginning when Hannah Chaplin and the five-year-old Charlie end up in the workhouse. That Victorian workhouse still stands in Kennington, London. It now houses the Cinema Museum, an amazing place, full of books, memorabilia and artifacts from the world of cinema dating from the 1890's, much of it paying tribute to the work of Chaplin. We were invited to take our play to perform there in September 2016. Can you imagine our emotions - taking Charlie back to that workhouse one hundred years later! What started as an Arts Dream production in our own little town became a professional London production with the likes of Simon Callow, Jack Klaff, Jean Boht and Carl Davis in the audience. We were also thrilled to welcome Kate Guyonvarch from the Chaplin office in Paris, who provided us with original film clips, and David Robinson, the definitive Chaplin biographer.



This review from the Southwark News:

"A great cast provide Music Hall standards and songs from the golden age of Hollywood in a fantastic and nostalgic look at the work of a true cinematic legend. Staged in the unusual performance space at the Cinema Museum near the Elephant, this is a must see. A real gem that I implore you to get along to when it comes to your town. A true great done justice by a flawless production."

Matt Baker

Some other reviews:

"I heartily recommend the play" - Kate Guyonvarch, Chaplin Office, Paris

"Heartbreaking" - Jean Boht

"What an absolutely fantastic show in an incredible location."

"I saw four shows this week, including two at The National, but tell you what? This was the most fun. I just love fringe when it is well done, and this was excellent."

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A Music Theatre play written by Gillian Plowman

At the Pavilion Theatre - Tuesday 26th to

Saturday 30th of May 7.30 pm - Matinee Saturday 30th 2.30 pm



Talk: Celebrating English Gardens

In the run up to the Chichester Cathedral Festival of Flowers (28 - 30 May) all are welcome at a Talk: Celebrating English Gardens with Martin Duncan of Arundel Castle and Margie Hoffnung of the Gardens Trust. 19 March at 2pm at Oving Jubilee Hall, Oving.



Festival of Flowers
St Richard of Chichester Rose

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Dear Selsey Life,

I'm writing to express my disappointment at Mr Bryn Edgar's decision to put away his quill and write no more for Selsey Life. I certainly enjoyed his views and opinions on things.

Writing is a solitary profession - or indeed pastime - and sadly, we scribes seldom hear from our readers, unless someone wants to complain about something and even then we will have to find out, often via a third party. It was via this route that I recently heard I was boring and self absorbed ... the former I will take on the chin, the latter I would take issue with! But, if that's the way someone interprets my 'Deliberations' then that's their view. Fair enough.

The point I'm making is that it is highly likely Mr Edgar's 'Selsey Matters' will have provoked plenty of debate around the kitchen table but I'm not remotely surprised that he hasn't heard anything directly, that's just the way it is. From time to time, if I have a passing chat with a resident or perhaps give my name to a trader, I'll be asked if I write for Selsey Life. People are probably far too polite to say what they really think of my monthly offerings, but they make the connection and that's all we can really hope for.

By and large I tend to stay away from specifically 'Selsey matters' and concentrate more on frivolity, with the odd bit of general information. This was a conscious decision, although as I'm apparently 'self absorbed' perhaps I should rethink it! I really hope, then, that Mr Byrne will reconsider whether or not he should continue. I know how long putting together a piece of narrative can take and how disappointing it can be if it appears to prompt no interaction, but he shouldn't be downhearted. I guarantee that whilst he may hear nothing, behind closed doors, his articles will provoke a conversation and that's something he should be proud of. Remember the old saying... 'You only miss something when it's gone'.....?

Best wishes,
Donna Johnson

RSPB Pagham Seals Wildlife Explorers

Calling all 7-13 year old wildlife and nature enthusiasts...

The RSPB Pagham Seals is for 7-13 year olds and, unless advertised, meets every last Sunday in the month between 2-4pm. We meet the Pagham Harbour RSPB Reserve, but are also off site for many meets at a wide variety of locations exploring the beautiful area in which we live and its wildlife.

For more information and to check the programme and/or location for any month, please contact
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Tel: 07720946132
Email: george.carney@tiscali.co.uk
Pagham Harbour Reserve, Selsey Road, Sidlesham, West Sussex, PO20 7NE. Tel 01243 641508

I have been with many others in Selsey making prem baby hats and blankets. Recently I went to St. Richard's Hospital to visit a friend with a prem baby, and it brought it home to me how much these are needed. The unit was full with 3 babies born the night before, with the doctors and nurses giving all their attention to babies and mums - the N H S is brilliant when we really need it. So if anyone out there can help with knitting or crocheting for these tiny babies it is so worthwhile and so appreciated

We are collecting knitted or crochet prem baby items,
Gemma at F A Holland, Funeralcare, 1 New Parade, High St Selsey PO20 0QA

Legend has it that it's been visiting Lewes for years. There have been sightings from Southease all the way up to Barcombe. In January, John glimpsed it vanishing into the murky waters of the River Ouse near Tesco. A few months later, Barry was on his way to work when he encountered the creature hauled out on a pontoon by the Cuilfail cliffs. You'll find 38 species of wild mammal living in or around Lewes. Badgers, foxes, stoats, weasels, shrews, rabbits, hares, moles, voles, dormice, bats, rats, hedgehogs, mice and mink all form the mammalian fauna of a landlocked South Downs town. Yet there's one salty surprise on the list; the Common Seal, an animal that's typically found in Britain's coastal waters 12 kilometres away.



And the seal's certainly a surprise to any Lewes residents who, *Common Seal c Bill Carter* while innocently strolling along the Ouse, *Sussex Wildlife Trust* encounter their local leviathan. I've never seen the legendary beast myself but have received plenty of excited tweets, emails and mobile phone photos from amazed observers who can't believe what they've seen. Throughout history, sailors (without the benefit of smartphones and a Twitter account) have confused seals for mermaids and sea serpents and, as Sussex mammals go, this seal is a real monster.

Common Seals can weigh up to 150 kg; twice the weight of a

Fallow Deer, the second biggest wild mammal in this area (and 50,000 times heavier than the smallest; the Pygmy Shrew). As you'd imagine, on land this blubbery behemoth is about as agile as Peter Ustinov trapped in a sleeping bag but underwater they're as balletic as Baryshnikov, gracefully swimming at speeds of up to 25 mph as they hunt fish, shellfish, squid and octopus.



Common Seal c Hugh Clark
FRPS Sussex Wildlife Trust

It's this quest for food that occasionally leads seals into Sussex rivers such as the Ouse and the Arun as they follow fish migrating upstream. Common Seals breed in Sussex, where there is a colony at Chichester Harbour. It's a sink or swim situation for seal pups born on the sandbanks exposed during the low tides of summer. Their aquatic life starts as the next high tide rolls in and within hours of their birth they're swimming in the Solent alongside their mother. Mother's milk helps them to double their birth weight in just a few weeks. The name 'common' is a bit of a misnomer. In British waters you're three times more likely to see their larger, Roman-nosed relative the Grey Seal. The patterns on each seal's fur are as individual as fingerprints. Keep an eye out when you're next walking by along a Sussex riverbank and see if a seal is giving the river its approval.

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RSPB Events for March 2020

PRINSTEAD/NUTBOURNE Tuesday 10 March

Morning Bird Walk on Nutbourne Marsh with Carole Griffiths of the RSPB. Meet end of Prinstead Lane, Map Ref: SZ766051 at 10.00 am. 01243 262833

ARUNDEL Saturday 21 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

CHICHESTER Thursday 26 March

Illustrated Talk by Ken Panchen on 'Birds of Ethiopia' to the RSPB Chichester Local Group at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester at 7.30 pm.

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

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Chichester Conservancy Volunteers March 2020

EBERNHOE Sunday 1 March

Conservation - Heathland Management on Graffham Common with Graham Pritchard of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers. Meet at 10.00 am 07802 161196

LAVINGTON Sunday 29 March

Conservation – Heathland Management with Richard Wilson of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers on Lavington Common. Meet at 10.00 am. 01243 528056

SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST March 2020

CHICHESTER Tuesday 31 March

Illustrated Talk by Bruce Middleton on 'Wildlife Found on our West Sussex Heaths' to the Sussex Wildlife Trust, Friends Meeting House, Priory Road, Chichester at 7.30 pm

Entrance members £3-00/visitors £4 01243 262833
wheelchair access

11) Which composer did Dirk Bogarde portray on film, Chopin or Liszt?

12) What is Blind Hookey?

A change in the season at Pagham Harbour & Medmerry

March, officially the first month of spring, brings hope and a sense of anticipation as life begins anew. New growth begins in earnest and there is a feeling of excitement in the air. Our resident male birds become more vocal looking to get ahead of the summer migrants arriving soon. Robins, dunnocks and song thrush find a suitable perch to sing, staking claim to territories and hoping to impress a potential mate. Blue tits, greenfinches and chaffinches appear brighter, having shed their old feathers and replaced them in fresh finery. It is no coincidence that doddier birds have more complex songs than their brighter cousins. Both are ways to impress and use considerable amounts of energy.



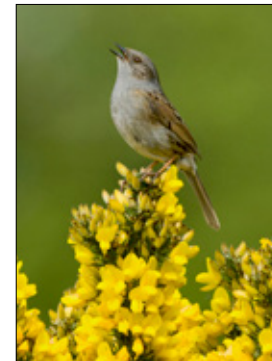
Blue Tit - Louise Greenhorn

Dunnocks feed mainly on the ground and are a regular visitor to gardens. They have streaky brown upperparts and wings, with a blue-grey chest and underparts. About the size of a blackbird, the song thrush has a brown back and wings,

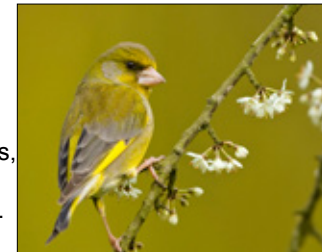


Song Thrush - Chris Gomersall

Male greenfinches are olive-green with brighter backs and a bright yellow patch on the wing, while chaffinch males have blue-grey heads, pink chests and cheeks, a chestnut back and white patches on the wings. Like many birds the females are less colourful.



Dunnock - John Bridges



Greenfinch - Ben Hall



Chaffinch - Andy Hay

legs and a black bill with a yellow tip. It has a white body, light grey wings and a black cap which forms a crest in the breeding season. Like the sandwich terns, little ringed plovers have spent winter in Africa. These small waders with round head and short stubby bills, feed along the shoreline, especially around freshwater, running a short distance, suddenly pausing to tilt its whole body and peck at prey on the ground. They have a brown back and crown, white underparts, collar and forehead and a distinctive yellow eye-ring against a black eye mask.



Sandwich Tern - Ivan Lang



Little Ringed plover - Ben Hall

These are the vanguard of our summer invasion and a sure sign spring is upon us.

Let's give nature a home

RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry

Saturday 14 March, Binocular and Telescope Open Day. Come along and try our wide range of binoculars and telescopes and have a chat with our friendly optics experts. Whether you're a complete beginner, an experienced birder or buying as a present, we'll be happy to help.

10am – 4pm, Free event, no need to book

Saturday 28 March, Great British Spring Clean. Join us and the Friends of Pagham Harbour for The Great British Spring Clean, clearing our beaches of litter and making a difference whilst in good company. **Meet 10am at Church Norton car park PO20 9DT. Free**

Sunday 29 March, Bird Watching for Beginners – Pagham Harbour's Birds of Spring. Can you separate your chiffchaffs from your willow warblers? Your sand martins from your house martins and swallows? Would you recognise a wheatear if you saw one? Following the format of our popular Bird Watching for Beginners classes, this workshop focuses on early spring arrivals. Starting with a short theory session, followed by a practical walk on our wonderful reserve, we look at identification through shape,

colour, behaviour, song and habitat, plus discussing ecology and migration.

**10am (duration 3 hours) Booking essential
£10 per person / £8 RSPB members**

Sunday 29 March, Someone to Guide You.

Unsure of what that bird is? Our friendly guides will be at our **Church Norton Hide, RSPB Pagham Harbour, PO20 9DT**, to help you spot and identify the wildlife that you see.

10am – 1pm Drop-in. Free

Check out our website www.rspb.org/paghamharbour for full events program.

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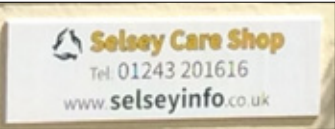
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- 13) Scotch whiskey is distilled in vessels made of what?
- 14) Which is the deeper water, epilimnion or thermocline?
- 15) Which Jones made his film debut in Love Story?
- 16) Which Jones was a television Troubleshooter?
- 17) Who was wife and frequent co-star of Yves Montand?
- 18) Which character sings "Memory" in Cats?

Writing in February for the March issues of Selsey Life etc., the third month of a new decade, time seems to fly and I can assure you all, it's not just us maturer adults saying this nearly all younger people I chat to feel the same. No wonder no one seems to pass the time of day with an elderly neighbour, or just knock on the door to see if all's ok having not seen them about. I know from my own children and grandchildren it's not because they're not caring, just overrun with work and family needs and living a distance away.



Selsey Carers working with other like minded Charity groups is here to help find you support, if you're left caring for a loved one and feel isolated, in need of a chat about problems or just some light relief over a cuppa and cake. We are based in the Care Shop on the High Street, Selsey or Telephone [01243-201616](tel:01243201616).

Maybe reading this issue, you are not a carer but needing something to do and meet people, we would welcome you as a volunteer, any time you can give would be most welcome; you may have more to give than you realise, or talents and ideas you can pass on to us, we hope you'll call.

Selsey Carers hold Social interaction groups listed below for anyone to come to.

EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2-30 pm in The Care Shop, 121, High Street Selsey.
Informal get together with Carers.

EVERY 2nd. THURSDAY of the Month 10 am.
COFFEE MORNING. Methodist Church Hall everyone welcome.

EVERY 3rd. THURSDAY of the Month 1-30pm. Social Afternoon.
Methodist Church Hall

EVERY 2nd. TUESDAY of the Month 10am. Men's Group Breakfast Club, at the Snak Shak. High Street, next door to St. Wilfrids Charity Shop. This is a new but growing group for Male Carers to have other men's company. We sincerely hope more of you will come along for an hour enjoy a breakfast roll or sandwich, and cup of tea or coffee .

Very soon our year proper will start, Selsey Carers Car Boots Easter Monday April 13 th . Hopefully !! The awful weather so far this year means saturated ground may be our biggest problem, with Storm Dennis predicted to unleash gallons more rain on us as I write, let's pray it's the last and Selseys famous winds dry the grounds in our favour.

Selsey Carers works within the Selsey Community Forum charity, No.1156460.

I would like to send a letter of thanks to some very kind people to be put in the magazine please.

Last Tuesday morning (11th February) I was on my way to St Wilfrids Church with my walker and bags loaded with my Art work. As I got to the corner of Manor Farm Court to turn into the main road the wind caught me off balance and down I went, hitting my head. I managed to sit up and waved to the cars going by. Three people in a car came to my aid and helped after some time to get me back home to The Willows, in Manor Farm Court, also two Carers arrived and were wonderful too.

I would say a very **BIG THANKYOU** to everyone. and Janet I am so sorry for shouting at you? I am fine, though very sore with head and back but doing well. A million Thanks.

From Pauline White.

I do hope that all involved sees this message too.

CONSEQUENCES

Global warming is merely figment
That's what the President reckons
He'll be powering the States with mines of coal
While grinning doomsday beckons
As the new broom sweeps the old away
There's no time for rational thinking
What went before is soon shown the door
The big man isn't for shrinking

Sloping away from the Paris Accord
To a chorus of gloomy despair
This planet warmer who sneers at science
Shows scant appetite for repair
His fading stars and their threadbare stripes
Beat a path to early destruction
Where irreversible temperature rise
Brings Polar ice deconstruction

Unrepentant, the hurricane season
Lashed islands soon pummelled flat
Yet a bleating Tweeting tough President
Dismisses all clear caveat
He's steering the good ship U.S. of A.
Through bleak waters stormy and cold
Waters untested, waters uncharted
Waters of danger untold

His Mexican wall is about to go up
To hell with all consequences
Believing that those he'll be locking out
Must cover the bulk of expenses
Will it be four years, will it be eight?
How much can the old planet take?
Long and deep will their digging be
To find anything left in his wake.

JOHN BYRNE SUMMER 2017
ARTWORK: JASON BETON



Agree or disagree? Comments, please, to Serlsey Life by our usual means.

Concorde Social Club For 60+

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Joy on [07985 548610](tel:07985548610) or on the website
concordesingleandsocialclub.co.uk

- 19) What song from Kismet became an international hit?
- 20) "June Is Bustin' Out All Over" in which musical?

Since last month I have received donations for wreaths from two more organisations totalling £50 and two more donations together coming to £170 which makes our grand total for the year so far an incredible



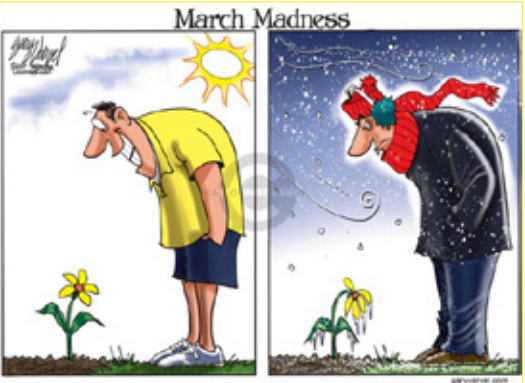
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Well done everybody.

You will recall that last month, with great sadness, I announced my retirement as Selsey's Poppy Appeal Organisation after 37 years. I had great fear that no-one would want to take it on. It was with enormous relief, therefore, that the very afternoon of the day that I sent-out my letter I was contacted by a member of the Royal British Legion Club committee to say that they had made an instant command decision on receiving their copy of my letter and that they, that is the entire committee, would take over as a joint PAO. Deep joy! I shall be forever grateful to them.

I shall, as promised, stay on as an adviser, helper and collector. Until such time as it becomes official and is sanctioned by Poppy HQ at Aylesford please continue to contact me on any matter concerning Selsey's Poppy Appeal.

Thanks and best wishes to you all.
Adrian Wilson
PAO Selsey
602047



WHAT'S ON AT THE SELSEY CLUB MARCH

- Thursday 5th Selsey Folk and music
Present Phil Beer 7pm
- Saturday 7th Irish night with Flash Company and Irish Dinner 7.30pm
£13.95 for members £16.95 for non members
(pre booking with deposit required)
- Saturday 14th to be announced
- Saturday 21st Kelly Lorraine 9pm
- Sunday 22nd Mother's Day Lunch with Bobby Barnes (Booking only)
- Sat 28th Starburst (Glam Rock Band) 9pm
With 70s style Chicken and Chips
£12.95 for members £15.00 for Non Members
(Pre booking deposit required) 7.30pm
- Thurs Quiz night 8pm
- Mon Darts, Fri Snooker competition
- Sunday Roast and lunches served Monday/Thursday/Friday
Please Book for Lunch and Dinners

Signing in and fees may apply

Tel: [01243 606015](tel:01243606015)

Follow our Facebook page for what is coming up
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Friends of Selsey Medical Centre

Greetings from the Friends Committee.

We have been working hard over the past 12 months to try to increase the membership and raise funds so that the various requests from the Medical Centre Doctors and Nurse can be fulfilled.

The membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March and soon the Membership Secretary will be sending out reminders to renew subscriptions.

Some of these will be by mail and some electronically for those who are able to receive e-mails.

This will save on postage to some extent which increases annually leaving less to spend on the essential items we can provide.

The subscription rate remains at £4 per person but any additional donations will be gratefully received.

The date of the AGM will be announced nearer the time when it is hoped as many members as possible will attend and maybe offer their services as Committee Members.

We need you!

Let's hope that Spring is finally on the way after a really wet and stormy few weeks.

Selsey Methodist Church Table Top Sale on Saturday 21st March 2020

From 9.00am. to 1pm
Bric-a-Brac & Craft tables to browse through,
yummy refreshments to enjoy,
friendly atmosphere.
Free entry.





Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team

In an emergency out at sea or along the coast
Dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard



Recent Callouts

05/01/20 11:59

Team paged to reports of ordnance on Medmerry Beach.

On arrival the ordnance was located and a further search of the beach was carried out. More ordnance was found and a cordon was put in place and the beach was closed to the public.



Photos were taken and sent to Navy E.O.D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team) who confirmed the items to be ordnance. E.O.D. arrived on scene and carried out two controlled explosions.

If you come across any ordnance on the beach or something you are unsure of please do not touch it and dial 999 straight away and ask for the Coastguard!

Ordnance comes in all shapes and sizes and ordnance found on this beach have been found to be Highly Explosive so please do not touch it and call the Coastguard.

Returning to station at 17.15.

06/01/20 16:53

Team paged to assist the ambulance service with a medical evacuation on the footpath at West Beach, Selsey.

The team assisted paramedics with a medical evacuation from the footpath that runs above West Beach, after the casualty had slipped over and was in serious amounts of pain and was unable to move.

We were able to transfer the casualty into our basket stretcher and carry the patient back to the awaiting ambulance to be checked out and taken to hospital for treatment.

08/01/20 14:26

Team paged to reports of unknown objects in the water at East Wittering.

Team met with the first informant and the object was identified as a marker buoy.

The first informant did the right thing by calling the Coastguard, it's always better to be safe than sorry.

12/01/20 10:49

Team paged to reports of a dead dolphin washed up on West Beach.

The team were tasked to take photos, measurements and details of the Dolphin to send to our Operations Centre to forward to the National History Museum and the other relevant groups and organisations that need to be informed.

Unfortunately the dead dolphin had been washed back out to sea and details were unable to be taken on this occasion, if it washes ashore again and you come across it please inform the Coastguard straight away.

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

Dead mammals can be full of dangerous toxins and other things, so please stay away and keep dogs on a lead to prevent them coming into contact with them



If you come across any Royal Fish washed up on the beach call the Coastguard.

13/01/20 13:03

Team paged to reports of ordnance on Medmerry Beach.

The team arrived on scene but the ordnance was well covered by the tide.

With this fed back to the ops room we were stood down.

On arrival the ordnance was located and a further search of the beach was carried out. More ordnance was found and a cordon was put in place and the beach was closed to the public; some of the ordnance was found to be highly explosive.

Photos were taken and sent to Navy E.O.D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team) who confirmed the items to be ordnance. E.O.D. arrived on scene and carried out a controlled explosion around 11:10am.

Returning to station at 12:00.

14/01/20

SECOND CALLOUT OF THE DAY

Reports of a dead dolphin washed up on the beach near Cakeham Stables came in while we were dealing with our previous job.

The team were tasked to the dead dolphin once we had been stood down from the previous tasking to take photos, measurements and details of the Dolphin to send to our Operations Centre to forward to the National History Museum and the other relevant groups and organisations that need to be informed.

15/01/20 14:44

Team paged to Bognor Pier with Littlehampton Coastguard Team, Littlehampton Lifeboat and Sussex Police, to reports of a person that appeared to be asleep under the pier with the tide reaching his feet.

Police and Coastguard Rescue Officers spoke to the person who said he was ok and wanted to be left alone.

Person left with Sussex Police and all other assets were stood down to return to station.

19/01/20 02:50

Team paged to Bognor Regis in the early hours of this morning with Littlehampton Coastguard Team to two people in the water.

Stood down enroute with both casualties out of the water and in the care of the Police.

19/01/20 14:08

SECOND CALLOUT OF THE DAY

Team paged to West Wittering Beach to a dead dolphin that had washed up on the beach.

Photos, measurements and details of the Dolphin were taken and sent to our Operations Centre to forward to the National History Museum and the other relevant groups and organisations that need to be informed.

19/01/20 17:39

THIRD CALLOUT OF THE DAY

Team paged to a casualty with a suspected broken ankle on the sea wall at East Beach, Selsey.

Casualty assessed, kept warm and transferred to our stretcher and carried by Coastguard Rescue Officers to a friends vehicle.

Casualty transferred to vehicle and taken to hospital in car.

21/01/20 14:41

Team paged to a casualty with a head injury after falling off the sea wall between Danefield Road and Warner Road, Selsey.

Casualty assessed and put in ambulance and taken to hospital. Also in attendance paramedics and the fire service.



Other News

On the 11th January the team successfully completed their Lost and Missing Person Training (L&MPS) Technician Course in Littlehampton and Climping.

We completed it with Coastguard Rescue Officers from Littlehampton and we would like to thank them for hosting it.

#TrainingSavesLives #999Coastguard #Volunteers #AlwaysOnCall



We need you. Selsey Coastguard Team are recruiting now - Come and join our team!

Are you interested in joining the Coastguard Rescue Service (CRS)?



The volunteers at Selsey Coastguard Team are trained and available to respond 24/7 to various incidents as a front line 999 emergency service.

Alerted by 999 call or a Mayday/urgency call on VHF the Coastguard Operations Centres will task assets, of which the CRS is one of, to attend by 4x4 rescue vehicle and gather information for the Ops room and if necessary attempt a rescue which would be in the form of a Water Rescue from dry land, Rope Rescue and Cliff Rescue, Mud Rescue, First Aid/Stretcher, Searching along the coast or indeed on land, working with helicopters and Lifeboats and the other emergency services or making safe time expired pyrotechnics.

We also will perform safety and accident prevention work including PR and the local knowledge of the Coastguard Rescue Officers (CRO's) is vital to the overall Search and Rescue framework locally for HM Coastguard.

CRO's are alerted by a dedicated tasking & alerting platform and can be expected to drop everything to attend an incident and we require a group of individuals who together make up each teams capability around the coast at any given time and are volunteers.

The current requirement at Selsey Coastguard is that you are largely within a short distance of the station when responding and can complement the availability of the team by being able to respond daytime on a weekday on most occasions.

You would be expected to undertake extensive training and assessment under the Senior Coastal Operations Officers to fulfil the role and therefore a big commitment is required as well as a good degree of fitness.

If you're interested in joining the team or would like more information, please send us a message on our Facebook page, we would love to hear from you.



Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team



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March is one of the most exciting months of the year when the short dark days of Winter now start to give way to the lengthening daylight hours which give notice of the arrival of Spring. Heady days indeed.

Nature now comes into it's own with a vengeance and how wonderful it is. Sap is flowing and the fat buds on trees and shrubs are rapidly swelling prior to opening. They give out a wonderful scent which is especially noticeable on mild days and evenings.

March Hares are now doing their Spring dance as are the lambs. Poplar catkins are profuse and attract the first Butterflies and Bees. Male birds can be quite ferocious as they defend their mates and nests. Drakes can be seen chasing the females on the rivers and ponds.

Wild Daffodils now adorn our woodlands, Hedgerows and roadsides. Primroses, Violets and Crocus's are now in full bloom and how beautiful and welcoming they are.

It is a great joy to get out into the beautiful countryside at dawn and dusk and hear the birds singing lustily with their many varied melodies. Nothing nicer for a fond mother than a fresh bunch of wildflowers on Mothers Day (March 22nd).

Yellow-gold is the colour of the month. Daffodil, Coltsfoot, Aconite, Marsh Marigold, Buttercup, Dandelions and Gorse all abound.

March is here, be of good cheer.

Jobs for March

For instant patio colour, buy hardy Primroses, Cowslip, Polyanthus and Primulas covered in flowers that are easily available at the Garden Centres and Nurseries. Plant in groups of single colours and pick off blooms as they fade to make way for new flowers and longer displays.

Cut Buddleia back hard this month. This is necessary to keep it down to a manageable size in small gardens and will also produce new shoots that carry flowers on their tips. Cut growth down by about 2/3rds and a fine flowering season will be assured.

March is a good month to plant Onion sets directly outdoors. Plant in rows so that the tips show just above the soil surface. Cut off any dry tips. Plant sets 10-15cms apart along the rows, leave enough space between rows so that you can get between them to hoe weeds. Shallots can also be planted at this time.

Provide a home for wildlife in your garden by placing piles of logs at the back of borders or in wild areas. This will encourage Beetles, Toads, Frogs, Hedgehogs and other creatures into the garden. Try to place water containers nearby.

Tip Top Tips

- * plant groups of Gladioli in containers and borders
- * cut back Hydrangeas
- * plant Globe Artichokes and Asparagus
- * sow Melon, Marrow, Cucumber, Tomato and Peppers in the greenhouse
- * use a blunt spade-head sunk in the ground by the door as a boot-scraper
- * a lit candle in an unheated greenhouse will ward off late frosts
- * don't let an odd job man prune shrubs and trees - it may prove costly
- * cover a few crowns of Rhubarb for an early crop
- * plant Marigolds around the garden to attract Bees and deter rodents
- * water Begonias and Geraniums in pots from the bottom
- * place used paper coffee filters at the bottom of pots to prevent the soil running out of drainage holes.



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2019-2020

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The Society is for anyone interested in alpine plants, rock gardening and rock garden plants. In fact any small hardy plants and bulbs.

At each meeting there are plant sales & a raffle. There is also an exhibition/show table, leading to the Andrews Salver for the highest points over the season. All rock and alpine plants gratefully received for sale or showing. For more details contact our Hon. Secretary below:-

Alison Fitzgerald
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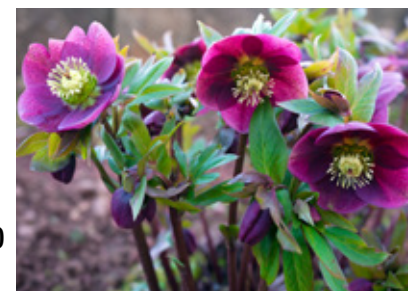
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Probably like you, when I was young, I spent a great deal of time playing. Scooting just about everywhere on my bike, playing in the woods climbing trees and with my Dad, learning to jump through monstrous waves on boisterous Cornish beaches.

Da Vinci found his passion drawing machines with wings that flapped like birds – the first illustrations of what 500 years later became planes. Just doodles. Thousands of them.

Charles Darwin found his passion messing about with rocks. He played with them, kicked them around and drew pictures for eight years, before returning to 'grown-up life' where he accomplished his life's work.

Mozart found his passion when he finally escaped a steady job in Salzburg, for the virility of Vienna where commanding operas and orchestras and singers and actors, he created Don Giovanni, the opera that changed every piece of music that ever came after it.

Marie Curie also found her passion playing with rocks. Like a child, she held them in her hand, looked hard at them, threw them and studied them.

Mick Jagger started out with no musical talent at all but would collect blues records from America and he and Keith Richards would lie around listening to them. When his parents sent him off to study at the London School of Economics, he was still listening to those records and scribbling down lyrics rather than paying attention to studies.

Mary Shelley wondered what it would be like if a machine had intelligence. She daydreamed. She called her machine Frankenstein and made up stories about how people would treat such a hybrid human/machine.

Ada Lovelace wondered what it would be like to tell a machine what to do. She daydreamed - could such a machine ever exist?

The common thread here is that everyone was playing like a child, but through the experience of being an adult.

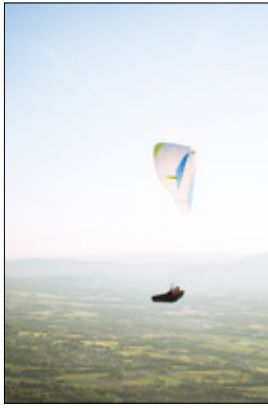
Here are 6 ways that will help you re-ignite your fire.

1. Play

Every day do something for no other reason at all than that it's fun. Learn a magic trick. Sing. Dance round the kitchen. Run along the beach. Play a game with someone - through play that we really get to know each other. The next time you get together with a friend, take a backgammon board, or a deck of cards.

2. Free time = dream time

Nobody paid Einstein to daydream. In fact, he was a clerk in a patent office. But he used his spare time to let his mind wander and it was there he came up with his biggest ideas, not at his desk.



Every day you have to pay the bills in order to live. But you also need to make some free time (something totally unpaid) in order to discover your passions. The world of money is a tiny subset of the world of imagination, but we get so wrapped up in the world of money and often lock ourselves in and throw away the key. Use your free time to break out!

3. Always ask "Why"?

Why did the micro-cultures on one island look ever so slightly different from the micro-cultures on the next? Darwin wondered.

Why did uranium give off light? Marie Curie wondered. She wondered about it until it killed her.

Why do children ask why and then why again? The Whys add up. The Whys add up on the search for passion. Every day try to find 10 things you can say "Why?" to. 3,650 "Whys" a year and you will find many things to be passionate about.

4. Interests

Pierre and Marie Curie simply wanted to find out why a rock would glow. And during this time, they fell in love.

Benjamin Franklin flew a kite and discovered electricity.

Galileo was interested in finding out what would happen if a boulder and a feather flew off a tall building at the same time and then discovered one of the most useful scientific theories of all time.

5. Move

Movement gets every neuron firing and creating often because you see more things outside of your usual routine. Routine staples your life to a world of tedium. Movement breaks the staples.

6. Childlike

A child laughs 300 times a week (on average). An adult, on average, 5.

Sometimes we can go a whole week without laughing. Responsibilities, fear, loneliness, anxiety, regret, can weigh us down. As an adult you have to practice being a child, letting him or her peek out again. He or she wants to come out and play and see the world again. What's changed? The child wants to know!

Love your life. And your life will love you back.

Justine Clement runs the community venture Selsey Sea Bathing Society. Their next gatherings are open to anyone and available to sign up on www.selseyseabathingsociety.com



CRABLANDS BOWLS & TENNIS CLUB

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

Following a very soggy, windy and thoroughly miserable February when the most energetic "sport" that could have been played outdoors was possibly "pancake" tossing - we can only hope for better things this March. At Crablands the indoor Short Mat Bowlers definitely had the last laugh as they got to play in a warm environment and their competitions could go on uninterrupted. The green bowlers will get to play their sport next month when the OPEN DAY for members is **19th APRIL** and a NEW MEMBERS DAY - a day when all are invited to come and try their hand at this sport [please wear suitable shoes] - this will be free and you could take advantage of 2 or 3 lessons: the date for your diary is the **25th APRIL**

A reminder to all tennis members **14TH SATURDAY MARCH** is the date for your Presentation Supper - this is always a very good evening and we look forward to seeing you all there - let's hope this evening will herald the start of a very good 2020 season on the courts. We do cater for all ages and the youngest players and "would be players" can come for coaching every Saturday morning and additional coaching for the older juniors will take place on Sunday afternoons. Whenever the weather has allowed the floodlights have been put to good use and on a couple of evenings during the week [for members] table tennis and mini tennis can be played in the sports hall and details of these activities can also be obtained from Jo



on **07917301618**.

A variety of social activities have been taking place on Friday evenings, the last of these events will be on the **20th MARCH** when there will be Bingo accompanied by Fish & Chips, here too thanks are due to the various volunteers responsible for organising these evenings at the club, they really do a grand job.

1st APRIL 2020 sees the start of the tennis year and subscriptions will become due on or after this date.

Between the dates **23rd March - 3rd April** the Club will be closed for maintenance and volunteers would be greatly welcomed; let Tony Dade know if you can help.

SELSEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Meets at Medmerry Primary School, School Lane
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New members welcome

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Annette Iskett on 606227 email: annetteiskett@hotmail.com

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

On my daily walks around the centre over the last months I noticed that we have been a bit quiet on cats, this can often happen over winter but I know the centre will soon fill up as we come into spring. But I have been noticing that we are always full on rabbits.



Easter is coming up and I know some people might be thinking rabbits might make great new additions to your family, so I thought it would be helpful if I told you a little about caring for rabbits. To be honest I didn't even realise how hard it was 'till I was doing some research and talking to my staff. Firstly, rabbits need to live in pairs as they are very social animals and can get very sad and lonely on their own. Just like me, I would get very lonely if I didn't have my staff giving me lots of regular cuddles. Also rabbits need large accommodation of at least 36 square foot for them to carry out their natural rabbit behaviours and be able to run and jump about. Their diet needs to be of a good quality including lots of hay and a selection of vegetables otherwise they can easily suffer with overgrown teeth. I just found out that rabbit's teeth continue growing their whole life, amazing isn't it. Also there's the vet costs, it is very important that rabbits have their regular vaccinations which include myxi, vhd1 and vhd2 as well as regular health checks.

Wow that's a lot of information to take in and there's even more advice available on our website. It does take lots of time and work to look after rabbits, they require lots of regular handling and they're not always as cute and cuddly as they may look. They don't really enjoy being picked up and much prefer to stay on the ground and come to you.

I hope this information may prove helpful to potential rabbit adoptees as often the centre is asked to take more rabbits after Easter, especially from people that didn't realise how much money and time it takes to care for them. And of course I have to say always consider adopting from a rescue like us as we have lots of rabbits available for adoption. If you would like to have a chat with my knowledgeable staff, you can visit us every Sunday between 2pm-3.30pm for our rabbit and guinea pig viewing days.

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

Love Markus x

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

PS: Our next Viewing day will be Saturday 28th March 2020 12-2pm. Viewing days are non-appointment days so people thinking of adopting a cat can pop along. Otherwise we rehome 7 days a week by appointment only.



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

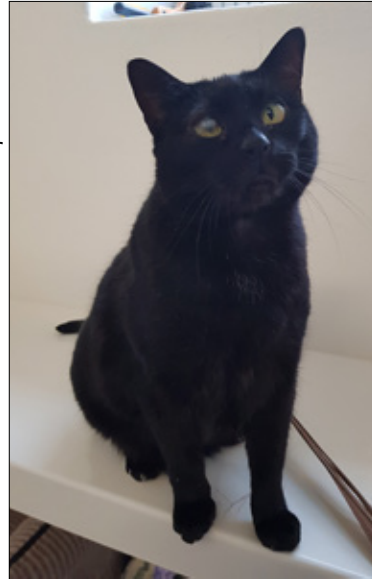
Have you visited the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre Charity Shop at 9 The Parade, Selsey?

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

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

Pet of the Month March 2020

This month allow us to introduce you to a gorgeous female cat called Fizz. Fizz has been living here at The Centre since August 2019 after her owners could no longer care for her anymore and she didn't get on with the other cat in the home. She is now just over 13 years old and has been in three different homes before coming here and it's time for her to find a forever home to live out her days. Fizz does have some damage to her eye which the vet thinks it is just scarring. But this is something that may need checking in the future and will be covered under our foster scheme, meaning she can come back to the centre to see our vet here. She is a really lovely and sweet girl who deserves to finally find a home where she can get lots of affection and a warm lap to snuggle up on. Fizz would be best suited to a quieter home with no other cats and maybe older children only.



If you think you may be able to give Fizz the new home she deserves, please give The Centre a call Monday to Friday 9am-4pm.

THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE
Holborow Lodge, Chalder Lane, Sidlesham, W. Sussex PO20 7RJ

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



Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre
Giving the living a chance at life



Selsey Men in Sheds

A non-profit making organisation

Open Tuesday & Thursday 10 - 4
Saturdays 10 - 2

Membership £5.00 per month
Complete your own wood / metal projects or be involved in group activities

If you are interested in joining contact
Bill Richards 07816 350188
email bill_richards@selseymeninsheds.co.uk

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BRENT LODGE BRIEFING'S - PATIENT RECOVERY APPEAL

It's a busy time for the hospital as we prepare for the release of hundreds of over-wintered hedgehogs. Once healthy and up to a good weight they will gradually be released into suitable local habitats. The freed-up space will be needed to house the impending seasonal influx of hundreds of injured or orphaned patients, we are anticipating that the mild winter will lead to an earlier breeding season and expect the first casualties to arrive at the hospital in March.

We are currently treating a swan rescued from Chichester Canal by an RSPCA Officer, which arrived in a very weak state. After an initial triage assessment the animal care team found it be to be coated in Petroleum based oil.

The external effects of the oil were the most noticeable and often the most immediately debilitating to the swan - as oil can destroy the waterproofing and insulating properties of their unique plumage. This may have caused the bird to suffer from chilling especially during the recent cold temperatures which means it may be unable to fly, forage for food or remain afloat in the water. Ingestion of the oil whilst the swan attempted to preen his feathers resulted in him suffering from dehydration and internal irritation which then could become susceptible to secondary infections. It is these internal effects of oil that can cause the most long term damage if untreated.



To restore the swan's all-important water-proofing condition and without damaging the delicate feather structure, the oil was removed. The swan was bathed in several hot washes of Fairy washing up liquid - this is the best form of oil removal recommended by our veterinary consultant. After cleaning, a charcoal-based solution and nutrients were then administered orally by feeding tube until the swan was permitted free access to food and water. Placed in a warm, quiet area away from people and noises he was then left to stabilise.

Oiled bird cleansing and rehabilitation is difficult and must be carried out with specialised guidance and recovery care. Newly washed birds should be placed in a clean holding pen to minimise human intrusion until they gain condition. Recovering wildlife respond well to being in a comfortable ambient temperature with heat lamps or overhead heaters, this allows birds to dry and preen their feathers back into alignment or for mammals to feel safe.

Can you support our appeal to raise funding to help us construct an outside recovery shed to house recovering large birds and mammals such as this recovering swan? This bespoke shed will have a dividing compartment equipped with a heat lamp to enable these injured animals to recover in a suitable environment. Once they are well enough they will be transferred to our outside enclosures to prepare for their release back to the wild.

Your contribution will make an impact, whether you donate £5 or £500 so please do support us if you can. www.brentlodge.org
Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital, Cow Lane, Sidlesham, PO20 7LN

KINDLY MENTION SELSEY LIFE WHEN
REPLYING TO AN ADVERT
IN THIS MAGAZINE



Photo by Meryn Woodland

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EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB 2020

Tuesday 7th -Thursday 9th April
10am - 12noon



JOSEPH

EGG'straordinary
time of...

- EGG'streme FUN for school years R-7
- EGG'sploring the BIBLE
- EGG'sausting GAMES
- EGG'straspecial ACTIVITIES
- EGG'siting MUSIC

EASTER
EGGSTRAVAGANZA



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Change

X or Y

Spun gold

List for recipe

Lordly

Usual

Marsh bird

Incorrect

Half-half-dozen

Tortuga neighbor

Common mixer

Free from frost

Key-board button

S.A. toucan

Autumn

Dark red

Arthur Conan ...

Proust hero

Holiday time

Mini monkey

Design criteria

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WORD SEARCH PUZZLE - CONSTELLATIONS

Find and cross out all the listed words. The words may go horizontally, vertically, diagonally, not backwards. The remaining letters will spell two more constellations.

APUS
AQUILA
ARA
ARIES
CAELUM
CANCER
CETUS
CRATER
CRUX
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FORNAX
GEMINI
GRUS
HYDRA
LEO
LEO MINOR
LEPUS
LIBRA
LUPUS
LYNX

LYRA
MENSA
MUSCA
NORMA
OCTANS
ORION
PAVO
PEGASUS
PERSEUS
PICTOR
PISCES
PUPPIS
PYXIS
SCORPIUS
SCULPTOR
SCUTUM
VELA
VIRGO

A Q U I L A P M U S C A
P A N D G E M I N I R R
E H Y D R A P A S O A M
G L I B R A T U O C T S
A E V F D C E C S A E C
S C A I O S A M E I R S
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N P C O A T M N G R U S
O Y T M V M O A X A I C
R X O I O I E R L P V U
M I R N R I S N P U E T
A S C O R P I U S S L U
L E O R L U P U S A A M

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Find and cross out all the listed words. The words may go horizontally, vertically, diagonally, not backwards. Ignore spaces, dashes and diacritics, if any. The remaining letters will spell a secret word.

BAGPIPER
BEER
CELTIC
CLAY PIPE
CLOVER
CLURICAUN
DAGDA
DANCES
DRUIDS
EMERALD
FEAST
FESTIVAL
FUN
GLASSES
GREEN
GREET
HARP
IRELAND
IRISH
JIG
JOY
KISSING
KNOTWORK
LEPRECHAUN
LUCK
MARCH
MISSIONARY
MUSIC
ORANGE

K I S S I N G S H I L L E L A G H
G R E E N S E H A R P C E L T I C
L E P R E C H A U N P O E T R Y L
F L V P U B L M C L A Y P I P E O
E A K E C L U R I C A U N F U N V
A N T N E N C O R A N G E J O Y E
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T P P S E T A K B A G P I P E R E
D A H N T D W F E S T I V A L E B
R R A H G S H O E M A K E R M E E
U A T A C P A T R O N S A I N T E
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M A R C H D A N C E S T O A S T
P O T O F G O L D G T R E F O I L
G L A S S E S M I S S I O N A R Y

PARADE
PATRON SAINT
PINCHING
POETRY
POT OF GOLD

PUB
RAINBOW END
SERPENTS
SHAMROCK
SHILLELAGH

SHOEMAKER
SKYFEST
SONGS
TOAST
TOP HAT

TREFOIL
WHITE

Can February March? No, but April May.
How did I escape Iraq? Iran.
I've started to read a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.

- 1) Letter e 2) Cardinal, all the rest are chess pieces 3) Northern 4) Glen Lyon 5) Madrid 6) Cemetary Lane 7) Dance 8) Canberra 9) 1916 10) Ringo Starr 11) 69 12) Grand Central (New York) 13) Andrew Jackson 14) Great Expectations 15) Daily 16) Didier Defago 17) Former 18) Luton Town 19) Aston Villa 20) Barcelona's 21) 35



10

4

6

5

Last month's answers

How many cats do you see?

ANSWER 18

C I S H O U L M U Z
H U R E D O M N Z
E N W I T H E L L
S T E K H O E D B E
R N T C F O R O O W
E P L O T A S C K F
T O L L L M N A L
S S K I N E A R K H K
A A P K N E N E O C
P G U O R C K C A B

HIDDEN: _____

There is one flower with five petals. Find this flower.

1 2 3 4 5 6 A B C D E F

Find the second part of honeycombs

Selsey Royal British Legion

Sunday evenings in March

QUIZ NIGHTS

WITH QUIZMASTER KEVIN NOBLE

SUNDAY 8TH & 22ND

8PM START

Sunday 29th

Fun Card Bingo

The more here the more you win

8pm Start

Everyone is welcome

Monday & Wednesday evenings

Cash Bingo!

10 games, The Flier and

Snowball.

One game, full house £1 per SNOWBALL flier

Please note: 50p to the full house, 50p to the SNOWBALL rollover.

SNOWBALL will be played after The Flier.

SNOWBALL JACKPOT is open to club members only (blue card)

Each week, number increases by one.

Selsey Bridge Club

All welcome

Friendly group of mixed ability

Thursday afternoons 2pm - 5pm

Selsey Centre Manor Road

call Graham or Christine 01243 602612 for information

Darby & Joan Club Selsey

The club meets every Friday between 2.00 & 4.00 at St. Peter's church hall for a game of prize bingo and raffles and of course a nice cup of tea and chat.

Also during the year we have subsidised days out to garden centres for cream teas and a bit of shopping. Transport to the hall is supplied by Selsey Venture bus, if you are a member of this great service they offer.

We are a club are affiliated to the R.V.S

For more information please call Kim or Graham on 01243 937 730 or 07838 549 034

THE WRITERS CIRCLE

meets on the first Tuesday of every month in The Methodist Hall, High Street, from 2.00pm until 4.30pm

If you are already writing or a complete beginner you will be given a warm welcome by our small, friendly group of ladies and a few gentlemen

Membership is £12 per year and £2.00 per session. Tea or Coffee included.

For more information contact Pat Read Tel: 601550

SELSEY CANCER RELIEF FUND DATES TO REMEMBER

Methodist Church Hall 10am

Saturday 7th March - Mad March Fayre 10am

Saturday 4th April - Jumble Sale 10am

Saturday 2nd May - AGM All welcome

Table sales after

There is ample parking behind the Fire Station.

Selsey Model Boat Club

The Club meets twice a week at the pond on East Beach, weather permitting, when members sail their radio controlled boats

Times: 10.00am until noon on Sundays and Wednesdays

The first Sunday of each month is Race Day

New members welcome

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

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

1ST SELSEY SCOUTS Charity Shop

Scout HQ, School Lane ~ every Saturday between 10 am -12 noon

Bric-a-brac ~ Clothes ~ Et al

Crafty Natter Club

Selsey Methodist Church

1st and 3rd Wednesday ~ 2-4pm (in the large hall)

For more information contact Lisa Allinson on 601032

Sunbeams Parent & Toddler Group

Friday morning during school term time from 10.00 until 11.45 am at East Beach Church, Marisfield Place.

All are most welcome, including Grandparents, 50p per session.

For further details telephone 01243 607741.

ANSWER: 1=G, 2=P, 3=C, 4=Q, 5=O, 6=A, 7=N, 8=R, 9=L, 10=H, 11=E, 12=T, 13=F, 14=U, 15=S, 16=I, 17=K, 18=D, 19=M, 20=Y, 21=V, 22=Z, 23=X, 24=B, 25=J, 26=W.

Bits of Bruce:

Dear Selsey. Spring is upon us! Hosts of daffodils sway in the breeze, the days are getting longer, warmer and so much gentler. As God's creation all around us springs into new life, we take off our old cardigans and welcome the warmth of a new season. As we do this, Lent happens! A time of giving up, going without, and denying ourselves, mostly we seem to give up Chocolate! Lent I feel, should not be about denial, it should be about reflection and action. In the ever growing sunlight of this spring season, we should reflect on all the good things that are happening around us, Our Community, our Family and our Faith. I have always tried in the 6 weeks of Lent to 'do something rather than give up something': Volunteer in the Community, offer up food for the Food bank, deliberately talk to strangers and have even done some shopping for my neighbours, not a time of denial but one of thoughtful service and not always grand gestures, sometimes just adding an extra 'thank you' here and there, makes a big difference, or even the occasional 'sorry' when it is needed.



We all can do the above, it just takes effort, but this year in my reflecting, I have thought on all the lovely words written on cards and letters to me, while I have been unwell and slowly recover and it made me feel good and got me thinking. This Lent it would be great to write to people, put down in a letter our love, our hopes or concern for them. We should find our best old pens, or buy a new one, go and buy some good paper and envelopes and write like how we used to, send poems, send prayers, send love and for not too much money we can send these letters all over the world. We can make somebody's day with a letter that they may cherish for a lifetime.

...And if you cannot think of getting through Lent, without giving up something, look at it this way to write a letter takes time, (that's why we don't do it now!) give up time watching telly or doing crosswords. Think about doing something 'Old School,' write a letter, use real ink, real paper and real stamps. Send your love in writing and brighten up Lent and the lives of those around you, both near and far, one letter at a time.

Yours faithfully and with Blessings to you all this Lent.

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1st March 10.30 am Dr Mike Nicholls
 Sunday 8th March 10.30 am Mrs Shelagh Morgan
 Sunday 15th March 10.30 am Mrs Margaret Thompson
 Sunday 22nd March 10.30 am Mrs Katherine Suttie
Mothering Sunday
 Sunday 29th March 10.30 am Revd. A Brazier
Holy Communion

Our minister Revd Bruce Allinson is currently on sick leave
 Please contact leadership@selseymethodistchurch.org.uk for queries

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

Rooms in our premises including kitchen facilities, are available for hire. Please phone 01243 601439 for details.

Our minister is Revd

Bruce Allinson 601032



ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

Sunday 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10am Sung Eucharist
 Sunday 10am 'St. Peter's Young Church' meet in the Church Hall on the first three Sundays of each month excluding August. All welcome.
 Sunday Messy Church at 12 noon in hall on last Sunday of the month
 Tuesday 9.30am Said Eucharist
 Wednesday 9.30am Said Eucharist
 Thursday 7pm Said Eucharist

St Peter's church doors are always open for quiet reflection.

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The Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Wilfrid

Church Road, Selsey, PO20 0LS

Tel: 01243 602312

Mass Times

Saturday: 5.30 pm
 Sunday: 10.00 am
 Monday & Friday 10.00 am*

Reconciliation: Saturday
 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm

Parish Priest: Fr John Healy

*Subject to change please see website:

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East Beach Church

MARCH + EVENTS

Friday 6th March

2.30pm - World Day of Prayer
 Zimbabwe - "Rise! Take your mat and walk"

Saturday 7th March

5pm - 7pm - EBC's Generation Game
 Fun Family Evening with Refreshments

Sunday 8th March

10.00am - Baptismal Service

Thursday 12th March

2.30pm - Tea & Chat

Saturday 14th March

3pm - 5pm - Ladies Inspire Group
Easter Craft
 DIY & all materials supplied

Sunday 15th March

3.00pm - 4.30pm - ResBite Tea
 (Aimed at those who might not see other people over the course of a normal weekend ~ Lifts available)

Thursday 19th March

12.30pm - Lunch Club

Sunday 22nd March

10.00am - Mother's Day Service

Sunday 5th April

5.00pm - Songs of Praise

7th - 9th April

Easter Extravaganza Holiday Club
 Children's Holiday Club - See separate advert

Good Friday - 10th April

10am - Reflective Good Friday Service

Easter Day - Sunday 12th April

10am - Easter Celebration
 including Holiday Club finale

See separate Selsey Life adverts & our website for our Youth & Children's Clubs

For information on our regular weekly activities

www.ebecselley.org.uk ☎ 607741

email: ebec@office.org.uk

Marisfield Place - opposite East Beach Shops

World Day of Prayer International Zimbabwe 2020



FRIDAY
6th MARCH
2.30pm

"Rise! Take your mat and walk"

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SATURDAY 7th MARCH 5pm

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