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How I became Selsey Lifeboat's first female crew member

I was born to the oldest family in Selsey. My father was a fisherman and lifeboat crew member. So I suppose it was inevitable that I would go on to become Selsey lifeboat's first female crew member.

As a child I would go fishing with dad at any opportunity I had. I was never happier than when I was at sea. It was unpredictable and taught me to always respect it. Dad eventually took on the role of Head launcher of the all weather lifeboat. It was his job to launch and recover the boat.

Back then there were no pagers to alert the crew of a call out. Dad would receive a phone call to notify him of a pending "shout". That was dad's cue to get to the boathouse as quick as possible. He was the person responsible for firing the mortar maroons to alert the rest of the crew. I will never forget the sound of those maroons. You would hear a "whoosh" then a "pop" followed by an almighty "boom", that would echo out across all of Selsey.

Many a time the phone call would come in the early hours of the morning. It would wake us all up. My brother and myself would wait to hear dad leave the house then we would hurriedly get dressed, creep downstairs, go out the back door, jump on our bikes and race down to the end of Albion road to watch the lifeboat launch. Dad had a sixth sense. He always knew we were watching. After the boat had launched he would come out of the boathouse onto the gantry, peer into the darkness and see two little people standing on the seawall. He would shout over to us to "get our backsides up there now!".

So many times we spent the night sleeping in the crew room because we refused to go home until the boat came back, even if we had school that morning. We even met Dame Shirley Bassey when she filmed on the lifeboat for one of her television shows. We watched eagerly from the crew room and Dame Shirley blew us both kisses.

I don't think there was ever any doubt that one day I too would join the lifeboat crew. One evening after I finished work I went over to the boathouse. I knew they were out on a training exercise that night. I waited in the crew room until Clive Cockayne arrived. Before he could even get through the door I was asking if I could have an application form to join as crew. The next day the forms were in my hand. I wasted no time in filling them out and booking my medical.

So in November 1991 I received the news that I could begin my training on the inshore lifeboat. I was so excited. It was a dream come true. The training was tough. So many things to learn. So many courses to attend from first-aid to gaining my VHF/MF radio operators licence, as well as different techniques in recovering persons from the water to boat handling skills.



A major problem for me was that none of the weatherproof gear fitted me. The dry suits for the inshore boat were enormous on me (I'm only 5'2 and a quarter). My nickname very quickly became "Nora Batty". Typhoon who provided the dry suits for the R.N.L.I had to make me a custom fitted one.

Six months later I was ready to go out on exercise with the Deputy Divisional inspector, to decide whether I was ready to become a fully fledged crew member. He certainly put me through my paces. I don't think I have ever been so nervous. Whilst we were rehousing the boat the helmsman and Inspector went off to discuss my progress. The suspense nearly killed me. Finally they came out and gave me the good news that I had passed. I was grinning so much I would have given a Cheshire cat a run for it's money.

I was so excited when I was finally given my pager. Back then they were very basic. When it went off it was just a series of bleeps. They were also prone to going off randomly. I remember being woken up by it at two- thirty one Sunday morning. I leapt out of bed, threw on some clothes, jumped on my bike and hurried down to the boathouse. As I stood there in the pitch black all alone it became apparent that it was just my pager that had gone off!

Shortly after becoming crew on the inshore lifeboat I began my training on the City of London. My first time out on that I had to wear size ten wellies (I take a four) and extra large all weather gear. It swamped me!! New gear had to be ordered.

When you are involved in any of the emergency services as a volunteer, whether that be Lifeboat or HM Coastguard you are on call twenty- four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year. You never know when that pager will go off.

One evening I was going out for dinner, so I was wearing a little black dress and very high heels. The pagers went off! It was a "shout" for the all weather lifeboat. I ran over to the beach (yes, I ran in my heels), hurtled up the boathouse steps, started running along the gantry only to wedge my heel between the planks of wood. There was no time to stop and pull it out. So I left it there. On my return to station (looking very bedraggled I might add) my shoe was presented back to me. Unfortunately it wasn't by Prince Charming!!

I loved every minute of my time as a crew member. The adrenaline rush you would get when going down the slipway and getting soaked when you hit the water was amazing, or coming back from a long "shout" to a very welcome mug of tea.

Unfortunately I had to give it up in November 2000. I miss it and always will. You can take the girl out of the sea but not the sea out of the girl.

Meryn Woodland



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Selsey RNLB Voluntary Worker launches for the last time

On Saturday 1st April the Selsey lifeboat Voluntary Worker launched for the last time from the current boathouse before it's demolished.

In 1958 the RNLB decided to build a new boathouse and slip way at a cost of over £75,000. The 110 metre gangway was built using steel and timber decking and the boathouse was reinforced concrete with a steel slipway on concrete piles. The boat-house became operational in April 1960 and was officially opened by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon in July that year. During the 57 years three different classes of lifeboats have operated from the boathouse, RNLB Canadian Pacific 46ft Watson class 1938-1969, RNLB Charles Henry 48ft 6in Oakley class 1969-1983, RNLB City of London 47ft Tyne class 1983-2006, RNLB Voluntary Worker 47ft Tyne class 2006-2017. During that time several other lifeboats have launched from the station whilst on relief duties. Since 1960 Selsey lifeboats have launched from the current boathouse 972 times and assisted in excess of 850 people.

Sometimes in recent years the launch has been delayed by divers exploring the sea life underneath the boathouse. On the 26th August 2013 an unexploded 500lb bomb was discovered 100 metres from the boat-house and the lifeboat was launched as a precaution while the bomb was dealt with by the Royal Navy explosive ordnance disposal team.

There have been several film and TV crews over the years filming adverts such as Timex watches in the 60's Fisherman's friends and Lacoste clothes in the 80's and 90's, Shirley Bassey launched on the Charles Henry while singing for her Saturday night show in 1976. Rory McGrath filmed for the discovery channel and Guy Ritchie filmed the splash as the Tyne launched to be used in Sherlock Holmes film in 2008. The Birdman rally started at Selsey launching from the lifeboat gangway in the early 70's before moving to Bognor.

The current boathouse has been replaced by a new building which will house both the inshore lifeboat and the new Shannon class lifeboat which has been allocated to Selsey to replace the Tyne class. The Shannon class is designed to be launched from the beach by a state of the art launch and recovery rig. Both the Shannon lifeboat and launching rig are due to arrive at station later this year so after Voluntary Worker launched on the 1st it is now moored off Selsey and is the operational lifeboat until such time as the Shannon becomes the station lifeboat.



1st April 2017 Last launch from Selsey Lifeboat Station



Building the Lifeboat Station



Selsey Lifeboat Last Launch
Photo by Dave Johnson



Selsey Lifeboat Last Launch
Photo by Louise Satturley



Crew For The Last Launch



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



Recent Callouts

17/03/17 02:40

Team paged to support Hampshire Police and Hayling Coastguard Team with a search for a missing vulnerable person possibly with a knife in Hayling Island. Also on scene were Portsmouth Coastguard Rescue Team, Portsmouth Lifeboat and Portsmouth Inshore Lifeboat, as well as Coastguard Helicopter Rescue 104.

All assets stood down with missing person found and left in the care of the Police.

Returning to station at 04:40 to return to our beds! 😴

22/03/17 20:45

Team paged to Chichester Marina following reports of shouts of help had been heard.

Police were on scene when we arrived and were with a man who was on the shore line near Salterns Copse in severe pain with suspected kidney stones. The team took care of the gentleman and stretched him back to the road and kept him warm with blankets until an ambulance was on scene.

Returning to station with all kit washed down and re-stowed at 22:47.

Lee-on-Solent starts flying with new AW189 Search and Rescue helicopters

The HM Coastguard search and rescue (SAR) helicopter base in Lee-On-Solent has started flying the new Leonardo AW189 helicopter for SAR operations.

The new £20 million AW189 helicopters are painted in red and white HM Coastguard colours, and operated by Bristow Helicopters Limited on behalf of HM Coastguard.

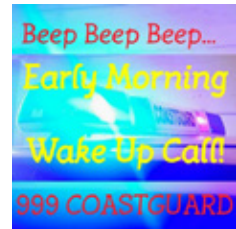
The Coastguard base at Lee-on-Solent is the first in the UK to fly this new model of helicopter for SAR missions.

The transition to Bristow from the current operator at Lee-on-Solent marks the penultimate step in a staged transition from a mix of 12 military and civilian bases to ten Coastguard SAR helicopter bases in the UK.

Damien Oliver, Assistant Director for Aviation at the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) said: "We are excited to add these new AW189 helicopters to our Coastguard helicopter fleet. These are some of the most technologically advanced helicopters providing lifesaving services in the world today. The crews that will fly the new helicopters, and the engineers that maintain them, will continue to demonstrate the utmost professionalism and dedication to the work of saving lives here in the south of England."

Russell Torbet, director of UK SAR at Bristow Helicopters Ltd. said: "We are very pleased that Bristow is returning to Lee-On-Solent which we previously operated on behalf of the Coastguard from 1988 until 2007. Our transition team has been at Lee-On-Solent since January continuing their training on the AW189 and preparing for this handover. They are ready to go."

"The existing Lee-On-Solent crews will commence induction and training with Bristow from the start of April to transition onto the AW189 aircraft type over the coming months. This has been a lot of work for everyone involved and we're looking forward to introducing the AW189 and continuing this life-saving service in the region."



The Leonardo AW189 is a larger, more advanced and capable aircraft than the AW139 version currently in operation at Lee-On-Solent. It is the latest generation helicopter in its category and is designed to meet long-range, high endurance requirements for search and rescue missions in the most demanding operational and environmental conditions. Over the next 18 months the AW189 helicopter will be introduced at Coastguard SAR helicopter bases at Prestwick, St Athan, Lydd and Inverness, as part of the £1.9 billion investment by the UK Government in this vital frontline emergency service that rescues or assists around 2,000 people a year.

In 2013, Bristow won the UK Government national contract to deliver SAR operations on behalf of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA). Seven of 10 strategically located bases took over the helicopter civilian SAR responsibility from the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy in a phased approach throughout 2015 and 2016. The Coastguard bases at Lee-On-Solent, Stornoway and Sumburgh are set to become part of the UK contract by July 2017.



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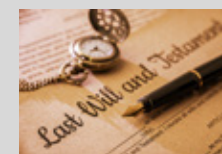
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SELSEY WI



Our President Stella Crist welcomed the ladies to the meeting. Our speaker for the afternoon was Andrew Gibson who came to talk to us about The History and Work of the Chichester Canal Trust. Accompanied by slides he told us that the entire canal opened in 1823 but, owing to the arrival of the railway, was not commercially successful. The Trust was formed in 1973 with the objective of restoring navigation. This came to fruition in 1992, and with the help of volunteers is still going strong today.

Our competition for this afternoon was the Gardner Cup and members were asked to bring along any craft item with the letter V in its title. Our winner was Lesley Mariner.

Ladies come and join us at our next meeting. It will be on Wednesday 10th May at 2.15pm Selsey Town Hall. This will be our Resolutions Meeting and we will also be holding.

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Members were welcomed to our April meeting, with a special welcome to Carolyn our latest new member. Melanie was delighted to announce that at our last meeting £90 had been collected for the Brain Tumour Awareness charity. After a brief rundown of future events and correspondence, we welcomed our speaker, Jane Muddle from Madajazz. She explained just how she arrived at selling Madagascan hats and bags, talking us through her trip to Madagascar and how the colourful creations are made. Some of our members modelled a choice of hats and bags and we were then able to make our own purchases.



The next meeting on 11th May is our resolution meeting. Then on June 1st we will be welcoming Dr Geoffrey Mead who will be speaking on Aspects of the South Downs National Park.

We are always happy to receive new members and ladies of all ages will be made welcome at our meetings on the first Thursday of the month at the Selsey Centre, Manor Road at 7.30pm – first meeting is free. Our events programme flyer can be picked up at the Centre. For further information please ring Melanie on **01243 604059**.



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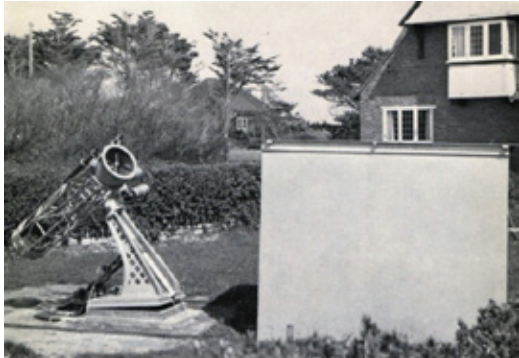
Many of you will remember Henry Brinton as a West Sussex County Councillor. As there is family still living I do not intend to investigate him in detail. His daughter, Alicia, wrote the following in 2014:

‘We lived at The Old Mill House in Selsey, which was why Patrick moved there. Indeed, I actually found Farthings, which was not listed with any estate agents but I spotted it from the car whilst we drove around searching. Patrick was staying with us at the time and the idea was that they work together and share telescope facilities. In those days, a road name was not used because Selsey was a very small village and The Old Mill House was well known, prominently standing on the peninsular. It was 2 Woodland Road and, after the 1987 storms, my mother had to admit defeat and sell what was left. Sadly, it was developed into about six houses and only the old gatepost remains.’

Henry is immortalised, along with Patrick Moore, in a book entitled ‘It Came From Outer Space Wearing an RAF Blazer’ written by Martin Mobberley. Martin knew both Patrick and Henry well as they were all members of the British Astronomical Association. Martin writes:

‘Brinton lived in Selsey, just a short walk from where Patrick would live in 7 years’ time...but 1961 was 40 years earlier and Henry Brinton was the only really active astronomer based in the seaside town at that time.’

Martin also wrote a second book about Patrick entitled ‘Return to the Far Side of Planet Moore’ and both are available on line!



Here is a picture of Henry, his telescope and Old Mill House taken from the air. These photographs have been sent to me by the aforementioned author, Martin Mobberley and I owe him a debt of gratitude for adding to the history of Selsey.



And now I come to the best bit! Alicia and Julie, Henry Brinton’s daughters, have been in touch with the following information which tells us the whole story of Old Mill House and I have permission to quote from their email:

‘My sister Julie and I met today and discussed this subject. The answer to the naming of Old Mill House is definitely that the bricks and other materials were transported from the Mill in Sidlesham, in particular, the oak wall panelling on the ground floor, the huge black beam over the sitting-room fireplace which was dated in the 1700’s and I remember asking my father why anyone would move a house to another place! They even brought an old water pump from Sidlesham Mill which was placed near the outside of our front door: it never worked but was a beautiful historic piece.

I was born in 1954, my sister Julie in 1950, both adopted. We were living originally in Cornwall, then on the Spanish mainland in 1955 whilst my father worked in Gibraltar, then back to Cornwall until 1957 when we moved into Old Mill House. During that time Dad had spent many weeks sleeping on the bay window-seat in the sitting room, trying to get the house habitable for us to join him: it had been left in rather a sorry state, despite once having been a happy home, it was empty for nearly two years, the house neglected and windows had been broken, damage done etc. The estate agent asked Dad to make an offer just to get it off his books. We believe this was about £4000.’

Over time, my parents made the house into a wonderful family home, eventually even installing a central heating system downstairs for which we were incredibly grateful...it was SO VERY cold beforehand! I have photos of us inside the house, with its beautiful wooden wall panelling throughout the ground floor, then a huge oak staircase leading to the long L-shaped landing and bedrooms. There was what I called a “secret passage” leading from the landing and along the passageway into one of the bedrooms from where I used to spy on my sister in her teenage years!



Woodland Road from just outside the gate of Old Mill House.



The rear of Old Mill House taken from the sunken garden where the telescope was

Alicia in the sitting room showing the old oak panelling.



My thanks go to Alicia for allowing me to share her photos.

Henry’s obituary was published in the Journal of the British Astronomical Association, vol 88, page 85. As it was written by our own Patrick Moore, I have copied it verbatim as I would not presume to paraphrase the great man’s words!

‘Henry Brinton died on June 1, following a fight against crippling strokes which had gone on for almost two years. His ill-health had prevented him from attending many meetings of the Association recently, but his interest remained as keen as ever. At an early stage in his career Henry Brinton decided to enter the political arena. He fought several bye-elections on behalf of the Labour party, though in later years his political outlook changed markedly. Before 1939 he was an active member of the League of Nations Union; he spent some time in Spain (at one period there was a price placed upon his head, by direct order of General Franco!) and on return home he was the main organizer of the large camp for refugee Basque children. After 1955 he gave up active politics, but remained deeply involved in public life; he was, for instance, chairman of the Regional Hospital Board, and did his best to improve the standard of education in southern-county State schools. In his limited spare time he wrote thrillers, both under his own name and under the pseudonym of Alex Fraser.

His interest in astronomy was long-standing, but it was only when he moved to Selsey, in 1957, that he joined the Association and began to play an active role. He served a term on the Council, and equipped himself with a fine 317mm reflector (formerly belonging to a well-known member of past years, Robert Barker). His main work was in astronomical photography, and he produced splendid pictures of the Moon and planets – some of which are to be seen in his books, such as Astronomy for Beginners and Measuring the Universe.

In 1975 he had the first of his strokes, robbing him of the use of his right arm. Realizing that he could no longer use his telescope, he made a typically generous gesture, and presented the telescope and all his astronomical equipment to the Hatfield Polytechnic Observatory. At Hatfield the Lecturers in Astronomy, J C D Marsh and Iain Nicolson, have installed the ‘Brinton Telescope’ in a special observatory and it is used constantly for both teaching and research.

Henry Brinton was above all a man of integrity. Most of his life was spent in helping others, and his loss is keenly felt. All members of the Association will join me in expressing sympathy to his wife and family.

Patrick Moore’

I am grateful to the British Astronomical Association for allowing me to reproduce this item.

But what of the House? Alicia writes:

When the storm of 1987 occurred, my mother had been widowed for 10 years and still living alone in the Old Mill House. However, she had already sold the house and was awaiting completion. The sale had been a very difficult moral position for her because she did not want to sell to developers who might spoil the village. The storm eased her guilt, as it happened. My sister, Julie, was working at Guy’s Hospital, whilst I was living and working in Chichester. On the night of that storm, it was only because I was single-handedly running the West Sussex County Council’s control centre for vulnerable people living at home with dependants, that it did not even occur to me what might be happening right around me. There were hundreds of emergency calls that night, mainly from the east side of West Sussex. When I finished work and stepped outside, I realised the situation and immediately phoned my mother. She told me she was fine but half the house had fallen down and a tree had fallen onto the garage trapping her car so she couldn’t get out to the shops.

I am greatly indebted to Alicia and Julie for their enthusiastic involvement with this research and for their permission to allow me to publish it.

An interesting aside to the whole question of researching houses. We know from records on genealogical websites as well as first-hand information that Old Mill House was firstly in Seal Road and then in Woodland Road and that it was no. 2.

Alicia tells us that:

‘Regarding the bungalow and 2 Woodland Road, this is interesting: one part of the grounds was a vegetable garden and hen coop but my parents, who were very conscious of the local community’s wishes, sold it off for the development of one “aesthetically acceptable” bungalow which had to be in keeping with the village. The actual bungalow construction did not encroach on our own space or the house itself.’

However, on reading Selsey Remembers about John Sergeant (Jack) Warnock, he also lived in 2 Woodland Road but that was ca. 1939, when the Thorntons are firmly placed in Old Mill House. This, therefore, has to be a different no. 2! And needless to say the current no. 2 is probably a different house again!

Hence my oft-repeated refrain about the importance of deeds!

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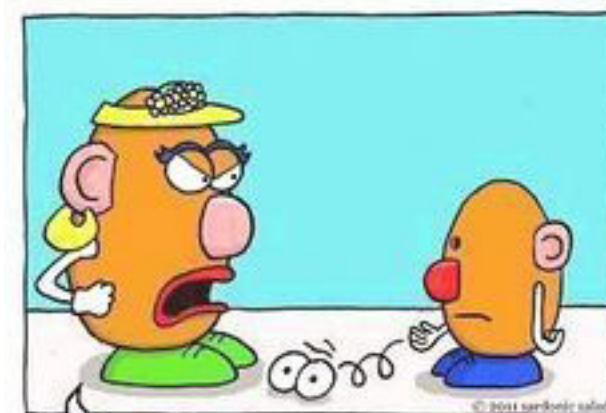
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- 2) What is known as the 'King of the Spey'?
- 3) What is the next prime number after 71?
- 4) Who led the Peasants' Revolt of 1381?
- 5) What was London's first one way street?
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- 7) Love apple is an old fashioned name for what?
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National Service Times Remembered

Success at last - a Royal Navy National Serviceman (NS). Denny Terry of Terry & Ireland fame. Denny and Buster Ireland (RIP) started their firm together here in Selsey many years ago. Buster also did his NS but in the Army. If I am correct Buster served as a Sapper with the Royal Engineers. If I am wrong I am sure son Colin will be putting me right soon.

This is my last current monthly offering . I shall be moving over to being an occasional contributor. I have enjoyed collating the articles with their tales of distant travel. It has to be remembered that after WW2 many of us hardly ever travelled to foreign parts. To go away to such distant places was somewhat of a leap into the unknown during the late 40s and 50s, even into the 60s. Indeed wife Sue felt she was going far away when moving away from the village to study at Southampton University.

I have two more National Service stories to tell on an occasional basis if the contributors are willing to pass them on to me. One is of a Cavalry man who went to Germany to work on Army tanks. The other is an ex RAF Chef who also went to Germany. They live in the same road almost opposite each other.

As ever if there are any unusual stories of any kind out there of Service to our country I would be more than happy to pass them on as articles to our great free magazine here ‘Selsey Life’. Get in touch soon please.

Lastly these stories have brought so many memories back to me. In the photo of Denny in night clothing on the deck of HMS Ocean I see behind him the hockey stick aerials that were dropped at Flying stations and raised again on completion. One of my jobs on the aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal, on which I served on with Cdr Roy Murray RN(RIP) for two years, was to paint them while we were in dock. They were part of the Communications department part of ship. When alongside in harbour we hovered at the the end of of the aerials of which two would be over the dockside (a long, long drop). The other two were over the water where we could wave to the boats taking tourists around the ships in Devonport dockyard – no HSE then as we didn’t even have safety harnesses.

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Denny Terry (his story)

Denny joined the Royal Navy in October 1954. He remembers having to travel to Brighton to sign on. Shortly after he travelled to HMS St Vincent, a shore station in Gosport for his basic training. Having completed his six weeks basic training he was drafted as an Ordinary Seaman to HMS Ocean, a Royal



HMS St. Vincent 1954



HMS Ocean

She went into Extended Reserve in 1958 and was scrapped in 1962 at Faslane.

Navy Colossus-class light fleet aircraft carrier of 13,190 tons built in Glasgow by Alexander Stephen and Sons. Her keel was laid in November 1942, and she was commissioned on 30 June 1945. In August 1954 she joined the Home Fleet’s Training Squadron.

Having joined Ocean she sailed for Gibraltar in November for a six week deployment, returning back to Blighty for Christmas. He has the fond memory of watching an aircraft land there while he carried out rifle drill training on deck. He tells me he was fascinated by an aircraft landing at Gib. airport which he thought was going to crash (but didn’t). While placing his whole attention on this non happening he had failed to hear the command to order arms and remained at the slope. *HMS Ocean in Gibraltar*



Hearing the shout ‘Terry’ he turned around to notice his mistake. The order was ‘Terry lift your rifle above your head and around the flight deck three times me lad’. While carrying out this evolution in some heat he met one of his Officers who requested what he had done. ‘Not paying attention sir’ was Denny’s retort. ‘Well me lad do two more just for me as well then’ was the order. So off he went lesson well learnt.

On deck HMS Ocean On return to UK Denny was then drafted to HMS Vigo a Battle-class destroyer . She was named after the Battle of Vigo, which took place in 1702 during the War of Spanish Succession between a British-Dutch Fleet and the French, and which ended in a victory for the British. Vigo was built by Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company of Govan. She was launched on 27 September 1945 and commissioned on 9 December 1946.



HMS Vigo

Upon commissioning she was placed in Reserve along with a number of her sister-ships. In 1949 she joined the 3rd Destroyer Flotilla, based in the Mediterranean, which at that time had quite a large Royal Navy presence.

In 1953, while in the Mediterranean Vigo suffered a fire onboard causing minor damage. She would also suffer another fire in 1954. Also that year she became the Gunnery Training Ship based at Portsmouth, a duty that a number of her sister ships also performed. It was this duty that Denny remembers so well.



Vigo shipmates

In addition to being the Gunnery Training Ship to HMS Excellent, at Whale Island Vigo was also Captain (D) of the Portsmouth Squadron.

While on the Vigo Denny remembers several visits which took him to Norway and far off Bexhill.

He then joined HMS Bellerophon which was the name given to the ships in the reserve fleet at Pompey area. Denny remembers that his duties were light here as there was only the upkeep of the ships to attend too.

While discussing Denny’s service with his younger brothers they informed me that he wasn’t away all that long as he was able to return to the village to play football for Selsey at weekends. Denny’s answer to this was that he bartered his tot to his Oppo’s who were more than happy to take it in return for doing his duties. This custom still occurred in my time ‘till the sad day of the last tot on July 31st 1970, thereafter referred to as ‘Black Tot day’.

Denny left the service from HMS Victory at the end of 1956 after what appears to me a busy two years for him. Well done Denny!

THE VALTRIANO MYSTERY A True Story by Pat Read
Continued from last month

The story so far: In 1944 Italy Pat Read's father, along with others in his unit, set up their HQ in a large, grey stone building in Valtriano, that had once been a monastery and lately a German prison and hospital. A shield depicted the 'Black Knight'. After a particularly uneasy night, the bell was haerd to toll, but there was no access to it, and no rope to ring it. Now read on....

A search revealed no clues, but sleep came to no one for the rest of that night and dawn appeared as a blessed relief. That morning a thorough investigation revealed that to reach the bell was impossible without specialist equipment. The whole incident remained a mystery and it was noticeable from that night that no one ventured anywhere alone after dark.

My father in the past had laughed at the supernatural, and decided there must be an answer. With another tin of bully beef and some determination, he managed to prise out of another elderly local that the house had once been owned by a Baron known as The Black Knight, and many black deeds had taken place within its walls. The house was evil and no good came to anyone who lived within its walls, but there was reluctance to give further details, apart from one disquieting fact. Just after the Germans had evacuated the house, an Indian unit had spent three nights there. They left in a hurry after one of them had been found dead in one of the rooms, with no explanation as to the cause, other than a look of sheer terror on the dead man’s face.

My father was determined not to spend another night in that room and to his relief his friend was transferred to another billet, after which a few nights passed without incident, although the feeling of foreboding still remained.

The unit in the meantime had converted a toilet, situated at the end of a long corridor and contained in a tiny, circular turret-like room, with a small slit high up which gave the only light. One night my father was groping his way in the darkness with the help of a small candle, which cast grotesque shadows onto the stone wall as he felt his way along. He finally entered the narrow door into a very limited cold and damp space. As he put his candle onto a small ledge, it gave a splutter, flickered and then went out altogether.

Hearing a soft step behind him, he assumed another member of his unit had followed him, and said something to that effect. There was a muffled reply, and being in the process of finding another match, he couldn’t make it out. He turned around, pushing the door closed as he did so, and found himself with his back against the only means of exit. He asked whoever it was if he had a match and after another incoherent reply, it became clear they were speaking Italian. Absolutely petrified, he demanded ‘Who’s there!’ With no reply he swung his hands out at arm’s length, but they came against cold stone walls in each direction. Terrified, he fumbled desperately in his pocket with trembling hands to find one single match, which he hastily struck on the wall. No one was in the room!

In complete darkness once again, he found the door handle and took flight like a frightened animal, groping and stumbling his way along the black corridor, counting doors by touching them until he reached his own. The rest of the night he lay in his bed, wet with sweat and terror-stricken, praying for dawn.

Once the unit were all awake, he was slightly reassured that it had not all been a ghastly hallucination on his part when he learned that others too had experienced strange phenomena in other parts of the house that night. Rumours and jokes circulating about the place being haunted had previously made some too afraid to mention their own experiences for fear of being laughed at, but now instead of laughter, they felt in the grip of an invisible evil presence.

Guards were detailed to patrol the grounds each evening, but even they were reluctant to stray far from the guard tent set up in the courtyard. Their duty was to patrol the grounds and wooded perimeter, but this was now done in pairs.

The following week was quiet, and to boost morale the Commanding Officer asked the unit to arrange a concert and sing-song to be held in the Nissen hut, which had been constructed in the grounds for use as a mess room and canteen. It promised to be an entertaining evening, especially as cases of beer had been obtained from the NAAFI stores in Florence. Dinner was to be served at six o’clock, and afterwards everyone was to make their way to the concert, which was due to start at eight. It was a full house, the only personnel not present being two cooks, a Cpl Jenkins and a Private Smith, and of course the guards who were on duty.

After cleaning up, the two cooks went to their billet to change before making their way to the concert. Cpl Jenkins arrived first, just as one of the lads was in the middle of his version of Beguine The Beguine. Shortly afterwards, the door swung open with a crash and a hysterical Private Smith ran in, looking terrified and as white as a sheet.

He eventually managed to explain that he had been shaving, unaware that Cpl Jenkins had already left. He’d continued to talk to him, but couldn’t understand the replies he was getting. Aware of a presence behind him, Smith glanced in the mirror, only to see his own reflection. He swung round to find the room empty, except for himself, so took fright and fled from the room in a wild frenzy. The Commanding Officer was not sympathetic, realising this sort of thing was not good for morale and the next morning Company Orders stated that any man spreading rumours would face severe disciplinary action.

A couple of days later, my father had been detailed as Orderly Sergeant and his duties were to see that all personnel were out of bed and on parade for 7 a.m. He was descending the wide staircase when he glanced out of the window overlooking the courtyard. Lying on the stone paving below, was a body. He ran outside and to his horror found a Cpl Rogers lying stretched out, face upwards and arms outspread. It was obvious he was dead. My father was reminded of the old man’s description of the last fatality, as Cpl Rogers had the same look of abject terror on his face.

Military Police determined that he had fallen from a balcony, which could only be reached through a window in his billet. The wall of the balcony was four feet high, so impossible to fall over without climbing on top of it, or being thrown over. However the window was closed from the inside and not one of the other nine men in the room had seen or heard anything. It was never established how or why he went through the window, which had still been locked from the inside. An even greater mystery was that the young Corporal was tightly clutching a lock of black hair in his right hand, which did not match that of any of his colleagues. He had been due to return home five days later.

My father was on that same lorry bound for Pisa, as he watched Valtriano disappear into the distance, feeling lucky to soon be boarding a ship making for Blighty and home. He never went back to Valtriano, but it’s on my list of ‘Things To Do’, to see if the great stone house still exists and perhaps the present villagers may be able to throw a little more light on the Black Knight and the Valtriano mystery.

Bursting with life

The warmer spring weather has brought summer migrants to mingle with the resident birds across our Pagham Harbour and Medmerry reserves.

Whitethroats sit on top of shrubs and hedgerows claiming territory and attracting a mate with their scratchy song. Sedge warblers make short song flights leaping into the air and flapping back down again, while the voices of the reed warblers emanate from reed beds. Across this scene the call of the cuckoo epitomises the season.

Flycatchers turn up at Church Norton and can often be seen feeding behind the hide, darting from a perch to catch a flying insect before alighting again. They may stay a few days before continuing their journey inland to breed in wooded areas.

Whitethroat

Little terns can be seen fishing offshore and in the harbour, stopping to hover before diving into the water to catch small fish. Swallows have flown in off the sea and are now skimming low over the fields feeding on the insects, while high above skylarks pour out a song of continued and various notes. Brightly coloured yellowhammers compete from the tops and field-lined hedges and lapwings rise from the fields to perform looping display flights.

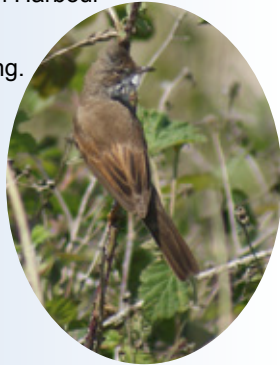


Avocet

All these birds are busy finding a mate and raising families, including the RSPBs insignia bird, the avocet. This elegant black and white wader with long legs and an up-turned bill is one of the organisations greatest conservation stories and as such has become the logo.

Having disappeared as a breeding bird in 1842, it would be over 100 years before they returned to habitat created by WWII. A wayward bomb blew a hole in a seawall and water from the tidal river poured in creating ideal conditions for avocets, with shallow pools and islands to nest on. Learning from this fortuitous event and with careful management, avocet numbers have grown. Once again they can be seen breeding at many sites across the country including our own Stilt Pools on Medmerry reserve.

Our guides will be at the Stilt Pools for a free event to help you discover more about these beautiful birds and others, on Sunday 7 May, 11am until 2 pm and will be leading a walk on the west side of Medmerry including these pools on Saturday 21 May. For more details on these and all our other events check out our website www.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour or pick up a leaflet from our Visitor Centre on the B2145 between Sidlesham and Selsey.



RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry Events

May

Sunday 7 May, [Someone to Guide You](#). Unsure of what that bird is? Our friendly guides will be at the Stilt Pools, Medmerry to help you spot and identify the wildlife that you see. You can park at the Earnley car park PO20 7JL and walk from there or drop in to the Visitor Centre at Sidlesham for further details.

11am – 2pm
Drop-in, Free

Saturday 13 May, [Dawn Chorus](#). Decipher this spring phenomenon with our guides in a ‘secret’ part of our reserve. Close your eyes and soak up the sound of the birdsong as it gathers from a single voice into a full orchestra in a part of the reserve not open to the public.

4.30am (duration 2½ hours)
Booking essential
£8 per person / £6 members

Sunday 21 May, [Discover Medmerry \(West\) Guided Walk](#). With the flora and fauna busily getting on with the trials of life, this is a great time to join our guides for a walk round the west side of Medmerry. Breeding avocets, corn buntings, yellowhammers and cuckoos are among the potential cast of this 4 mile walk which combines birds and wildlife, with Medmerry’s history and its creation into the reserve you see today.

10am (duration 3½ hours), meet at Earnley car park PO20 7JL at 9.50am.
Booking essential
£7 per person / £4 members

June

Saturday 3 June, [Marvelous Moths](#). Join us as we open up our moth trap and reveal which super moths have been caught from the night before.

8 am – 9 am, £2 per person / £1.50 members

Sunday 4 June, [Discover Pagham Harbour \(north\) Guided Walk](#). Starting from the Visitor Centre, our guides will take you on a gentle summers walk along the ‘tramway’, up to Sidlesham Quay and around the north side of the reserve. Accompanied by the summer soundtrack of birdsong and busy buzzing insects, this 3 mile walk combines wildlife with the Harbours historic past.

10am (duration 3 hours)
Booking essential
£7 per person / £4 members

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Cuckoo Spit - Forever Blowing Bubbles
by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Ah! A walk in the countryside in May. Sussex erupts into a blooming, buzzing, singing, slithering celebration of life. Glorious. But bend to sniff the flowers and you’ll notice something horrid; it appears that someone has been spitting all over them. It drools from the dandelions and dribbles down the dropwort. But who is this phantom froth flinger?

Once upon a time English naturalists believed that the culprit was the cuckoo. The spit appeared at the same time as the first cuckoo’s call and, as no-one had ever found a cuckoo’s nest, some folk believed that cuckoos were spitting their young out from above. Utter twaddle of course, but the name ‘cuckoo spit’ still survives today.

To get to the bottom of this mystery you need to do some poking around. In the middle of every bubbly blob you’ll find a tiny, cowering larvae – a spittlebug. Whereas other insect larvae use clever camouflage or distasteful chemicals to avoid getting eaten the spittlebug has an altogether more flatulent approach to protection. It blows bubbles out of its bum. A mixture of plant sap and air are used to get itself into a lather. I’d imagine a similar thing would happen if you ate five tins of baked beans and washed it down with a bottle of Radox.

This frothy flatulence creates a foamy fortress and the blob of bitter bubbles protects the spittlebug from predators and the hot sun while it sucks on sap. The spittlebug feeds, grows, moults and as one of the most powerful animals on the planet; an adult frog hopper. Encased in a tough re-enforced suit equipped with some fantastic Man of the insect world. Its super power is its ability to jump and, boy, can it jump!

Fleas always get the credit as had the same power as a flea But froghoppers although heavier (so imagine, while you’re on the over you). Scientists have recorded 400 gravities of acceleration (by comparison, an astronaut blasting into orbit may experience about 5 gravities). Spittlebugs don’t do any harm to plants and a simple splash of water will evict the spittlebug and demolish his home. But before you spray the cuckoo spit hold back on that hose. Don’t forget that there’s a soapy superhero hiding in each and every one.



the natural world’s high jumpers. Famously, if you you could jump to the top of St Paul’s Cathedral. than fleas can proportionally jump even higher top of St Paul’s, seeing an elephant leaping high froghoppers jumping 70cm vertically, experiencing over an astronaut blasting into orbit may experience about 5

I’ll be out and about in Sussex in May leading walks at Levin Down (3rd) and Seaford Head (12th). Further details on the Sussex Wildlife Trust website at www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/whats-on

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Saturday 10 June, [Orchids in June](#). Join us looking for gorgeous orchids in one of ‘secret’ places. A chance to marvel at these mysterious plants in a part of the reserve not open to the public.

11am (duration 1 hour)
Booking essential £4 per person / £2 members

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DONNA'S DELIBERATIONS

'Ne'er cast a clout till May be out' that's the saying connected with this fine month, I believe and it literally means, for those who don't know, don't discard winter clothing until May is 'out'. Very sensible, especially if you live in the north of England I would say! Actually, my ancestry is pretty much entirely 'northern' and I'm only first generation 'born and bred' in the south. My parents moved down here after they married when my father secured a job with the council. Whatever anyone may say, the weather up there is different – and not in a good way! On one occasion I can recall having to turn the heating on and it was August Bank Holiday – bonkers! I think I'll stay where I am, thank you.

So, how did April treat you? To be frank it all went past me in a bit of a blur. You might have noticed that I stood as an Independent candidate in the County Council elections so there was the little matter of delivering to over 8000 of my fellow residents – not all by myself I hasten to add! I have developed a new respect for our wonderful postmen – what is it with letter boxes? I never realised that there could be so many different sizes or indeed put in so many different places – some doors don't seem to have one at all (which is probably a clever ploy to stop people like me delivering unwanted mail to them!) My legs have never ached so much and my sunburn (despite the fact that I didn't actually spot much sun) was awful. That, together with the fact that it's necessary to remember to close gates and not walk over residents' lawns – although, trust me, it's a massive temptation! - means it's really not an easy job. Seriously, Postmen of Selsey (can I actually say that - should it be Postpeople?) - I salute you!

One of the very few plusses about pounding the streets, is that I get to re-connect with parts of our lovely town which I haven't seen for a while. I stood in total awe one evening when I was over to the west side of the Village (or town...) looking over to the Isle of Wight – quite magnificent. We are truly fortunate to live here. Leafletting also gave me a good excuse to take a peek at residents' gardens. My own garden is the size of a handkerchief but it has aspirations to be something resembling a Capability Brown landscape. It will never manage it as it's also home to guinea pigs and cats but my garden and I live in hope. We have some truly stunning gardens in Selsey and they are a testament to a lot of hard work. I really enjoyed my walk around and thanks to everyone who stopped to pass the time of day; it made a long job rather more bearable!

So, I think we can safely say that Selsey has come out of hibernation. Crossing the High Street on a Saturday morning has once again become a game of 'dodge the car'. I always seem to have an initial grump about the increase in traffic when the 'season' arrives but, like it or not, it's necessary for the town; tourism is important. Interestingly, during my election campaign, I did a Meet and Greet (although I'm in the High Street pretty much every day anyway!) and over half of the people I accosted while they they were quite happy minding their own business, were actually visitors.

Whilst it may not have helped with my electioneering, it was lovely to hear people's stories about the holidays they have enjoyed here; some of whom have been coming to Selsey since they were children and now their grandchildren come. I think that's brilliant. How encouraging to know that so many people enjoy our little part of the peninsular and will quite happily take the (slow) drive down the long and winding road to get here. It's lovely to see them all (and also lovely when they go home....sorry, did I actually say that...?)

April also saw the Annual Town Meeting – where were you all? The Town Meeting gives the Council the chance to 'report back' to all residents. The meeting is presided over by the Chair of the Council, who is actually, technically our Mayor - and he has a Mayoral Chain of Office to prove it. This year, there was also a short presentation from the Community Forum on behalf of all the amazing voluntary groups we have in our town. I know only too well that the voluntary sector is being very 'squeezed' these days; increasing numbers of charities and organisations chasing the same ever diminishing pots of money. The work the volunteers do is absolutely vital to our community here so hats off to them, in my view. By the way, next year I will be giving everyone a good couple of months notice for the Annual Town Meeting and I look forward to seeing more of my fellow residents. I will say no more...!

So, May brings us not one but two Bank Holidays – always very welcome unless you happen to be heading in a westerly direction on the A27/M27 in which case, you may do better this year to stay at home. I realised recently that I actually had no idea why a Bank Holiday was called a Bank Holiday – so, if like me you don't know, you may find the following interesting (If you do know, feel free to ignore this paragraph.) It's probably fair to say that Bankers don't get the best of press these days but, if we find ourselves relaxing by the beach or having a barbeque in the garden this month, spare a thought for a chap called John Lubbock, an MP who tabled the Bank Holidays Act of 1871; he wanted to give workers an extra few days holiday a year. A hundred years later in 1971, the Banking and Financial Dealings Act was passed, the majority of the existing Bank Holidays were stipulated in this Act but latterly New Year's Day and May Day were also given Bank Holiday status. So why is it called a Bank Holiday? Easy, the Banks are shut. And if the banks are shut business can't be conducted – although in this day and age that's probably not strictly true. So, there we go, now you know. We actually do have a reason, in this case, to say 'thank' you to Banker!

Have a lovely May everyone – enjoy the sunshine but remember not to pack away those coats – just yet.

Take care, all.

Donna Johnson
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Meet our people!

We are extremely proud of our place in the community here at Selsey. We love getting involved with local charities and schools and our staff regularly volunteer with the Manhood Wildlife Heritage Group and other Selsey organisations.

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Scott

Scott has been with NWF since 2008, straight after studying at Chichester College. He's a big football fan and once played in a charity tournament with ex Man Utd player Lee Sharpe.

Starting as a Team Operative on the production line, he's now a New Product Development Project Manager. This means he works with our clients, project managing from development to launch of the new products in stores.

“There's some incredible talent here. When I left college I didn't know what I wanted to do. I had loads of support from them (NWF) and am really happy in my role. I really enjoy coming to work”.



Mingle

Mingle has been with NWF since 2010, straight from studying a BSc in Biology. She's currently expecting her first baby (boy!) in 3 months.

She joined the NWF family as a Senior Team Operative in the factory. Mingle was then promoted to a Technical Auditor role where she put her Biology degree to good use. She's now a Section Manager, and has responsibility for a team of 10. Staff wellbeing is one of her key priorities.

“It's a great place to work and there is real opportunity to progress and learn”.



Richard Parr is our Chief Operations Officer. After several years in the Oil Industry and a stint of volunteering abroad, he came back to the UK and joined NWF. He's lived in Selsey for about 10 years, with his 2 dogs, 2 cats and ranch of chickens! A keen scuba diver, he said “I was attracted by the village life, sense of community and the sea”. He sums up our philosophy perfectly...

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Crew for the last launch safely on the moorings
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Latest scam update: Calls claiming to be from the National Crime Agency

A person who was contacted on his phone by a person claiming to be from the 'National Crime Agency', was informed he had activity on his account that they suspected to be fraudulent and could be money laundering. The fraudster informed the male victim that as the Police they would need to monitor his account and asked for his account number, which he gave them. A phone call from the victim's 'bank' would issue a verification number to make sure it was the right account. The man was then told to download a programme called 'Teamviewer' to his desktop PC, which allowed the fraudster to access his online bank account without his knowledge.

The fraudster said he needed to transfer £1000 from the victim's savings account into his current account, and that 'they' would transfer £20,000 into that account to see where it goes. Finally, the individual was asked to go to the Post Office and transfer the money via MoneyGram to a safe account in Ukraine. Trusting his conversation was with the Police, the victim then went to the bank and found that all his money had gone from his account, totalling £1922.99.

If you need a report fraud or attempted fraud, you can do so by contacting Action Fraud at or by calling 0300 123 2040. You can also read the latest Action Fraud alerts at www.actionfraud.police.uk/news

A scheme to deal with alcohol-related offending has been relaunched in West Sussex.

Sussex Police are working with Druglink and being supported by West Sussex County Council to deliver a police referred Alcohol Diversion Scheme (ADS) to help reduce the level of alcohol fuelled crime.

The scheme is targeted at people in West Sussex over the age of 18 and focuses on the health and education of those in the community who are drinking above the recommended lower risk levels.

This scheme is a simple way of dealing with an offender who has committed a low level alcohol related crime. The aim is to effectively engage with individuals and their drinking habits and to look differently at how to deal with alcohol-related offending.

Run by Druglink, the three hour course addresses the link between alcohol and violence and reinforces the significant physical and psychological harms associated with binge drinking. It also explores alcohol content and units providing insight into the strength of certain drinks and explaining behaviour in relation to those drinks. You can find out more by visiting the Sussex Police website.

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On Saturday 6th May from 7.30pm come and enjoy Shenanigans New Old Tyme Music Show, tickets are on sale here at £10 per person. (See advert in this magazine)

On Saturday 6th & 13 May Aro Fitness are holding an Anti-Bullying Presentation from 12.30 to 1.30pm, contact Aro Fitness for more details on www.arofitnesskickboxing.com

On Sunday 14th May Chichester City Band are holding an evening performance, Tickets will be on sale at The Selsey Centre as usual.

May Bank Holiday closures are Monday 1st May re-opening on Tuesday 2nd May at 9am & Monday 29th May re-opening on Tuesday 30th May at 9am.

New Class this month - Emma Collings is an established dog trainer from Shropshire now living back in Sussex. She offers training of all kinds, such as 1-2-1 training in your home and classes at The Selsey Centre starting Friday 28th April. Puppy class at 6.30pm and Adult/Rescue Dog 7.30pm. Courses are 6 weeks and costs £60 for the term including your training sheets. To book with Emma and read more about her visit website www.emmacollingsdogtrainer.co.uk Tel: 07454 443349 and see her Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HampshireDogTrainer/>

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16) Whose name is on the economic plan to revive post war Europe?

17) Who was the first Tudor monarch?

18) In 1975, who was restored to the Spanish throne?

19) Who was the founder of the Church of Scotland?

20) What was invented first, the machine gun or the revolver?

21) Whose first victim was Mary Ann Nichols?

22) Who was Queen Mary I's mother?

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11) Which is nearer to London- Amsterdam or Paris?

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13) In American zip codes, what does zip stand for?

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In the Garden

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

Lots of gardeners look on May as being one of the best months in the garden, continuing the freshness of Spring with the advancement of Summer and May is also the time for the "Chelsea Flower Show".

There are signs of Summer all around but many Spring-flowering bulbs, especially Tulips and late-flowering Narcissi and Daffodils are still at their best. Most trees are now in full leaf and shrubs such as Rhododendrons and Azaleas are in full flower.

May is very busy in the garden as the plants are rapidly catching up from their cold, slow start and thriving with the milder weather conditions. In fact, everything is growing at a great pace and the dark drab Winter now seems a distant memory. The Cherry and Plum blossom are being replaced by Apple and Pear. Bluebells, Cowslips, Forget-me-nots and Violets carpet the landscape accompanied by Dandelions, Daisies and Buttercups.

Baby Swallows and House Martins are starting to cheep in sheds and under the eaves. May is a musical month with Blackbirds, Thrushes, Chaffinches, Robins, Wrens and cooing Wood Pigeons leading the way. Yellow Gorse and Broom abound and are very striking in the hedgerows and fields. Chestnut trees are laden with spire-like flowers like giant Christmas trees with candles. Laburnams are hung with cascades of golden flames. Lilac fills the air with its scent and the white Hawthorn blossom covers the hedges and smells strong and sweet.

*"Oh, Maytime, fold your fleeting wing,
and let it be forever Spring"*

Jobs for May

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tip Top Tips

Take action to protect all tender plants if a late frost is forecast. Clear out Spring bedding and begin hardening off Summer bedding plants.

Feed fish regularly and also give a special Aquatic fertiliser to water plants

Feed and weed lawns to encourage good growth.

Ventilate Greenhouses and Conservatories and think about shading in the Summer.

Lift out and divide Primroses and Polyanthus that have finished flowering. Replant into soil enriched with some rotted organic compost.

Feed growing Tomatoes regularly with a high potash fertiliser to encourage good flowering and fruiting.

Don't forget to place straw between plants of Strawberries.

Do not water with a spout when a mist spray is essential.

Do not broadcast small seed without mixing it with sand or fine soil.

A kettle of boiling water works wonders on weeds in paths and patio cracks.

Soak Nettles in water for a few days, draw off the liquid through a sieve and use as a spray against Aphids (i.e. Greenfly, Blackfly and Whitefly).

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We also run a Junior section, this year we are looking for volunteers to help run it, including Coaches & Welfare officers, these positions are very important to fill, as the youth section is vitally important to the future of cricket in Selsey.

We also would like to hear from people who would like to umpire or score for us, social members are also very welcome.

The Club bar is open on all match days, and Friday's from 7:00 pm and Sundays from 1:00 pm.

All enquires to info@selseycc.co.uk

Thespian Thunderer's, the Worlds Premier Actors cricket team visit Selsey Cricket Club, playing for the Sir Patrick Moore cup on Sunday 14th May 12:30 pm for a 1.00 pm start this is also a Family day out, for everyone in Selsey.

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We see the start of the Friday evening League, which this year is in an exciting new format of 15 eight ball overs, and 8 a side teams.

The first match is Running Empty v RNLI lifeboat crew in Friday May 19th at 6:00 pm.

There will be a barbecue every week during and after the match.

Fixtures at home for the next month are:

04/2017 Sunday 1st XI v Clanfield CC - Friendly XI 13:00
02/05/2017 Selsey Legends v Aldwick CC - Twenty20 18:00
07/05/2017 Sunday 1st XI v Singleton CC - Friendly XI 14:00
13/05/2017 1st XI v Wisborough Green CC - 1st XI League 13:00
14/05/2017 Selsey v Thespian Thunderers CC - 1st XI Friendly 13:00
19/05/2017 Running Empty v RNLI Selsey Lifeboat Crew. 18:00
20/05/2017 2nd XI v Littlehampton, Clapham & Patching CC - 4th XI League 13:00
21/05/2017 Sunday 1st XI v Southampton University CC - 3rd XI Friendly. 14:00
23/05/2017 Selsey Legends v West Sussex Fire and Rescue - 1st XI Friendly. 18:00
26/05/2017 Selsey Crabettes v Selsey Sealions 18:00
27/05/2017 1st XI v Balcombe CC - 1st XI League 13:00
28/05/2017 Sunday 1st XI v West Wittering CC - Academy XI 13:30

Printed fixtures cards are now available for collection in the Club house.

Fixtures Enquiries to the Fixtures Secretary Ricky Halpin
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TEXTILES

So this month I was inspired by a local lady and her passion for crafts, her attention to detail and most importantly her sustained patience!

Margaret has taught me a lot about crafting and inspired me to 'keep at it' and no matter how long it takes.....finish the project!

So what takes all the time and is that a convincing way to get you started? Well when you see the pictures – you'll know that the wait is worth it, the time and effort is priceless and the finished pieces are nothing short of works of art....

I'm talking about textiles, hand sewing, stitching and quilting – you really can become quite addicted to the learning curve laid out before you when you embark of a journey with sewing and textiles.

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Maybe you want to copy your favourite picture or perhaps put your favourite poem into colour, or even tell a personal story - this is a fantastic way to do it..... Express yourself through colour and fabrics, stitching and sewing – let it evolve and take on a life of it's own. It's one of those hobbies that takes you on a journey..... be prepared!



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SELSEY GOLF CLUB



The course is looking magnificent in green and gold. The Gorse is out in full and daffodils are dancing in the wind all over the course. The greens, in particular, are in excellent condition and playing really well. There are no excuses now, the only thing stopping the ball going into the hole, is the golfer! The Club House too, is surrounded by daffodils and new plantings which look so attractive and will continue to make a very picturesque and welcoming view as golfers head for the finish of their rounds of golf on the 9th/18th holes.

Quite a number of events have already taken place since the season started at the beginning of March. The Men's Captain, Mr. Michael Liddell hosted the Captains Cheese and Wine Evening and this was a great success and enjoyed by all. This event is held every year by the in-coming Men's Captain and it is a chance for the Ladies, Veterans and Mens Section to get together.

The Mens Section is well underway with their competitions for Cups, Trophies etc. The Ronnie Edwards Cup is to be held this year on the 8th and 9th April, a dinner is held on the evening of the 8th and a draw made for playing partners for the 9th. More about this in next month's issue.



LITTLE SPAIN BOWLING CLUB
Golf Links Lane PO20 9DR
email: lsbowlsclub@gmail.com
website: www.selseycountryclub.co.uk/little-spain-bowling-club

Bowling at Little Spain is well underway thanks to the Selsey Country Club who have extended our bowling season from early April to the end of October, subject, of course, to weather conditions.

We started our season on a beautiful, warm sunny Sunday and all enjoyed getting out on the green. A warm welcome is extended to our new members who are settling into life at Little Spain.

Now that May is here our full fixture list commences with our first friendly match of the season against Crablands Bowling Club. Always a much enjoyed local derby with friendly rivalry.

Our Gordon Simmons internal Friday League also commences this month, running through to September.

It is never too late to join us so should you require further information or to join us: Please contact us by email, address as above or 606453



On the 19th March a presentation by last year's Captain Mr. Tony Nelson to the RNLI took place. This was Tony's chosen charity for 2016 and a cheque was presented to the chairman of the Selsey RNLI Mr. Colvin Rae.

The Ladies competitions have also started for this season and they have held two events in March. The first was the Give and Take competition, (this is where the ladies take a prize and win a prize and is followed by a meal.) All the ladies enjoy this event and it is fun to win a prize even if you have come last!

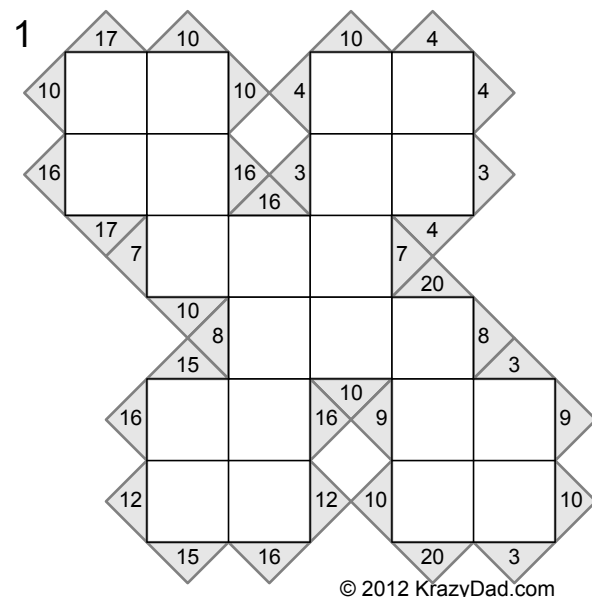
The second event was the Spring Lunch, a much looked forward to occasion each year. Traditionally Roast Lamb is served (but there is always a second choice). The weather was good and the view from the windows of the Club House superb and made the Ladies almost wish they were out playing golf. But the delicious lunch won the day.

The Veterans Section of the Selsey Golf Club had their first Presentation Day of 2017 and Spring Lunch on Wednesday 15th March.

The day started with 42 members taking part in a 9 hole competition, the weather started out overcast but the sun soon shone and the wind was light giving ideal conditions for those taking part. The course, after a wet winter, was in very good condition and the greens were excellent for the time of year, thanks to the ministrations of the Greenkeepers.

On completion of the competition the members retired to the clubhouse for the Presentations of prizes, the one of note was a belated award for the Summer Singles Trophy for 2016 which was won by Mr Reg Ewens our present Captain. The Trophy was presented by the Vice Captain Mr Gerry Hollands.

Once the presentations were complete the members enjoyed their Spring Lunch which continued into late afternoon. A most enjoyable day was had by all and we look forward to having more good golfing days in the forthcoming season.



Kakuro puzzles are like a cross between a crossword and a sudoku puzzle. Instead of letters, each block contains the digits 1 through 9. The same digit will never repeat within a line. If you add the digits in a line, the sum will be the numbers shown in the clue. Clues are shown on the left and right sides of 'across' lines, and on the top and bottom of 'down' lines. **ANSWER NEXT MONTH.**

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Dementia Friendly Community – Our Journey so far.....

We are all well aware of the saying “from small acorns large oaks may grow”. Following a meeting with the Selsey Watch Forum we began our journey to develop Selsey into a Dementia Friendly Community.

The first step was to set up a specific committee to focus on the tasks needed to start the process off.

An agreement was made to affiliate with the Chichester and Bognor Dementia Action Alliance. Forums take place at the resource centre in Tangmere, and it is useful to share ideas at the forums, and raise any concerns or initiate discussions. A logo was designed for our project and well received by the group.

The group were keen to ensure that the views of those with dementia and their carers were sought. It was vital that Selsey Carers were involved in our meetings, sharing first hand their thoughts as to what a DFC meant to them and their loved ones, and further discussions and meetings will take place.

Another member and myself have met up and have designed a resource pack together and to identify ways of consulting and communicating effectively with those who would benefit from Selsey becoming a DFC.

The group were very keen to find a date that could be set for a showcase later in the year to demonstrate what can be achieved, and gather feedback. Details are at the end of the article.

Whilst we were all keen to get moving on our various tasks, we were aware that this would be a steady process to be carried out over a number of years. For Selsey to successfully become a DFC it was important to realise this- to gradually build up what we had and expand with the breath of enthusiasm from all around the table.



Options for individuals to learn more about dementia are varied: anyone can become a Dementia Friend on line and during Dementia Awareness Week 15th-19th of May a colleague, and I will be providing two “Dementia Friend” sessions on Friday 19th of May at Selsey Town Hall at 11am and 1pm. They are only one hour information sessions.

You can register on line: <https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/> or there may be space to just come along.

You may hear in your own workplace that there are Dementia Friends Sessions so listen out for those, as I said it only takes one hour. If you would like to run a session in your workplace then email me: karen.pirks@westsussex.gov.uk and we can discuss times.

St. Peter's Church, Selsey
Annual Spring Fair and Dog Show -
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Entrance £1 - 16 years and under free -
all proceeds in support of your Parish Church

Where we hope to welcome many friends made over the years together with their friends and families - where you will enjoy the Fishbourne Morris Dancers and Country Band, many of our annual attractions including the much loved Hayling Island Sanctuary for Donkeys, lunches, Strawberry Tea tent and much much more for a happy sunny afternoon spent with those you love plus our much enjoyed Children's Corner.

For registration of your 'best canine friends' please call Richard Wheeler on 01243 603626.

For further information call Sally on 604104.

I will also be running a session at St Wilfrid's Church hall for parishioners of St Wilfrid's on Monday the 15th of May at 10.30am.

If you belong to the private, voluntary or independent sector, our Gateway provides free training.

DROP IN: Come and meet us at the Selsey Library on the 4th of May from 10am- noon and 1pm until 3pm and learn more or check out on line and register as a new user: www.westsussexcpd.co.uk you will find out more in-depth information about dementia.

Of course you have the Alzheimer's Society which provide plenty of useful information sheets www.alzheimers.org.uk

The process of becoming a Dementia Friendly Community is a process of many parts. Eventually over time, businesses, social groups, transport, schools, shops, cafés, churches, town hall, sports groups, care homes, agencies, the medical practice, and the library will continue to be involved or to get involved. In time the Selsey “Forget-Me-Not” logo will be a familiar sight to all living and visiting Selsey.

The key aim of the NHS Dementia Framework (2012-2015) is that people with dementia need to “live in supportive communities, where people feel able to participate in community life without stigma”. Likewise as human beings we need to be a more tolerant, caring and compassionate society, there is always something that can be done to ensure that we support all our residents.

Save the Date:

Dementia Friendly Community Showcase. We have planned a showcase on the 18th of September (11-1) at the Selsey Town Hall to share what we have developed so far, and encourage residents to celebrate with us the good practice in Selsey. We are keen to encourage people with dementia, and their carers to see what is available, and to share with us our journey so far and gather their views. There will be opportunities to join in with activities and for the carers to have some “me time”. It will also be an opportunity for the care homes in Selsey to showcase their own good practices, and promote the face of social care as a career. We hope to see you there.

Please let me know if you want to be part of Selsey becoming a Dementia Friendly Community: karen.pirks@westsussex.gov.uk or would like to know more.

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CRABLANDS BOWLS & TENNIS CLUB

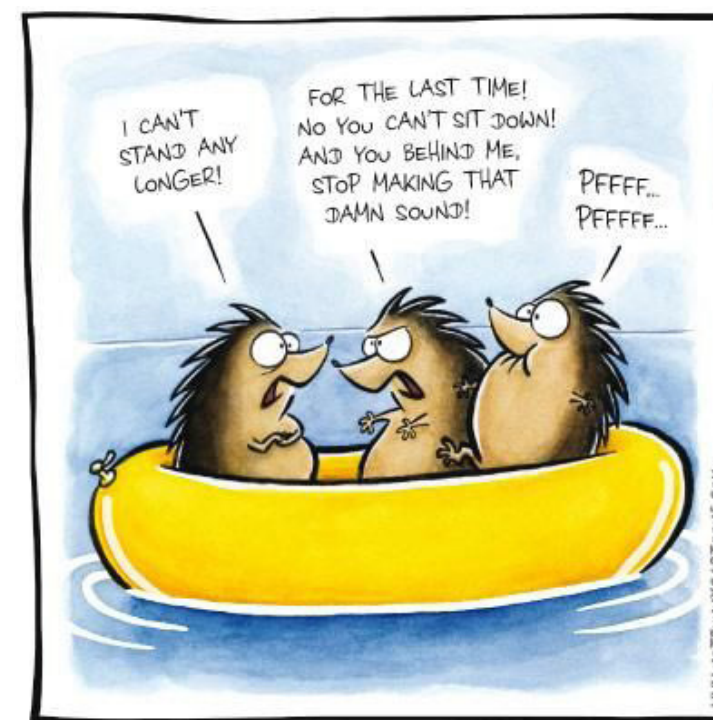
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How spoilt are we here in the south, not only have we had a reasonable Winter but the early Spring has been a delight and for anyone thinking perhaps now is the time to take up a sport for the first time, or perhaps now is the time to get back to a sport I enjoyed when I was younger and have not had the time to pursue for a while, then let us tell you that the bowling green is ready, the tennis courts including the grass court, are ready, are you? If not why not, what better way to indulge a whim, a little time for yourself, come and enjoy one or more of the various sports on offer here at Crablands. If outdoor green bowls is too daunting why not try short mat bowls? Who knows a “taster” of short mat bowls might give you encouragement to try the outdoor variety where you can enjoy a gentle sport out in the fresh air – for all information on green bowls Chris Lewendon can help ring 60185.



Tennis – why not come and find your form before Wimbledon, and a reminder, if you are a member of the tennis section, you will get the chance to win tickets for Wimbledon : for the more competitive of you reading this article then you may well get the opportunity to play in league matches with other clubs in the county – for information re. tennis call Jo Montgomery on 606890. Do remember that on Saturday mornings there are coaching sessions for all young folk and Jo can give you details of the times for the various age groups.

Our Short Mat Bowlers are never controlled by the vagaries of the weather and their Summer season is now underway and for details ring Jan Obermayer on 602256. The evening members who enjoy playing table tennis and mini tennis can have fun all year round too, do come and enjoy our freshly decorated sports hall.



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THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

Tel: 01243 641409 Reg. Charity no. 1010000

Email: info@ccrc.co.uk www.crrc.co.uk

Hello it's me again your out and about reporter for the Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre Hulky Bear. I have been so busy this last month looking for the best places around the centre to catch up with my sun-bathing. I have to make sure I have the most comfortable spots first or my friends will take over. To keep my friends busy I have asked them to put together a photo board with a little bit about each of us so that when you visit us at the centre you can see who we are and why we live here. I put Lewis in charge. Not sure how good his photo skills are, as long as I look handsome I don't mind.

I have some sad news my old friend Cookie passed away a few weeks ago she had been at the centre for 10 years she liked to relax in the barn with her friend Michael. We are all missing her, it was very sudden and unexpected.

I have a special 'Save the Date' message for you. I have come up with an idea to get you all involved and a chance to come and meet the team at the centre for a fun evening. I am arranging a Fashion Show on 15th of July. Planning is still in the early stages we hope to have a 'Cat and Rabbit Next Top Model' Yes I know it will be me but I have to pretend to give the others a chance don't I? Next month I will update you with what is happening but please make a note of the date in your diary and I look forward to giving you details soon.

We have a new arrival at the centre he asked me if he would be able to speak to you directly as he needs some help so Mojo over to you....

Hi my name is Mojo (aka Toby) and I was brought into the Centre on 6th March 2017 because my previous owner realised that I really want to be able to go outside and play but sadly we had no garden. I was very much "LOVED" so much so that I weighed 10 Kilos! The vet has said that I need a dental before I can be rehomed but apparently I'm too heavy - Cheek! So now I'm working really hard with the girls, my own personal trainers, I work out every day running the corridors and I'm eating all my low cal food. So far I have lost just over one Kilo but it's not always easy and I could really do with a bit of encouragement so I wondered if you could help spur me on by sponsoring me just a little bit of money and I promise if you do I shall just keep going and prove to my vet that I can do it. I would like all the money raised to go to the project they call 'The Bump' and that means that the other animals living in the barn area can have an extra nice place to stay in just like me. I can't wait to see how many sponsors I get. Love Toby x

Good luck Toby we are all helping him exercise every day, watch out for the updates on his progress. Please see our website www.crrc.co.uk for details on how to donate for Toby. See you next month.

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

PS: We have a Viewing Day Saturday 27th May 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

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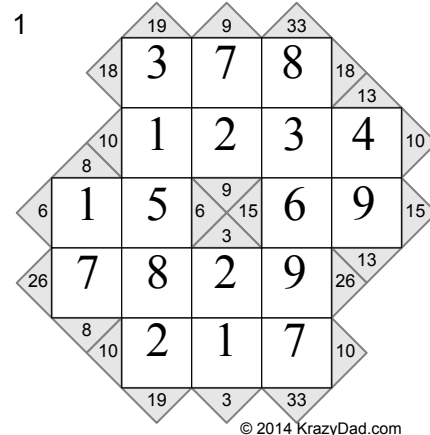
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KM157-16 & KM159-16



This May we would love you to meet 2 special boys KM157-16 a handsome fluffy black cat and KM159-16 a gorgeous black and white cat. They are 7 months old now, arriving when they were only just one month old with their mum and brothers after being found as strays. Mum and the rest of the family have been re-homed but the brothers have been here over 6 months waiting for somebody to choose them. Both are such lovely boys, a little nervous of people. They are slowly growing to trust especially when it's feeding time. Both are very playful boys and like to interact with us when we play with them. Never having lived in a loving home and not even seen a house we would love them to find someone that has the time to give them the confidence they need. If you think that you could offer them a loving home, and are willing to be patient whilst they settle in and get to know you then please do consider them. They would be best suited to a calm, quiet home with older or no children. If you think you can offer KM157-16 and KM159-16 the new home they so desperately deserve, please do not hesitate to contact us here at the Centre.

Last Month's Answers



- 1) C.S. Forester 2) Sir Hugh Dowding
- 3) William Hartnell 4) Geraldine Granger
- 5) The Carthaginians 6) 1967
- 7) Pierce 8) Virgin birth 9) One
- 10) Amish (and that is not a cockney Scotsman) 11) MCDXCII (Anyone?)
- 12) Julius Caesar and Cleopatra
- 13) Some Like it Hot

Birdcage Barn Quiz Answers

1. Knitting, 2. Calligraphy, 3. Scrapbooking 4. Stained glass,
5. Paper quilling 6. Aida, 7. Candles, 8. Macrame, 9. Batik,
10. Kiln

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Graham's Brent Lodge Briefing – May 2017

In his poem 'Locksley Hall', Alfred, Lord Tennyson, wrote:

*"In the Spring a fuller crimson comes upon the robin's breast;
In the Spring the wanton lapwing gets himself another crest;"*

(Oh to be able to write verse like that...!) What Tennyson was referring to, of course, was the observation that, at this time of year, many birds (and some animals) partly change their appearance, usually from a duller, winter plumage to a brighter, more colourful one, primarily to attract the opposite gender for 'amorous purposes..'. Examples? The puffin's bill becomes much more red and less yellow, and even increases in size! We are all familiar with the black-headed gull – as its name suggests, a completely black (actually, very dark brown) head in the summer, but during the rest of the year, a single dark brown dot behind the eye. You can probably think of your own examples.



Black headed gull

In the Spring, colourful changes start to happen all around us – flowers become more abundant (once again, it's about the species continuing, by attracting pollinators), trees glow with keen new growth, and it's not only about colour; scent, too, can be a factor – the fragrance of roses can be lovely to us, but the odour of some plants, such as the arum lily, is unpleasant to some – however, it can be like Chanel No.5 to a passing bug! All this happens without the 'assistance' of man – a Zen Buddhist proverb says:

"Sit quietly doing nothing. Spring comes, and the grass grows by itself "

So it will all happen, come what may. We mustn't be so arrogant as to think that our species is omnipotent...

Brent Lodge is now entering its own welcome season of colourful change – our Spring Fling will be an event for all to attend on May 20th/21st., the first of 3 annual 'happenings' between Spring and Autumn – what you may not know, dear reader, is that Brent Lodge also has a presence at a number of other activities in the region, too, so hopefully we will "See you around."

And the wildlife in the hospital? That, too, is 'blooming' – lots of chicks, ducklings, and baby-every-thing-elses tweeting, quacking and generally kicking up a din! All this keeps staff and volunteers 'run ragged' and on their toes! There is a lot that you will see that has changed concerning the infrastructure at Brent Lodge since you last came to an Open Weekend (you have, of course, been to a previous O.W., haven't you?. If not, why not, pray..?), and I have detailed these in my April 'Briefing' – progress continues...(If you missed this, catch up on the back issues on the Selsey Life website, www.selseylife.weebly.com)

Now, to conclude, here's a charming little story told in the words of Emma, our Animal Care Manager: "Five gorgeous fox cubs were brought to us this afternoon, after their 'home' had been accidentally destroyed. They were brought straight to us, so mum wasn't given the chance to come back and collect them, so this afternoon they were carefully fed by the staff. Then this evening one of the Animal Care Managers took them back to their garden and waited for mum to come and find her cubs! Thankfully, she did just that and carefully collected all 5 of her babies and relocated them to a new, safe, location. What a good mum!!"



(As an adjunct to this delightful tale, if you do 'come across' young animals/birds that appear to have been abandoned, if possible leave a little time before you take action (unless danger is imminent) – parents will often return to help their 'little ones' – call us on 01243 641672 for advice or if in doubt)

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SELSEY FOLK & MUSIC CLUB



BBC Folk Awards winner coming to Selsey

Selsey Folk & Music Club are thrilled to have pulled off a major booking of one of the most popular ambassadors for acoustic roots music in the UK and will present a solo concert 'An Evening With Phil Beer' in late summer as part of the Selsey Festival.

A date for the diaries of all music lovers is Friday 1st September 2017, 7pm for 7.30pm start

at The Selsey Centre, Manor Road, PO20 0SE

HOWEVER, if you would like to buy a discounted ticket at just £10 instead of £14+, all you have to do is come along to our Selsey Folk & Music Club session on Wednesday May 17th at 7 for 7.30pm at The Selsey Club (back room, entry £2), play, sing or just listen. Raffle and pay bar. All welcome. Very relaxed and informal. This offer is subject to limited stocks. Any questions, just email julian.lindseyclark@gmail.com or tel 07721 532711.

Selsey Folk & Music Club gives musicians a platform to hone their skills and perform whilst promoting music for the whole community. See our Facebook page.



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(2nd Friday)

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John Blake

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Refreshments and raffle

Please contact Amanda Cope 01243 604634 for further enquiries.

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

May 6th AGM 10am All Welcome Table Sales after.

June 3rd Jumble Sale 10am

July 8th We shall be using collection boxes in the High Street

There is ample parking behind the Fire Station.

CAR BOOT SALE

Carers' Support, Selsey
Registered Charity Number: 1097538
CAR BOOT SALES

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 1ST MAY
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 29TH MAY

To be held on

The Recreation Ground, School Lane, Selsey

From 7.30am to 1.00pm

Cars £7.00 / Cars & Trailers £10.00 / Vans £12.00

Selsey Bridge Club
All welcome
Friendly group of mixed ability
Thursday afternoons
2pm - 5pm
Selsey Club Coxes Road
call Carole Kinross 01243 602250 for information
Very basic beginners lessons available

Do you have ankylosing spondylitis (AS)?



If so, Bognor & Worthing NASS branches warmly invite you to an

AS Awareness Event

On Saturday 3 June

***To raise awareness of AS *Meet others with AS *How local branches can help you**

***Light refreshments**

Details from Tony: 01243 604 715

www.nass.co.uk/branch/bognor-regis

Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid Catholic Church

PLANTS & PRESERVES



Sat 27th May 10 – 12 noon

Church Road Selsey PO20 0LS

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www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk



Our next meeting will be on
Friday 26th May at 2.30p.m. in the Selsey Centre.

Our Speaker will be **Andy Thomas**

Andy is well known to most u3a members and this time he will be talking about
"The story of English Freedom"

From the rebellion of Boudicca to the present-day Andy will shine a light on some of the significant historic events and how they still resonate today.

Freedom has always been a key issue in English history, never more so than now

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

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



Saturday May 27th
from 9.30 – 1.00.

Table Top Sale at Selsey
Methodist Church.

Free entry. Up to a dozen different stalls.

Refreshments available.

Just £6.50 to hire a table.

Great fun & a friendly atmosphere.

Sellers can set-up from 8.30.

Ring **601439** to book your table.



Chichester and District Society of Model Engineers will be holding their next "Steam on Sunday" Open Afternoon on Sunday 21 May; between 1400 and 1700 at their site in Blackberry Lane, off Bognor Road, in Chichester, West Sussex PO19 7FS.

Train Rides will be offered to visitors behind a selection of Steam, Electric, and Diesel powered locomotives, and a selection of light refreshments will be on sale. Admission to the site is free; but tickets for rides on the trains will be £1 each, for adults or children.

The outdoor Garden Railway will be running, with a selection of live steam and radio controlled electric trains: some moving round the tracks, on their own; others are standing still, so that you can see and photograph them more clearly.

The new "Drive a Train Yourself" Model Railway will be in use. This has several circuits of track; each with its own controller and donations box.

Further information is on our Website: www.cdsme.co.uk or from me, Mr B. Earnshaw-Mansell, on: 07954 - 051594,

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

Our meeting in May will take place on Thursday 18th May in St. Peters Church Hall at 7.15pm, when Sue and Clive Fennell will be telling and showing together with a film show about "The Life of a Bargee"

Cost for the evening is just £2 includes entry, refreshments, plus a free raffle ticket.

The Venture Bus is made available to members; we usually aim to conclude meetings at 9.00pm.

Any Further information available from either Mary Grantham on **604718** or Beryl Fletcher **603750**.

Ladies

Why not come and join us for pleasant evenings get together.

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Chicken Shish Kebab	£4.95	£6.95
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		9"	12"
White Box	Box Rocks Tomato Sauce Topped with Mozzarella & Cheddar	£5.95	£7.95
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Black Box	Pepperoni, Bacon, Sun-Dried Tomato, Onion & Brie	£8.95	£10.95
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Rainbow Box	Chicken, Smoked Bacon, Ham, Sliced Mushrooms, Mixed Peppers, Onion & Extra Cheese	£8.95	£11.95
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Lunch Time Offer

Till 4.30 pm

Choose 1 main, 1 side, 1 drink
for £5.00
main: chick nuggets, chick goujons
bbq wings, chick burger,
1/4 pounder or donner roll
side: chips or potato wedges
can of your choice

Pizza's

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9" White Box + 2 toppings
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1 Friday & Saturday
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1 Ben & Jerry Ice Cream £17.95

4 Spend £30 or more and receive FREE
coleslaw & bottle of drink

5 2 cold starters of your choice, 1 12" Pizza any 2 Toppings,
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1 Small Chicken Shish, 1 Small Kofte Kebab,
2 Chips, 4 Pitta Bread, Separate Salad &
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