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Hello everybody, and welcome to the May issue of the Selsey Life magazine.

I hope you enjoy this issue, I am still left to my own devices at the moment as the Boss is still caught up in the Covid-19 lockdown and cannot return to the Bridger bunker. Unfortunately it does mean that anything you don't like is down to me and I cannot pass the blame on.

Talking of the Covid-19, it is still disrupting daily life and many events and activities are still cancelled or on hold. Please contact beforehand anything in this magazine to see if it is open before you go.

Also, may I please take this opportunity again to thank all of our contributors and advertisers for helping to keep the magazine going, especially in these trying times - thank you all. It is the mix of items we receive that, I hope, make this magazine interesting and enjoyable, and make it worth the 50p contribution. And of course thank you to all of you who contribute and buy the magazine each month - it proves we must be doing something right. (Prospective advertisers please note...)

We have two Bank Holidays this month, 8th May and 25th May. As you know the 8th May is for the 75th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day, unfortunately the Covid-19 has put a dampener on the celebrations, but perhaps you could still bear a thought for all of our Service men and women, both past and present, and be proud of them.

A big thank-you to the Selsey Folk and Music Club for their generous donations towards the running costs of the magazine, it is very much appreciated.

Also, may I thank all of the people who responded to our appeal for the back-issue, it was very kind of you. (There were no offers of spare Easter eggs, but at my weight and physical unappearance it was probably just as well....)

As always, if you are reading this magazine in a reception or whilst waiting in a shop, and you will be putting it back, may we please ask if you would still consider putting a small donation in the box? If we cannot make the printing costs there will not be a magazine for you to look through. Thank you.

What more can I say than I hope you have a lovely and safe May, and that you all stay well.

We should see you in June, so please keep your submissions and comments coming.

How about a Selsey Life lockdown photo instead of a most exotic location photo? Or best use of a Selsey Life once you have finished with it photo?

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(Apologies the draw for the March Find the Seagull has still not taken place. It will be done as soon as possible, but hopefully it is building the anticipation still further for you all).

- 1) Which opera takes its name from the man who wrote the stories?
- 2) Who composed 'On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring'?
- 3) Who was lead singer with the Dave Clark Five in the 1960's?

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Council warns against bonfires during coronavirus outbreak

People are being urged not to light bonfires in the Chichester District in order to protect the health of others during the coronavirus crisis.

Since the beginning of the outbreak, Chichester District Council has seen an increase in reports of residents burning garden and general waste at their properties.

“Smoke and smells from bonfires can aggravate respiratory problems, which people with virus symptoms may be experiencing,” says Councillor Penny Plant, Cabinet Member for Environment and Chichester Contract Services. “Please do not burn your garden waste, or any other waste, and be mindful of your neighbours and local community who may be spending time in their gardens during the lockdown.

“Our crews are working hard to keep our waste collection services running as normal, and while we are prioritising domestic waste (black bins) and recycling (burgundy bins), we are pleased to say that we are currently running a full green waste service as well.

“We will do all we can to collect everybody’s waste, but there may be occasions when we can’t reach everyone. If we have missed your bin, please keep hold of your waste and place your bin out on your next fortnightly collection day. If you have any excess waste as a result of a missed collection, you can put this in a bag and place it next to your bin.

“We recognise this isn’t ideal but your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated at this challenging time.

“We will be doing our best to keep our Garden Recycling service going. However, we must treat domestic waste and recycling as the priority so it is possible that there may be disruption to Gardening Recycling rounds. If we are unable to collect your bin, please keep hold of it and present it on your next normal collection day.

“Perhaps also consider whether your green waste can be composted in the short term or maybe sticks, twigs and branches can be used to create an insect hotel. Regular cutting to top the grass may prevent the need for it to be collected. These measures can reduce your dependency on green waste collections for a short period of time enabling us to focus our resources on waste and recycling.”

Residents who are affected by smoke from bonfires should report this to the council’s Environmental Protection team and provide as much information as possible, such as an address; the time of the bonfire; an indication of the items being burnt; and the duration and frequency of the bonfire. People can report bonfires on the council’s website at:

www.chichester.gov.uk/article/25585/Report-bonfire-problem

The council has various enforcement options for dealing with bonfires, including fixed penalty notices of £100 and nuisance abatement notices.

For the latest waste and recycling information and service updates, visit: www.chichester.gov.uk/wasteandrecyclingfaqs and the council’s Facebook and Twitter pages.

Council tax help for residents in the Chichester District

Chichester District Council is making people aware of all of the support that is available to help them pay their bills during this challenging time.

The council offers a number of discounts for council tax payers, including Council Tax Reduction, which is a means tested benefit and does not take account of outgoings. For people that are already claiming Council Tax Reduction, the Government has

announced a Hardship Fund to support residents who are struggling financially.

Residents who are eligible for the support will have their award automatically credited to their council tax bill. Residents do not need to contact the council to receive this payment because they hold all of the relevant details to apply this discount automatically. Payments are estimated to be processed from mid to late April and will be done as quickly as possible. People who are eligible will receive a revised council tax bill, which will reflect the hardship fund that has been applied.

“The coronavirus outbreak has affected everyone, and we want to support people as much as we possibly can by making sure that they can access all the financial help available to them,” says Councillor Peter Wilding, Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate Services and Revenues and Benefits at Chichester District Council.

“What’s important to remember, is that if you are struggling to pay your bills, there is a range of ways in which we can help you. We would encourage anyone who is concerned about paying council tax due to the impact of the coronavirus, to please let us know as soon as possible.

“It may be that you have applied for Council Tax Reduction, but are still concerned about making payments. If so, we’d urge you to get in touch to discuss the other help that is available. Options could include paying in instalments over twelve months, or spreading instalments between June 2020 to March 2021, which may alleviate hardship for people that are struggling to make payments at the moment.

“The best way to do this is by emailing: taxation@chichester.gov.uk. If you do not have online access, please call us on **01243 785166**. Please note that due to high call volumes we recommend using our online services in the first instance wherever possible. This will keep essential lines free for those without access to the internet.

“Where possible, we are also asking customers to sign up for online letters and bills. To do this, simply go to www.chichester.gov.uk/myaccount and select the service that you need.

“Our ‘My Account’ service is available 24/7 and allows you to: manage payments, including setting up a direct debit; access council tax or business rates records; advise us of a change of address; view account details and recent bills; claim housing benefit or council tax reduction; report a change in your circumstances for housing benefit or council tax reduction, and; update personal details. Simply visit www.chichester.gov.uk/myaccount and select the service you need.”

The council has created a range of new pages on its website with answers to frequently asked questions. This includes information about council tax help, benefit support, and business grants and rate discounts. For details of the support that is available, visit: www.chichester.gov.uk/taxandbenefitsfaq

Overwhelming resident support for Chichester District Council’s Waste Collection team

Residents across the Chichester District have taken to social media to show overwhelming support for the council’s Waste Collection team.

The council’s waste service has been running as normal despite the challenging circumstances. Hundreds of residents who wanted to thank the team for their hard work were asked to send their messages through on the council’s social media channels.

These messages were then sent directly to the crew to their cabs to boost morale.

In total, posts about our Waste Collection team received over 600 likes or heart reactions, and over 240 comments praising the team’s efforts.

Cllr Penny Plant, Cabinet Member for Environment and Chichester Contract Services at Chichester District Council said: “We are absolutely thrilled that the hard work of our Waste Collection team has been noticed by residents across the district on social media.

“We had so many kind people coming out to thank the crew, that we wanted to find a way for people to show their appreciation without having to leave their homes.

“We are operating in extremely difficult circumstances, but the resilience of the team has been absolutely fantastic.

“Our Waste Collection team has been affected by staff shortages as a result of the outbreak, and so a number of council colleagues have been redeployed to support this service. This shows how everyone is working together to ensure our critical services can continue to be delivered during these challenging times.

“We have been working hard to ensure that the service continues to run as normal, although a small number of recycling rounds were missed last week. We want to reassure you that we are already catching up on any bins that were missed.

“I know the team have really appreciated your messages of support, so please do continue to send these through on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

Messages of support to the team include:

“Thank you so much for your commitment during such difficult times. You are all brilliant.”

“Well done guys, you always provide a brilliant service anyway but hand up to you all, well done and thank you.”

“Love to the crew that looks after us in Woodmancote. You are always fab and go above and beyond. Thank you so much.”

“Thanks to your team of operatives both collectors and street sweepers. Be safe and stay well.”

“Thank you for all you do all year round, but especially when the world is a little crazy! Will disinfect the bin ready for my collection next Thursday!”

Regular updates and important messages can be found on the council’s social media channels, including Facebook: www.facebook.com/ChichesterDistrictCouncil, Twitter: www.twitter.com/ChichesterDC and Instagram: www.instagram.com/ChichesterDC.

The latest Coronavirus information and updates can be found by visiting: www.chichester.gov.uk/coronavirus. The latest Waste and Recycling updates and FAQs can be found by visiting: www.chichester.gov.uk/wasteandrecyclingfaqs.

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Pictured: Naomi Taite of Selsey Covid Mutual Aid distributing leaflets to local homes. Selsey Covid Mutual Aid is being supported by the Ferry Farm Community Solar fund.

Ferry Farm Community Solar, a local energy enterprise which serves the communities of Selsey and Sidlesham, has launched a crisis fund to support those affected by the effects of the Coronavirus. The fund, which totals £40,000.00, will be used to support local people during the outbreak.

Three initial awards totalling £17,500 have been made to date. These include:

A donation of £1,500 to The Academy Selsey to pay for a subscription to an online library to enable students to access contemporary reading materials whilst at home. A payment of £6,000 to Selsey Community Forum, who are co-ordinating the Covid Mutual Aid network for Selsey and Sidlesham. The funding will help support necessary running costs, although the vast majority will be provided directly to families in need to cover short-term crisis cash needs. A donation of £10,000 to Chichester Food Bank to support its operation in Selsey and Sidlesham.

The remaining £22,500 will be allocated on an as needed basis, with applications being considered weekly. Applications can be made online at www.ferryfarmsolar.co.uk.

Ferry Farm Community Solar has been able to make the crisis fund available as a direct result of having just completed a £5.5 million transaction to bring its 5MW solar array into full community ownership. Despite turmoil in the global financial markets, Ferry Farm Community Solar was able to complete the transaction on Friday 27th March 2020 even with all parties in lockdown. The solar array has been running since 2016 and generates enough clean energy to power approximately 1,300 homes per year. Ferry Farm Community Solar is supported by Communities for Renewables CIC who also put together and managed the recent transaction.

The enterprise has a history of supporting the local community, with surplus income generated by Ferry Farm Community Solar (around £50,000 per year since inception) used to support a variety of initiatives including:

An energy and fuel poverty advice service, helping individuals and families living in fuel poverty reduce their energy spend, maintain a healthy living environment in their homes, deal with energy debts and access energy-related benefit payments. A community grant fund, supporting local organisations and projects in Selsey and Sidlesham.

Ben Cooper, Founding Director at Ferry Farm Community Solar, commented: “We have been fortunate enough to have bought this project back into community ownership at what has been an extremely challenging time to secure new funding. Therefore it seems only fair that we should share the success and enable the enterprise to fulfil its remit as a community benefit. We hope that the emergency fund will provide much needed local support to those most in need over the coming weeks or months, in a bid to offer some normality and security during this very uncertain period.”

The Write Zone *with Tara Wright*

I'm a child of the seventies, and my memories of that era are sepia-tinted, like old instamatic photos – a little bit cracked and faded in the corners, like the leather upholstery of a vintage car. They are thumbnails of colourful ephemera. Summer holidays from school stretched endlessly. Six weeks could have easily been ten, or twelve, or twenty. There were long hours spent at play in the garden with my younger brothers, inventing all sorts of nonsense adventures that

transported us to worlds beyond the fir trees that lined the garden fence. There were no mobiles, no broadband or internet streaming services. Shops were closed on Sunday. If I was stuck for something to do there was the adventure playground, or a book, or a repeat play of my singles collection which housed about five records. It was the time of endless sunshine and hose-pipe bans, of lighting candles and playing 'caves' under the dining table during the power-cuts. Time didn't get filled with much else, because 'something else' simply wasn't out there. There were no endless distractions to choose from to make you feel that you were wasting time just by sitting doing not much at all.

Lock-down feels a bit like a return to my childhood. The streets are emptier and far from missing the pub and the lure of the shops, I've revelled in not having to go anywhere. I've come to realise that a big portion of my life pre-lockdown was given over to comfortable, non-essential habits. It was simply nice, but not necessary, to walk the dog and call into the pub. Walking her now is no less pleasurable and, in many ways, is more so for not having to think about anything else on the agenda. Not having to queue on the A27 to get to the shops because the shops are not trading is, quite frankly, something I'd rather not invite back into my life when all of this is over. Granted, internet shopping deliveries are not as fast as they used to be. Pre-lock down it seemed that Amazon was handing me a parcel a few seconds after I'd clicked the pay button.

Now I'm visiting my orders list to check that I really did hit the pay button. I'm a naturally impatient person with a tendency to want it 'now'. Now I have to wait, and that's it and that's all, and there's nothing I can do to speed things up. There's something very liberating about that.

It's the kids I feel for. I have two teenagers and I feel pangs of chagrin for them. They should be out with their mates, enjoying life, not cooped in the house. My step-son has not ridden his scooter since he passed his road-test. My daughter has not busked or played a gig, her income curtailed. But life has gone on, on-line. Friends and groups are connecting through texts and video-calls. For my husband and I, travelling to the office has stopped. Home has become work and work has become home. In place of rushing around in the morning before plunging into commuter traffic, we have found more time to enjoy the things we used to mourn not having time for. I have had writing time given back to me, and he is enjoying a more leisurely work-out. We meet for lunch now, in the kitchen, something we never got to do when we were working thirty miles apart. So, lock-down has its upside, in the Wright household at least.

When I speak to people and they fret about how precarious things feel right now, I can't help but agree. I've got some worries of my own, but then I remind myself to keep a perspective: we are not living in a country ripped apart by war. When we look out our windows onto whatever blesses our view each day, we see a street untouched by real devastation. Utilities have not been cut off. We have not yet turned to eating rats. We do not have to flee bombs. As profound an effect as Covid-19 has had – is having, and is likely to continue to have – on our society and economy, we will come through this and, I hope, look back on the brightest benefits of a time when distractions were removed, the background roar of traffic was silenced, and we felt like we got a little bit of our time, and real life, back.

Stay well, everyone, Tara

www.tara-wright.com

- 4) Which 1970's pop group regrouped for the 2007 Grammys?
- 5) Who were the song and dance duo of the stage show Viva La Diva?
- 6) When was Gibraltar made a British Crown Colony: 1713, 1723 or 1733?
- 7) Who scored more England goals, Kevin Keegan or Alan Shearer?
- 8) Chinua Achebe is which country's foremost writer?

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This is Wilson. He is now working from home 😊



Dear Selsey Life

I thought you might like to put this attachment in your next issue.

My daughter found it within Facebook, and sent it on to me, to give me a smile, which it did !!

Regards

Bryan Whittle

Friends of the Selsey Medical Centre

At the time of writing (15th April) we are nearly at the end of the fourth week of lockdown due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

During this time, the surgery is still in need of support from the Friends to help provide specialist equipment and necessary alterations to keep everyone safe while attending there for treatment.

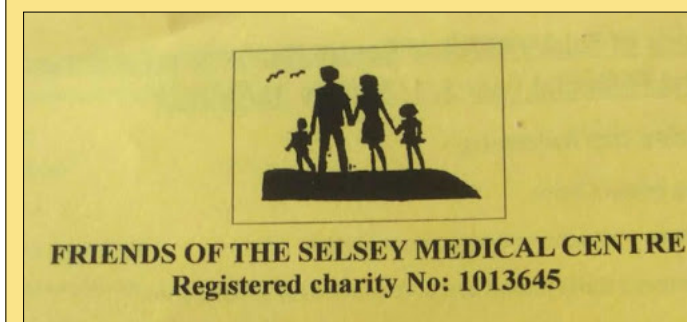
So, it is even more important that the Friends can rely on all their members and hopefully recruit new ones to contribute to the funds.

There were plans to attend several events in the village during the Spring and Summer to raise extra funds but with everything cancelled or deferred for the foreseeable future, this source of income will not be available.

The Membership Secretary reports that some renewals have been made for which we are very grateful and hope they will continue especially at this difficult time.

The AGM may take place later this year. It all depends on whether rules concerning social distancing are lifted.

In the meantime, stay home as much as possible and keep safe.



Famous Women

1. Who was the first female speaker of the House of Commons?
2. Although blind, deaf and dumb, she graduated from college and achieved high distinction as a writer and scholar. Who was she?
3. For what treacherous action is Delilah notorious?
4. Who was the first woman to make a solo flight from England to Australia?
5. As what is Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu better known?
6. In which sphere of arts was each of the following renowned?
a) Anna Pavlova b) Sheila Gujral c) Samantha Fox
7. Under what name did Dutch-born Gertrude Zelle, WW1 spy operate?
8. Who started the Girl Guides Movement?

ANAGRAMS OF WOMENS NAMES

- a) PRESBYTERIANS
- b) FINE IN TORN JEANS
- c) TINY BLONDE
- d) NICE SPANNERS
- e) FINE TIOCKLE LADY
- f) ANGEL OF THE RECLINING

Books with the word "woman" in the title.
Who wrote them?

1. A woman of no importance.
2. The wise woman
3. The woman who walked into doors
4. An unsuitable job for a woman
5. The woman in white.

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Did you know that the Penny black stamp was issued on the 1st May 1840, and was valid for use from 6th May 1840, and was the world's first postage stamp?

- 9) What is the name for an ecclesiastical council?
- 10) What does the German phrase 'Ich Dien' mean?
- 11) Of which country is St Willibrord the patron saint?
- 12) Who is the Greek god of dreams?

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Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team

In an emergency out at sea or along the coast
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Recent Callouts

09/03/20 23:01

Team paged to support Hayling Island Coastguard Rescue Team and the Police with a search for a missing person.

As the team arrived at the RV point to carry out a search the person was found and all assets were stood down.
Returning to station at 00:20.

12/03/20 17:04

Team tasked to secure a starboard marker buoy that had washed up on the beach near the Oval Selsey.

The marker buoy was located and moved to the top of the beach above the high tide mark and secured.

Details were sent to our Operations Centre and arrangements will be made for it to be collected.

If you come across anything unusual on the beach or something you're unsure of call the Coastguard.



14/03/20 12:30

Team paged to reports of a wind surfer in difficulties off Pagham Yacht Club.

Team stood down as we were entering Pagham with an update from the first informant saying the windsurfer had made it back ashore and was now ok.
Selsey Lifeboat was also tasked and stood down.

15/03/20 19:15

Team paged to possible ordnance on Pagham Beach.

The suspected piece of ordnance was located and E.O.D. (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team) were tasked and arrived on scene, and took the item back with them for safe disposal.

If you come across any ordnance on the beach or something you are unsure of please do not touch it and dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard!
Ordnance comes in all shapes and sizes and can be highly explosive, so please do not touch it and call the Coastguard.



16/03/20 11:28

Team paged to possible ordnance on Aldwick Beach.

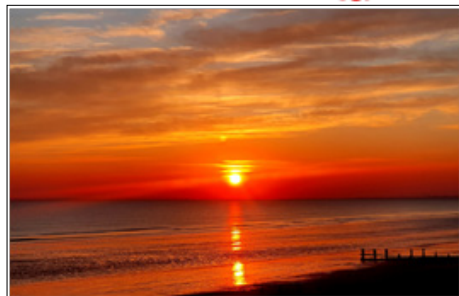
The team carried out a search of the beach but nothing was found due to the tide.

Team stood down to return to station.

17/03/20 10:00

Team retasked to possible ordnance on Aldwick Beach.

Another search of the beach was carried out with yet again nothing found.



Room and passed to E.O.D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team). E.O.D. arrived on scene and a controlled explosion was carried out at 13:48.

26/03/20 16:27

Team paged to ordnance at Medmerry Beach.

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

Photos were taken and sent to our Operations Room and passed to E.O.D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team).

E.O.D. arrived on scene and a controlled explosion was carried out.

We appreciate that for some people their exercise be it surfing or swimming might ordinarily involve using the coast and its resources. But we would ask people to think seriously about the unintended consequences of what could happen if something went wrong while they were in the sea or at the coast.

As we know, all too well, the sea can be a dangerous place for even the most experienced swimmer or surfer.

We will continue to urge people to give the coast a miss because we want to prevent our emergency responders and their families being put at risk of coronavirus and also to reduce avoidable pressure on the NHS.

#StayHomeSaveLives

In an emergency out at sea, on the beach or along the coast dial **999** and ask for the Coastguard.



Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team



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Treasured Glimpse (rise and demise)

Small blue butterfly in London, what have we to offer?

You who braves these few May days

A spirited dance on nasty airs, we heathens seek to scupper

Small blue butterfly in London, turn back, turn back and flee

Inadvertently your downfall plotted

Of you we are not worthy here, a mission that may never be

Small blue butterfly in London, old haunt to repatriate

Indeed courageous such adventure

Seek to find utopia and let us not intimidate

Small blue butterfly in London, reckless, doggedly persistent

Your presence felt in recent springs

A journey far from chalky places, nothing if not consistent

Small blue butterfly in London, bold flit across the empty waste

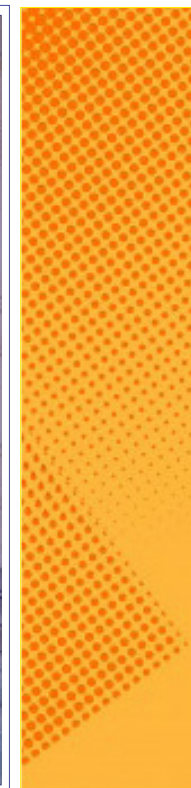
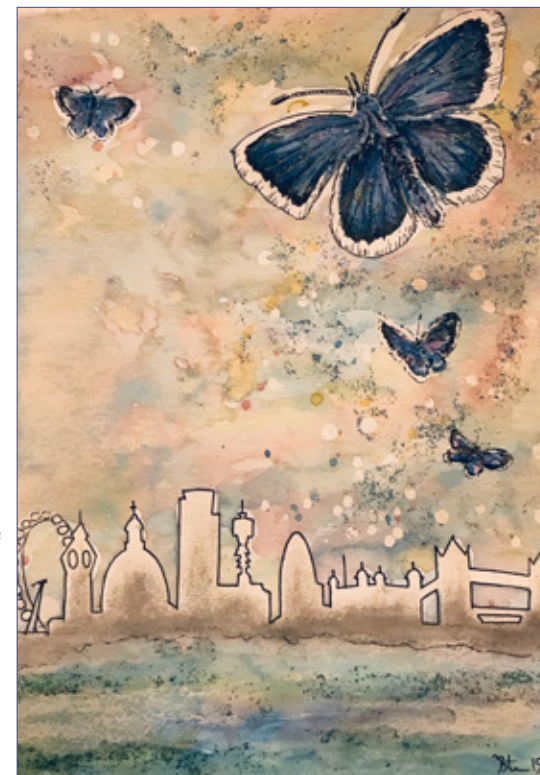
Terrain where once mankind prevailed

Mysterious survivor, you and yours quite commonplace

Small blue butterflies in London... what have you to offer?

JOHN BYRNE AUG/SEP 2017

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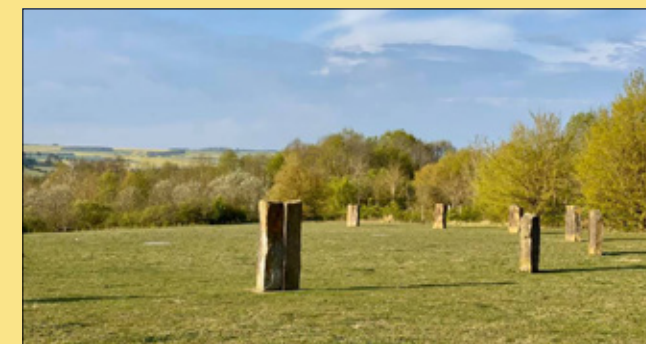
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We may not be on the High street at the moment but we are very much open for business working from home, sharing tasks and keeping in touch with everyone. Please phone if you need support, advice or information, phone even if you just need a friendly chat, you do not need to be coping alone.

The phone is **01243 201616**, they are manned Monday to Saturday from 9am - 3pm, if you need to leave a message please be assured that we will return your call as soon as possible.

Keep well, keep safe and we will see you sometime in the not too distant future.

**GLAD TO SEE THEY'RE PRACTISING
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Taken by Lisa Whittle near her home while isolated walking.



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ANOTHER POSTCARD CAVALCADE

After the excitement of last month, we are now returning to more mundane times. This postcard shows the curving wall at the beginning of West Street, on the left, and Eric Wingham's thatched cottage and cartage business on the right. The gable end with the window is now Den's Fish Bar. The card dates from 1946 to 1951.



Those who were around at the time will be able to judge whether or not her criticism of the sermon was likely to be justified.

I bought it because I couldn't resist the message:
'Sunday 12.30
Dear Mother, we've just come from church and what an awfully tedious service. I didn't enjoy it a bit, not a bit like Llwyngwril last year. I am looking forward to our dinner. Just had it, chicken, sausages, peas, beans and roast potatoes, blackberry/apple pie, custard and coffee to follow, or tea. We have such very nice meals here, they are nice folks as well that it could tempt me to come back. It is sunny since this morning and still is now at 2pm. How long that will last, I don't know but we'll make the most of it. I don't suppose you'll get this till Tuesday. Don't send anything more to me here after Wednesday I mean you posting on that date so I would get it.
Love Barbara'



loft, pork store and outbuildings. Bread was made in the cottage in 1902. Pulled down in 1911/12'.

Mollie was well placed to know about its demolition as, in 1924, her father, Frederick Phipps, was one of the proprietors of the Pavilion which was built on the site.



In 1911 Susanna Thompson was in Selsey with Alice Emma Harper, a Nurse, Ethel Cheesman, a General Servant and Susanna's two sons, Cecil Mort and Richard Charles.

Susanna was married to James Mort Thompson who was the manager of the Redhill branch of the London County Westminster and Parr's Bank. There was also a branch in Selsey. Susannah must have been on holiday as James makes his census return from elsewhere, giving his address as that of the bank.

It would be lovely to think that this is a picture of the Thompson family but sadly there is no way of proving it.

Readers will remember that some months ago I had a picture of a house called The Shrubbings. The dealer told me he had one that was related to it and would let me see it at the next fair. He did, and this picture is the result.



On the reverse of this card is written:
'Miss? Elton, The Shrubbings, Bonnar Road, Selsey'

Given the propensity of local people to call women of a certain age 'Mrs' whether or not they are married, I'm not surprised by the question mark after Miss.

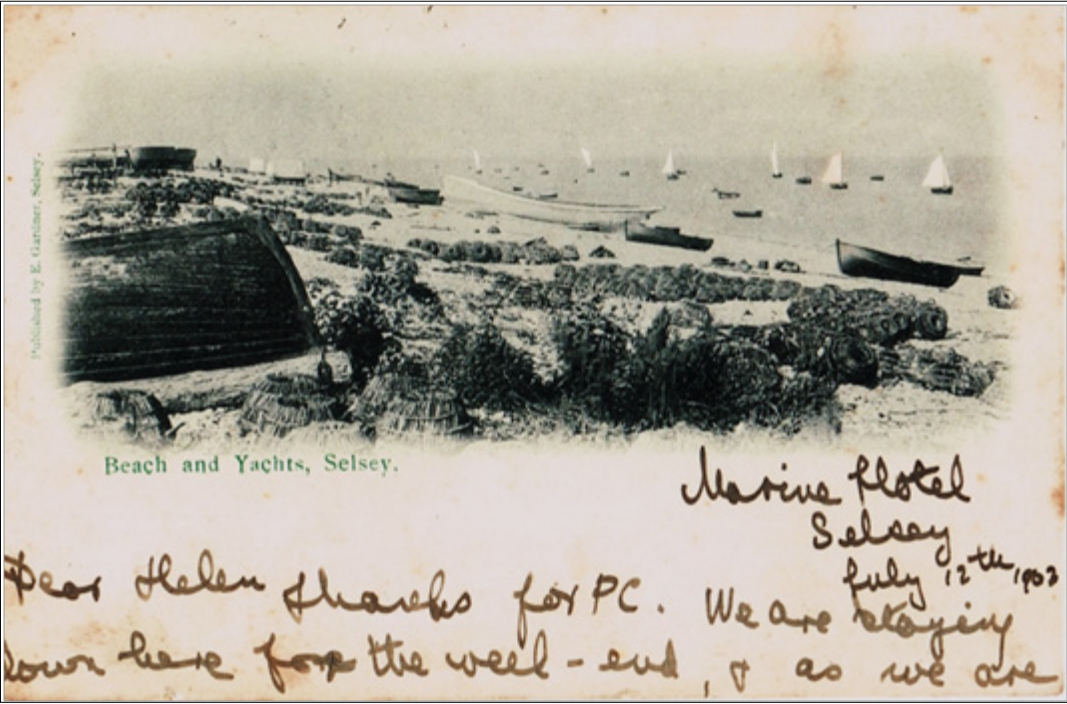
I do know from Kelly's Directories that there was a Mrs Elton at The Shrubbings in 1934 and a Miss E F Elton was there in 1954. Mrs Elizabeth Elton was the second wife of Frederick Eden Elton, a dyer. They married when he was 49 and she was 29, following the death of his first wife.

Miss E F Elton was one of their daughters – Elizabeth Frederika - who was born in 1884 and who died, unmarried, at a Bognor Nursing Home on 11 October 1977.

Maybe this is she. Or maybe not. The dates don't seem to add up. Could it be that the note on the back of the card is a red herring? Who knows. Perhaps someone does and will contact me, despite the lockdown.



The following cards are the property of my husband! He has allowed me to browse his collection by way of recompense for my not being able to go to a Collectors Fair.



This picture is of the fishing village which is happily about 2 miles from where we are staying. I am sure I shan't like the place. Love from ? Robinson'

Did she choose a rather boring picture deliberately do you think? As Sophie commented 'Typical Teenager!'

The next card was originally published by Elizabeth Gardner but this version was produced by John Valentine and is postmarked 22 September 1928. It's addressed to Miss Peggy Spence, Ivydale, Chaucer Road, Ashford, Middlesex (which is not a million miles away from where I grew up). The figures are carefully posed and it certainly represents a country idyll – quaint buildings, time to relax and fine weather!



'Dear Peggy. Will you be pleased to see Rosemary next Saturday and have a good play together again? Gwen is ever so good to her, and they both look so well. Are we not lucky in the weather. Love from Auntie Alice.'

Peggy was born on 9 August 1919 and she had a sister, Gwendoline, who may be the 'Gwen' mentioned. Later on, both girls worked, Peggy as a stenographer and Gwen as a telephone operator.



And this is one for the collectors and historians. It was posted in 1920 and + marks the spot of the Alpha Bungalow, East Beach, Selsey-on-Sea. The message is very mundane but this important piece of information is worth noting for future reference.

It looks a bit bleak and the gentleman walking towards the camera, on the right hand side, is certainly muffled up to the eyeballs.



The last card is from 1905. It is addressed to The Reverend M E Kirkland Esq. of Reading. This is Morgan Edward Kirkland who, for most of his career, was the Vicar and Rector of Hedsor, Buckinghamshire near Maidenhead, in Berkshire.

What strikes me about this image is the absence of tall trees and the overgrown nature of the churchyard. The notice reads: NO DOGS Admitted by Order of the Rector and Churchwardens'.

The card reads: *'Dear Mr Kirkland. Thank you very much for your letter. Mother is very sorry that she really cannot help you about the general servant as they are practically an unknown quantity about us. Your affectionate little friend Mary Edkins.'*

Earnscliffe, Selsey, August 27th 1905'

What Mary Edkins was to the Reverend Gentleman I cannot say. The only extremely tenuous link I have found is that in 1901 Ernest D Lampen, who was our clergyman, lived at 13 New Road (now Hillfield Road). Earnscliffe is also in New Road so perhaps the gentlemen met at some point.

Rev. Kirkland seems to have had regular staff problems as the Salisbury and Winchester Journal of 9 February 1867 carried an advertisement: *'Wanted, by a Clergyman (unmarried), - a middle-aged Person as SINGLE SERVANT. She must understand Plain Cooking - Address Rev. M E Kirkland, Vobster, Bath.'*

He also made a singular request upon his death which was reported in the Birmingham Daily Gazette of 9 May 1922:

'CHALICE IN COFFIN

Curious directions for his burial were left by the will of the Rev. M E. Kirkland, Babbacombe, Devon.

He directed that his body should be buried in the vestments in which he celebrated the Blessed Sacrament, with a chalice and paten of common metal according to the ancient custom, and with all the Christian rites and ceremonies of the Catholic Church.'

And on that cheery note I'll take my leave! Please take care of yourselves and stay safe!

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You can contact your local team in the following ways:

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

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Fraudsters exploit coronavirus

Fraudsters are exploiting the spread of coronavirus to commit fraud and cybercrime.

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) has been receiving reports of fraud where coronavirus was mentioned with victims losing money. Some of these reports have been where victims attempted to purchase protective face masks from fraudulent sellers. Reporting numbers are expected to rise as the virus continues to spread across the world.

Fraudsters are also sending out coronavirus-themed phishing emails in an attempt to trick people into opening malicious attachments or revealing sensitive personal and financial details.

Keep your money safe

Some of the other tactics reported include fraudsters purporting to be from research organisations affiliated with the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organisation (WHO) contacting potential victims over email. They claim to be able to provide the recipient with a list of coronavirus infected people in their area. In order to access this information, the victim needs to click on a link which leads to a malicious website, or is asked to make a payment in Bitcoin.

Watch out for scam messages

Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for your personal or financial details.

Shopping online:

If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first and ask a friend or family member for advice before completing the purchase. If you decide to go ahead and with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one, as most major credit card providers insure online purchases.

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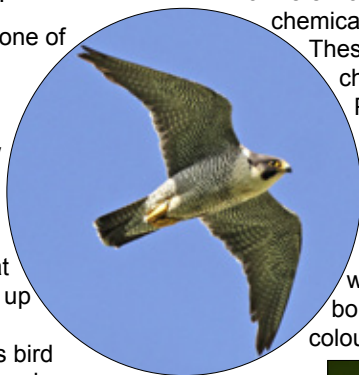
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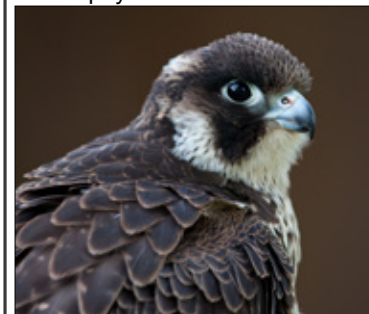
You say you want a revolution

Circling high in the blue skies above Sussex is one of the world's deadliest predators. Peregrines are hunting above us. Scanning the avian traffic in the Sussex airspace, their incredible vision locks on to an unsuspecting bird passing below and the Peregrine instantly negotiates one of the most sophisticated aerial manoeuvres possible. They stop flying. With wings and feet tucked in tightly, peregrines drop from the sky at an unbelievable speed – hurtling earthwards at up to 200 mph - the fastest creature on our planet. Everything, even the eyelids and nostrils on this bird are built for speed. Like a bomb made out of muscle and feathers, it'll decimate any victim in its path.



Peregrine in flight
c Roger Wilmshurst
Sussex Wildlife Trust

We're fortunate to still have these amazing birds here in Sussex. During WW2 their taste for pigeons (including those carrying wartime messages) saw Peregrines treated as if they were on the payroll of Mr Hitler himself. The Secretary of State for



Peregrine Falcon
c Dave Kilbey
Sussex Wildlife Trust

Air declared war on these falcons and issued the 'Destruction of Peregrine Falcons Order'. The birds were slaughtered, their nests destroyed. After we gave Adolf the old heave-ho, Peregrines were left alone and numbers began to recover. But they were to face an even more deadly threat than the British Government; Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (or DDT to its friends).

Farmers worldwide had started spraying a variety of wonderful new chemical insecticides all over the countryside to improve yields. These invisible poisons hit the bird at the top of the food chain the hardest. In 1958 there were 650 pairs of Peregrines in Britain. Six years later there were 68. Concerns over their decline sparked an investigation that led back to the source of the Peregrine poisoning and the world's eyes were opened to the reality of the damage that these chemicals could cause to our environment and to us. Rachel Carson wrote 'Silent Spring', the environmental movement was born and green was upgraded from a sort of yellowy-blue colour to an entire way of life.



Peregrine Falcon
c Alan Price
Gatehouse
Studio
Sussex
Wildlife
Trust

Today, perched on our cliffs and cathedrals, high above the organic food-filled shelves in kitchens across Sussex, the killer that kick-started the environmental uprising stands defiantly overlooking us all like a beaked Che Guevara. A feathered testament to revolution, strength and tofu veggie burgers.

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- 13) What is Italian for motorway?
- 14) Who played General Omar Bradley in the film Patton?
- 15) What, gastronomically speaking, is a collation?
- 16) Who wrote the novel Beau Geste?

On his death, Sir Francis Drake left all of his money to the poor people of Plymouth.
In 1552, Henry Pert accidentally died after shooting himself in the face with his own bow and arrow.

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We will update you with any changes.

Stay Safe

Lockdown and the natural world around us



Each morning 8 until 9, I have been gazing out of windows over my cereal and taking part in #BreakfastBirdwatch. The direct result of being stuck indoors looking for things to occupy one's time and promote wellbeing the RSPB launched this spin-off from Big Garden Birdwatch. As well as the usual subjects, there's the highlights like a sparrowhawk hunting, a woodpecker on a garden feeder - this is in the middle of town after all - and a chiffchaff. The latter is a spring migrant and the first I've seen in my garden this year.



Chiffchaff
c John Bridges

I'm lucky to have a small piece of garden, which in my mind, is my own little nature reserve. Bee-flies patrol their airspace, alighting on lesser celandine to refuel. Bright splashes of yellow dandelion draw in hoverflies and bees as they buzz busily from flower to flower. Looking closer there are so many different species of bee already on the wing.



Bee fly Celandine



Pink Campion

Herb robert and pink campion add blushes of pink and a comma butterfly lands on the ivy warming itself in the sun. You can find all of these and more within a few yards of your doorstep and certainly on a trip to the shops.



Comma Butterfly
c Grahame Madge

My garden may be small but I have created little pockets of habitat to encourage the wildlife in. As a result, I get to watch the tadpoles wriggling in the pond and dragonflies laying their eggs, mason bees industriously coming and going from the bee hotels and leafcutter bees cutting small pieces out of the dog rose leaves, caterpillars spinning a chrysalis on the nettle patch and emerging later as a butterfly, while greater stitchwort and wood anemones bring joy by their presence. Now is an ideal time to be giving wildlife a home in 'your patch' and you don't need a garden to do this either - I've even seen washing-up bowl ponds on balconies. Every Saturday we are introducing you to a little bit of habitat you can create in your own 'nature reserve' on our Facebook page [RSPBPaghamHarbour](https://www.facebook.com/RSPBPaghamHarbour)



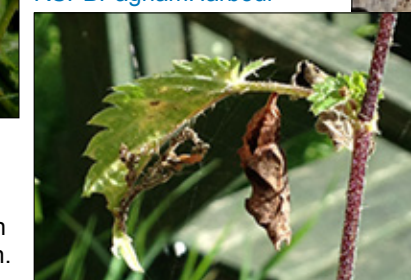
Tadpoles



Red Mason Bee



Red Mason Bee



Comma chrysalis on nettle
c Roy Newnham



Comma caterpillar on nettle
c Roy Newnham

Every weekday we also have a different online event you can join in from Monday's Book Club to Friday's Photography Club, plus other articles and you can share your #BreakfastBirdwatch sightings on our Twitter account [@RSPBPagham](https://twitter.com/RSPBPagham)

We may be restricted but there are still lots of opportunities to marvel at the natural world around us.

Wood anemone



Let's give nature a home

VE Day 75

While many events have been cancelled, all Sidlesham residents should be receiving a lasting commemoration of VE Day in a booklet compiled by parish councillor Colin Field. "Sidlesham on the Home front 1939-1945" features photographs, anecdotes and childhood memories recalled by residents who were the children of Sidlesham at the time. Some 550 copies have been printed for distribution having been jointly funded by grants from Chichester District Council and Sidlesham Parish Council.

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DONNA’S DELIBERATIONS

Well, this is a very strange time in which to be writing - I had two goes last month because things were changing all the time and, honestly, I couldn’t decide whether to mention the dreaded virus or not. I decided that it would have looked ridiculous to ignore it but, never in a million years, did I think we would end up with ‘lock-down’. As I write this, we have no idea whether or not the present situation will sustain into May or whether there will be some easing of the present, very necessary, but nonetheless very difficult restrictions.

Selsey, as ever, has come up trumps. I think we are used to being self sufficient and resilient so we are very fortunate in that we have a brilliant network, both informal and organised, of residents who are available to help out with the day to day errands which we all have grown accustomed to taking for granted - I suspect it will be a while before we fail to appreciate being able to pop out to the shops for that loaf of bread or pint of milk again. It has impacted all aspects of our lives and the constant news about it seems to never end; the anxiety inducing challenges it has brought with it are, in many cases, highly significant. Psychological well being is vital to get us through this and to be able to emerge at the other end, as unscathed as possible. The important thing is to be kind to ourselves and not have unrealistic expectations; there is no right or wrong way to deal with this, just try to go with the flow as much as possible.

Social media, so often a highly toxic environment, has been a veritable beacon for many people. Sometimes, laughter is the best medicine and whilst it shouldn’t be disrespectful or make light of what we are experiencing, it can be a real tonic to help us through - countering stress is positive for wellbeing and if that’s through laughter, then there’s nothing wrong with that. An autistic friend of mine, who is extremely creative and lives alone in London, always says that whilst his autism is part of him and doesn’t define him, it does bring challenges. In his professional life he has to be careful that he doesn’t ‘over share’ - it’s just one of the ways that his autism manifests. It’s not always easy because he can meet literally hundreds of new people every week so he finds he gets a bit tired, keeping himself ‘in check’ as he calls it. He called me last week and said that in some ways, the lock down had been quite liberating - he decided to speak out loud whenever he wanted and say whatever he wanted - even though he’s on his own in his flat. What he hadn’t realised was that his balcony door was open one morning and, being a sunny day, his neighbours’ doors were also open....and they’d been treated to a running commentary of my friend pretending that he was Gordon Ramsay cooking breakfast! Apparently, they all found it very amusing but my friend’s initial embarrassment was very short-lived when his neighbours’ asked him to have a go at being Marco Pierre White! Amusement and laughter can be found in the most unexpected places and we shouldn’t be afraid of embracing them.

There has been a moderate amount of laughter in the Johnson household, the source of which seems to largely be from Mr Johnson, albeit unwittingly - I am, apparently, boringly serious according to my family - thanks for that. Mr Johnson is a bit of a tech nerd - he won’t mind my telling you that. He is exceptionally skilled and knowledgeable about technology which is fine, except he assumes that everyone else is equally as enthusiastic. They aren’t.



We had been talking for a while about getting a new television, no particular reason other than the old one had started to do some pretty weird things so we thought it was getting close to going out to pasture. Now, in my opinion, my husband blatantly exploited the fact that I couldn’t actually go with

him to a TV shop and went on, for some considerable time about various televisions he found online, which he insisted on showing me. This is where I made a fatal mistake. I actually said the words - ‘Look, if you want a new TV, just order one!’.....cue wry smile from husband who had planned and executed the perfect plan - I had actually given him carte blanche to choose whichever TV he wanted. Clever, I have to admit, but it is logged for future reference, should the need arise.

So, a couple of days later the doorbell rang and, unusually for Mr Johnson who believes that the door fairy answers doors, called out ‘I’ll get it!’ and practically bounced down the stairs. Now, this got my antennae twitching a bit so I joined him at the door and there it was... one of the largest boxes I’ve ever seen. The realisation dawned, he had definitely bought a new tele and it was flipping humongous! He could see the disapproval on my face and sought to take a momentary advantage by telling me that it was ‘all packaging’ - I won’t tell you my response!

So, the day progressed. I have never seen so many leads. Leads to the speaker system, leads to the sky box - leads everywhere. Then, the moment of truth, the moment when everything gets put together and the new TV settles on its stand ready for our viewing pleasure, what could possibly go wrong? Take a guess....Yup, the TV was too big for the stand and even if it did fit it was too wide for the corner it should live in. There then followed a conversation along the lines of ‘I can’t believe you didn’t check the size....we do have a tape measure, you know....’ ‘I did measure it - roughly’,‘How....?’‘With my hands!’.....What?! Honestly, had any of my neighbours heard that conversation, I think they’d have been rolling the aisles, it was truly bonkers. Fortunately, we managed to find a suitable stand and although we had to go through all the plugging and unplugging procedure again, I will concede that, when it was done, it was pretty good. Now, you may well think, that’s the end of the story, but you’d be wrong. A few days later, I was in the garden and I realised that I’d been outside for a good hour on my own. Now, this is unusual because Mr J. will normally come and join me if I’m gardening - he doesn’t actually do any gardening you understand, but is pretty good at tea making and carrying out the chairs. But, this time, his absence got my antennae going again.....I went inside. ‘Look at this, it’s brilliant!’ he called out, so I walked into the living room. Goodness knows what I thought I’d see. ‘I can link the TV up to my phone or tablet and it’s like having a giant computer...!’ There was my other half, sitting on the sofa, keyboard on the coffee table, using a 58 inch screen as a computer monitor. ‘Why?’ I said, ‘What’s the point?’.....‘No point at all’, he said ‘I just wanted to see what it looked like’. I literally had no words but we both had no choice but to find it funny; laughter does indeed arise from the most unexpected situations!

So, there we have it my fellow Selsonians, Covid 19 has been devastating but has demonstrated that as a society we are adaptable and able to transform ourselves efficiently and quickly when the need arises; we are stronger than we think. Take care all. See you on the other side.

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In the Garden

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

May is a month of rapid growth and flowering which fulfills the promise of spring. Oats are in, the fields are green and thriving hawthorn is a mass of white blossom in the hedges, sweet scented honeysuckle and wild roses are also appearing in the hedgerows. Apple, Pear and Plum blossom abound in the the orchards, and house martins, swallows and swifts are all arriving at the end of their long journeys. Horse chesnuts are a wonderful show with their large candle like flowers white and pink, Laburnums are hung with cascades of golden flowers and purple lilac provides the air with wonderful scent. The fragrance of newly- mown hay wafts over the country side. "May is a touch of April, a pinch of June all in tune"

Jobs for May

Tie in the shoots of climbers such as Honeysuckle, Clematis and Wisteria to supports on walls, pergolas and fences - upright stems of climbing roses should be arched down to the horizontal to encourage more shoots to develop along their length and carry flowers. Blackfly regularly infest Broad Beans, they have the soft new growth at this time of year. Pinch out the growing top most tip on each plant, this will allow the young beans to form without being smothered in aphids. If black fly has come early, apply a soap based organic spray to clear them. On a mild day, give houseplants a spring clean by standing them in the shower and gently spraying the foliage with tepid water then put them outdoors for a few hours in the middle of the day but not where they can be scorched by hot sunshine. Most shiny leaved house plants can be treated this way but not those with hairy leaves such as African violets which would rot.

Tip Top Tips

- Prepare soil for planting french and runner beans by digging well rotted manure deep into the ground, once crops are planted place a mulch of compost around the plants to conserve moisture.
- Transplant leek seedlings into their permanent positions.
- Open glasshouse vents each morning to avoid temperatures rising too high.
- Plant fresia corns for scented flowers in the summer.
- Scoop floating duck weed and blanket weed from ponds, an old colander can prove very useful.
- A kettle of boiling water works wonders on weeds in paths and patio cracks.
- When buying summer bedding plants choose bushy ones not in flower.
- Complete the planting of main crops of potatoes early in the month and earth up earlier varieties.
- Remove the dead flower trusses of Rhododendrons to tidy their appearance and prevent seed formation.
- Use the milky sap from dandelions to treat warts.
- To water delicate newly sown seeds without disturbing them, squeeze water from a cotton wool ball
- Plant groups of gladioli at 10 to 14 day intervals to extend the display over a long period.

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The Hidden Garden Community Project

Come and join us and meet other passionate gardeners, swap seeds & plants, learn seasonal gardening ideas and help develop the educational food growing garden at The Bridge

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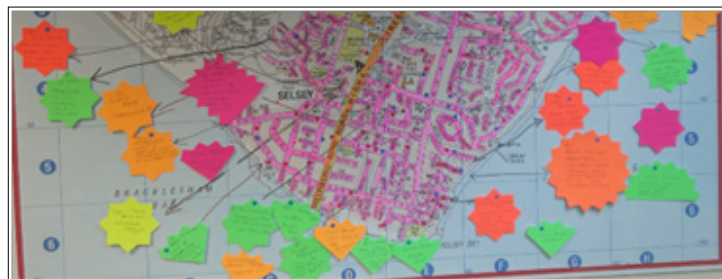
In the early days of the outbreak of Covid19 the Selsey Community Forum needed to respond quickly as to what this would mean to the residents of Selsey.

Our volunteers that support the groups co-ordinated by the Selsey Care Shop would be immediately affected by the local government guidance. Many of our volunteers are 70 years plus and would need to be self-isolating. This would mean that those activities organised by the Selsey Dementia Action Alliance, Selsey Carers and the Befriending groups (movies for memories, shop talk, befriending visits) would be suspended. Leading to our most vulnerable people potentially becoming socially isolated. Telephone links were set up so that the daily welfare calls could take place to all on our contact list. Staff and volunteers rose to the challenge and provided a friendly contact during these testing times.

The Selsey Community Forum then took a lead role in setting up the Selsey Covid19 Mutual Aid Group based on the National Mutual Aid group. The plan was presented to a range of partners at the Methodist Church Hall on Thursday 19th of March 2020. Partners attending that meeting included representation from local businesses, local care homes, Venture Bus, Lions, Selsey Foodbank, Selsey Medical Practice, Community Warden, Selsey Town Council and some town councillors. Chichester District Council and West Sussex County Council were kept informed as to any plans in place. We were also linked into the WSCC Community Hub that came about in early April.

A call out to the residents of Selsey to test people's interest led to a process to be put in place to develop this further. A Facebook Page was set up and 120 Buddies were enrolled over two days, 20th and 21st of March. The database was set up to confirm those who had DBS checks already and those that required references to be taken up to comply with the safeguarding policy in place within the Selsey Community Forum.

The Selsey Covid19 group was launched with a map being placed on the wall on the Selsey Care Shop to ensure that all roads were covered. The plan was then to identify a buddy who would be



responsible for a patch, in some cases co-ordinated by a Buddy Coordinator. Over 5400 cards were distributed across Selsey highlighting contact details of the relevant Buddy and those local suppliers providing at that time Delivery Services of essential shopping. The cards would ensure that residents could contact their buddy to pick up essential shopping, medication, posting mail or a welfare call.

Buddies were provided with "Buddy Good Practice Guidance Notes" ID cards, and a what's app group was set up to provide additional ongoing support.



By the end of two weeks 125 buddies are at work serving 900 needs (via a variety of activities) each week. In addition, 200 food supplies were delivered in partnership with and in addition to Foodbank. The copies of the Senior Selsey News and Selsey Life continued to be delivered with 51 Easter Treats for those who were missing out from the usual Sunday "Resbite" Tea activities supported by the local churches.

On an Operational Level the Covid19 group was needing to respond to a variety of issues and consequences as the country went into further lock down and in response to Public Health and Government Guidance.

For example, some people would run out of money as they couldn't access the bank- how could Buddies be reimbursed? The Selsey Community Forum responded by putting safe mechanisms in place to cover this. There were families and individuals who had been furloughed from their jobs lacking funds for essential food and supplies - how could they be supported? Practical support and donations of food parcels came about and provided in a variety of ways. People struggling with their own mental health or bereavement needs during these strange and difficult times were supported by our telephone wellbeing services. The fact that schools needed to close a week prior to the Easter Holidays created more stress on our families - families were supported by their local schools and the Bridge. For some families their resilience came about in some very creative ways. We have heard of children writing to care home residents, painting rainbows and sending in Easter Treats, enabling them to become more aware of those that are in need and vulnerable. People making kit bags for NHS staff at St Richards and now Face masks that are in short supply for care providers, buddies and family members needing to shield themselves. Cafés and restaurants providing donations of food and services. This has included cake and three course meals to 60 plus residents. A lending library of puzzles, activities, books and DVD's has also been set up. Donations received have been sorted, disinfected and stored at the Selsey Town Council Office to provide free entertainment to those who can't access activities on-line or need additional stimulation, picked up by the buddies and distributed.

This situation affecting Selsey in such a way was very real, it was very similar across the UK and the world. However, the way that Selsey residents responded to it was something to be proud of and will massively change the way the Selsey Community grows from this.

We are grateful to our funding organisations and those of you have sent in donations. This has enabled us to go above and beyond to support our local community. Our continued partnership working has enabled us to meet the needs of those people that were unknown to us as this crisis grew. We will continue to explore ways of doing this and develop links further.

But it couldn't be done without the residents getting involved and supporting every member of the community without judgement.

And for which we thank you all.

Karen Pirks
Volunteer Operations Lead Selsey Community Forum
And Selsey Covid19 Mutual Aid

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April 2020

Dear Jo,

I'm writing to express my gratitude to all staff and volunteers at Selsey Care Shop and Community Forum who are doing a remarkable job during these unprecedented times.

I'd like to pay tribute to the staff and volunteers who are continuing to provide vital frontline services to our most vulnerable residents, whilst stepping up to the challenges presented by Coronavirus. From setting up a comprehensive buddy system which is providing help and tackling loneliness, to coordinating volunteers - it's reassuring to know that we are so well looked after.

We are all very grateful for the important work that staff and volunteers do under more normal circumstances. However, I would like to add another, more poignant, thank you as we deal with Coronavirus together.

Yours sincerely

Gillian Keegan MP
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- 17) What word follows ball, flash and sore?
- 18) Who said "Men become old, but they never become good"?
- 19) What popular farce is named after an aircraft?
- 20) What is killing a King called?
- 21) Whom did Harold Wilson succeed as leader of the Labour Party?



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

Firstly, I would just like to say what a very strange month it has been so far here at The Centre. My staff have explained to me that there is something called a pandemic going on at the moment, with a virus called COVID-19 spreading all around the world!! It all sounds very scary but we are trying to

carry on as normally as we can here. I am making sure that my staff are staying safe and enforcing the social distancing rule between them, it doesn't count with me though, I make sure they still give me my cuddles and strokes when I ask for them.

Anyway as I was saying we have been carrying on as normally as we can here and as we have been having some glorious weather recently, we decided it was time to move our rabbits and guinea pigs out into their outside accommodation. I supervised my staff as they did it, it looked like very hard work for them but they managed it well and the rabbits and piggies seem very happy to be outside on the grass. I see them running up and down their ladders, munching on the grass and playing with their toys happily in the sunshine.

Our cats here are a little sad that rehoming has been temporarily suspended as they all desperately want to find their forever homes, but I make sure my staff are giving them lots of love and keeping them happy here until they can find new families of their own. Hopefully it won't be too long before we are up and running again.

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

Love Markus x

P.S. We will be letting everybody know when we have been given the ok to start rehoming again, so keep an eye on our website www.crcc.co.uk and our Facebook page for all the latest news and info.

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Leaving many parents frantically searching for their offspring. Young wildlife left to be cared for by their parents is a much better option than taking their fate into our hands.

During the early days of leaving the comfort of their nest or den, they are very vulnerable and they are often unable to defend themselves or escape easily, making them easy targets for pets or predators. People are often tempted to pick them up and take them into their care or bring them to us, but all you need to do to help is to make sure your neighbourhood keep their cats indoors during the day. It may seem to be a dangerous time for these young babies, but it is all part of nature's course, and we should leave them to take their chance, knowing that their parents will bring them the food that they need.

From April to May it's common to see very young fox cubs developing their survival skills above ground during the day. People may come across cubs waiting for their mother to return, as most mothers will move their litter one by one if they feel threatened. Sadly in some cases, we needed to intervene. We received our first abandoned fox cub in March he was soon joined by a 294g little girl who came to us from a local vet after she was mistaken for an abandoned puppy.



We currently have 11 cubs including a boy found calling for mum after she was scared away by dogs and a further 6 orphaned cubs from the same litter. Thanks to the hard work of staff they are all weaned and feeding on their own and will move outside to develop once they are big enough. It is important cubs are handled as little as possible to prevent imprinting. If it is necessary to bring young wildlife into our care then we must replicate the mothers' behaviour and natural development as much as we can. Like all babies, these patients need lots of extra care and attention, so if you can support us in any way please visit www.brentlodge.org

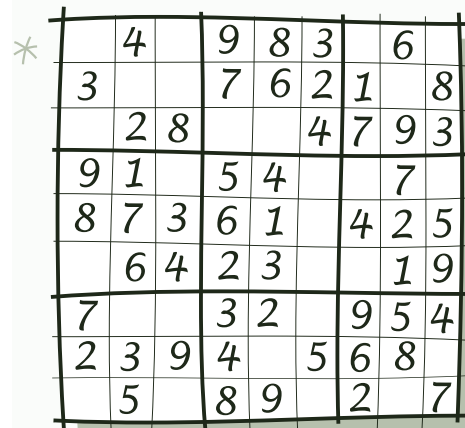
Until we feel it is no longer safe to do so we remain open for admissions. If you do find a wildlife casualty in need please do give us a call before you arrive, so we can make the necessary arrangements and give instructions. Working in a clean environment is not foreign to us but we have stepped up our health and safety to comply with the current situation. We, of course, ask if you are showing symptoms of Covid-19 to please not enter the site, we will make other arrangements to rescue the animal.

We would be grateful for your support during this time. Stay safe. Please call 01243 641672 and press ext 1 when prompted to do so.

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I was once arrested at a funfair. I remember the Policeman said to get in the back of the van. I did, and it was full of cornets and had a Mr Whippy machine. The Policeman said "Not that van".

Steve's Puzzle Page

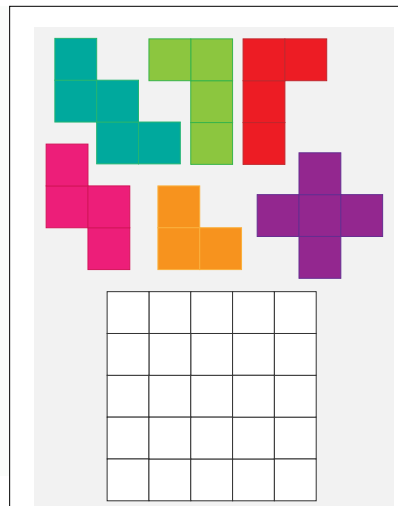


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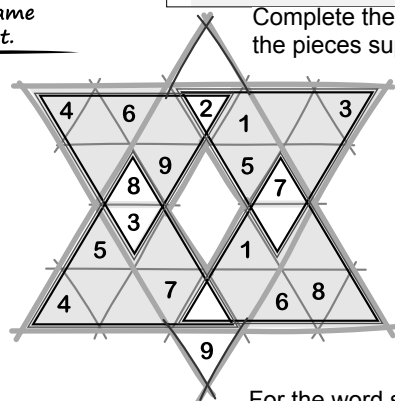


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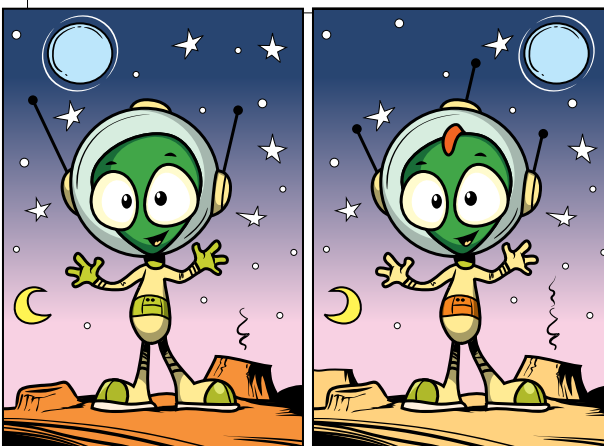
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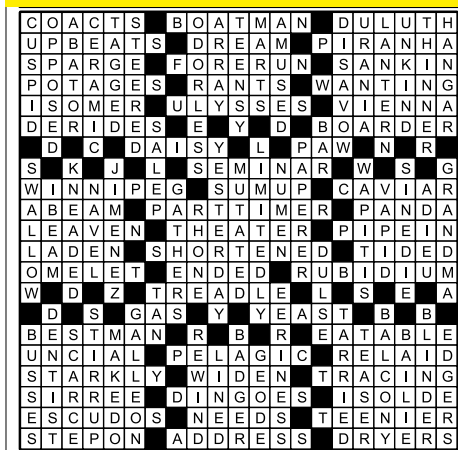
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Find ten differences in the picture above

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mother nephew niece offspring parent
sister son stepfather stepmother uncle

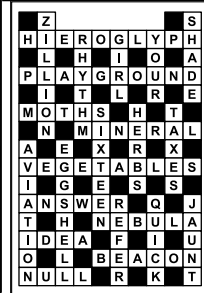
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12) Nuremberg 13) Left 14) Queen Mary 15) Pablo Picasso 16) Pantone 17) Male head of the household 18) Big end 19) Alice in Alice in Wonderland 20) Under Milk Wood
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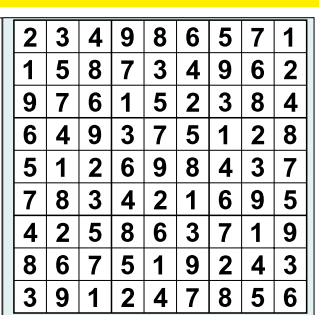
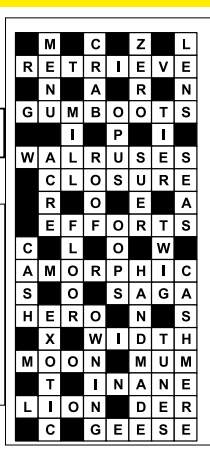
Last month's answers

Picture sudoku:

6 - 5, 7 - 2, 8 - 4, 9 - 3, 10 - 5, 11 - 2, 12 - 4, 13 - 1, 14 - 3.



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East Beach Church

As we are now into our fifth or sixth week of lockdown, we have been amazed how across the country so many people have connected to the many churches that are offering online services. Easter Day indeed saw many more watching the Easter Day Services over the internet than would have attended last year! It is often at times of personal and national crises that we look to the church for stability, comfort and hope. The symbol of hope for the church is the **Cross**, and we have seen some in people’s windows and gardens over Easter.

This reminds us of a great verse in Hebrews 13 verse 8 **‘Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever’**. God does not have a bad day at the office. He does not get up on the wrong side of the universe. God is constant. Always the same, day after day, and there’s comfort in that. If He has promised **eternal life** to those who believe in Jesus Christ (John 3:16), then we know He will not change His mind about it. It is an amazing free gift (we all love a freebie!) and He will not regret offering to you the **free gift** of eternal life (Eph 2 verses 8-9) Jesus Christ, Who is God and does not change either, even when everything else seems to change in our life. Rest assured, the Coronavirus crisis does not catch Him off guard!

Now we too at East Beach Church have had to change how we ‘do’ Church and ensure we still bring Christ’s message of hope & connect with the community and our church family. We are really pleased with how well our ‘online’ church services have been received but are aware that a number of you do not have internet access. For this reason, we are now copying our **Sunday Services**, our popular **Songs of Praise**, and another of our broadcasts onto DVDs each week. If you do not receive one already but would like a copy, please call me (07771 914 277 - Richard) and we will drop one through your door.

Below is our weekly online schedule for those that can join us online. Just load up **‘YouTube’** & then search for **‘East Beach Church, Selsey’** for both live and recorded services.

We do pray that you stay safe and well and are being looked after well by the fantastic **Street Buddies!**

YouTube Live Stream, Upload and Playlist Weekly Schedule

Day	10am	7pm
Sunday	All-age Worship	Evening Worship
Monday	Songs of Praise <i>(for Care Homes and others)</i>	Life Group <i>Worship, Bible Study & Prayer</i>
Tuesday	Thought for the Day	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	Thought for the Day with Anna <i>(Pre-recorded upload or playlist)</i>	Free evening <i>(NO live stream, upload or playlist)</i>
Thursday	Thought for the Day	EBC Face to Face Zoom time <i>(live streamed to YouTube)</i>
Friday	Sunbeams Songs & Stories <i>for parents, carers and toddlers</i>	Music Practice <i>Old & new songs for budding musicians and singers and anyone else</i>
Saturday	Saturday Morning with Alistair <i>(Youtube Playlist)</i>	Fun with all the family <i>Games & fun to engage all</i>

MEMORIES OF A FIFTIES CHILD

by
Patricia Read



My enduring memories of childhood holidays are those spent in Scotland, the land of my father’s birth, which I visited annually with my family from a toddler to my mid-teens.

In the fifties, living in Coventry, there was an annual exodus from the city during the holiday fortnight in July or August. Those who stayed enjoyed half empty buses, shops, pubs and restaurants as most factories and offices closed down during that fortnight and the workers left by coach and car, mainly to the coast, and very few ventured abroad.

My dad prepared for our journey over several days, ensuring that our trusty Singer car was thoroughly checked over, oiled and polished and then taken to the local garage for a full service before setting off. When the car was new, we had a notice in the back window “running in please pass”. I never knew quite what that meant, and assumed that if the engine was pushed too far, it was in danger of blowing up.

Heavy suitcases were packed into the boot with a picnic basket filled with sandwiches, fruit and cake, together with a primus stove and kettle, matches, cups and plates, as a cup of tea was always on the menu. My younger sister and I were settled into the rear leather seat, together with the tartan car rug, which would be laid out on the ground when we stopped for our picnic en route. At least two pairs of mum’s old stockings were always on the checklist, just in case the fan belt broke. I remember the smell of leather and oil, the large chrome headlights and running board, and although I can’t remember the registration number of my present car, I can still remember that one.

The long journey to Scotland in those days was not along motorways, but a much more scenic route. No boring M6, but the A6 taking us through places like Shap Fell, impassable during a bad winter, Penrith, Carlisle, and as we neared the border of this magical country we crossed rugged terrain, the isolated road winding over moors, and then rolling summits, lochs and glens either side. Landscapes of heather-covered hills and trickling streams, which bounced and frothed over smooth rocks,



sparkling in the sunshine. My sister and I were kept busy at least for part of the journey searching for any AA man coming in the opposite direction on a motorbike with sidecar, in his khaki coloured uniform and hat, who saluted us as he passed. The large yellow and chrome AA badge on the front of our Singer easy to spot.


There was no shortage of idyllic places to stop for our picnic, by pulling off the road beside a stream amongst the heather. I’m sure there must have been rain on some of these journeys, but I don’t remember it.

When we stopped at a garage for fuel, there was no self-service, but a friendly garage hand came out and filled our tank for us. I remember dad asking for whatever amount of petrol he needed, plus ‘a shot’, which I’m told was a kind of oil which when mixed with the fuel helped to clean the cylinder head and valves.

Dad’s birthplace was Dumfries, in the Borders, also the home of Robbie Burns, and where my grandfather is buried in the same cemetery as the famous writer. Not far away on the coast is a small village called Southernness, where we rented fisherman’s cottage. In those days Southernness consisted of a pub, named after a local infamous smuggler ‘Paul Jones’, a row of cottages and a lighthouse. Our cottage was about 50 metres from the beach and lighthouse, so most days were spent with our buckets and spades, hunting in rock pools for crabs and tiny fish, and one year huge jelly fish were washed up around the lighthouse, to which we gave a wide berth and their name, Portuguese Man o’ War, is indelibly printed on my memory. We’d also visit dad’s remaining family in the area, when we were greeted effusively with feasts of home made scotch pies, shortbread and Dundee cake. Refusing wasn’t an option, so mum and dad made sure that we didn’t have a meal before a visit.

I’ve visited Southernness again in recent years and it’s now home to a huge caravan site and fairground, ice cream and candyfloss. Long gone is the peace and quiet of this fishing village, although the light-house and cottages are still there, but the pub is now part of a national chain and serves trendy gastro-pub meals.

The journey to Scotland is not the same nowadays by car up the M6, and not so exciting as it was in the fifties through a child’s eyes, but I’m very grateful to have lived in a time to have those memories.





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Famous Women Quiz answers

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2.	Helen Keller
3.	For cutting Samsons’ hair in which his strength lay.
4.	Amy Johnson
5.	Mother Theresa
6.	a) Ballet b) Painting c) Pop Music
7.	Mata Hari
8.	Lady Agnes Baden Powell in 1910

Anagram answers

a)	Britney Spears
b)	Jennifer Aniston
c)	Enid Blyton
d)	Princess Anne
e)	Felicity Kendall
f)	Florence Nightingale

Book authors names

1.	Oscar Wilde
2.	Philippa Gregory
3.	Roddy Doyle
4.	P.D. James
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