



Published by S Woodland, Post Office, Selsey and John Valentine. Originally ca. 1910. Beacon House was the largest hotel in Selsey in its day, the site of Beacon House is under the sea, but the building itself was demolished by Ralph Selsby, builder and former fire chief, and the building materials used in various other houses throughout the village.



Century Cottage ca. 1910. No publisher known. The barn, extreme left, was demolished in more recent times as it was full of rats. To the right of Century Cottage is a small building which was Miss Wyatt's shop and is now an Estate Agents (2019). The thatched house is Swiss Cottage which burned down and behind that the Methodist Church, originally the Bible Christian Chapel.



Published by John Valentine. Before 1913 as the site of the Pavilion, aka Selsey Hall, is Rosena Wingham's bakery. Probably ca. 1910. The Crown Inn is on the right. On the left hand side of the card are the shops which now stretch from St Wilfrid's Walk to Seale Butchers



Published by John Valentine. Written 21 August 1909. Selsey High Street. Square white building with sign was an off-licence, now gifts, fruit and veg opposite West Street. Formerly Clarkson's offlicence. The Cottage is gone. The chaps are coastguards, not sailors.



Published by S Woodland. Selsey Hotel and Station ca. 1917. The station is Selsey Town station and is the small box on the right hand side of the card. The Shrubs in the centre are the Triangle where the council used to keep their gritting lorries etc. It's still there on the junction of Manor Road Church Road and Beach Road.

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Congratulations to last month's competition winners, Natasha Allen and Kay Bridger, drawn by Kate Grant in the Care Shop. They each win a family ticket to the fireworks display on the 19th October., courtesy of Selsey Fireworks. If you did not win, still go along to this enjoyable event. Thank You to Selsey Fireworks for the tickets. The seagull was on the shield trophy in the Selsey

This month we are pleased to offer a £10.00 voucher to be used at Michelles Hair and Beauty Saloon in East Street, Selsey. To be in with a chance of winning, simply locate the seagull hidden somewhere in the magazine, and then fill out the coupon opposite and post the coupon in either of the two boxes at Pretty's Newsagent, 4 Orchard Parade, Selsey, or Village Flowers, 128 High Street, Selsey. The draw will take place on Thursday 24th October mid-day. Entry by coupon only, no copies accepted.

Good Luck, and a big thank you to Michelle's Hair and Beauty for

#### **Editorial**



Welcome to the October issue of the Selsey Life magazine.

Another month seems to have flown past, it must be because we are all enjoying ourselves so much, and making use of all the clubs and faciliities Selsey has to offer.

This month sees the clocks going back one hour - great for the mornings but the evenings now become very dark - just the time to sit indoors and read your Selsey Life magazine, or a jigsaw

How would you like to do a photographic tour of your garden? If you have some photos of parts you are proud of, send the photos in with a description and a bit of wording about yourselves, and we will include them where we can. An ideal way to pass the time untill the next Selsey Open Gardens.

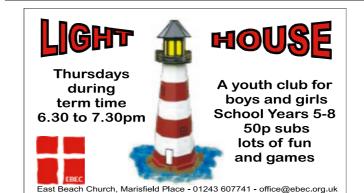
We have another entry for our well-travelled Selsey Life section, and it may be a familiar face to some of you. As we say in the section, can you do better? Send a photo or two with a brief note and we will include these as well.

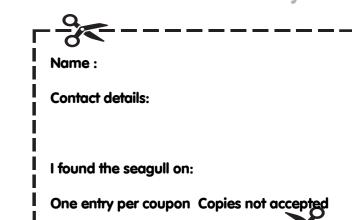
This month sees the start of fireworks celebrations and bonfires, if you are lighting a bonfire please be careful and check for hedgehogs - also please damp the bonfires down when finished.

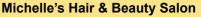
As usual, good luck with this month's competition, have a lovely October, and again we hope you enjoy reading the magazine. As usual we are happy to receive submissions and comments.

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We are extremely proud of all our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs.

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The Selsev Shantymen...

Selsey: Coastal town with Fishing Fleet and Lifeboat Station south of Chichester

Shanty: A song with alternating solo and chorus, of a kind originally sung by sailors while performing physical labour together. Probably taken from French Chantez! 'sing!'

Men: Noisy, shouty, male human...

In the Summer of 2018 one 'land locked Mancunian' living in Selsey (by the sea) attended The Northern Whisper Helmshore Beer Festival (upt'north) quite unplanned; apart from the selection of absolutely great beer to be sampled The Rossendale Male Voice Choir (established 1924) attended and sang at the event and that was it; inspired, a male singing group was to be formed upon the return to Selsey down South. Selsey has a fishing fleet AND a Lifeboat so no brainer; not a Choir but a Shanty singing group! Adverts were placed seeking local blokes who fancied singing a song or two (" no experience necessary...") found a local pub to meet in on a Tuesday night (Many thanks to Nick of The Fisherman's Joy!) a few songs were found where the 'Lead Shantyman' sings a 'call' and then demands a response in a 'shouty' way ("To Me!") and the result was ...? Shouty blokes singing shouty songs... 'The Selsey Shantymen'!! A year later The Selsey Shantymen were back in Rossendale singing at The Northern Whisper Helmshore Beer Festival 2019 in August alongside The Rossendale Male Voice Choir.

Selsey

Shantymen

Our first proper 'Gig' was singing at the East Wittering Spring Fete earlier this year. Since then we have sung at Garden Fetes, Village Fetes, Pubs Clubs and Golf Clubs and of course latterly at The Southdowns Folk Festival in Bognor, in fact anywhere where the audience will sing along and put some loose change in our charity buckets. We shall be singing at a number of places far flung and local between now and Christmas. See 'What's On' on our website www.theselseyshantymen.co.uk

We sing traditional songs with the occasional new one of our own; we meet at 7.30pm most Tuesday's at the back room of The Fisherman's Joy on East Street in Selsey. We aim to enjoy what we do and be a force for good. Every second Tuesday in the month we invite 'all in' (yes ladies too) to our rehearsals to sing along if they wish for 'Shanty Therapy'; £3 on the door. Our adopted charity is The Selsey Community First Responders; we intend to assist them with their fundraising but will help other local Charities upon request.

For enquiries or if you wish us to attend your meeting, function or gathering and sing a SHOUTY song or two then call John on 07826556041 or e mail ahoy@theselseyshantymen.co.uk or contact us by clicking the message button on our Facebook page @theselseyshantymen or via Twitter @Selseyshantymen P.S. We are on the look out for 2 or 3 good strong lead voices... Health warning; we are LOUD!



### **Selsev Venture Club News**

Alison was pleased to accept an offer made by "The Regis Centre" Bognor Regis for a number of complimentary tickets to 'Live", a variety show performance at the Theatre. It was decided to offer these tickets to the volunteers providing the services to Selsey Venture Club and to arrange a minibus to take them all to the evening show. Our thanks go to The Regis Centre for such a ovely gesture enabling our Club to thank our volunteers for the support they provide to Selsey residents.

Top of the bill of the Variety Show was well-known comedy star Bobby Davro who was supported by ventriloquist Max Fulham; singers Riley Clark, Kate Richards and the Bersted Boys as well as dancers and Vicky Edwards compered. The show was something of a return to the seaside show as we all remember it, all good wholesome fun and laughter

After the show "The Regis Centre" management team approached Bobby Davro on our behalf and arranged for the volunteers to have a photograph or two taken with him. The Selsey Venture Club



Volunteers were also lucky enough to see Max Fulham in the fover of the theatre and were able to be photographed with him and his puppet "Grandad".

All volunteers were so pleased with the invite and agreed that it was a wonderful family show full of astounding talent. They were so grateful to have been offered the opportunity to see the show and meet some of the stars. We look forward to the next shows for which we will be purchasing tickets; these are Neil Sands Christmas Memories and the seasonal pantomime "The Wizard of

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- 2) Which country's flag is a white star against a blue background?

**Date: 19 August 2019** 

#### Selsey RNLI all-weather lifeboat launched to investigate Distress beacon alert

On Monday 19 August at 2.57pm the UK Coastguard requested the launch of the Selsey all-weather lifeboat (ALB) to investigate an emergency position indicating beacon (EPIRB) activation 11 miles south of the lifeboat station.

The ALB launched at 3.08pm and made best speed to the position in challenging conditions. Whilst on route at 3.33pm a target was spotted on radar and as the lifeboat got closer this was identified as a catamaran which appeared to be struggling with the main sail wrapped around the mast. The vessel could not be contacted on VHF radio so the lifeboat was brought alongside the vessel to communicate with the lone sailor using the lifeboat loud hailer.

After a short time it was confirmed that the EPIRB had been activated by the sailor. The Coastguard rescue helicopter R175 had just arrived on scene at the original position so they were diverted to our position. A handheld radio was first passed to the casualty vessel so communications were established. The lone sailor had been at sea since 4.00am and was exhausted so the decision was made to transfer crewman Pip Skeet to assist him. Rescue 175 remained on scene as top cover. The weather on scene was wind south/south westerly force 7-8 sea state rough in sunshine.

After a few attempts the crewman was transferred to the catamaran and the tow line was passed. When the tow had been established between the lifeboat and casualty a course was set for Littlehampton Harbour. The conditions were hampering the towing with the bridle fouling the port side hull of the catamaran and there were no strong points on the stern to attach a drogue. The seas were breaking over the stern of the casualty vessel and the port hull constantly being pulled under the surface.

With a danger to both the persons on the catamaran the decision was made to drop the tow and recover the lifeboat crewman and the casualty to the lifeboat. The tow line was recovered and stowed. The ALB was then taken back alongside the casualty vessel and after several attempts both persons were safely on board the lifeboat with some personal belongings. This decision wasn't easy as the man had indicated this was his home.

At 4.24pm the lifeboat and Rescue 175 were released by the Coastguard. The lifeboat headed back to Selsey arriving at 5.00pm. The casualty was found lodgings for the night by the lifeboat crew. The crew today were Coxswain Rob Archibald, Mechanic Phil Pitham, Max Gilligan, Max Wiseman, Pip Skeet and Terry Healey.

Foot note: The catamaran was found drifting by a fishing boat and towed into Littlehampton Harbour during the morning of the 20 August.

Date: 22 Aug 2019

#### Selsey RNLI inshore lifeboat requested.

UK Coastguard requested the launch of the inshore lifeboat (ILB) to investigate a small vessel reported by a member of the public to be broken down 1.5 miles south of the boathouse.

The ILB launch was cancelled before the crew arrived at station as the local Coastguard team had been monitoring the vessel and it was now underway. They had probably been fishing and moved on to another area. This call was classed as false alarm with good intent.

Date: 26 Aug 2019

UK Coastguard requested the launch of the inshore lifeboat at 1.55pm on Monday 26 August.

An emergency call to the Coastguards reported a male swimmer in the sea off Marine beach Selsey shouting for help. A member of the public went to the aid of the swimmer and both made it to the shore safely. The lifeboat was stood down before launching.

Date: 28 August 2019

Selsey RNLI inshore lifeboat launched at 9.45am on Wednesday 28 August to recover a small boat reported drifting to the west of the Bill.

The crew today were Helmsman Sam Corcoran-Smith, James Albrey and Neil Hopcraft.

Date: 29 August 2019

#### Selsey inshore lifeboat launched to unmanned vessel.

For the second day running the UK Coastguard received a report of a vessel ½ a mile offshore from the Bunn leisure complex.

The inshore lifeboat launched at 8.45am and arrived on scene at 8.52am to find a speed boat inflatable Do-nut. With no sign of recent occupancy the Coastguards released the lifeboat at 8.54am to return to station with the Do-nut. The weather on scene was wind south west force 3 sea state smooth in excellent visibility. The crew today were Helmsman James Albrey, Kristina Dolan and Jake Harnett.

Date: 01 September 2019

#### Selsey RNLI inshore lifeboat tasked to person in the water at Bognor Regis.

UK Coastguard requested the launch of the Selsey inshore lifeboat (ILB) at 9.12pm on Sunday 1 September after Sussex police had reported a man had entered the water at Bognor

The ILB launched at 9.21pm and made best speed to Barn rocks off Aldwick to commence a search to the east as far as Felpham as at this stage the Police couldn't confirm the position the man entered the water. The weather on scene was wind northerly force 2-3 sea state smooth with excellent visibility. Littlehampton and Selsey Coastguard teams were deployed to conduct beach

The ILB continued searching and had completed 3 legs when just before 11.00pm the man was found by one of the teams. The ILB was released at 11.06pm and returned to Selsey. The crew tonight were Helmsman Colin Pullenger, Kristina Dolan and Harry Emmence.

#### Date: 4 September 2019

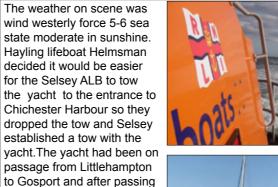
#### Selsey RNLI all-weather lifeboat responds to Mayday call from yacht.

UK Coastguard requested the launch of the Selsey all-weather lifeboat (ALB) at 4.32pm on Wednesday 4 September after receiving a Mayday emergency call from a 26ft yacht with two persons on board reporting an engine fire.

The ALB launched at 4.41pm and made best speed to the yacht's position which was given as 3 miles west of Selsey Bill. Whilst on

route the Coastguards reported that Hayling RNLI lifeboat had also launched to the mayday. When the Selsey ALB arrived on scene the Hayling lifeboat had transferred a crewman to the yacht and had established a tow with the vessel.





prevailing weather so started the engine but the conditions proved too much and it overheated resulting in a lot of black smoke.

Selsey was struggling with the

When the vessel reached the entrance to Chichester

Harbour Selsey ALB dropped the tow and Hayling lifeboat established an alongside tow with the yacht and continued into the harbour to Sparkes Marina where it was safely berthed alongside. Selsey ALB was released by the Coastguards at 6.01pm and returned to Selsey beaching at 6.45pm. The crew today were Coxswain Colin Pullenger, 2nd Cox Rob Archibald, Mechanic Andy Lee, Geoff Mellett, Harry Emmence and Neil Hopcraft.

Date: 5 September 2019

#### Selsey inshore lifeboat launched to girl on lilo being blown offshore

The RNLI inshore lifeboat (ILB) was launched at the request of the UK Coastguard after they received reports of a young female being blown out sea to sea at Aldwick near Bognor Regis.

The ILB launched at 11.50am on Thursday 5 September and made best speed to Aldwick however just after launching the Coastguards reported the girl had made it back to the beach and the ILB was stood down and returned to station. The weather was wind Northwest force 4 sea state smooth in sunshine. The crew today were Helmsman Sam Corcoran- Smith. Dan Langford and Jake Harnett



## St. Peter's Church **Events**

Saturday 5th October 7pm - 9.30 pm Selsey Centre - Harvest Barn Dance with table nibbles, pay bar and raffle. Tickets £12 from Sally 01243 604104 or Mick 01243 602623

Sunday 6th October - 10am Harvest Thanksgiving All Age Service at St. Peter's followed by coffee/tea and yummy cakes in the Church Hall also at 4pm our annual service of blessing led by Fr. Andy for 'All Creatures great and small' accompanied by their well- behaved owners.

Saturday 26th October 7pm – St. Peter's Church 'Strike Up the Band' Concert by the Southdown Concert Band - tickets £10 (with interval refreshments) from Sally 01243 604104

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#### **SELSEY WI**



#### Ladies come and join us at our next Meeting.

<u>It will be on Wednesday 9th October at 2.15pm</u> <u>in Selsey Town Hall.</u>

Our Speaker will be Robert Booth who will be telling us all about

Curiosities and Delights from the Worlds of Food and Drink.

If you would like more information about joining us, please contact Stella Crist 01243 603221
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## Our next meeting will be on Friday 25th October.

Our speaker will be Dr. Frances Hurd. Her talk is entitled

#### "19 years at the chalkface"

and is about her many years as an OFSTED inspector.

As usual we shall meet in the Selsey Centre and the meeting will start at 2.30p.m. Visitors are always welcome so if you are thinking about joining us please come along.

If you want to know more about the U3A and would like to speak to someone with your queries then please phone our dedicated contact line 07783 040407.



#### **SEAL ISLAND WI**

In September Dr Bill Martin entertained us all with the fascinating story of the Land Settlement Association in Sidlesham. We all very much enjoyed the 1930's recruitment film! Bill has written Sidlesham Heritage Trail, a very interesting booklet and map documenting the impact of the scheme on our local area.



Various other events were planned including an early evening walk around the city walls in Chichester followed by supper, a home made jam and chutney stall at the Christmas lights switch on in the High Street and our annual Christmas dinner and dancing to the music of Willie Austin at The Walnut Tree.

We are a friendly group of ladies and visitors are warmly welcomed. Information about our programme can be picked up at The Selsey Centre and we also organise regular lunches, walks and outings. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd October at 7.30 pm in The Selsey Centre. Our very own member Felicia Hughes-Freeland will be talking about her Dance Adventures in Indonesia. For more information ring June on 607637.

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

27TH Birthday Meeting being held on Thursday 17th October in St. Peters Church Hall at 7.15pm when Jane Glennie Actress and Historian of 30 years' experience will entertain with her talk entitled

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Cost for the evening is just £3 includes Birthday refreshments plus a free raffle ticket. The Venture Bus will be available to Members remember to book your seat on 605115. We aim to close the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

Further details always available from Beryl Fletcher on 603750 or Mary Grantham 604718.



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Summer begins to fade bringing to an end the Selsey Carers' main fund raising monthsduring which we managed four of our Car Boot sales with only the one rained off,

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we also had our Tombola Stall at the Lifeboat Day, and thanks to the generous support of the community and holiday makers, these events raised funds to help the Carers we support.

The first Breakfast Club for male Carers was held in the Snak Shak on Tuesday 10th September, plans are for this to become a regular event second Tuesday each month, 9-30 to 10-30 am. We hope, as men who are Carers get to know, they will take the opportunity to come along to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and bacon sandwich, and a chance to enjoy an hour of male company - at time of print the next one will be November 5th. Helping men who now find their days taken up with caring for loved ones is being given priority as it's recognised they are not the best at coming forward for help, or advice, we hope in future we can improve what we do.

We also hold Coffee Mornings on the second Thursday every month 10am to 11-30 am. All our Carers and those they care for are welcome, another chance to meet other people with similar problems and a chance to relax and chat.

We have signed 10 new Carers to our group in the last few months, we look forward to being able to assist them and meet and get to know them better at functions like those mentioned above and our annual Christmas Lunch .

We work as Selsey Carers within the Selsey Community Forum, you can find us in the Care Shop, High Street, Selsey, next door to Raycrafts if you want to know more about us, need help or advice. The Care Shop also offers community information, dementia support, Wellbeing services and activities to promote social interaction.

#### NOTICE

#### L.I.N.C

LADIES -IN - CONTACT

A willing and dedicated volunteer is required to take over the running and full organisation of L.I.N.C.

Meetings take place in St Peter's church hall, held on the third Thursday of each month (excluding August and December). L.I.N.C is a very popular non- membership group establised here in Selsey for the past twenty-seven years with an attendance now showing of between thirty – forty-two ladies, all of whom look forward to going along to the interesting and social monthly meetings.

With regret due to circumstances having occurred, and if unable to fill the vacancy we will sadly be disbanding at the last meeting of the year due to be held on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> November, if interested in taking over the post please contact either of the following Beryl Fletcher on 603750 or Mary Grantham on 604718 both of whom will be able to give you full details.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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#### Chichester Cathedral's Lunchtime Concerts Resume After Summer Break

Chichester Cathedral's popular free lunchtime concerts have restarted after the summer break. The concerts take place on Tuesdays at 1.10pm during term time in the spectacular setting of the Cathedral Nave and feature a wealth of renowned local, national and international musicians. Each performance lasts approximately 50 minutes, and visitors are welcome to come and go as they please.

Concerts in the series which run until 19 November, include the Chichester Symphony Orchestra, with local soloist Maria Luc on piano; Frederick Stocken, Organist and Assistant Director of Music at St George's Metropolitan Cathedral, whose 'Chichester Service' was commissioned for the Southern Cathedrals Festival held in the City this summer; and a host of other diverse and talented musicians performing on a range of instruments.

So why not 'do lunch' with a difference and experience wonderful music in the magnificent setting of the Cathedral? Coffee is available at no extra charge for concert-goers, and you can even bring a sandwich! The concerts are free, with a retiring collection.



Chichester's Maria Luc who will be performing with the Chichester Symphony Orchestra on 29 October.



- 3) Which is New Zealand's larger island, North or South?
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- 5) In which ocean are the Heard and McDonald islands?

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#### A MISCELLANY OF MANSIONS (AND OTHER THINGS)

Hot on the heels of Male's carnival photos, I now present to you a conundrum or six.



This house is called The Nest, Selsey with a photograph number so it is possibly a Morey picture.

Arthur Morey was a photographer in St Pancras, Chichester before WW1. In the 1911 census he describes himself as 'an architectural and landscape photographer'. He died in 1924.

In 1918 The Nest was inhabited by Mr. Moxon and was situated on the Bill, close to Beacon House. And this is the one and only mention of both man and residence that I can find.

There was a William Charles Moxon of 12 Romney Garth, Selsey who died 11 March 1975. Is this the same man or a member of his family? Who knows!



This one has nothing at all on it.

Do you live in a house like this? If so, where is it? Does it have a name now?

This one is definitely a Morey card as it is signed Morey Chichester, photo no. 268 and it is called The Lodge. Is this the house lived in by Maurice Frederick Stewart Jewell in Clayton Road, also in 1918? Both man and house name disappear after 1930. Maurice was a Chilean-born English first-class cricketer who played for Worcestershire between the Wars. He even played for H. K. Foster's XI in 1913 against Oxford University. We know he moved away. Did the house get renamed Brucemains or The Hut? It appears in Kelly's Directories between Tamarisk and Gunthwaite, both of which still exist.

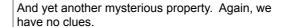




Another likely Morey card – Ye Olde Farme House, Selsey, photo no. 216.

The only Old Farm House I know in this time frame is another name for Sessions House when Mrs. De Crespigny was in residence, but it is certainly not this house.

Any ideas anyone?



Every house of this type I want to be The Homestead but, of course, it usually isn't.

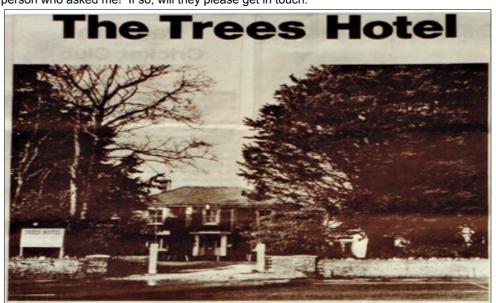


And now a change of topic altogether. Another Morey Card entitled 'the visit of the Seaplane to Selsey'.



As this event took place in 1913, I am not expecting anyone to have seen it but does anyone have family stories about their grandparents or great-grandparents seeing it?

A few weeks ago, I was asked if I had a photograph of The Trees Hotel and, at that point, I had never seen one. However, Brian Male let me see this one. I have cropped it for a bigger picture and copy-typed the blurb so it is easier to read. I hope it fits the bill of the person who asked me! If so, will they please get in touch.



'Pleasantly situated on the outskirts of Selsey opposite the old Manor House, the Trees Hotel is well worth a visit.

The only Free House in Selsey, the resident proprietors, Mr Barton and Mr Brooks are pleased to offer a wide range of beers from all the leading Brewers in the Country. All normal spirits are also available as well as a good selection of wines from Grants of St. James.

The bar, which is large and well planned, was added to the house ten years ago. There every week and throughout the year The Trees hotel offers entertainment to suit all tastes. Pop Groups or other combinations appear on Friday or Saturday evenings while the Sunday Show is in the hands of the Stane Street Traditional Jazz Band.

The Hotel, which is centrally heated throughout, has a 2-star rating with both the AA and the RAC.

The menus in the Hotel are extensive. In the bar, cold buffet lunches are always available and also steaks from the charcoal grill.

Steaks are, indeed, a speciality of the House, and the T-bone @ 23/- in the restaurant is wonderful value. Lunches (15/6) and Dinner

(18/6) are served every day. The menu for lunch offered, as starters, Fruit Juice, Soup or Egg Mayonnaise, while the main dishes were Fish, Calves Liver, Roast Lamb, Boiled Silverside or an Omelette, either savoury or plain. The fish is all caught locally and Selsey lobster is another speciality.

The Hotel is available for Wedding Receptions or other Private Functions. Why not, as the Proprietors ask, Join the Trees Set?'

The Trees Hotel was at the top of St Peter's Crescent where Trees Court is now.

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In loving memory of my good friend, John Prior, on whom I have relied for so long and who will be sorely missed.



#### **Selsey Venture Club News**

Our Boutique with all the great clothing will close for winter on the 30th October 2019 and will re-open again on Saturday 7th March 2020.

> We will have our usual jewellery sale on Saturday 16 November 8.30 - 12.00.

Don't forget the Garage sales are open all winter, except in exceptional weather!



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#### Erratum

In last month's article, Serge Savitsky should have read Alexander Savitsky. Many apologies to Tania for getting it wrong.

Our request for the most exotic or far-away places the Selsey Life is read in continues:

Dear Selsey Life.

Here we are in Torshavn, the capital of The Faroes.

Hilary with a view of Torshavn harbour.



Michael in front of a traditional turf roofed hotel.



**Best wishes** 

Hilary Platts and Michael Jones

Can you do better?

## Selsey Royal British Legion Fishing Club



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#### **Update from the Chichester Prevention Team**

You can contact your local team in the following war,

- Call us: on 101 to report a crime or 999 if it's an emergency
- Email us: chichester@sussex.pnn.police.uk In an emergency, or if you see a crime in progress, always call

#### **Vehicle Crime**

The majority of this type of crime is opportunistic, and occurs because valuables have been left on view or the vehicle left insecure. If a vehicle is left insecure it only takes 10 seconds for your valuables to be stolen.

Protect your Belongings:-

- Close your windows and sunroof, lock all doors and activate any security devices when leaving the vehicle even for a few minutes. Check your doors manually as automatic locking devices can sometimes be affected by electronic interference.
- Take all valuables including sunglasses with you if you can. If you are unable to take them from the vehicle, lock them in the boot or place them out of view.
- Fit a locking petrol cap if your vehicle doesn't already have one. Fit anti tamper screws on your number plates and locking wheel nuts if not standard to your vehicle.
- Remove parking permits, radio face plates and portable satellite navigation systems including their cradle ensuring to wipe the window where the satellite navigation holder may have left a visible mark.
- Consider getting a steering lock or gearstick lock and pedal box to improve security of your unattended vehicle.
- Park with care, particularly at night or if you are leaving the vehicle for some time. If possible always park in a busy, well-lit area. Managed car park facilities may be a better choice a list of police approved safer car parks can be found at the British Parking Association website.
- Never leave your keys in the vehicle, even if you are just leaving it for a few seconds. Try to avoid leaving car 'keys close to your front door or in a visible location. A thief can reach in using a hand or device and steal the keys to your vehicle. Fitting a plate to the rear of the letterbox opening can prevent this.

If you see any persons' acting suspiciously around cars then call us immediately on 999.

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

#### JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY

Do you like doing Jigsaws? Would you like to be able to borrow rather than buy?

2nd Thursday of each month - 14 Green Lane, Selsey - you can call in any time between 10 am and 4 pm.

The Membership Fee is just £3 and puzzles can be borrowed for a £1 a month each. Over 300 to choose from.

From information on 605942.

All proceeds in aid of The Sussex Snowdrop Trust (charity

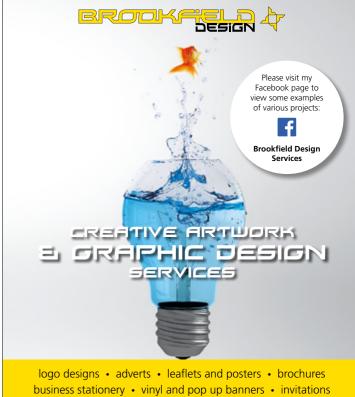




On Saturday 26th October Isla Jackson will be cutting of her nair and donating it to the Little princess trust. She would love to raise as much money as possible for the charity, so she's holding her very San Fundraiser at The Crown Inn,

Selsey.

There will be dressed up princesses, a cake stall, lots of balloons, a disco and much more! She hopes you can join her in doing something magical!



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# Arts Dream Selsey



Arts Dream are bringing the Longnose Puppet theatre to Selsey for the second year. To give families the opportunity of bringing their little ones to this magical show Arts Dream is working with Selsey Works, Selsey Town Council and Chichester District Council to subsidise this event.

'Pay by Donation' 'Pay what you are happy with ' Pay what you can afford'!

The show usually costs £7.00 in other venues per ticket, last year we charged £5.00, this year it's up to you. If you can afford £5.00 then pay it, if not pay what you can afford to pay, and just bring your children to this fantastic event, and give them the opportunity of seeing this first class children's theatre in Selsey.

- 6) What is a liana?
- 7) Which barrel is larger, a Butt or a Hogshead?

#### **POPPY APPEAL 2018-2019**

Although the financial year does not end until the 30th September I did, as always, close this year's account during the first weekend of the month to allow for things like cash consolidation, cheques to clear and to give me a breather.

And so it was with enormous pleasure that I informed Poppy HQ at Aylesford that we in Selsey had collected a whopping record breaking amount of £11,361.78 for this year.

May I, on behalf of the Poppy Appeal, thank all the generous people of Selsey who contributed to this wonderful amount. May I especially thank the magnificent team of Poppy Collectors who worked so hard, particularly during Poppy Fortnight last year, braving the wind and rain to go out a actually collect the bulk of it. You are wonderful people and I admire you all.

#### **POPPY APPEAL 2019-2020**

The ink was hardly dry on my letter to Aylesford before we were up and running again.

- 1. 6 year's old Arlan West wanted to raise money for the Appeal. Too young to run a marathon or swim the Channel he made some delicious cakes which he offered for sale in the Legion Club and then presented me with £108.61 to get the new year off to a cracking start. Very well done to you young Arlan.
- 2. Some students at Chichester College held a charity event and raised £167 which they gave to me for our Appeal. Well done!
- 3. Ian Francis, the butcher at East Beach reminded me that he still had a small collecting box on his counter. It contained £21.52

Our next Appeal starts then with £297.13. WE'RE OFF!

#### POPPY COLLECTORS

With great sadness two collectors who have been with us for many years have had to stand down as "Old Father Time" has caught-up with them.

This leaves several streets with no collector; they are:

Newfield Rd, Park Crescent, Park Lane and Park Rd Burlington Gardens.

Woodland Rd and Cherry Gardens.

Can you spare just a few hours of your time to volunteer to collect in any of these roads? Just a few short hours any time between 26th October and 9th November to help those who have suffered so much for our peace and security. Get in touch either by 'phone or email and I'll do the rest.

I look forward to hearing from you - best wishes to you all and many thanks once again.

ADRIAN WILSON Poppy Appeal Organiser, Selsey

at-wilson@selsevpc.net

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#### **Donna's Deliberation**

DEAR HUMANS

DIS remember my

Morning all, or indeed afternoon or evening, depending upon which involves yours truly opening the door and actually holding it open time zone you're in at the moment. Anyone remember the film called 'Truman?' It was about some poor guy stuck in the ultimate reality show where his entire life and environment was contrived and controlled. Awful thing was though, that the unfortunate chap knew nothing about it. Shocking. He would always greet people with the words, "Good morning and in case I don't see you....Good Afternoon and Good Evening!" Interesting film actually; if you've never seen it, see if you can track it down - quite thought provoking.

Personally, I've been so busy this last month, I haven't known what time of day it was! I spent one entire weekend leafleting and walked wake up. Upon rousing he will then proceed to head butt us until he 20,000 steps in one day, I was seriously achey. I have a bit of a love hate relationship with the whole leafleting thing; my regular two three in Mr Fred's 'wake us up' routine is to sit on us, so it's actually readers will know that it's a very convenient excuse to have a look around my fellow Selsonians' gardens, which I really enjoy but I'm sure I take longer to recover than I used to. Nothing, however, that a long bath and a sit down with a cup of tea and a chocolate biscuit couldn't solve! I went out for an hour one evening (by the way, isn't it getting dark early?) to finish off a couple of roads and I couldn't help but notice how many cats and hedgehogs there were around. Lovely to see, really.

I'm a bit of a cat lady at heart, I think. The Johnson household actually only has two, which is hardly excessive, but we do have an exceptionally intelligent one. I realise this is hard to believe but he can actually write - infact, I took a photograph of the latest note as proof of this incredible ability. As you can see, we treat Fred with some deference, given his astounding intellect and have prefaced his name with 'Mr'. The appearance of these notes has become quite a regular occurrence of late; we'll wake up in the

morning and some directive from Mr Fred will

have appeared. The latest one, as you can see,

reminded us to go to his vet to get his medicine. Somewhat unfortunately he forgot to leave us a note thanking us for purchasing said medicine but, there you go...he's a busy cat with a busy life and sleeping 18 hours a day can really take it out of you.

It has to be said that Mr Fred is not the most graceful of cats these days, perhaps because he's about 13 years old. He can no longer jump from the fence to the conservatory so number one son (only son, actually) has built a ladder so he can regally walk down it, rather than suffer the embarrassment of misjudging the jump. He's always had a big personality and is probably the most fearless cat I've ever met - he'll happily go nose to nose with a dog if said dog dares to invade his territory and even if he's not outside he'll keep jumping up on the windowsill for a quick recce. Unfortunately, his idea of fun isn't always ours. Woe betide anyone if they dare to leave a glass of something anywhere near the edge of a table... trust me, it won't be there long! Invariably, said glass will soon be deftly knocked over with a well aimed swish of his tail. He'll then sit on the table, peering over it with a strange look of triumph on his face, his ever lengthening whiskers bristling. You can practically hear him thinking..'Yup, successfully knocked that over..!"

Like most cats, he's pretty indecisive, though and this indecisiveness is actually getting worse. Everyday we play the "I want to go outside but I want to stay inside" game. This usually

for five minutes whilst Supercat decides whether he actually wants to go out or not. There is, I think, a direct correlation between the bad weather and the length of time he takes to decide, but that's probably only because I don't actually like holding the door open in the pouring rain whilst His Lordship makes a decision.

Has to be said, he does have his endearing features, though. One of the best ones is his ability to act as an alarm clock. On the rare occasions that the Johnson household is still asleep at 7.30 in the morning, Mr Fred will choose one of us to purr in our ears until we thinks we are fully awake but...is he finished? No, he is not. Step guite hard to breathe. The consequence is that we just give up... and get up. A cruel but strangely effective method developed by our fabulous feline. Frankly, I don't know why I haven't mentioned much about him before - he's given me enough material for book! Further adventures of Mr Fred, the cat, to follow.

So, my lovely fellow Selsonians, how does October find you? It is, of course, Halloween at the end of the month. Yet another notable day which appears to have grown in recognition over the last few years. Anyone familiar with the saying 'When America sneezes,

> Britain catches a cold?' We seem to have imported the 'celebration' of this day from across the pond and it's now much bigger than it was when even my son was growing up. I don't have an issue with it to be honest, and the children seem to enjoy it, but I do worry that perhaps, unknowingly, some of our older residents get rather upset at being called to the door umpteen times in one evening. I gather that it's possible to get stickers which can go on front doors explaining that the householder doesn't want to participate in the 'Trick or Treat'

tradition. It's a jolly good idea, I think and could ensure people who don't want to take part have a peaceful evening. Heads up, though...I'm usually OK for the odd packet of Haribos!

I can't sign off this month without drawing your attention to a couple of adverts elsewhere in this latest edition of Selsey Life. I'm helping to organise a Musical Supper Evening on the 12th October, with Selsey's own Shantymen and Graham Anthony at the Town Hall. It promises to be a thoroughly entertaining evening and the artistes are giving of their time free of charge so donations can be made to the First Responders and the newly formed Selsey Music Group. It's the Music Group which is also hosting the 'We Will Remember' evening at St Peter's Church on 10th November which promises to be a real treat. We hope you will consider joining us for these musical events; you will be made very welcome.

So, there we have it my fellow Selsonians, October is here and Autumn is well and truly upon us. The majority of the tourists have disappeared from our town at the bottom of the long and winding road and we can finally cross the High Street without playing 'dodge the car'. Every cloud as they say .....!

Take care all. donnajohnson279@gmail.com



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House spider

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

#### Be afraid, be very afraid

If you're looking for a balanced article about house spiders being misunderstood animals that actually help to keep our homes free of flies, then you're dealing with the wrong man. My name's Michael and I'm arachnophobic. I know, I know. It's completely irrational. They are totally harmless. So why, when I find all other animals wonderful, do these eight-legged arthropods make me so terrified that even typing their name sends an involuntary shiver down my spine?



House spider c Alan Price

Is my fear, as evolutionary psychologists believe, an inbuilt selfpreservation instinct inherited from the cavemen? Is it a response conditioned by a spider-fearing society? Or is it just because

spiders have those creepy. long, hairy legs? All I know is, after researching this article, I'll be sleeping with the lights on 'til Christmas. I understand that some animals out there actually do have big teeth and need to be feared and respected but they can be cleverly avoided by not going snorkelling at night in the upper

Amazon basin. There is no avoiding spiders. They will find you in the one place you thought was safe.

Your home.

There are many spider species which have the audacity to swan into our homes uninvited but the real monsters belong to the genus Tegenaria



House spider

c Graeme Lyons

House spider in the bath c Jeremy Early

- the house spiders. These spiders love dark, cool places so when humans invented 'indoors' they happily followed us inside. There's an easy way to identify the Tegenaria spiders. If you're hyperventilating, swearing and sobbing while stood on a chair then you've found one.

There are five Tegenaria species but the big daddy of the bunch is Tegenaria parietina, also known as The Cardinal Spider (named after Cardinal Wolsey, who apparently lived in fear of one of the eight-legged horrors of Hampton Court creeping up his cassock). It's leg span can reach a whopping five inches.

Tegenaria are most active in the autumn. The mature males scuttle scarily along the skirting board looking for a bigger, even more frightening female. After mating, he dies and then she eats him. A simple relationship but suitably horrific. She'll then saunter around your house, giving you a minor heart attack as she passes by, before finding somewhere dark and cool to hole up until she lays her eggs in the spring. So, to all the spider-lovers out there who come to our rescue with a glass and a bit of card, I salute you. To the rest of us, I have no words of consolation. Oh, and while you were reading this, I think I saw a really big one crawling behind your sofa.

#### SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST October 2019

#### **CHICHESTER**

#### **Tuesday 29 October**

Illustrated Talk by Judi Darley, Communities Officer to Chichester Harbour, on "Chichester Harbour's Latest Projects", to the Sussex Wildlife Trust, Friends Meeting House, Priory Road, Chichester, PO19 1NX at 7.30 pm.

Entrance Members £3-00/Visitors £4-00 inc refreshments 01243 262833 wheelchair access

#### Chichester Conservancy Volunteers October 2019

#### HEYSHOTT

Sunday 6 October

Conservation - Hedge-laying with Rod Eadie of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers on Heyshott Down from 10.00 am 07776 150863

#### GRAFFHAM

Sunday 20 October

Conservation - Heathland Management with Scott Robertson of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers on Graffham Common from 10.00 am 01243 552113 / 07539 090509



### RSPB Events for October 2019

## **PAGHAM**

Saturday 12 October

All Day Bird Walk around Pagham Lagoon and North Walls and with Roger Morris of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet in Church Lane, PO21 4NU at 10.00 am, Map Ref: SZ880976 01243 262833

#### CHICHESTER

#### **Thursday 24 October**

Illustrated Talk by Glenn Duggan on "Birding in Panama" to the RSPB at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1SY at 7.30 pm.

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

#### **CHIDHAM**

#### Saturday 26 Octoberl

All Day Bird Walk around Chidham and Cobnor Point with Carole Griffiths of the RSPB Chichester Local Group. Meet in sunken lane car park at 10.00 am, Map Ref: SU793034 01243 262833

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#### Fixing and Linking Our Wetlands on the Manhood Peninsula.

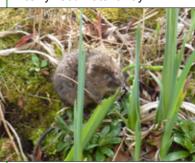
We are privileged to be surrounded by nature here on the Manhood Peninsula. In every direction you will find nature reserves, salt marshes, semi-ancient woodlands, and in the distance the South Downs rise. However, wildlife habitats found in-between these areas have degraded with the demand for highly productive arable fields and urban sprawl. Sadly, we have lost a significant number of trees, hedgerows and well-connected rifes and ditches which has worsened local flooding.

The Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group's Fixing and Linking Our Wetlands (FLOW) project has been surveying the condition of the Peninsula's ditches. Wherever we find ditches in poor condition i.e. full of litter, overgrown with brambles, blocked culverts, we carry out physical improvement works to



Improved pond in Hunston

reconnect the network of ditches that need to be linked together to carry flood water away.



Water Vole

Simultaneously we create habitats for wildlife such as bats, birds, pollinators and water voles. Water voles used to be a common wetland species, but their population is estimated to have dropped by a staggering 90% in the last 60 years. By linking up ditches and waterways we help them move freely and safely within their habitat. We also work closely with

farmers and landowners, offering advice on how they can enrich their land for wildlife.

Since 2015, FLOW staff and volunteers have surveyed 1,000+ ditches and 350+ hedgerows; advised 26 landowners; and surveyed and improved 47 ponds/wetland sites. We have improved many visible sites such as The Wad in West Wittering, Willow Glen on the B2145 in Sidlesham, West Itchenor pond, Hunston pond, Birdham ponds and more. Other MWHG volunteers self-manage East Beach Pond and Manor Green Park, two familiar sites in Selsey.

Taking Willow Glen as an example, we carried out physical improvement works with our team of volunteers who helped us transform the site by cutting back and removing overgrown willow, digging it out to allow flood water to collect here, planting a mixed fruiting hedge, wildflower seeds and installing coir rolls – a degradable



Pond Wildlife Survey growing medium for wetland plants submerged in water.

We are always looking for new volunteers to join us – we have lots to do and the more the merrier! Everyone goes at their own pace and there are no time commitments. We provide all the tools you need and plenty of great refreshments.

Sign up to receive information about our upcoming task days by emailing: hello@mwhg.org.uk

By Emily Sabin, FLOW Communications and Engagement Officer



Willow Glen After



Willow Glen Before

## Selsey Community First Responders

#### in partnership with South East Coast Ambulance Service

'NEWS FROM THE SELSEY FIRST RESPONDERS'

Thank you to the Gainsborough Singers, Manhood Classic Cars and Brian Ridley, who busks in Selsey High Street playing his flute, for their contributions to our Charity and to all our supporters.

As a charity we rely entirely upon the generosity of the Selsey community for keeping our Responders on the road, helping to save lives in the community.

Selsey First Responders are available to give demonstrations at any time and would encourage community groups to consider them as a way of getting more information and confidence in dealing with a medical emergency were it ever to arise. Please email: info@selseyfirstresponders.org if you have an interest in booking a demonstration.

Nigel Allfrey is now fully operational and is a very welcome addition to our Responding team.

Selsey First Responders will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd November at Selsey Town Hall from 10 am until 2 pm.

#### **RESTART A HEART DAY – 16th OCTOBER 2019**

Restart a Heart Day is a global initiative, launched in 2013, to raise awareness of the importance of teaching members of the public how to restart the heart of someone who has suffered a cardiac arrest.

Over 30,000 people suffer a cardiac arrest out of hospital in the UK every year. Currently less than 10% survive.

The earlier a patient can receive CPR and a shock from a defibrillator, the greater their chance of survival.

The Selsey Community First Responders are supporting this initiative and will be offering CPR training to the Selsey community on Wednesday 16th and Saturday 19th October between 10 am and 2 pm at the Selsey Town Hall.

In 2018, an amazing 239,000 were trained in CPR in the UK. Come along to this event – there is no charge and you could make a difference to someone's life.....every second counts.

For more information about the Selsey Community First Responders Scheme, how to make a donation, or if you would like to become a fundraiser, please see

www.selseyfirstresponders.org or info@selseyfirstresponders.org. wildlife



#### rspo a home As the nights draw in...

The leaves are falling, our summer visitors have left, and our wildlife is busy preparing for the leaner, harder times ahead. Birds race to put on weight to see them through the winter, shadows lengthen and as the light fades, the smell of warm open fires drifts on the breeze...

Under the moonlight a ghostly apparition floats over the fields and swollen, 'dead man's fingers' rise from the ground. Don't worry,

there are no zombies clawing out of their graves. 'Dead man's fingers' are just one of many fungi that can be found at this time of year. Fungi have long been associated with death, decay and magic, but are themselves



fascinating organisms with complex lives and come in an array of different forms and colours - even purple and even blue!

> Meanwhile the ghostly apparition is a barn owl. Flying silently, often hovering, with white underwings and breast, it is easy to understand why the barn owl was once known as the

'ghost owl' or 'demon owl'. They were seen as omens of ill fortune

and the practise of nailing one above the door to ward off evil continued into the nineteenth century. However, when farmers and



Barn owl - John Bridges

clergymen realised how efficient the owls were at ridding buildings of rodents and other mammals, they were encouraged to nest in barns and churches.

It is no surprise that October evenings feel a little spooky and we are celebrating the season this month with a variety of events.

Join our Site Manager and immerse yourself in the world of fungi with our Beginners Guide. During Half-term we will be making birdfeeders for hungry birds and learning more about owls, including discovering what they had for supper!

Garden Spider -Ben Andrew

Soon our winter visitors will arrive and if you wish to ensure you have the best equipment to view them with, come along to our Binocular and Telescope Open Day. For more information on these events and more, pop into our Visitor Centre on the B2145 south of Chichester or check our website www.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour.

October is the also the month to clean out nest boxes and if you still have time on your hands, why not join our team of volunteers. We have a wide variety of roles including ones staying warm inside, helping to run the Visitor Centre. Simply give us a call on 01243 641508 or email us, pagham.harbour@rspb.org.uk

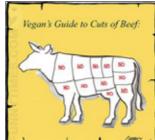
## Let's give nature a home



Medmerry by Meryn

In 1890 a young girl was smeared with phosphorous so that she would glow in the dark and act as a ghost in a hoax seance.

She was, of course, poisoned by the chemical and died. Did she go back to haunt them I wonder?)





# rspb a home RSPB Pagham Harbour & Medmerry

#### Saturday 05 October, Wildlife Photography Workshop.

This all-day practical workshop gives an introduction to the key principles and techniques of Nature and Wildlife photography. The workshop will combine theory with opportunities to get to grips with your camera and its settings with the opportunity to practice what you learn on our beautiful reserve. 8.30am (duration 8 hours)

Booking essential £25 per person / £20 members

Sunday 06 October, Beginners Guide to Fungi. Fungi are fascinating and many have brilliant names such as 'chicken of the woods' and 'King Alfred's cakes'. Neither plant nor animal, yet essential to our planet in so many ways. During this workshop, our Site Manager will introduce you to the weird and wonderful ways of this kingdom, before taking you on a fungal foray to practise how to recognise your 'witches butter' and 'turkeytail'. 10am (duration 3 hours)

Booking essential £12 per person / £10 RSPB members

#### Saturday 19 October, Binocular and Telescope Open Day.

Come along and try our wide range of binoculars and telescopes and have a chat with our friendly optics experts. Whether you're a complete beginner or an experienced birder we'll be happy to

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

#### Sunday 20 October, Discover Pagham Harbour Guided Walk.

A gentle stroll along the Tramway and around Sidlesham Quay looking for autumn migrants. This 4 mile walk combines wildlife and the Harbours historic past.

10am (duration 3½ hours)

Booking essential, £7 per person / £4 members

#### Half-term activities

All week we have our FREE creepy, crawly Halloween guiz trail just ask at the visitor centre for a trail sheet.

Tuesday 29 October, Birds & Crafts! With autumn upon us many birds are returning to garden feeders as food becomes harder to find. Join us in discovering which birds and learning more about them, before making your own bird feeder to take home.

10.30am (duration 2 hours)

Booking essential, £3 per child / £2 members

#### Thursday 31 October, What went crunch in the owls lunch!

Owls have long been linked with witches and wizards but what, or 'whooo' did our owls have for dinner?! Dissect their pellets and solve this spooky mystery and create a beastly Halloween lantern to take home.

10.30am (duration 2 hours)

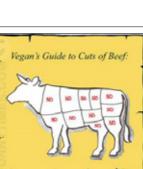
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#### RSPB Pagham Seals Wildlife Explorers

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# **Selsey** Centre

#### Welcome

We have availability for parties on Saturday, or Sundays the price starts at £30 for 3 hours.

Please contact us for more details on 01243 603836.

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### Table top sale Sunday 13th October and Sunday 17th November

one table £6.50 two tables £10 come in to see us and book.

Barn Dance on the 5th October organised by St. Peters Church tickets are on sale now here at The Selsey Centre £12 each starts at 7pm and has a Pay bar.

National Blood Service are here on the 15th November from 2pm, to book an appointment to donate please log onto www.blood.co.uk or download the free app NHS give blood.

#### Regular activities

Bounceabout Toddler and soft play is on the 8<sup>t,</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> October 9am-12pm tea and coffee available at 50p.

We look forward to seeing you The Selsey Centre Team



## The Write Zone with 7 ara Wright



The tree stood in the corner of the lawn, her long fingers stretching as if to touch the children as they played. For generations she had stood in this place, silent and indomitable, watching families come and go. She had long ago accepted that her seeming indifference meant that she was invisible to them. Her unblinking gaze followed the tributaries of scarred bark and she wondered if they would have loved her better had she had been a different kind of wood, one that did not

dry in ugly flakes beneath the touch of probing fingers. The ground out of which she had been raised was deep with pronglike russet needles that she had shed and which no one had yet swept away. Below her seasonal cascade, the grass had long-ago withered, and was now no more than unyielding earth. She grieved for what she had inflicted, unable to stop what she was time-bound to do at the end of each summer..

The children squealed and it was a sound as light and high as any bird that had ever settled in her scented turrets. She watched as the eldest girl, brown with long summer, drunk on freedom, turned a slow cartwheel across the lawn. How she wished she could do that! To twist and bend, to feel her entire weight yield to her own volition and not the wind.

The young boy launched himself at the faded swing that hung from one of her sturdy arms. It had once been the red of a cherry pith, but was now scoured by the elements to a pale rose hue. When they were much younger the children used to stand on that swing seat: base-camp before the climb to reach her only jewellery: the pine cones that clustered, like smooth armadillos in the forks of her canopy. She would wonder which cones were ripe enough to yield to stone and stick. Oh, those days when she wished she could lift those children so that they could have their

pick. Now, the cones lay where they grew, unharvested, the climb through her boughs replaced by new diversions.

The girl had gone inside. Her cartwheels had brushed the lawn's nap so that the merest trace of her remained. Her cardigan and hairbrush lay where she had strewn them. The boy's blue and white football now lay in the border adorned by a bridal headdress of foliage. She dozed then, until a metallic clank against her side roused her. Something cold and hard pressed against her cracked skin and she regarded the object and the man at her feet. The sound of the chainsaw reached her, caustic buzzing that drowned out the song of the blackbird; the sudden gnawing of teeth into her bark. Her gaze turned to the place where the saw worked, and it was shocking and wonderous all at the same time to see how her pale inner flesh revealed itself so wantonly to its touch. Her dry limb, devoid of frond and needle cracked and fell. As the chainsaw worked she felt a rise of fear that this man would not stop until all her limbs were carved away and stacked beneath her. The tree stood trembling until, at last, the man turned off his saw and took down his ladder and departed. It was not until she felt the flush of warmth settled on her newly exposed flank that her hopes rose like the seeds of a dandelion clock on the wind. That part of her body had not felt the sun in so long and the joy of what the man had done for her streamed through her whilst the blackbird's bubbling cry rose again in her highest branches.

In a while, the man returned; the children too, carrying a basket. The chequered picnic blanket was shaken out upon the dry ground beneath the tree's boughs where it was driest. Amidst murmur and giggle the basket was opened and preying fingers fell on bowls of food. Plates and glasses were passed through eager hands. The tree listened and sighed, content, as cheers were exclaimed and games suggested. Her loyalty was timeless, her protection was forever, her purpose renewed.

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# Selsey Coastguard

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

#### **Recent Callouts**

#### 04/08/19 17:41

Team paged alongside Portsmouth Coastquard Rescue Team to provide mud rescue capabilities to a yacht aground in Langstone Harbour.

As Portsmouth arrived at the RV point the Lifeboat from Hayling Island Lifeboat Station had reached the vessel and evacuated the

With the vessel secure and no life at risk the Coastquard teams were stood down from the incident.

We would like to thank the staff at The Lifeboat Pub for cooking us fresh food as the team had just ordered dinner after supporting Selsey Lifeboat Day when our pagers went off and we had to leave! were happy to wait for the tide to come back in.

#### 05/08/19 18:30

Two members of the team were asked to carry out a quick shoreline search from the Lifeboat Station in both directions after an inflatable toy was found out at sea.

Reports of an object in the water was made earlier on and Selsey Inshore Lifeboat was tasked carried out a search and recovered an inflatable chair. eep Inflatable
Toys For The Poo

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R#SPA SCOTSS Lifeboats

With information from a fisherman saying they had seen it earlier this afternoon, and no groups of people on the beach and no one reported missing all assets were stood

Blow-up lilos and toys are great fun in the swimming pool, but they're best avoided at the seaside. They can easily drift out to sea

and you may not notice until you're a long way from shore and out of your depth.

If you do find yourself being swept out to sea, stay with your inflatable and shout for help, waving your arms if possible. Don't attempt to swim for shore if you are out of your depth.

#### 09/08/19 10:33

Team paged to Langstone Harbour, Mill Rithe Holiday Village, Hayling Island; to a person on the mud.

Selsey Coastguard Team were paged with Hayling and Portsmouth Coastguard Team to a person on the mud in Langstone Harbour.

Hampshire Fire Rescue, Hampshire Police and the HART Team were all on scene with Hayling Lifeboat also tasked to stand off.

Portsmouth and Selsey Coastguard Mud Rescue Teams were both set up in two different locations and were ready to go out on to the mud with a couple of Firefighters.

Selsey's mud team proceeded on to the mud and as we went out the casualty moved towards the marina and Police and Coastguard Teams were able to get the casualty safely to them.

Once the casualty was safe all assets were able to stand down.

This was a great Multi agency job with all assets working closely together to get the best outcome and for a safe rescue.

We would like to thank the kind staff at Mill Rithe Holiday Village for providing us all with food and drinks once we had been stood down. It was very much appreciated, thank you.

Returning to station at 14.35 to commence the wash down and to repack the vehicle leaving the station with all kit clean and drying at

If you get stuck in the mud at the coast dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

#### 10/08/19 10:05

Team paged while out on a local safety patrol to West Wittering Beach after a Porpoise had washed up on the beach.

The team took measurements and details of the Porpoise to send to our Operations Centre and the National History Museum. Interesting fact - Dolphins, porpoises and whales are all protected under the Royal Fish laws of the United Kingdom and HM Coastquard undertakes duties on behalf of the Receiver of a Wreck to record details of Royal Fish washed ashore.

Team paged to reports of a vessel and a person stuck in the mud at Thorney Island.

Hayling Coastguard Team were also paged with our Mud Rescue Team from Selsey.

All assets were stood down once we had confirmation that all casualties were now out of the mud, back safely on their vessel and

#### 22/08/19 13:24

Team paged to reports of a vessel drifting out at sea about a mile and a half off Marine beach car Park with two persons on

The team managed to get eyes on the vessel and were able to monitor it for a while, with the vessel still drifting and unable to see clearly what was going on we requested the launch of Selsey Lifeboat. However once requested we stood the Lifeboat down before launching as the vessel we were monitoring was under power again and moving and we believe they were fishing. False alarm this time but thank you to the first informants for doing the right thing and calling the Coastguard, better safe than sorry.

#### 23/08/19 09:50

Team paged to reports of people in the water off Bognor.

False alarm this time, with fully clothed members of the public paddling back to shore from a small vessel.

Littlehampton Coastguard Team and Lifeboat were also tasked. All assets stood down to return to station.

#### 24/08/19 13:50

Team paged to reports of two missing children at West Wittering Beach.

Children found safe and well.

#### 24/08/19 14:46

Team paged to reports of missing children at West Wittering Beach.

Children found safe and well.

#### 24/08/19 14:56

Team tasked to another report

of a missing child at West Wittering Beach.

Child found safe and well.

#### 24/08/19 21:48

Team paged to provide safety cover, and make sure all people were out of the water after a van and trailer ended up in the water at the end of East Beach Dive Ramp.

The vehicle ended up in the water after the owner was trying to recover his boat.

The team made sure all persons were out of the water and prevented others from entering.

The casualties were cold from the





water so blankets were provided to keep themselves warm while they arranged recovery of their vehicle and transport home.

Sussex Police were also requested and were in attendance.

We stayed on scene to provide safety cover until the vehicle had been recovered, returning to station just after midnight. East Beach Dive Ramp is quite steep and can become very

slippery; caution should be used at all times.

#### 25/08/19 13:19

Team paged to reports of a missing child at West Wittering Beach.

Child found safe and well.

#### 25/08/19 13:43

Team tasked to reports of a 3 year old missing child at West Wittering Beach.

Child found safe and well.

#### 25/08/19 15:15

Team tasked to another report of a missing child at West Wittering Beach.

Child found safe and well and stood down en route. Hayling Lifeboats were also tasked to assist today's callouts, with our thanks.

#### 26/08/19 12:54

Team paged to reports of a person in the water and in difficulty off Marine Beach, Selsey.

On arrival the person was found safe and well on the beach after someone had pulled him out.

The casualty was swimming at Marine Beach when he got caught in the strong currents and was being dragged out to sea.

The currents can be extremely strong and dangerous on this part of the beach and we advise that you do not swim there, or know what the tide and currents are doing first.

Selsey Inshore Lifeboat was also tasked but stood down before launching.

Thankfully both persons were ok and no medical assistance was

#### 26/08/19 14:34

Team paged to reports of a missing 5 year old child at West Wittering Beach.

Child found safe and well a few miles down the beach in Bracklesham Bay.

Sussex Police were also tasked and on scene.



#### **Selsey Coastquard Rescue Team**

#### 26/08/19

Team tasked to multiple reports of missing children at West Wittering Beach.

All children found safe and well. Returning to station at 17.30

#### 26/08/19 18:58

Team tasked to two missing children at West Wittering Beach. Stood down en route with both children found safe and well

Team paged to reports of 3 people on the sand bar, at West Wittering Beach cut off by the tide.

Hayling Rescue also responded and rescued the 3 casualties from the sand bar and brought them ashore to us, where we provided them with blankets as they were cold.

With no further medical assistance needed, we took the casualties back to their family.

#### 31/08/19 13:35

Team paged to reports of 2 kayakers in possible difficulty off Marine Beach, Selsey.

The kayakers had been reported paddling but not moving, due to the strong currents.

Thankfully on arrival all kayakers had made it safely ashore and everyone was accounted for safe and well.

#### 31/08/19 16:37

Team paged to reports of an injured Kitesurfer that had hit a groyne on the beach at the end of Shore Road, West Wittering. First aid treatment was given on the beach and the casualty was

then transferred into an ambulance and taken to hospital.

Thank you to West Wittering lifeguards for also attending and supporting this incident, it was very much appreciated.











**OCTOBER** <u>\*SAT 5<sup>™</sup> OCT: FROM MOTOWN TO COUNTRY AND WESTERN</u> ENJOY THE LOVELY VOICE OF TANIA HONEY \*THURS 10<sup>™</sup> OCT: IS QUIZ AND BINGO SAT 12<sup>TH</sup> OCT: DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH MARTIN DAVID

WHAT'S ON AT THE SELSEY CLUB

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\*SAT 19<sup>TH</sup> OCT: THE SUPERB BLUES SINGER/GUITARIST BRENT HUTCHINSON \*THUR 24<sup>™</sup> OCT: COME ON DOWN FOR QUIZ AND BINGO

\*SAT 26<sup>™</sup> OCT: WE HAVE THE EXCELLENT SEAN WARD AS THE LEGEND ELVIS WITH ALL THE MOVES AND THE OUTFITS COME ON DOWN GIRLS WE WILL HAVE A FAB FUN NIGHT

\*THUR: 30<sup>™</sup> THE BOXALL MEMORIAL QUIZ

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Two "shop" related stories locally caught my eye over the past week. One was in Chichester, where it appears that planning permission has just been given for yet another coffee shop/ restaurant; the other is closer to home, and refers to the former "Crab Pot" pub premises in Selsey High St. Now if someone thinks there is sufficient capacity in the market for yet another coffee shop or food outlet in Chichester City centre, then that's for them (and their bank manager) to decide; but I would have thought there is enough coffee sloshing around the pedestrian precinct on a daily basis to keep the Royal Navy's new aircraft

The Selsey story concerns me, however; it seems that some members of Selsey Town Council are very excited because permission has been given for the former "Crab Pot" premises to return to retail use now that the pub has a new home. That's all very well, but to what purpose? Is there a huge demand for retail premises (and these premises in particular) in Selsey High St? Has someone got a viable, costed and funded proposal for a retail purpose urgently wanted by residents that cannot be fulfilled: or are we going to see yet another empty shop, occasionally populated by a "here today, gone tomorrow" pop-up type of "business, as has happened too frequently of late?

Don't get me wrong- I'm all for free enterprise; I've run my own business (I've been a bit of an entrepreneur at times, in fact) and I and other members of my family have been involved in various aspects of the retail trade among other things over the years. I've got it wrong on occasion as well, and had to "pick myself up, dust myself down, and start all over again"- but I learned very early on to check my market, make sure I had a good business case and adequate funding, and to be aware of and be prepared for the fact that things could go wrong before I finally committed myself.

What worries me about the Town Council's (and, it would appear, CDC planning department's) stance is the eagerness with which they pursue their apparent ideal of a High Street full of shops, when to all intents and purposes traditional shopping centre as we know them are pretty much dead and buried. That's not to say that there isn't a place for small independent traders on our High Streets- and if someone wants to set up shop to sell "widgets" or something, then of course they should be able to do- but not, in my view, to the exclusion of so many other forms of trade and commerce.

It seems to me that with the explosion of on-line shopping, internet banking, and out-of-town shopping malls, the traditional high street has no place in modern society. That's not to say that

we don't need our high streets- but they need to change; and we all need to recognise that what replaces them must be different. If they were developed in a new format they could and I think would be be a community asset, bringing regeneration and returning vitality to the heart of our towns and villages- but if they are to do so, planning policies must change.

So, what could be done about this? Anyone with any kind of business acumen can see that the present set-up has no viable future, so let's think and act a bit more radically. As a nation, we seem to be too hide-bound by our traditional way of doing things. Let's look further afield to see how things are done elsewhere, both in this country and abroad. Streets full of variety and colour, with shops, eateries, artisan workshops, professional offices, pubs/inns- and above all homes- at both ground floor level and over are always a draw to both shoppers and visitors alike, and must be more welcoming than a row of struggling shops with many standing empty- and that, I suggest, is what we are likely to end up with if we don't encourage diversity in our high streets.

Selsey High Street is just about holding its own in that respect; it's reasonably diverse, though I have to say not as lively and colourful as perhaps it needs to be! What can we do to change things, and make sure that our town doesn't go the way so many others have gone across the country? I think we've got to encourage our local authorities at all levels to change or moderate their policies where ever possible and legal; to become more accepting of innovation; and to act more flexibly in the way they consider applications for change of use.

Obviously there's got to be some degree of control in this, especially where anti-social or obnoxious processes etc., are involved; but our planners (including planning committees) seem to be obsessed with sticking rigidly to often long out-dated planning policies. How often do we hear of a business proposition that would benefit the local community being turned down because otherwise entirely suitable premises don't fall within the appropriate planning category? Far too often, as far as I am concerned- and without this changing we have to be fearful for the future of our town and it's High Street.

Happy shopping!

Bryn Edgar

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In Selsev The Fruit Basket, The Crab Pot & Tasoulla's



Selsey Folk & Music Club, presented a truly special event at The Selsey Club in Coxes Road, on Saturday September 14th. All proceeds are being donated to that worthy cause, 'Selsey Community Christmas Day Lunch Fund 'which Julie and Danny Kelly run each year.

MC ,John Bradley emphasized to all that The Selsey Folk & Music Club were passionate about helping and supporting young singers and musicians with their journey in the music world by performing in public and moving on maybe one day to whatever may follow.

It was a magical gig (not for the feint hearted however) with a full four and a half hours packed with music of many genres.

The three Newman Sisters of Selsey, Annabelle 12, on Clarinet, Genevieve 11, on Flute and Xanthe 9, on Violin opened the event with a short piece each, skillfully played without a wrong note between them, a great opener.



Next was Mia Collins, 17, from Chichester, who sang a number of covers over her 20 minute appearance inc by Bruce Springsteen and Lana Del Rey of whom she resembles vocally she added a couple of her own compositions in a strong tuneful voice backed by her own softly played guitar. She demonstrated her full vocal range which at times sounded great and edgy. Like a few of our Performers she then left to go and play at a 'paid' gig.

The next on was 'Savannah' from Selsey, She is awesome for a 15 year old. A solid hour of self accompanied (guitar) rock/pop, again including her own material and a requested 'Queen' song which challenged the Original; full of boundless energy, powerful vocals, great stage presence and



it simply got better and better leaving you speechless by the end. This Selsey teenager will go places. She too then swiftly headed off to another gig.

Keiron Blackmore,21, from Crawley, a session singer, guitarist entertained all with a strong confident 45 minute set assured by being possessed of a voice with excellent timbre and good interaction with the audience another one with a gig to rush off to! A late entry was 11 yr old Isla Sturrock who gave a sweet and confident performance of 'No-one But You' from the Queen Stage Show We Will Rock You. Not a dry eye in the house!



Tim Wagter, 17, Felpham singer songwriter was on next; Tim gave us a skilled and

skilled and
polished, cleverly varied range of
songs with his vocals and keyboard of

which he was total master. From the Kinks to Elton John and numbers of his own composition .

The ever smiling Hattie Chandler also from Felpham, 17, delighted all with a couple of songs accompanied by Tim Wagter on keyboard; she wowed the audience with her range and vocal maturity. The two then performed together providing an extra facet for the delectation of



The finale was performed by professional 25 year old folk singer songwriter, Dom Prag from Southampton, making his third appearance at The Selsey Folk & Music Club. His covers and self penned songs were sensitively delivered, accompanied perfectly on guitar. Prag has been trained on

guitar by his Father, a classical guitarist and oh doesn't it show with those impossible chord shapes!

Selsey Folk & Music Club are on to a winner here 'Showcasing Young Performers' and will surely stage a repeat at some stage.

Their monthly sessions are on the third Wednesday of each month at The Selsey Club, 7 for 7.30pm . SING, PLAY OR JUST LISTEN. All age groups welcome.

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8) Who did Reanate Blauel marry on Valentine's day 1984?

9) What was the first bird released from Noah's Ark?



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October is a kaleidoscope of splendid colour. It shows the latest riches of summer before the poverty of winter. We can enjoy some late and balmy sunshine but dark skies are also frequent.

Virginia creeper is a picture of colour - carmine deepening to crimson which at sunset, sets walls and fences ablaze, such a pleasure to the eve.

Hedgerows abound with fruit, Sloes, Blackberries, Elderberries, Crab Apple. Collect eat and enjoy nature's free bounty. Acorns, Chestnuts, Beech Nuts and Hazel Nuts are welcome food especially for Hedgehogs and Squirrels. By hiding this bounty in nooks and crannies the squirrels will leave some behind which will grow into young trees. The Ash-keys - the winged fruit of the Ash tree will be sent spinning away on the breeze to produce young Ash saplings.

Keep a lookout for the beautiful mauve autumn crocus which is particularly noticeable as it has no leaves. The leaves grow next summer. It isn't really a crocus but belongs to the bluebell family. Inhale the late honeysuckle flowers for an aphrodisiac effect!

House Martins, Swallows and Swifts have either left or are leaving. If possible attend some harvest festivals in village or town churches, enjoy the scents and colour of all produce on display and thank God for his generous bounty.

## Jobs for October

& INSTALLATIONS

NO JOB TOO SMALL

This as a good time to lift and divide herbaceous perennials. Once lifted ensure the roots are not left lying around exposed for any length of time as they rapidly dry out. Spray them with a little water and keep them in plastic bags or cover with polythene sheeting while you replenish the soil with well rotted compost before replanting.

Worm casts are a nuisance when trodden into grass as they become ideal seed beds for weeds. But the soil processed by the worms is fine and nutritious and there is the added correlation that the worms are aerating the lawn for you. During dry weather you can break the casts by beating the lawn with a besom broom so that the fine scattered soil can be washed back into the ground.

Plant winter and spring bedding displays, only use hardy varieties such as Wallflowers, winter flowering Pansies and Viola's, Forget-me-nots, Heathers and Primroses.

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## Tip Top Tips

- Shake a Cox's Apple before you eat it, it is ripe and ready if you can hear the pips rattling inside
- Attach a rope to a child's skateboard it makes an ideal trolley for shifting heavy objects around the garden
- Lift Gladioli corms and store them somewhere cool and dry over winter
- Order bare root Roses, Trees and Hedging plants for winter planting, heel them in until ready to plant
- Hardwood cuttings can now be taken from Flowering Currants, Forsythia, Elder, Buddleia and Lilac
- Plant autumn onion sets, harvest apples, pears, marrows, squash, melons and pumpkins
- Remove all shading from greenhouses to let in maximum light
  - Repair fences, trellis and other timber structures before the arrival of strong winds
- Sprinkle salt on paths and crevices to remove weeds and grass.

## THE SELSEY MUSIC GROUP PRESENTS

THE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE OF LONDON

A WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATION CONCERT

St Peter's Church, Selsey

November 10, 2019, 4pm (Door 3.30pm), £10.00



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Once butterflies and frogs expire once cities by the seas are swallowed once heart is lost in town and shire once people dread the new tomorrow once pleading prayer is all but spent once it is too late to repent

When they survey the dreadful cost when comes the point of no return when they accept that all is lost when summer's heat devours December .... It's ATTENBOROUGH they'll remember.

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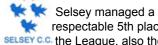




selsey cricket club



The Season at Selsey Cricket Club has now come to a close for the 2019 season.



respectable 5th place in SELSEY C.C. the League, also the

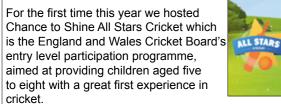
Sunday XI had a successful season.

During the summer of 2019 we had in May the Sir Patrick Moore Match and family day, when we played the Thespian Thunderers.



During August we had the every popular Beer and Rounders, and Family day.

Thank you to all the people involved in both events, from Club Members to stall holders, and people who took part in the events, and we look forward to the same events next



All Stars Cricket aims to provide children with all of the fundamental skills they need to play. Through lively, fun games, they will learn about cricket and be better prepared to take part in all sports.



One of Selsey's Junior Allstars Esme Amis was selected to be a flag bearer at the Ladies Kia Super league T20 final on Sunday 1st September at the Sussex County Cricket Club at Hove.

In 2020 we hope to have under 13 Cricket as well.

For more Information about Juniors please contact Nic on colts@selsevcc.co.uk

People who are interested in joining Selsev Cricket Club as a Playing or non playing member please contact Peter on Membership@selsevcc.co.uk

The Annual General Meeting will take place in the club house on FRIDAY 8TH November at 19.00 HRS FOR 19.30 HRS, this will be followed by the annual presentation evening from 20:30, hot food will be supplied, this will be free, but donations to the club will be Welcome.

Ricky Halpin

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#### CRABLANDS BOWLS & TENNIS CLUB

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

CRABLANDS LADIES once again upheld the reputation of the Club and congratulations go to them for their endeavours. The end of the 2019 season saw the following results from matches played: In the Ladies Game, Set and Match League (Division 2), Crablands Yellow side collected 2 points away to Norfolk (32-39): Cheryl Brown, Grace Humphreys, Pat Terry and Lesley Duff won 19-17

Jo Green, Maggie Brand, Carole Cornwell and Joan Adams lost 13-22

Friendly- Val Foyle, Lil Tuck, Sarah Fewster and Sue Blyth lost

In the WSBL Crablands Men hosted Worthing Pavilion "B" and picked up 4 points (64-72), sadly not enough to keep them in

Richard Green, Mike Lockyer, Tony Dade and Ian Ford won 20-14 Nigel Reynolds, Albert Humphreys, Peter Blackman and Mark Heasman won 21-18

Nigel Crump, Lew Lewendon, Richard Humphrey and Derek Clacey lost 12-19

Alan Bateman, Doug Muncey, John Cornwell and Les Jewiss lost

The Club Finals, held over 3 days - (Chris Lewendon in an impressive 5 finals - of which she was victorious in 4) meant that one final was played on Friday afternoon. Excellent bowling over the 3 days:



Ladies Singles Chris Lewendon, runner-up Sheila

Mens' Singles - winner Richard Humphrey, runnerup Ian Ford Ladies' 2 wood Singleswinner Elaine Sadler, runnerup Pat Osborn Mens' 2 wood Singles -

winner Peter Blackman, runner- up Mike Lockyer Open Handicap Singles- winner Richard Humphrey, runner-up Ian Ford

100 Up Singles - winner Derek Clacey, runner-up Richard Humphrey

Village Cup (non winners) - winner Richard Green, runner - up Peter Blackman

Ladies' Pairs - winners Chris Lewendon and Maggie Brand, runners - up Grace Humphrevs and Sue Blvth

Mens' Pairs - winners Peter Blackman and Tony Dade, runners up Lew Lewendon and Derek Clacey

Drawn Mixed Pairs - winners Lesley Duff and Tony Dade, runners-up Lorna Edmeades and Lew Lewendon

Chosen Mixed Pairs - winners Denny and Pat Terry, runners - up Chris and Lew Lewendon

2 wood Mixed Pairs- winners Nigel Crump

and Chris Lewendon, runners - up Ian Ford and Mark Heasman Drawn Mixed Triples - winners Chris Lewendon, Denny Terry and Lew Lewendon, runners-up Pat Osborn, Dave Osman and Albert Humphreys.

With the bowling green put to bed for the winter the indoor Short Mat bowls players start their winter sessions and for information about this game call Jim on 606172. On the tennis front a reminder that the junior Saturday morning sessions are underway again and with the all-weather courts our tennis players can play for 52 weeks of the year – weather permitting. For all information call Jo on 606890. A reminder too for members of Crablands the Social events are underway and details are on the boards at the



### LITTLE SPAIN BOWLING CLUB

Golf Links Lane PO20 9DR email: lsbowlsclub@gmail.com

website: www.selseycountryclub.co.uk/little-spain-bowling-club

Apart from an unexpected heavy down pour of rain at the start of the second day of our Finals Weekend which delayed the start of play briefly, we were treated to two bright and sunny days. Those who came to support the Finalists were rewarded with some first rate bowling. Congratulations to all our Club Competitors for taking part.

The Final Results are:

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Competition	Winner	Runner Up
Ladies Singles	Joan Spicer	Sylvia Ballinger
Men's Singles	Trevor Palmer	John Thorp
Non Winners	Marcus Whiting	Tony Dann
Ladies Yardstick	Sylvia Ballinger	Joan Spicer
Men's Yardstick	John Ballinger	Bob Hughes
Ladies Pairs	Annette Iskett/	Barbara Bond/
	Joan Spicer	Sylvia Ballinger
Men's Pairs	lain Mayzes/	Marcus Whiting/
	John Thorp	Derek Wyatt
Mixed Pairs	Trevor Palmer/	Alan Ranscombe/
	Anne Croxford	Sylvia Ballinger

The Gordon Simmons Friday League result was a win for Team E: John Bennett/Jillie Ranscombe/Trevor Palmer/Bob Hughes

2nd: Team C: Alan Ranscombe/Jackie Mayzes/John Thorp/Sylvia

3rd: Team G: Barrie Gost/Anne Croxford/Chris Lankshear/Marcus

Two annual events: Bowlers v Golfers match was, after several checks of the score, once again declared a "draw"!!! and the Wharf Rose Bowl was narrowly won by Purley.

President's Day, under the mantel of President Trevor, was as always something different:

A Day at the Races.



The bowling was won by: Paul Zealand, Ray Croxford and Trevor Plaistow. Barbara and Bob Hughes won a prize for the couple who made the most effort to dress the part. Captain Alan's raffle on the Race Night made £120 for his charity: St Wilfrid's Hospice.

Four of our ladies, Val Palmer, Annette Iskett, Sylvia Ballinger and Joan Spicer, attended the Wittering Ladies Invitation Trophy where they came 2nd to Burgess Hill. Well done Ladies.

Many of us will be off to follow our varying winter bowling pursuits. However, we can still be contacted on the above email or via our website should you be considering taking up or renewing an interest in green bowls. We re-open in April 2020

#### SELSEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Meets at Medmerry Primary School, School Lane Wednesday & Thursday evenings at 7pm & Sundays at 10.00 am & 3pm. All equipment provided.

#### New members welcome

Contacts: Sylvia Cox on 681663

Annette Iskett on 606227 email: annetteiskett@hotmail.com Jean Tolhurst @ royandjean325@gmail.com

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#### 2) GREAT FOR GENERAL WELLBEING

Just 30 minutes of swimming three times a week alongside a balanced healthy diet is one of the best ways to stay fit and healthy and maintain a positive mental outlook - do it with friends, it is even more fun.

#### 3) DE-STRESSES AND RELAXES

Whether it is work stressing you out, the kids playing up, or just life in general, we all get times when we are at boiling point.

Swimming regularly can lower stress levels, reduce anxiety and depression and improve your sleep patterns. Feeling the mental benefits of swimming takes just a light swim.

#### 4) BURNS THOSE CALORIES

Swimming is one of the most effective ways to burn calories. A gentle swim can burn over 200 calories in just half an hour, more than double that of walking. A faster swim would burn more than running or cycling.

#### 5) LOWERS THE RISK OF DISEASES

As well as being a great form of cardiovascular excercise, swimming just 30 minutes per week can help to guard against heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes.

#### 6) SUPPORTS THE BODY

Water supports up to 90% of the body'w weight, so if you have a long term injury or illness, swimming is a brilliant way to stay

#### 7) INCREASES YOUR ENERGY LEVELS

As you become older inactivity is the threat, and ofter responsible for people's lack of energy. Just 30 minutes of swimming three times per week can boost your energy levels through increased metabolic rate.

#### 8) EXCERCISING WITHOUT SWEAT

As a swimmer you will never feel sweaty no matter how hard you work because the water is constantly cooling you down.

For further details telephone Tony Hayward 07977 206345

10) What are Gold Murderer and Thunder & Lightning? 11) What does MG stand for in the well known make of motor car?





In 1908 all looked well for the new Selsey Golf Club. The completed

9 holes were being played twice to make the standard requirement of 18 holes. The first annual Championship was played in 1912 and this was

won by Maurice Jewell. In 1913 Jack Lewis became club Champion but this was the last competition played before the outbreak of World War I. During this time men went off to fight in the war and little help remained to keep the golf course going. The newly prepared ground for the second 9 holes was left to go back to nature and wartime agriculture. It would be another 10 years before finally Selsey had an 18 hole golf course.

During the war Jack, unfit for service due to his eyesight, did his best to keep the golf course from wartime ruin, overcoming the problems of life with little eyesight. He married Rosie Jewell in 1914 and his father gave him a large house for the couple to live in and in 1916 his son was born and the twin daughters a year later. He also mastered riding a bike and would cycle to the golf course each day returning home in the evening. On the evening of the 10th May 1918 Jack did not return home.

At an inquest into his death it was reported by the Chichester Coroner that in spite of Jack knowing the ground so well it was thought that he missed his footing on one of the narrow planks bridging a dyke and fell. He drowned in two or three feet of water. Jack is buried at the far end of the cemetery at Church Norton.

Dick Jewell, one of Jack's brother-in-laws took over as Manager/ Secretary after the war and the golf club continued to prosper. Because of all the hard work Jack Lewis had put into keeping the course in good order and looking after the ground for the second 9 holes the Club was able to start the task to establish the second 9 holes. Dick stayed at the Selsey Golf Course until 1930. During this time the course officially became a 18 hole course. Also 6 grass tennis courts were laid. The original Club House, a corrugated iron construction, was extended by a glassed-in verandah and open to all members. (Prior to this, Ladies had been catered for separately). The greenkeeper had a shop in a Nissan Hut by the railway. During this time the Club was only open during the summer months. The members of the club were a close knit syndicate who owned summer homes in the village, many of them working in the Colonies, returning home on summer leave. The Golf Club became known as the Selsey Golf and Tennis Club.

In February 1934 the Club House caught fire. Planning permission was sought and the present Club House was built and opened later that year. In 1935 the railway line was closed. Selsey Golf and Tennis Club prospered during the 1930s until World War II broke out in 1939. Again this war took it's toll on the Club. The course was kept open but with a reduced number of holes; and on 26th June 1941 a mine was dropped by the Luftwaffe, leaving a huge crater. This is still there today, it is a large pond now and in the summer lilies cover the surface making this a very attractive addition to the 8th and 17th tee.

After the war the club began to prosper again and more and more members were playing regularly. There were three sections then, the Main Club, the Ladies and Juniors. In 1949 Gus Faulkner and his son Max bought the golf Club. During his time at Selsey, Max, as professional golfer, won the 1951 British Open Championship. In 1957 the Faulkners sold the Club to the Wickens brothers who developed part of the land into a holiday chalet complex. This meant that the course went back to 9 holes and it has remained a 9 hole golf course with little change since that time. The Clubhouse however, was upgraded in the 1960's and the present bar was installed. In the early 1980's Little Spain (Holiday chalet complex) purchased the complete course and began a general upgrade providing hardcore tennis courts and a bowling green. Selsey Golf Club was now owned by the Selsey Country Club.



#### **Ladies' Section**

August is a difficult time for the ladies, numbers playing are often reduced as Ladies take on Grandmother duties during the school holidays, but despite all this some very good results were

achieved.

The annual mixed match, The Tom Keep, was played on 23rd August. It was a lovely warm sunny day with not too much wind. The match was well subscribed and the first players teed-off at noon. Club Capatain, Steve Growns just got back from work in time to present the trophy to the winners;

husband and wife team Gordon and Alison Weller.

On 5th August an Irons Only competition was held, as the name suggests no drivers or woods are allowed. It was a warm sunny day but very windy, which made the competition more difficult. The winner was Meg Mearns with a credible 27 points and Caroline Newton was second with 26 points.

On Monday the 19th the annual summer Texas Scramble was played. This is a competition for a team of 3 players. Eddie Williamson, Linda Cook and Rita Green were the winners with an overall score of 84.

On the Bank Holiday Monday, the Bowling and Putting event was played with all players enjoying the putting and bowling and a buffet lunch.

Some of the ladies who play golf from the Country Club said they would like to play a Texas Scramble for a 'bit of fun'. Lady Captain, Carol Wheeler, organised a Captains Charity Day inviting the ladies from the Country Club and wives of some of golfers. This took place on 16th August. and a Texas Scramble was played. 18 ladies took part. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. The competition was followed by tea and cakes and £101 was raised for the Captain's Charity. This was such a success that the Ladies Section are hoping to make this fixture an annual event.

#### **Vets Section**

On Tuesday 10th September the Veterans Section of the Selsey Golf club held their Annual Vets and Friends Day, meeting at 8am for coffee before a Shotgun Start at 9am.

The weather was perfect, sunshine and a light breeze with 15 teams on the course which was in good condition after previous rainfalls to start turning it back to green.

After the match the teams met in the clubhouse for a well deserved drink and a Carvery meal before the raffle and the results.

The first 3 teams were separated by just 3 points with 3rd, (Far L) Mr Steve King, Bognor and Mr Richard Jarvis, Selsey. 2nd, (Far Rt) Mr Ted Growns, President Selsey Club and Mr Ian Cleveland, Littlehampton. 1st, (Middle L) Mr Graham Watson, Selsey, (Middle Rt) Mr Rob Bridges, Chichester.



Thanks go to Mr Bobby Moore for his efforts in organising the day and we all look forward to a repeat performance next year.

Our regular Wednesday morning competitions continue with large fields playing, mainly in very good weather, resulting in some excellent scores. Over the past 2 Wednesdays the Veterans Championship (36 Hole White Tee Medal Competition) has been held and the overall winner was: Robert Anderson Club matches are continuing almost on a weekly basis with wins at home against Avisford Park and Gosport and Stokes Bay and

losses at home and away against Chichester. An away match against Bognor Regis was also lost. However a match against Portsmouth played at home resulted in a win.

#### Men's Section

The Men's Section have had very busy season so far. They reached the semi-finals in both the Oliver Plate and the Gilbert Print

Plate but unfortunately lost in both. However in the Birchwood Trophy Selsey had reached the final, beating Mannings Heath on 27th July. The final was against Copthorne Golf Club and played at Highwoods Golf Club, near Bexhill. Selsey beat Copthorne and brought the Birchwood Trophy back to Selsey. This is the first time that Selsey has won the Trophy. Well done to the Birchwood Trophy Team.



On Saturday 3rd August Selsey beat Bognor in a second round match by 4-3 and the overall result of the two matches was a

On the 4th the Denny Terry Cup was played. Denny, a member for over 50 years, presented the Mens Section with a Cup many years ago and it is played for annually. The format is a three man team stableford. The winners this year were Robert Anderson, Paul Hinshelwood and Nick Gunning.

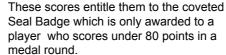
On 17th August Selsey Golf Club played the Country Club in their annual match and beat the Country Club by  $5 \frac{1}{2} - 3 \frac{1}{2}$  thus regaining the the trophy from the Country Club who had won this event in the previous two years.

On Saturday 24th Selsey beat Littlehampton 5 – 1 in a Club match. That evening Roger Cawte organised entertainment for the evening raising money for the Captain's Charity.

On Sunday the Club Captain, Steven Growns held a Captain's Charity Day. This was a great success. The golf was played in the morning and was won by Gordon Weller with 42 points and second place was Lloyd Hughs, one of the Club's Juniors with 41 points. The whole event, including a magnificent raffle, raised an incredible £1400 for the Captain's Charity.

On Friday 30th August the Captain and Past Captain's competitions was played. Steve Growns team beat last year's Captain, Andy Terry's team 5 ½ -2 ½.

Finally on September 1st the Clifford Burton medal was played and two of our junior boys, both 13, beat the entire field. Luca Alonso won the competition with a net 62 and Lloyd Hughes came second with a net 63.





Welcome

#### **Junior Section**

A wonderful event was held on 7th September for the Selsey Junior section, The Junior Club Championships. Joe Smith (8 Handicap) won the Scratch 36 hole event with 2 rounds of 76 and 74! Fantastic golf! Joe set the early pace with a front 9 holes in the morning of 33 strokes -1 under par for the course.

The winner of the Handicap competition, taken from the results of the afternoon round, was Lloyd Hughes who shot 78 nett 67, to just beat Joe Smith on countback on the back 9.

However the main winners at the end of the day were all competitors, who enjoyed a wonderful day of golf.

Luca is currently doing trials with Surrey and Hampshire under 13's team and Lloyd is playing in the Sussex under 14's team. Recently Lloyd played in his first representative match for Sussex under 14's in a Triangular Scratch Match against Hampshire and Surrey.

Both Luca and Lloyd have played in competitions at different clubs. Luca won the gross and nett prizes at a recent Junior Club Championship held at Chichester Golf Club. Lloyd won the nett Junior Club Championship at Neath Golf Club in West Wales with a nett 70.

Florentino Alonso, Luca's father, has undertaken to manage the Junior Section and with Luca and Lloyd leading the way, the future of the Junior Section is looking good.

**Bits of Bruce:** At a site in France at Le Rozel in Normandy, footprints have been found, that are 80,000 years old. They belong to a group of Neanderthals. These are footprints that come from a time long before us Humans moved out of Africa. The site is amazing and from the prints, ages and heights of the group of people can be measured, they are mostly teenagers and some young toddlers. Tender footprints in the sand, living their lives gently with nature and surprisingly they appear to be taller than we first thought Neanderthals were. George Dvorsky reported recently on Gizmodo recently.

It just got me thinking what sort of footprints will we leave behind for the future to find? Will it be wrecked buildings, society completely devastated by climate change? Will we have left the planet entirely and reached for the stars? Will our footprints be ever found or will God's Earthly experiment fade away like a forgotten earthly dream?

I know individually some of us do not want to face up to the 'end of times', but before us there have been five mass extinctions and we are now, whether we like or not, on the cusp of the sixth, ours! Perhaps a time is coming for us to begin to face up to the fact our grandchildren may not have a good future, because we are making bad choices with our lives, using the car too much, burning fossil fuels, poor insulation on our houses, old draughty windows, flying away on holidays, taking a Cruise, wasting food, or even eating too much meat.

Individually perhaps we cannot make much of a difference, but together, if we all make some small footsteps to changing the way we live our lives, if we make lifestyle changes to the way we live now, someday 80,000 years from now, our children's, children will find our footprints and say 'They were strange, but lived their lives well, so that I can see this beautiful world through the eyes of my child. We are blessed by their living so gently'.



#### SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 am Mr John Meredith Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson *Holy Communion* 

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 am Revd. John Wren Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson

Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 01243 601032

- 12) Which is greater, 2/3rd or 7/10th?
- 13) Which US First Lady was a successful business entrepreneur?
- 14) Who died first, Franz Schubert or Robert Schumann?
- 15) In which country is the world's highest railway station?

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## THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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

I had a meeting the other day with some of the Trustees and they were considering options for this year's Christmas Fayre. There are a few more details for them to work out so I wasn't allowed to announce it but they did ask me to tell my readers to keep an eye out for upcoming events on our

website or facebook. [And the Selsey Life - Ed.] But here's a little extra information between you and me, there's going to be something going on in the beginning of November, but don't let them know I told you first.

The Centre has seemed to be extra busy this year with kittens, but I thought I would do some research to see if we had taken in more kittens then the last couple of years. Wow, I knew my staff had been busy (I can tell by how many strokes I get) but can you believe we have taken in 45 more kittens than this time in the last couple of years. Just the other day I overheard a man phoning to say that he had found 1 week old kittens in a skip! He took them to our vet who said they were ok and then we brought them here to The Centre. We don't know whether they were dumped in the skip or mum just decided to give birth there, but it's definitely not a safe place to grow up. I'm happy knowing the five of them are now safe and well looked after by my staff.

Our next viewing day is the black cat viewing day. The Centre will be getting spooky for Halloween and we like to highlight the black and black and white cats that are sometimes overlooked. Obviously black and white is the best colour to be ever, just look how handsome I am. All our cats will be available to see but we do like to show off how gorgeous the black and blacks and white ones. Hope to see you there.

#### Love Markus x

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

PS: We have a Viewing Day Saturday 26th October 2019 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.





Pet of the Month October 2019

This month allow us to introduce you to Butter Toffee. Butter Toffee is a very handsome 3 year old male guinea pig who is looking for his forever home. He arrived at The Centre back in March because the other guinea pigs at his home had died and his owner did not want him to be on his own. He is now waiting to find



another male guinea pig which he can bond with as he would love some company. He has been at The Centre for a while but this is because he had a small problem with his genitals that took some time to heal up and he's fine now. Butter Toffee is very happy to be handled and enjoys a cuddle. He will make a great addition to someone's family and a new best friend for another lonely guinea pig.

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

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#### THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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

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

Remember, the clocks go back one hour on Sunday 27th October





Even during the early 1900s, people spent most of dinner staring at their phones.

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#### Brent Lodge Briefing's - Hogtober

Although we still have plenty of babies in we now are starting to get more hedgehogs. This is the start of our very busy autumn/winter hedgehog season

where we could treat over 250 hedgehogs, many will be orphans but we will also have a number of sick or injured adult hedgehogs lodging with us. Habitat loss and lack of food sources have had a massive negative impact on hedgehog numbers. Intensive agriculture, hedge removal, garden fencing, paving, decking, and poor plant life in gardens contribute to the loss of wildlife overall and reduces homes, highways, and food for hedgehogs so we must do what we can to support these vulnerable creatures.

Putting a hedgehog house in your garden will provide a valuable nesting and hibernation space in a neighbourhood. Our hedgehog houses available for sale in our Selsey Shop or online are locally made by 'Chip Off The Block'. All their products are hand-crafted from re-cycled wood. The houses are



designed to discourage other animals from taking up residence by creating a small 'slalom' for the hedgehogs to navigate. Each house has a waterproof roof lid to keep hedgehogs dry and warm. To encourage hedgehogs to move in, place a small amount of natural bedding like dried leaves or other soft garden matter into the box. However, you may find that when a hedgehog moves in, it takes this out and replaces it with different bedding material



During autumn months these vulnerable creatures already face dangers as they prepare for hibernation, but they also have an increased threat during October and November inflicted by **BONFIRES**. We are desperately urging that

everyone planning to have a bonfire at home or especially to those planning any community bonfire events, to please be more aware of hedgehogs before lighting their litter pile. Some simple steps can be taken to ensure that hedgehogs won't get injured, each year we receive hedgehogs that are seriously burnt due to bonfires.

Ideally bonfire piles should not be constructed until the day of the festivities. However, if larger ones need to be built in advance then ensure they are surrounded by chicken wire (not net). Before lighting you must check thoroughly for any signs of sleeping hogs, you can do this by lifting the edges up and shine a torch. Any hedgehogs found injured should be placed in a secure cardboard box and rushed immediately to your local vet or to Brent Lodge, do not attempt to care for them yourself. If you'd like to help by donating tins of dog/cat food to help feed our hedgehogs we would be very grateful too. If you would like to find out more or to support our work visit www.brentodge.org or text BLWH 10 to 70085 to make a £10 donation + your standard network rate. Thank you

We look forward to updating on more Brent Lodge news soon!

16) Who was known as the "Wasp of Twickenham"?

17) What was a 'first' for England vs. Spain at Wembley in 1955?

18) Lexington-Fayette is the second largest city in which US state?







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#### Ocean Crisis - "But What Can I Do About It?"

It can be hard to know where to start when it comes to being more environmentally conscious in our day to day lives. We also often question whether what we're doing is actually making an impact. But we need to start thinking about the accumulation of everybody's small actions. Even making conscious decisions such as turning off lights or disposing of rubbish correctly can make a difference. I've been doing some research myself which I thought I'd share, in case it's useful to you. By working together we can truly create a difference, inspiring each other, companies and even governments.

#### 1. Minimise your Carbon Footprint and Reduce Energy Consumption

In the past 50 years the ocean has absorbed 90% of the excess heat created by burning fossil fuels. Carbon dioxide makes our oceans more acidic. It is estimated that around one third of manmade CO2 makes its way into the ocean, which equates to about 22 million tons a day. This can cause acidification of the water, which affects the health of the marine life. This can cause disruption in where fish swim, bleach coral reefs, change how marine species reproduce, speed up sea-level rise, and alter weather events on land.

You can reduce your carbon footprint by adopting some of these simple measures:

- Ride a bike, walk or use public transportation rather than driving a car.
- Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- Unplug electronics when you're not using them
- Put on a sweater in the winter instead of turning up your

#### 2. Make Sustainable Seafood Choices

Overfishing is damaging our oceans. Global fish populations are rapidly decreasing due to high demand and unsustainable fishing practices. Choose sustainable seafood to help keep fisheries and fish stocks healthy. I go to Julie's to buy my fish once a week.

#### 3. Use Less Plastic

It is estimated that 8 million tons of plastics enter our ocean, this is on top of the estimated 150 million metric tons that currently circulate our marine environments. Plastics that end up in the ocean contribute to habitat destruction and entangle and kill tens of thousands of marine animals each year. One major issue is single use plastics, such as nonreusable water bottles, take-out packaging, plastic bags, and straws, as these contribute to a large proportion of plastic waste. Plastic can also be found in things that you don't expect like liquids, and in clothes. In fact clothes contribute a lot of plastic to our oceans due to their fibres going into water while being washed.

Things you can do to limit your impact are:

- Carry reusable cups/bottles.
- Store food in non-disposable containers.
- Bring your own cloth tote or other reusable bag when shopping.
- Recycle whenever possible.
- Don't give in to fast fashion, buy clothes that are long lasting or shop second hand.
- Buy clothes made of sustainable natural fibres.
- Check that the products you are using don't contain microplastics.

#### 4. Help Take Care of the Beach

Whilst Selsey seems better than most, rubbish on any beach can cause damage to local wildlife and also be washed out into the sea. It can also be picked up by the wind, get stuck around the necks of birds and other animals. Rubbish is left by people enjoying the beach, so make sure you take yours with you and if you see some that is left, pick it up. You could also participate in local beach clean ups. They happen periodically here and also in many other areas.

#### 5. Avoid Products that Harm the Ocean

There are many products directly linked to harming endangered or threatened species, unsustainable fishing methods and pollution. Products that are made from ocean species can have a detrimental impact to the whole ecosystem. These are usually purchased while on holiday and brought home.

These include:

- Coral jewellery.
- Tortoiseshell hair accessories (made from hawksbill turtles)
- Products containing anything derived from sharks
- Souvenir shells of conchs, nautiluses and other animals

At home some products that should avoid being used are; pesticides, fertilisers, weed killers as these can be very harmful for our oceans. Pesticides and weed killers use dangerous chemicals that can easily get into our water systems. And if you live close enough to an ocean, they'll likely end up there. The excess nutrients from fertilisers can be carried by rain and wind to various water systems. Once in rivers, lakes streams, and oceans, it creates algae growth at an unnatural rate. The algae's natural toxins can not only poison marine life and use up the oxygen in certain areas of water, making it impossible for anything else to survive.

#### Travel Responsibly

When booking your next holiday consider booking your trip through a responsible travel company that's committed to protecting wildlife. At your destination make sure you don't interfere or hurt any local marine life while on the beach or doing activities such as snorkelling. Also, if you feel uncomfortable about something, such as an experience with dolphins, then speak to your travel agency. Be vigilant when making purchases while away too. Make sure that products don't contain any animal derived ingredients and materials that could harm wildlife such as coral, shells or shark-based products.

#### **Educate Yourself**

The ocean is a crucial part to the planets survival and we are all linked to it through the breaths that we take daily. Outside of sea-based communities such as Selsey, many people feel disconnected to the ocean and feel like it isn't an important part of their everyday lives. Education is the key to empathy. The more people learn about the issues facing this vital system, the more they'll want to help. This can be done through means such as; books, documentaries, websites, museums, art exhibits, and more. Also always check for updates in your local area to see if they need help with something such as an oil spill.

It is also important to know why you are making these changes and what impact they have. Learn how plastic bottles effect the ocean or how clothes can put plastic into the ecosystem. Or even how different colours or types of plastics make it more difficult to recycle them. All of this can now be found online if you do a simple search.

And don't forget to share this knowledge. Whether you're a school teacher or just somebody chatting to friends. It's important to bring everybody into the conversation and let them know the importance of making these changes.

#### Start Something

Being an advocate for the ocean can be as simple as speaking out about the importance of helping it. If something is really bothering you or you feel like nothing is being done in your community, then you could even start your own initiative. I set up The Selsey Sea Bathing Society this summer to encourage people back into the water. At September's gathering we had a wonderful talk from the Community Officer of Selsey's RNLI, and in November we're running a Marine Ecology Walk (anyone is welcome to join). It's not only a hugely fun initiative, it also seeks to educate and inspire people about the ocean and local shorelines.

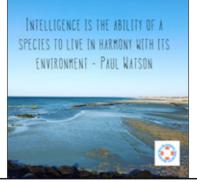
And remember not to feel like you aren't doing enough. Just starting to make small changes can make an impact.

By Justine Clement who runs The Selsey Sea Bathing Society. Their next gathering is on 19th October. See

www.selseyseabathingsociety.com for more details and to sign up. It's

free to attend and all are welcome.







Selsey Model Boat Club

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

Wednesdays The first Sunday of each month is Race Day New members welcome

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

#### THE WRITERS CIRCLE

meets on the first Tuesday of every month in The Methodist Hall High Street, from 2.00pm until 4.30pm If you are already writing or a complete beginner you will be given a warm welcome by our small, friendly group of ladies and a few gentlemen

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

For more information contact Pat Read Tel: 601550

Selsey Bridge Club All welcome Friendly group of mixed ability Thursday afternoons 2pm - 5pm **Selsey Centre Manor Road** call Carole Kinross 01243 602250

for information

Join us on 23rd October at 6pm for a



at East Beach Church Marisfield Place, Selsey (PO20 OPD)

'Donate-as-you-Dine' for a 3 course meal made with rescued food...... All donations will contribute to UKHarvest's

Open to all the community, but numbers are restricted so please book your place

at the Selsey Care Shop (01243 201616)

operations to feed those In need



**East Beach Evangelical Church** 



#### Darby & Joan Club Selsey

The club meets every Friday between 2.00 & 4.00 at St. Peter's church hall for a game of prize bingo and raffles and of course a nice cup of tea and chat. Also during the year we have subsidised days out to garden centres for cream teas and a bit of shopping. Transport to the hall is supplied by Selsey Venture bus, if you are a member of this great service they offer. We are a club are affiliated to the R.V.S For more information please call Kim or Graham on 01243 937 730 or 07838 549 034

**SELSEY CANCER RELIEF FUND DATES** TO REMEMBER Methodist Church Hall 10am Saturday 5th October Jumble Sale 10am Saturday 2nd November Jumble Sale 10am Saturday 30th November Christmas Fayre 10am

There is ample parking behind the Fire Station.

**Selsey Methodist Church Table Top Sale** 

on Saturday 19th October 2019 From 9.00am. to 1pm Bric-a-Brac & Craft tables to browse through and the usual yummy refreshments to enjoy. Free entry.

**OCTOBER** 

1ST SELSEY SCOUTS

**Charity Shop** 

Scout HQ, School Lane

~ every Saturday between 10 am -12 noon

Bric-a-brac ~ Clothes ~ Et al





Saturday 5th October

The Selsey Centre 7.00PM Pay Bar Available

Tickets £12 FROM SELSEY CENTRE OR MICK ON 602623 OR SALLY ON 604104

Fundraising Event For St Peter's Church Registered Charity No: 1134816

## **Crafty Natter Club**

Selsey Methodist Church 1st and 3rd Wednesday ~ 2-4pm (in the large hall) For more information contact Lisa Allinson on 601032

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

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### ST PETER'S CHURCH

Weekly Services held at the Parish Church of St. Peter's, Selsey Rector: Fr Andy Wilkes

Tel: 01243 601984 Email: rector.selsey@gmail.com

Sunday 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Sung Eucharist

10am 'St. Peter's Young Church' meet in the Church Sunday

Hall on the first three Sundays of each month excluding August. All welcome.

Sunday Messy Church at 12 noon in hall on last

Sunday of the month

9.30am Said Eucharist Wednesday 9.30am Said Eucharist

Thursday 7pm Said Eucharist

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

Our Church Halls with Kitchen and Car Park are available to hire for your meetings and celebrations please contact our Hall Manager on

01243 948501 or stpetershallbookings@outlook.com

The Catholic Parish of

## **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** & St Wilfrid

Church Road, Selsey, PO20 0LS

Tel: 01243 602312

#### **Mass Times**

Saturday: 5.30 pm Sunday: 10.00 am

Monday & Friday 10.00 am\*

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm

**Parish Priest:** Fr John Healy

\*Subject to change please see website:

www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk

**Also Church Hall and Kitchen Available for Hire** with free car parking Contact: Sylvia Gill on 01243 605897

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#### **SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH**

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



Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 601032



# **East Beach** Church

Weekly Sunday Service at 10am

## ..... SPECIAL EVENTS .....

#### Sunday 6th October

10<sub>am</sub> - Harvest Family Service Harvest Lunch follows the service. All are welcome

> Thursday 10th October 2.30pm - Tea & Chat

> Thursday 17th October 12.30<sub>pm</sub> - Lunch Club

## Sunday 20th October

10<sub>am</sub> - Morning Service with speaker from CAP (Christians Against Poverty)

3pm - 4.30pm - ResBite Tea

(Aimed at those who might not see other people over the course of a normal weekend ~ Lifts available)

## Wednesday 23rd October



### 6pm - Surplus Supper

3-course meal created with 'rescued' food by the 'UKHarvest Team. All welcome. Sign-up sheet in the church & at the Selsey Care Shop

## Saturday 26th October

5 - 7<sub>pm</sub> - Games Night

All welcome & refreshments provided

Sunday 3rd November 10<sub>am</sub> - All-age Service

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

For information on our regular weekly activities

ww.ebecselsev.org.uk or call 607741

Marisfield Place - opposite East Beach Shops Pastor: Phil Harding - 01243 607741 or office@ebec.org.uk



## **Steve's Puzzle Page**

Words go left, right

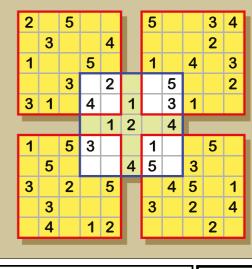


CODEBREAKER (or CODEWORD, or CODE CRACKER) WORD PUZZLE





Find 10 differences





Last month's answers

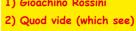


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- 3) Busy Lizzie
- 5) The Angry Brigade
- 6) Sir Edward Grey
- 7) Chesterfield
- 10) Western
- 11) Nautical mile
- 12) Large waterdfall
- 13) Grand Canal of China
- 14) Amazon 15) Rome
- 16) Salisbury
- 17) Trowbridge
- 18) Great Bitter
- 19) Today is her eleventh birthday
- 20) Their friend, Tuesday.



