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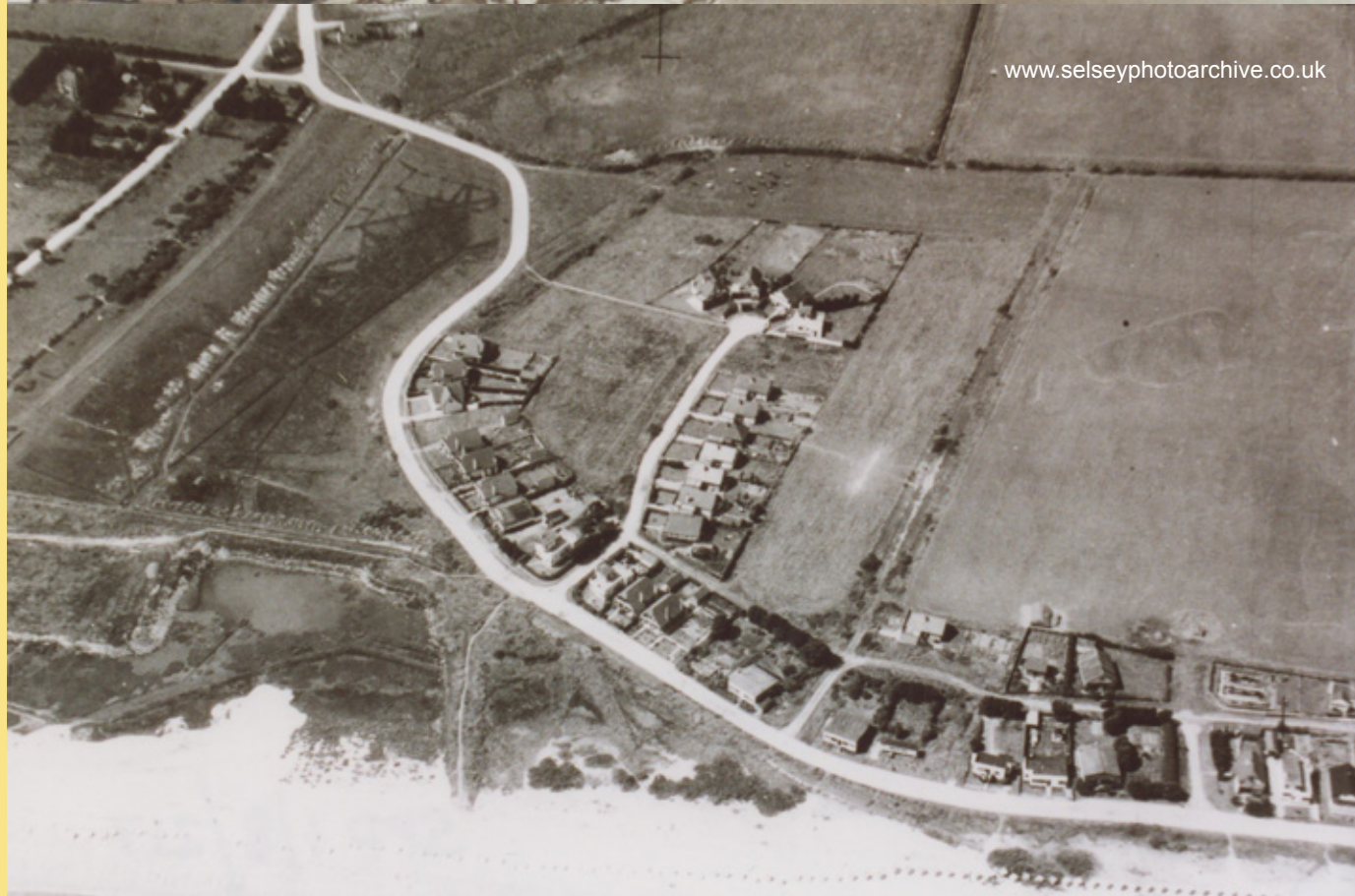
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SUCCESSFUL SEPTEMBER OF FUNDRAISING BY THE SELSEY CO OP

Staff from the Selsey Co op. were delighted to fundraise for St. Wilfrid's Hospice by taking part in their Moonlight Walk Week 2021.

On the evening of 5 September the Co op team carried out a 10 mile sponsored walk in & around Selsey, taking approximately 4 hours and included visits to St Wilfrid's Chapel, Church Norton, part of the Pagham Nature Reserve, Medmerry Beach & the Selsey Windmill.



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(You can enter any competition multiple times, but you will need a separate coupon for each entry.)

The competition closes on Friday 29th October at 10.00 am.

Good Luck, and thank you to Vianne Artisan Chocolates for the prize.

Last month, the Selsey Seagull was on page 20, on the photo of the Elephant Hawk Moth caterpillar. Congratulations to Pat Carslake, who won the prize of two Adult and two Child tickets to go to see them, kindly donated by Selsey Fireworks. Prize drawn by Sue the manager at the Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre shop.

Thank you to all who entered the competitions, and thank you again to the Selsey Fireworks for their generous donation.

If you didn't win, why not still go along and celebrate the 40 years?

Welcome to the Outrageously Outrageous October edition of the Selsey Life. (So, perhaps not worth the wait for this month's aliteration).

This month we have three appeals inside, the first for a Parade Master for the upcoming Remembrance celebration, the second for volunteer drivers for the Venture Club, and the third for a pianist for the Gainsborough Singers. Please give the appeals a look to see if you can help in any way.

Also we have a job advert for a Bar Person for the Victory Club - does this sound of interest? See the advert inside.

October is upon us, and we gain an hour's sleep at the end of the month (yay!). We also have Halloween at the end of the month, and we hope you all enjoy yourselves sensibly and safely.

I am not certain if any of you saw me struggling around Selsey at the beginning of September delivering the Selsey Life by hand to the shops and clubs, (sound of violins playing, anyone?) but I trust it was not too late on the first day to spoil anybody's enjoyment of the magazine. (This one may also be a bit late in the day due to holidays.)

We would like some more entries to our back page reader's gallery, please, so email across any photos you would like to see published on it.

Would you like to sponsor the Selsey Life magazine? If not the full magazine, how about sponsoring a page for a month for £20.00? We may not be able to guarantee what page, it would be on a first come basis, but we would try to match you if possible. Is this of interest? Please email the Selsey Life in the usual way, selsylife@btinternet.com.

We offer a six month subscription for the magazine for £18.00, including postage. Is it something you would like?

Please, wherever possible, do your best to support any of the local shops and venues that you can - you will miss them all when they are gone - look out for the Fiver Fest (details inside.)

Thank you to all of you who are purchasing and reading the magazine, we are always happy to receive feedback.

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Hope to see you in November, until then stay well.



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Selsey Schools



Students returned to the Academy looking forward to a 'near normal year' in 2021-2. Following a fantastic push, from the community, to save the Year 11 Prom, after an outbreak of covid at the end of term, we were delighted to receive the same students in the following day to pick up GCSE results. Our young people did themselves proud following some testing times. We wish them the very best in the future.

The new term welcomes back Mrs Jo Ford for her first full year as head at The Academy. Following a baptism of fire with her first day in full lockdown, Jo has thoroughly enjoyed working with our students, staff, parents and carers as well as the supportive local community. Our mission is to support our young people to become lifelong learners who are confident in themselves to make the very best out of every opportunity.

Our new year 7s were ahead of the game joining us for our week long Summer school in July.

The Academy Selsey takes great pride in its established relationships with our feeder schools. Despite the significant barriers to learning, we were delighted to have over 85% of our new year 7 students joining us for a week long Summer school. The 5 day experience focused on the core curriculum, team work, mental health and getting to know each other as well as the young people's new school. Considering the disruption of the last two years, this group of young people showed amazing resilience and are a credit to their new and old schools.

Students wrote to Marcus Rashford commenting on his amazing book 'You are a champion' to recognise their superb literacy and reading skills, focused on maths in everyday life, using smarties to calculate percentages and ratios to conducting insulation practicals using marshmallows and hot chocolate in Science. Year 7s also got to enjoy sports, team building involving a historical reenactment of Selsey smugglers and some fantastic work with Albion in the Community and Action Your Potential developing communication and wellbeing strategies. Most importantly our students and staff were able to develop the relationships so important to lifelong learning.



Friends of Medmerry is a registered charity set up to raise much needed funds to support the education of children that attend Medmerry School.

We recently ran a Sunflower competition and we thought you might like to see our wonderful pictures. Prizes were awarded for the tallest, epic fail and most documented. Here are a few pictures to brighten your day. If you would like to learn more about how you could support our charity please email friendsofmedmerry@gmail.com.

Pictured below is George with his enormous sunflowers together with some of our other entries (yes they all didn't go to plan).



George in Year 1 won the tallest sunflower.



This effort won the prize for epic fail!



Hollywood Glamour at 100th Anniversary Ball

A glamorous evening of Hollywood style celebrations will be the highlight of 4Sight Vision Support's 100th Anniversary year. The 'Visions of Hollywood' Fundraising Ball will be held on Friday 29th October 2021 at the Hilton Avisford Park Hotel, near Arundel, and guests are invited to enjoy a three-course meal, drinks, and the very best of Tinsel Town style dancing and entertainment!

4Sight Vision Support provides specialist services to blind and sight impaired adults and children across West Sussex. The Ball will not only celebrate this milestone anniversary, but the hard work of staff, volunteers and the local community who continued to deliver the Charity's vital services throughout the pandemic.

Guests will arrive with a walk down the red carpet to the drinks reception, a Hollywood Walk of Fame Game and the opportunity to have photographs taken with the 'stars'. Enter the main event greeted by their rat-pack style singer and be entertained with live music, raffle, auction and band!

Kirstie Thomas, CEO, commented, "The Ball will be a celebration of a century of service: after our fundraising was so severely affected last year, we are hoping the Ball will be a real boost, helping us continue to deliver our vital services to our members in the future. We invite everyone to join us on the evening and have fun movie-style!"

Tickets for the Visions of Hollywood Ball cost £80 per person including drinks, food and entertainment. 4Sight Vision Support is also looking for local businesses and the community to assist with sponsorship packages, donation of raffle prizes, and other in-kind support. For tickets or further information call the Fundraising Team on 01243 838001 or visit www.4sight.org.uk/100th-ball



AN EVENING OF WORDS AND MUSIC WITH KATE MOSSE & FRIENDS



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The celebration to be held at The Assembly Halls, North Street, Chichester on **THURSDAY 14th OCTOBER** at 7 for 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm. Tickets £20 pp from Eventbrite to include wine. The evening to be held in association with SOSCA (Save Our South Coast Alliance). Guest speaker - John Nelson of the Chichester Harbour Trust.

For tickets go to www.eventbrite.co.uk, click on [Charity](#) and [Causes](#), and then follow the link.

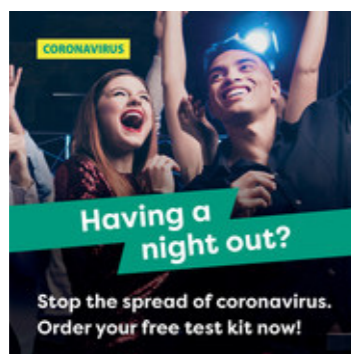


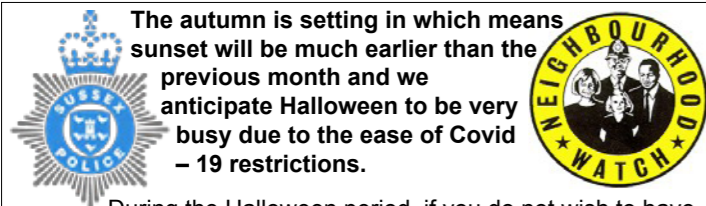
Photo of Pagham Harbour by Benjamin Graham and of Kate Mosse by Ruth Crafer

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- 1) In which branch of the military did Paddy Ashdown serve?
- 2) What are the Hopi?





The autumn is setting in which means sunset will be much earlier than the previous month and we anticipate Halloween to be very busy due to the ease of Covid – 19 restrictions.

During the Halloween period, if you do not wish to have any trick or treaters at your door then it may be a good idea to put up a sign stating that you don't want anyone knocking on your door. Also for any elderly or vulnerable neighbours you may have, it could be useful if you would place a sign in their window or door for them.

We are here to make sure that everyone can still enjoy Halloween by focussing our resources in the right places and working closely with our partners and communities. Sussex Police will not tolerate any anti-social behaviour at any time of the year.

You can also find out more about ASB and the support available at <https://asbhelp.co.uk/>

Anti-social behaviour can be reported to us [online](#) or 999 in an emergency.

Tips for making other people feel safer on the streets:

Keep your distance

When walking behind someone, particularly at night, try to leave a good amount of distance between yourself and the person ahead of you. Remember that the closer you are, the more threatening you might seem.

Don't stare

Cross the road

Somebody running up behind you, particularly at night, can be frightening.

Keep comments to yourself

What you might think of as just a bit of fun, or flattery, can be insulting, upsetting or even scary to someone else. Keep any comments or opinions to yourself.

Keep your friends in line

Be an active bystander

If you notice someone is uncomfortable with another person's behaviour, show your support by being an active bystander. It can be as simple as standing between a person and their harasser to block their line of sight. Ask that person if they need any help, and back up anyone else who is intervening.

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**Friends of Selsey Medical
Centre (FSMC)
Charity No: 1013645**



On Rounders Day, Sunday 15 August, the Friends ran a Tombola which raised £152.40 and three visitors signed up to join the Friends. The Tombola was so popular that we ran out of prizes by lunchtime! We would like to say a big Thank You to all those who helped run the stall, Rounders enthusiasts who supported the Tombola, those who collected and donated prizes and the new members we welcomed.

On 21 August we held our Annual General Meeting, much delayed by Covid. We are grateful to Dr Parrish and Practice Manager Nicola Collins for joining this important meeting. Full details of the business are available to members in the AGM booklet. The meeting confirmed the election of four new committee members: Alison Archer, Robert Paterson, Gillie La Haye and Tim La Haye. Tim La Haye will take responsibility for the Friends' Publicity and spread the word to attract many more paid-up members.

We would just like to remind readers that the NHS does not pay for all of the equipment, materials and amenities needed to run our GP surgery. The Friends of Selsey Medical Practice is a charity which was set up to raise funds to help meet this shortfall. We are proud to have enabled the practice to buy vital items which include a Diabetic Retinopathy Camera, blood pressure monitors for patients to use at the surgery or borrow to use at home and most recently a donation of £7,000 towards the cost of new hygienic flooring for the Centre.

Contact Rosemary Cook our Membership Secretary on **01243 945263** for information on how to become a member and support the Medical Centre. The fee is currently £4.00 per person per year and membership taken out now will carry through to March 2022, when the fee will be increased to £5.00 pp per year as agreed by members who attended our recent AGM. Most payments made now are £5.00.

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Dear all at Selsey life

I would like to say how pleased my husband John Holmes was to see the article about Edward Walls and the Crown Inn.

Unfortunately, he had been ill for some time and died on 8th Sept aged 74.

John was related to many Selsey families through his grandparents and always read Ruth Mariners articles with great interest. He was a baby when his parents move from Selsey to Basingstoke but he remained a Selsey man at heart.

We had many holidays here and eventually retired here. Our only regret was that we didn't move earlier.

Thank you from Linda Holmes



Photo taken New Year's eve party Dec 1999
to see in the new century.

PLEASE HELP - SELSEY VENTURE CLUB



We are in desperate need of drivers to keep our buses running. You probably see our buses driving elderly residents around the village to do their shopping and to the various clubs and social groups we are so lucky to have here. For lots of them we are a lifeline, otherwise they may be stuck indoors, it also gives them some independence.

But we need more drivers to keep the Club running.

If you can help even for a couple of hours a week, that would be great.

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THIS YEAR HOWEVER, WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PARADE MASTER. PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN CARRY OUT THIS DUTY.

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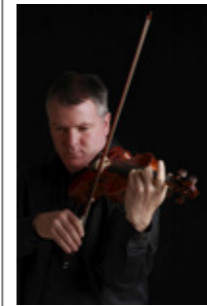
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of violin, guitar, baroque guitar, lute and theorbo, much of which has been specially adapted by the performers for this unusual combination of instruments. The programme will be a historical musical tour, from the Tudors to the present time, mostly as duets but also solo. Peter and Dorothy are passionate about their music and they will give a short entertaining introduction to each piece. It will be an unusual and enjoyable musical experience that will span the centuries and musical styles.

Date & Time: Sunday 17th October 4pm – 6pm with 20min interval

Venue: St Peter's Church

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3) Where is the National Library of Wales located?
4) Who was the last UK prime minister born in the 19th century?

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But summer's encore grows long in the tooth
Mysterious equinox powers decline
As evening's stretched shadow reveals the truth
Consecutive seasons appear to entwine

Dark fluid patterns sweep pink western skies
Skittish the starlings that gather near dusk
Stalled autumn in waiting, willing to rise
Depleted summer a mere hollow husk

Golden and many the leaves in the lane
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REVEREND ROBERT FRANKLIN MA
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Robert Franklin was born in Birkenhead, the son of Frederick Walter Franklin and Mary Hampton Lloyd. In 1891 the family lived at 45 Fairfield Square, Droylsden, Ashton Under Lyne. His father was a Commercial Traveller at that time but had been a Confidential Clerk in an Engineering Firm and, in later years, would be an Iron & steel Commission Merchant and a Wire Manufacturer’s Agent. Whatever his occupation, however, it allowed him to employ a servant.

In the 1891 Census Robert was a Scholar, by 1901 he was working as a Clerk with his father who, in turn, was working on his own account.

Robert formally enrolled in the University of Cambridge, Christ’s College to study for an Ordinary BA i.e. a BA without Honours on 21 October 1907. He specialised in Theology. On 21 December of that year the Hampshire Advertiser reported that among the Licenses to Curacies granted by the Bishop of London was one Rev. Robert Franklin to St. Barnabas’s, Cambridge. This church was consecrated on 5 May 1880 and was built of yellow brick and Corsham stone. The original plans were to have included a tower and spire. Even the parish of St. Barnabas itself was young being formed from several others in 1889.

Robert passed his University examinations in 1909/10 and on 18 June 1910 he married Cora Jane Wildash at Woodford Green, Essex. On the same day he Graduated BA from Christ’s College, Cambridge and the following day, 19 August, the Clergyman and his new wife emigrated to New Zealand on the SS Corinthic. On 21 October 1910 the Evening Post (in New Zealand) reported that he was ‘Gazetted as an officiating minister under the Marriage Act’.

Rev. Robert Franklin BA became Vicar of Waverley, a small township which, in 2018, had a population of 819 souls and which was situated on North Island. The only clue as to when he became Vicar of Waverley is the report of a wedding at which he officiated which was dated 8 October 1914. However, he appears on the Taraniki Pata Electoral Roll in 1910 and again in 1914 so I think it is safe to say it was his first Ministry in New Zealand.



On 31 December 1911 a son, Theodore Robert Franklin, was born in Waitotara. And here is a family photo of the Rectory there.

Upon enquiry I discovered that the Cambridge University Reporter (Newspaper) confirms that he was given permission to graduate in absentia so becoming a Master of Arts on 10 January 1914.

The Wanganui Chronicle of 8 May 1915 reported that ‘The Vicar of Waverley has been appointed vicar of Roseneath, Wellington and will take up his duties there at the end of this month.’ Roseneath had a population of 1,788 souls in 2018 so this was a step-up for Rev. Robert. His house at 21 Crescent Road is wooden and on stilts with stunning views over Little Karaka Bay. It has recently been on the market for over \$1,500,00 Australian. I have asked permission to show the Estate Agent’s picture but, so far, I have had no response.

Rev. Robert had enrolled in the Second Division of the Reserve and was described in the WW1 Army Rolls as ‘B. Franklin Robert, C of E Clergyman, Vicarage, 21 Crescent Road, Roseneath, Wellington.’ The ‘B’ indicates that he was a reservist with one child. On 23 July 1916 his second son, Lloyd Milner Franklin was born.

The New Zealand Expeditionary Force Record of Personal Service contains a List of Commissioned Officers who served in the NZEF and we find that Reverend Robert Franklin was a chaplain (4th class) to HMNZ Marama which entitled him to the rank of Captain and, furthermore, the Otago Daily Times of 31 January 1918 reported that ‘the vicar of St Barnabas’s Church, Roseneath, has been appointed a chaplain on an NZ hospital Ship’. His actual date of appointment was 24 January 1918.



The NZ Hospital Ship, SS Marama (built by Caird & Company, Greenock) was the second ship to be converted to a hospital ship and could carry 508 wounded in cots. Rev. Robert Franklin was on board for the third and fourth commissions and a list of ports dated from January 1917 to September 1917 and from October 1917 to June 1918 is available online nzhistory.govt.nz/war/first-world-war-hospital-ships. If you are interested but can’t go on line just give me a call.

By March 1918 he was heading the Chaplains Department.

A document in the possession of his grandson states the following: ‘Reported at this office on 26 September 1918 at the request of the Bishop of Wellington. He has been granted leave without

pay from 4 October 1918 inclusive until further notice. The Rev. R Franklin’s services are being utilised by the Bishop of Wellington until he is again required to join the hospital ship.’

He proceeded to Point Chalmers on 16 October 1918 to re-join NZ Hospital Ship SS Marama on 18 October 1918.

The New Zealand Expeditionary Force Record of Personal Service shows that on 12 March 1919 he was discharged from the SS Marama and re-absorbed into the strength of the NZ Chaplains Dept. In May 1919 he was appointed organising secretary for the diocese of Wellington, taking up his duties early in July and in May 1920 he was appointed vicar of St Mary’s, Hawera.

A report of 7 July 1920, in the Oamaru Mail, contained the news that Rev. R Franklin attended the opening of the Anglican Diocesan Synod and that he had raised a sum of £10,000 to go towards a pay rise for the clergy. Each received an extra £300. From 1921 he carried out the duties of a regular vicar conducting weddings and funerals and in 1923 he returned to the UK, with Cora, Master T (Theodore Robert) and Master L (Lloyd Milner) arriving in Southampton on 18 August.

The family tells me that the reason Rev. Robert returned from New Zealand was because ‘one of his fearsome sisters’ came out to visit and was shocked that both his children had developed New Zealand accents and told him that they had to get the children back to England to stop this happening and for them to get a proper education!

He was inducted in September of that year as Rector of Trotton, West Sussex.

The following week a newspaper article in the West Sussex Gazette contained a report that ‘The Rev. Robert Franklin is in the unfortunate position of being a rector without a rectory. Sadly it doesn’t say why but this is where he should have been!

Courtesy Gravelroots



The Hampshire Telegraph of 3rd August 1934 announced ‘The Lord Bishop of Chichester, as Patron of the living, has appointed the Rev. Robert Franklin, MA to be Rector of St Peter’s Church, Selsey, in succession to the Right Rev. Bishop T C Twitchell, DD,’ Bishop Twitchell having retired through ill-health. It then lists his previous appointments including one which we haven’t found in the records, this being the Curacy of Christ Church, Great Warley, Essex in 1905.

The Bognor Regis Observer of 19 June 1935, under the heading ‘Church Chat’ reported that Rev. Theodore Robert Franklin AKC was ordained on Trinity Sunday at Chichester Cathedral – surely

a proud moment for Rev. Robert and his wife. (AKC means Associate of King’s College).

As you can see, a most important event took place on 7 February 1937! John Mariner was baptised by Rev. Robert Franklin!

A further two important events for the village were surely the funeral of Mr. Arthur Robinson, reported in the Chichester Observer of 19 March 1938 along with that of Miss M Gardner. A third arrived in May 1938 when the funeral of Mrs E G Arnell was held at Norton. Happy events of the year included the wedding of Desmond Stephen Carrick Dew and Marjorie Esther Smart.

In April 1939 Rev. Robert Franklin officiated at the funeral of Mr Henry Benstead (a name you will recognise from February 2019 Selsey Life). In October he was represented by the Rev. G Hayes at the dedication of the New Sunday School extension. The Bishop of Chichester, Doctor G K Bell, delivered ‘an address expressing his pleasure at being invited to attend the ceremony and particularly stressed the unity of the Anglican and Free Churches’ which was reported in the Portsmouth Evening News of 27 October 1939. Normal clerical duties continued including a presentation to Her Grace, Gwendolen, Duchess of Norfolk in June 1942 and a fête at Large Acres in August of the same year.

The West Sussex Gazette of 2 March 1944 announced the Death of the Rector, as follows: ‘The rector, the Rev. Robert Franklin, whose sudden death on February 23 at the age of 62 will be widely regretted by those to whom he had ministered for ten years, was one of the many incumbents of the diocese with experience of the work of the Church overseas.

Ordained in 1905, he was for five years a curate in the diocese of St. Albans, but in 1910 went to New Zealand where, for 13 years, he rendered useful service in the diocese of Wellington where he was incumbent, successively of Waverley, Roseneath and Hawera. He was also for a short time Diocesan Organising Secretary and from 1920 to 1923 was Chaplain to the Bishop of Wellington.

Returning to England in 1923 he was appointed Rector of Trotton and held that benefice until 1934, when he succeeded Bishop Twitchell as Rector of Selsey. Mr Franklin was the father of the Rev. T. R Franklin, who will be remembered at South Bersted as assistant curate there from 1935 until 1938, when he left to take up work as a Chaplain to the South African Church Railway Mission.

Our correspondent writes – All who have appreciated the Rector’s devotion to duty, kindness, and sympathy with those in distress will join in the grief felt by the people of St Peter’s and in sympathy with Mrs Franklin and her family. The Bishop of Chichester conducted a service in the Parish Church on Friday (cremation followed on Saturday) and was the preacher at the morning service on Sunday.’

He died of a heart attack and was succeeded by Rev. George Henry Handisyde.



The pulpit in St Peter’s Church was installed in his memory and bears the inscription ‘To the memory of Robert Franklin, Rector of Selsey, 1935 – 1944 RIP’.

PS: Rev. Robert Franklin’s grandson, Simon, has recently discovered that the original name of the family is Franckel. Robert’s great-great grandfather was a Polish Jew who came over to England in the 18th century. His name was Benjamin Wolf Franckel and changed his name soon after his arrival presumably to fit in with the locals and perhaps avoid antisemitism. Simon told me that a lot of the ancestors were Rabbis and since the family became Christian has produced a lot of vicars, including Simon and his father who was a former vicar of Sidlesham.

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Over the summer, Parliament has been in recess, meaning that MPs have been able to get back and spend more time in their constituencies, engaging with residents, businesses, and local charities like the Woodland Wonders Forest School which I was delighted to visit last month.

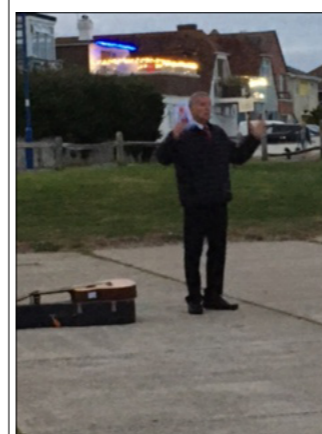
For those who don't know, Woodland Wonders is a brilliant organisation that provides forest school programmes for children and parents in and around Chichester. The sessions include arts and crafts, camping skills, cooking and play, all in a beautiful woodland setting. Sessions are available until 20th October. Activities like this are taking place all across the country as part of the Government's Holiday and Activities Funding which is providing £220 million to support children who are eligible for free school meals. The aim is to ensure that the children not only have healthy snacks and a hot meal but also have fun and get to enjoy new activities.

During my visit, I met Jennifer who founded Woodland Wonders, as well as David, Esther and their daughter Lizzie, who've done a brilliant job working together by providing the site in Sidlesham to make running these sessions possible. The children and I had a great time making spinning-tops, starting a campfire, as well as playing the parachute game. For further information about the Woodland Wonders visit:

www.gilliankeegan.com/news/woodlandwonders

Turning to planning and development locally, I know many on the Manhood Peninsula have concerns about proposals for 150 homes on Main Road in Birdham. Although Members of Parliament do not have a role in the planning process locally, I have written to Cllr. Susan Taylor, the Cabinet Member for Planning at the District Council, to highlight several concerns; not least the local road infrastructure and ongoing issues with wastewater capacity in the area. Furthermore, these particular proposals fall outside of the District Council's Strategic Site Allocations. I have asked to be kept up to date with this application as it progresses and goes in front of the Planning Committee.

Gillian Keegan MP



On Saturday 28th August the Royal British Legion held a Beacon Service to celebrate their 100th year.

This included an Act of Remembrance, including the sounding of the Last Post, a Two Minute Silence, and then Reveille being sounded.

Following this the Beacon was lit, followed, after the Kohima epitaph, by closing words read by Mike Beale and the closing prayer.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Lifeboats 22 August 2021 Selsey RNLI lifeboat joins search for overdue rhib with two persons on board.

The UK Coastguard requested the launch of the all-weather lifeboat (ALB) to assist in the search for a small rigid inflatable craft that was missing after leaving Worthing beach on Saturday morning 21 August with two persons on board to go fishing. They were due to return around 8.00pm and attempts to contact the pair were unsuccessful.

The ALB launched at 12.59am Sunday 22 August and headed to a position south of Worthing to join Shoreham lifeboats and the Coastguard helicopter Rescue 175. At this stage it was unknown where the persons had gone fishing, so the search area was initially south of Worthing including the Rampion wind farm. Shoreham and Littlehampton Coastguard rescue teams were conducting a shoreline search. The weather on scene was wind westerly force 4 sea state moderate with overcast sky.

As the time went the search area increased and Newhaven and Brighton lifeboats joined the search. Rescue 175 returned to base to refuel and shortly after returning just before 4.00am located the craft off Brighton with both person in the craft. The Brighton lifeboat proceeded to the position and came alongside the vessel. The two persons were ok apart from being wet and cold, they said they had run out of fuel and tried paddling ashore. The casualties were taken aboard the Shoreham ALB and taken back to Shoreham lifeboat station and checked over. The Brighton lifeboat took their vessel to safety. All other units were stood down to return to station.

The Selsey ALB arrived back at station at 5.30am and was recovered straight away washed down, refuelled and made ready for service. The crew today were Coxswain Rob Archibald, Mechanic Jake Harnett, Craig Sergeant, Neil Hopcraft, Terry Healey and Tim Scott (trainee).

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Lifeboats 29 August 2021 Selsey inshore lifeboat launched to paddleboarders in difficulties

The paddleboarders had fallen off their boards at the entrance to Pagham harbour entrance and were seen struggling to get back on the boards.

The RNLI inshore lifeboat (ILB) launched at 6.05pm on Sunday 29 August and made best speed to the area. The weather on scene was wind northerly force 2 sea state smooth in broken sunshine. At 6.14pm the ILB arrived on scene and spotted two paddleboarders in the water already being picked up by a sailing dinghy after the owner had seen the incident unfold and launched off the beach to give assistance. The ILB located the third paddleboarder on the beach.

All the casualties were ok and taken back to the beach they left from and given safety advice by the ILB crew. The ILB returned to station arriving back at 6.47pm and was recovered straight away, washed down, refuelled and made ready for the next call. The crew today were Helmsman Will Moir, Harry Emmence and Tim Scott (trainee)



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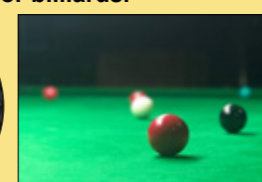
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Saturday 23rd October: We have the Multi talented singer Guitarist Steve Williams performing songs from across the genres.

Saturday 30th October: The amazing singer Kelly Lorraine covering songs from Stevie Nicks to nowooo for our Halloween Fancy dress party, prizes for best dressed.

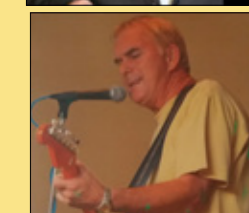
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Sloes by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

From up there, it felt like I could see the whole world: the Oak trees adorned in summer's fading leaves, the fields at harvest, the city far in the distance. Each October, my Grandad would load me and a bucket into Betsy, his faithful 1963 Ford Anglia. Together we'd cruise the county's back roads. Every few miles he would ease Betsy to a halt and inspect the landscape until finally declaring "this is the place." My bucket and I would be hoisted high up on his shoulders and from there I'd get my Grandad-stand view of the world. More importantly though, it'd put me within reach of the treasure. The jewels we sought on our expeditions were sloes, the round, purple-black berries that bedecked the Blackthorn bushes.



Sloes c Mark Monk-Terry

My Grandad was convinced that the finest fruits were located high on the hedge. And the best sloes made the best sloe gin.

Each spring, the Blackthorn hedges bloom; their brilliant white flowers creating snow-white drifts against the woodlands and along our roadsides. These ephemeral petals soon fall and the Blackthorn becomes cloaked in small, oval leaves, capturing the energy that powers production of the sloes. A Blackthorn bush is a prickly character and as approachable as an enraged



Blackthorn Blossom c Richard Cobden

porcupine. Each twig is armed with spikes, which deter cattle and Grandads from helping themselves to its leaves and berries. This spiny spinney fortress also safeguards a wealth of wildlife. Nightingales, Turtle Doves and other birds nest under its protection and the elusive Brown Hairstreak butterfly lays its miniature sea urchin-like eggs on the bush's black bark.



Blackthorn Blossom c Derek Middleton

Many years after my Grandad and Betsy had departed, I decided to honour them both and concoct my own sloe gin. I found an online recipe and, in what was and still remains one of the biggest disappointments of my adult life, I discovered that the main ingredient in sloe gin... was gin. After watching my Grandad making his moonshine I had genuinely believed that by submerging a load of sloes in a bottle you would magically turn water into gin. It seems my Grandad couldn't perform miracles. Indeed, looking back, our hedgerow pillaging raids could easily be dismissed as forced child labour. Was he exploiting me and my tiny hands to bypass those thorns and reach the best berries? A few decades earlier he'd probably have sent me down a mine or up a chimney. But my Grandad wasn't some Fagin-like character. Now I think of it, I never once saw him actually drinking any of his sloe gin. Perhaps just being out in the countryside in the autumn sunshine, on an adventure with Betsy and his grandson, was the truly intoxicating ingredient.



Sloes c Derek Middleton

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RSPB Events for October 2021

Zoom Meeting Thursday 14 October

Bob Blackler, RSPB Wessex Stone Curlew Project Officer – The Stone Curlew Project at 7.00 pm
Zoom talks are free to all RSPB Chichester Local Group members and £4 each to non-members. Places are limited, so please book your place in advance by contacting Rob Yarham - email: chichesterbirds@gmail.com, tel: 07545 376074

CHICHESTER Thursday 28 October

Illustrated Talk by Sophie Yeomanson, Solent RSPB Community Shorebird Officer on "Solent's Sea and Water Birds" to the Chichester Local Group at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1SY at 7.30 pm.

Entrance members £2-50/visitors £5 07545 376074
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Chichester Conservancy Volunteers October 2021

HEYSHOTT Sunday 3 October

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GRAFFHAM Sunday 17 October

Conservation – Heathland Management with Graham Pritchard of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers on Graffham Common from 10.00 am 07802 161196

SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST October 2021

No planned events for the Chichester area for October

Big news for little terns

Church Norton oozes serenity but in the summer, through your binoculars, you will see a frenzy of comically short legs, chopstick-like beaks and dramatic eye stripes, a frenzy of little terns. This time of year, the chattering little terns have flown to West Africa to escape the wet Sussex winter - who can blame them!



But summers at Church Norton haven't always been alive with the noisy tern colony. Since 1985 little tern numbers have plummeted nationwide, in part, due to climate change, as rising seas and frequent floods wash away nests. When disturbed, by a dog off the lead or a visitor straying from the path, a little tern leaves its nest, leaving the chicks vulnerable. Lastly, little terns are forced to nest in areas where foxes, badgers, kestrel and crows can catch them, or steal their eggs. Today, there are only a handful of little tern colonies in the UK.

But all is not lost for Pagham Harbour's little terns, thanks to the tenacious staff and volunteers who happily spend time giving the little terns a



Little tern c Graham Goodall

helping hand. Initially, the Little Tern Project, funded by EU LIFE+ Nature, worked on 16 sites around England and Wales. Here at Pagham, volunteers have maintained a protected haven for the little terns at Church Norton, an island protected from land predators at high tide. Even at low tide the fencing gives the little terns the upper hand.

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The hard work has paid off; 2021 was Pagham's best year for breeding seabirds on record. 46 little tern pairs were documented, the most since 1982! 25 little terns fledged this year- the highest number since records began! This is reassuring news, as terns who successfully rear chicks will almost definitely return the following year, meaning Pagham's colony will likely thrive in years to come!



Little tern adult and two chicks c Kevin Simmonds

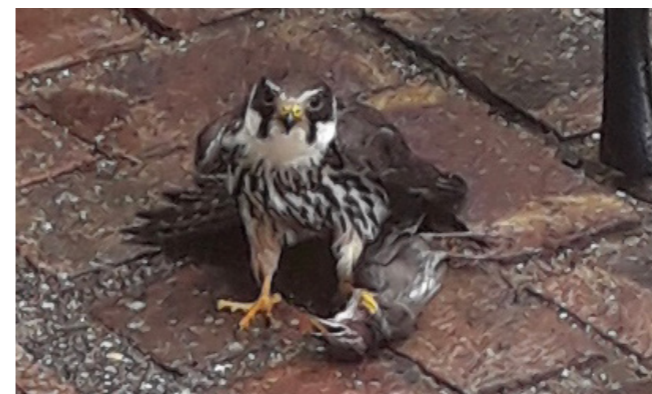


Little tern chicks

The terns put on an acrobatics show at high tide, diving like darts into the calm water, emerging with fish in their mustard-coloured beaks against the backdrop of the rolling South Downs and billowing clouds. For the terns' and other wildlife's sake, please respect the footpath signs, and keep an eye on your dog as you soak in the reserve's serenity.

If you want to hear more about volunteering work at Pagham Harbour, contact us at 01243 641508 / pagham.harbour@rspb.org.uk, or pop by our Visitor Centre on the B2145 between Chichester and Selsey- we'd love to hear from you!

Meerabai Kings



Dear Selsey Life,

the above picture was taken a couple months back in our garden of a Hobby taking its prey. I was told by the RSPB that it is unusual to get such a close up of this bird in a garden.

Tony Cullen



BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

In the Garden

our monthly guide to gardening - In memory of Giles Peare

Jobs for October

Sow Sweet Peas in deep pots in a cold frame. Pinch out tips of shoots after they've developed three leaves. This will produce stocky and branched plants for planting out next March/April, which will flower quite a bit earlier than Spring-sown seed, and give a fine display of colourful and scented flowers.

As Summer flowers begin to fade in the borders, fill any gaps with Primroses, Polyanthus, Pansies and Primulas to provide colour through to early Spring. Plant them out and leave them to grow on once they have finished flowering and they'll bloom in years to come. Plant some Wallflowers for early Spring bloom.

This is the time to wipe shade paint off the greenhouse glazing to let in more light, and while you're at it, wash thoroughly any glass you can reach - inside and out because plants inside will benefit from the extra light at this time of year. Remove any shade netting and blinds you have been using during the Summer. Clean them up, then store them away for use next year.

Dear Editor,

In response to Ian Kneeshaw's attempt to grow a broom, (*Selsey Life* September 2021 - Ed.) my response would be:

"I rather think you are having a brush with reality there, Ian."

Adrian Wilson



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Tip Top Tips

- Cut off marginal plants around ponds.
- Always do any watering in the morning from now on so that the foliage can dry out during the day and so avoid rot and grey mould.
- Ventilate on warm days but close vents in late afternoon to trap warm air inside.
- Plant Freesia corms for Spring flowers.
- Don't delay with the planting up of all kinds of Spring bulbs.
- This is a good time to plant Trees, Shrubs and Roses.
- At the end of the month earth up Dahlia crowns.
- Prune away the fruited canes of Blackberries and Loganberries.
- Sow Winter Lettuce, Spring Cabbages, Winter Spinach, Cauliflowers, Lams Lettuce, Winter Carrots, Chine Cabbage and Rocket.
- Build a few log piles for wildlife to crawl into during Autumn and hibernate.
- Sprinkle salt on paths and crevices to remove weeds and grass.

- 5) Who played Ophelia in Laurence Olivier's film Hamlet?
- 6) What are Argentinian cowboys called?
- 7) In which city was Martin Luther King Jr shot?
- 8) What was the name of Alexander the Great's horse?
- 9) Which member of Queen gained a first-class honours degree in electronics?
- 10) What word can precede window, leaf and rum?
- 11) In boxing, which hand does a southpaw lead with?
- 12) Who called itself the 'Station of the Nation'?
- 13) In Thunderbirds, which Tracy is the father?
- 14) Which Canadian singer received the Legion d'Honneur in 2008?
- 15) Name the first quintuplets known to have survived their infancy
- 16) Who founded the Royal Shakespeare Company?
- 17) What do the initials stand for in E L Doctorow?
- 18) What did Texas Instruments launch in 1971?
- 19) Who impersonated Harold Macmillan in Beyond the Fringe?
- 20) Who wrote the novel I, Claudius?

Did you know?

Charles Dickens's family had two ravens, a canary called Dick, a cat, seven dogs and a pony called Newman Nogs.

Did you know?

The only name sign of a town in Britain that is welded to its pole is that of Lost in Aberdeenshire.

Why did the sperm cross the road?
Because I put on the wrong sock this morning.

The Write Zone with Tara Lennon



If you're the kind of person who falls prey to the idea that they can deal with any scale of a problem, manage any amount of multi-tasking mania, and run a household, be a wonder-parent, good friend and remember everything on your task list without any slips, I am amongst your ranks, and I salute you. Bravo (and please would you share your top tips with me?) Biting off more than I can chew seems to be my 'thing' of late and, as a result, life has felt a little out of kilter. Here's why. I was

offered a new job in July – a major challenge with the technology division of the Company I work for. No big deal, except that I thought it would be okay to take this on, on top of my day job with our Travel division. Two divisions for the price of one, so to speak. It was going to require some....compromises at home, because the new division is in London and two days a week in the City is not unreasonable, at least, not as unreasonable as getting up at 04:45

to catch the 06:08 to London Bridge. But hold on – it wouldn't feel quite challenging enough if I didn't add something else into the mix. Why not add a houseguest who doesn't speak much English. Yes, of course, I can hear you chorusing, what a good idea, Tara.

The introduction to said houseguest came via my best friend. Would I be interested in hosting a Spanish Uni student who needed to improve her English? My role would be to converse with her each day. Child's play, I thought. My daughter was curiously sullen when I put the idea to her. "Share?" she asked. "Share our home....with a stranger?"

"It will be culturally and socially educational and mind-expanding" was something like my response. Needless to say, I didn't see my teenager for a number of hours afterwards.

My Spanish houseguest – we'll call her Grace - was, as it turned out, a rather lovely young woman, wracked by a perpetual anxiety about life's trip hazards, and very specific anxieties about the dark and catching Covid-19. To boot, she was dedicated to

healthy eating. Her isolation was spent eliminating insects and writing lists of salad ingredients that I needed to buy for her. My home was suddenly regulated by food portioning, strict social distancing and an increase in virus control measures worthy of an organ-transplant unit.

Grace's command of the English language was far more advanced than mine is of Espanol. My only fluency in Spanish is to be able to order a table for two and, unrelated to this, remark that my cat is hungry. In spite of the language barrier and the eye-popping pace of my new job, Grace and I managed to find quality time every day to converse. Preparing the evening salad together and singing to our favourites on the Alexa became the routine I enjoyed most. In leaps and bounds, Grace's English improved, as did my Spanish. I found a great deal of pleasure in helping a young person in a very hands-on way. We formed a bond that not only surprised me, but led me to dread my evenings without her.

Grace's flight back to Barcelona meant driving her to Gatwick at 04:00. It was dark and silent on the street and Grace immediately had a fit of the jitters. Bundling her into the car we set off. At the check-in hall she was practically wringing her hands in anxiety at the number of people in such close proximity. Without warning, a young woman who can't have been much older than Grace, calmly walked to the front of the queue, pointed her finger at the hundreds of bemused faces now staring at her, told everyone that she had been chosen by God who would punish non-believers, and asked who would join her. I've never felt my heart race so quickly. What have you been chosen for, I wondered.

"What is she saying?" Wide-eyed Grace clutched my arm.

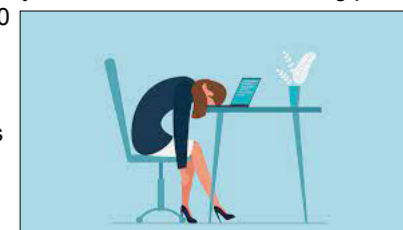
"This is one time when not having good English is a blessing," I told her quietly. The last Grace and I saw of this young woman was the sight of her in handcuffs, being dragged on her bottom across the check-in hall floor by two police officers. It was now nearly 06:00.

I left Grace to pass through security on her own, relieved that she was on her way safely, and more confident than she was that she would navigate Gatwick departures to board her flight. As I drove home, tiredness starting to creep in, I reflected on the weeks she'd been under my roof and wondered if I'd do it again. Yes, I decided. It has been fun, educational and mind-expanding, and without realising it at the time, a lovely diversion from an exhausting period at work. I got home at 08:00 to clean her room, strip the bed, vacuum the house and put a wash on. When I logged on to my work mails it was 08:50.

Bite off more than I can chew? Pah!

Tara

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Did you know?

There are more statues of lions in the world than there are real lions.

My teachers told me I'd never amount to much since I procrastinate so much.

I told them, "Just you wait!"

Do you want to hear a construction joke?

Sorry, I'm still working on it.



Tuesday 5th October.

The Selsey Private Club
Presents A Bingo Bonanza with the original
card Bingo game

With the original caller Kevin Noble
Every penny from entries goes as prize
money as per the Quiz.

The Selsey Private Club, Coxes Road

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

I'm really pleased to let you know that last month's pet of the month the guinea pig Romesco is reserved and due to start bonding with a new friend soon. I have all my toes crossed that it will work out for him this time.

I wanted to tell you all about an amazing young girl I met the other day. She came to the centre to make a donation towards the animals, which of course I accepted. However, the amazing thing about this young girl was that she had sold her own toys to raise the money to donate. How sweet is that! Of course I made sure my staff were able to let her have a little look round the centre to see the animals her donation will help.

I overheard my staff talking the other day about a sweet older female cat that had come into the rescue. This little cat had just come in and while one of the staff was adding her details on to our system she realised that this cat was actually rehomed from us many years ago. You see sadly this cat's owner had died and her son had brought the cat into us, he lived far away and did not know it was from us. The reason why I wanted to tell you this story is because I wanted everyone to know that most good rescue like us will always take back the animals that they rehomed to find them a new home if needed. We do not like to think about passing away but I think it is important for family to know that if you adopt a rescue cat it will always have somewhere to go. We were full at the time we were asked to take this cat, which meant they went to the bottom of the waiting list but if we had known she was from us she would have skipped the que and saved a lot of time.

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

Love Markus x

P.S. Please check our website www.crrc.co.uk to see how we are now rehoming and for the animals available for adoption.



Hubert

This month we would love to introduce you to the very handsome Hubert. Hubert is a 4 year old male cat who has been here at The Centre since March after he was found living as a stray.



We do believe that Hubert must have had a home at some point as he is such a lovely boy who wants to be fussed. Unfortunately, when Hubert arrived he was not in the best condition but after seeing our vets it was discovered that he has Kidney disease. He is on medication for this but is on our part foster care scheme, which means he can continue to see our vet here at The Centre. He is such a lovely boy, occasionally he can come across as a little shy at first, but really he just loves attention and sometimes even to be picked up and cuddled. Still a big kitten at heart he also loves to play with his toys. Hubert would be best suited to home without other pets but he could happily live with older children.

If you think you may be able to offer Hubert a loving home please give the centre a call on 01243 967111 or visit our website www.crrc.co.uk.

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



THE CAT & RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

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

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

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

Did you know?

In 1849, the Viceroy of Egypt gave London Zoo a hippo in exchange for a greyhound.

Two windmills are standing on a wind farm. One asks, 'What's your favorite kind of music?'

The other replies, 'I'm a big metal fan.'

DONNA'S DELIBERATIONS

Hello and welcome to my latest travel blog! Clearly, my last couple of months Deliberations have turned into more of a narrative where the major focus seemed to be on travel and to be fair, not particularly exotic!

I've often thought about setting up a proper Blog - I even have a website especially created for just that purpose but I've never done anything with it, just never had the time, really. Blogging is something of a multimedia endeavour, it involves more than just writing, really - which is why Bloggers are called 'Content Creators'. Many of those who got in 'at the ground floor' and have evolved with their audience have done pretty well. Mr J's eldest daughter has a friend who started doing a bit of blogging whilst at University - she ended up 'vlogging' - posting videos on You Tube and it's been her full time job for years now; she's done extremely well.

I, however, am very behind the curve and never seem to find time to write that book I'm always talking about or that blog I want to get going - a little thing called 'life' tends to get in the way! I'd have liked to have given it a go, though. I've obviously been very influenced by print journalism but it would have been quite fun to have been a content creator, observing places, people and their stories, then curating it all in the form of a blog. Ultimately, all we scribes really want to do is inspire, educate and entertain - and having the potential to do this using multi media and various platforms is really quite exciting.

Let's face it, social media has gone from being just an entertaining extra to part of the fabric of our society, in no more than ten years - it impacts everyday life in a way those of us 'of an age' could never have imagined. In a sense we have seen the 'meshing' of digital and physical worlds and social media now impacts politics, our workplaces, home life - everywhere, in fact and it's still evolving at a speed we can hardly keep up with, none of us really has any idea what it will morph into next! Facebook, the world's longest used digital platform, is one of the most valuable companies on the planet but young people don't like using the same platform as their parents so social media is constantly looking for the next 'thing' - the next iteration of social media communication. Like it or loathe it, social media is fundamental to the way that billions of people obtain information about the world and it's the way they communicate with each other - it's useful, engaging and interesting but it can also be addictive.



Virtual worlds and gaming have become a significant part of the social media sector, it's become immersive and the digital world can now imitate the physical one. It's a form of virtual reality where the world you 'play' in comes from imagination - you can still be 'you' or you can be anyone you like. Escapism or a retreat from reality? Some may say that the jury is still out.

I use social media quite a bit but really only superficially - it's a way of communicating something to people quickly or a way of sharing something with people which might be useful or interesting; there's no doubt that it can keep people connected which has to be a positive thing. Commonalities are so important and shared connections can help so much.

I must admit that I did use it to share a few pictures of our latest jaunts to the Isle of Wight. We decided, one Saturday, to go over via the Wightlink FastCat - the non vehicle passenger ferry from Portsmouth. It didn't take long, we were over in Ryde within twenty minutes and the sun was out, meaning that we actually went outside up onto the Sun Deck. My son prefers the 9 minute hovercraft crossing between Southsea and Ryde which I must admit is pretty fast and it has the added advantage of literally depositing you on the beach!



Interestingly, during the Covid pandemic, two of the hovercraft were modified to be able to take stretchers. A temporary landing point was used in Southampton allowing patients to be transferred to Southampton Hospital.

I took a photo of the Spinnaker Tower as we were leaving the port. It's a bit like marmite is the Spinnaker - but, like it or loathe it, it's a pretty imposing and completely unique structure. It's 170 metres high and has the reputation of being Britain's best viewing tower. There's a rather nice cafe, a mere 105 metres above the ground!



The FastCat deposits passengers at the end of the pier. Unfortunately, the train service which usually runs from the pier right down to Shanklin and back wasn't running and so we had a rather long walk into Ryde itself. The Pier is actually 1,740 feet long! It's the second longest seaside pier in the country,



second only to Southend and it's the oldest. The wooden structure opened in 1814 and it still enables ferries to berth even at low tide, when the tide can be half a mile out. It didn't take long, Mr J and I took around

10 minutes to wander down into Ryde itself. Believe it or not, before the pier was built, passengers had to walk as much as half a mile across wet sand to get to the town. Thank goodness we don't have to do that!

During our afternoon meanderings up and down the hills of Ryde, we came across a little shop - The Christmas Imaginarium - a shop dedicated to all things Christmas. It's open for 10 months of the year and sells all manner of Christmas curiosities. It even sells the Santa Claus Magazine, the official publication of the North Pole! According to the shop, it was originally published by the elves for the elves but Santa's official biographer has been given permission to distribute this magazine to we humans. I have ordered one, so will be reporting back on another occasion! Suffice to say that I was a bit worried about coming face to face with a Christmas shop in September but somehow, once you step inside, it really doesn't seem to matter - magic and wonder awaits everyone, just suspend your disbelief for a while! It goes without saying that Santa himself has endorsed the shop and there is, of course, a direct link to the North Pole!



So, there we go, here finally endeth the travel blog! The weather is deteriorating and the nights are beginning to draw in so our quick trips across the Solent are paused for a while. The clocks go back at the end of the month and that's usually the signal for me to get the woolly jumpers out! Fun fact - Edmund Hillary first summited Mount Everest wearing a jumper - we are so used to seeing mountaineers wear space age suits these days that it's hard to comprehend that Hillary did actually climb the highest mountain on earth in a woolly jumper - albeit a Shetland one!

So, take care, keep safe and keep warm everyone. Donna

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As we go into the Autumn it is time to reflect on the competitions and events that took place in August and the beginning of September. The course is in great condition no doubt helped by the huge amount of rain we had during and, especially, at the beginning of the month. Now the course, is beginning to turn into its Autumn colours, different this year because the fairways are still green and not the parched colour of a dry hot summer. The greens are in top condition, the club is so privileged to have such course to play on. Thanks, of course, to our groundsmen Martin Kay and Roger Cawte.

August has been a very busy month with several mixed events.

The first mixed event took place on the 20th August and was the Tom Keep, a Four-ball competition. This competition has been played for many years and was first played in 1935. This year's winners were our club Captain Matt Hurst and our Lady Captain Alison Weller who scored 38 points. Simon Rishman and Mary Carpenter came second with 36 points. 36 players took part in this event. The golf was followed by tea supplied by the club's restaurant.



The second, The Marlene Briance Salver, was played on the 27th August. Mrs Marlene Briance who was Lady Captain in 1980/81, presented the salver to the Club to be the trophy for a mixed stableford foursomes competition. For many years after Marlene was no longer a member of Selsey Golf Club, she would return to present the trophy to the winners. Although Marlene no longer presents the trophy in person, she sent her good wishes to all the players who took part in this event and was very pleased to know that the trophy was still being played for. This year the Salver was won by Robert Anderson and Sheila Watmore with a staggering 50 points and Pete Williams and Jackie Mayzes were second with 49 points.. 30 players took part and the game was followed by tea.



Robert and Sheila with Captains Alison and Kevin.

Another mixed event that has been taking place every month has been a Friday Night BBQ Roll Up. This has proved very popular. On 31st July Craig Newman was the winner with a gross score of 40 and James Belcher was the runner-up with a gross score of 41. This was followed by the BBQ.

Juniors

The Juniors were busy during the Summer Holidays having a weekly competition on a Tuesday.

27th July saw the start of the Summer Holiday junior competitions.



Tom Ford was the winner. On 10th August, Reggie Lee had an a really good score of 39 points. 17th August Lee Oscar won the competition with 52 points and on 24th Reggie Lee won for the second time with 44 points.

On 3rd August the West Sussex Junior League was held at Selsey. 22 juniors took part representing West Sussex GC, Ham Manor GC, Worthing GC, Bognor GC, Goodwood GC and of course Selsey. Zachary Hauffe from Goodwood GC came first and second was Billy Bicknell from Bognor GC. Thomas Ford, Fynn-Lee Hinshelwood and Ewan Lennox represented Selsey

The Juniors will play their Club Championship on 12th September.

More juniors have joined the club this year and are enjoying the experience, it is so good to see so many young people playing golf. To join the Junior Section is only £28 a year. So much can be learnt from playing golf, it is not just learning the skill of a sport that can be played for life but also the respect of the course and consideration to their fellow golfers. The majority of Processional golfers, not just those who play the tours, but club professionals and many other positions in the golfing world, first played as juniors and have made good careers out of what started as joining their local golf club as a junior.

Ladies

Gillian Hill and Gillian Chapman represented Selsey in the Sussex County Jerdine Salver that was held at Bognor Golf Course this year. There was an entry of 44 pairs and the two Gillians came 24th.

In August a lot of the Ladies have grandmother duties! So there are fewer ladies playing the competitions. This, and due to some very bad weather especially at the start of the month and the Bank Holiday, meant that they were only able to play on two Mondays. However plenty of other golf was played during August.

On the 16th August one of the Ladies favourite competitions was played, The Grandmother's Trophy. This should have been played on the previous Monday, but had to be postponed due to high winds and heavy rain. This trophy was presented to the club by Meg Mearns to commemorate the birth of her first grandson. Meg was a member of the Club for many years and was Lady Captain in 1996/1997. Meg wished this competition to be a celebration for all grandmothers and is always followed by afternoon tea and the Ladies dress for the occasion. Meg has now left the club as she and her husband have returned to live in Scotland to be near their family. This year's winner was Carol Wheeler and the runner-up was Sheila Watmore. The 9 hole competition was won by Caroline Newton.

On Saturday 21st August the Ladies play a Texas Scramble, a team game that is really fun to play.

There are 3 players to a team. Alison Weller (Captain), Caroline Simpson and Kathy Croxford won the competition against Sheila Watmore (Vice Captain) Carol Smith and Shirley Brown. Both scored a gross 96 points but on the nett score (handicap score) Alison's team scored 68 and Sheila's team scored 70.

On 23rd August Alison played her Lady Captain's Day golf. The golf part of her Lady Captain's day held in July had to be cancelled due to bad weather. Fortunately another date in the Ladies busy competition fixture was found and the golf was able to be played. The winner was Carol Wheeler and Mary Carpenter came second. The 9 hole competition was won by Alison Weller.

On 6th September the Ladies Four Ball Better Ball, a team game played in pairs but both players play their own ball throughout the round. Gillian Chapman and Shirley Brown won with 39 points and Carol Smith and Jillie Ranscombe came second with 37 points. 6 pairs took part.

On the 10th September another special competition was played, the President's Prize. The Club's President Mr. Clive Cockayne arranged for the Ladies to have tea after the competition, providing another occasion for ladies to put on their 'best frocks'. The prizes were presented on his behalf by the Lady Captain. Anne Croxford was the winner with 37 points, Eddie Williamson came second with 35 points and Gillian Hill was third with 34 points. Next year some of the Ladies are hoping to go on a 'Girl's Tour' and the prizes were various 'bags' very appropriate. Also each prize winner received a bouquet of flowers. It was a great day, the weather was warm but cloudy and not too windy, and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part and the tea was delicious.



THE SELSEY CARPET BOWLERS

So good to be able to bowl again and see friendly faces enjoying the game after so long away. The new guide lines and session times still remain the same.

If you need more information please contact either Sylvia on **01243 681663** or Annette on **01243 606227**.



Totally Locally Fiver Fest is coming to Selsey!

Totally Locally is a national initiative encouraging people to shop local, using our High Streets and shopping parades.

Twice a year, there is a Fiver Fest, where our local independent traders put together an offer for just five of our British pounds and this time Selsey is taking part.

Please look out for the Totally Locally posters going up around our special little town and see which of our wonderful shops and businesses is taking part. Pop in, say hello, have a chat and grab a bargain. What's not to like?

If you're a local business and would like to take part, please get in touch.

Call me on **606629** or email me - donnajohnson279@gmail.com

Dear Selsey Life,

Last October I ran 100km for breast cancer and did 600km cycling in August this year. I raised in total **£1810** for breast cancer as my mum has just died, 27th August, from it, she was almost 90.

I've raised now in total **£131,810** mainly for children's charities, and mainly Chestnut Tree Children Hospice.

I'm making jams and marmalade's, lemon curd, cakes, breads, rolls, biscuits and pies and selling them for Chestnut Tree House on the first Tuesday of each month:

OCT. 5th NOV. 2nd and DEC. 8th from my front door.

For more info contact me on **07739903050**

My address:
Pinks Cottage
105 East St
Selsey

Sarah Jouault



Short mat bowls

Due to Covid our winter season last year finished rather abruptly because of the lockdown March 2020.

During that time our fabulous maintenance guys painted the whole interior of our club house, our bowling hall looks so fresh & bright plus we have had an amazing new floor and new bowling mats.

Everything is now ready for a great return to our winter bowling season 2021/2022.

Everyone is very excited and are already attending Roll Ups ready for our league season to start in October.

We held our AGM on Tuesday 31 August and at the end we held our long-awaited belated presentations for Crablands Short Mat Bowls 2019/2020.

The picture shows of some of our fantastic members who won medals, certificates, chalk sprays, cups & shields etc. our runners up were presented with medals, certificates, and chalk spray. An exciting time was had by all.

Anyone wanting to find out more about how to join our great club please call 01243 276489 leave a message & someone will get back in touch as soon as possible.



CRABLANDS BOWLS & TENNIS CLUB

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



LADIES PAIRS
WINNERS Elaine Sadler & Chris Lewendon
RUNNERS UP Alex Ainge & Val Foyle

OPEN PAIRS
WINNERS Denise Merritt & Bill Merritt
RUNNERS UP Gill Oliver & Jim Saunders

OPEN SINGLES
WINNER Alan Foot
RUNNER UP Jim Saunders

CHAIRMAN'S CUP
WINNERS Tony Dade & Val Foyle
RUNNERS UP Gill Oliver & Jim Saunders

MEN'S PAIRS
WINNERS Tony Dade & Jim Saunders
RUNNERS UP Alan Bateman & Les Jewiss

AUSTRALIAN PAIRS
WINNERS Elaine Sadler & Peter Blackman
RUNNERS UP Gill Oliver & George Arnold

MEN'S SINGLES
WINNER Eddie Willcocks
RUNNER UP Alan Bateman

MANHOOD CHALLENGE
WINNER Graham Ainge
RUNNER UP Jack Freeborough

LADIES SINGLES
WINNER Denise Merritt
RUNNER UP Jan Obermayer

DRAWN PAIRS
WINNERS Lesley Duff & Tony Dade
RUNNERS UP Alex Ainge & Danny Arnold

Green bowls

MEMBER OF THE SEASON Eddie Willcocks

Firstly, we are proud to report that Chris Lewendon, Sheila Jones and Carol Bowles (representing West Sussex) beat Wiltshire in the finals at Leamington Spa before being beaten by Cornwall. Sadly, Debs Hogg fell victim to the dreaded COVID 19 and was unable to travel (recovered now thankfully).

FINALS WEEKEND

The weather was very kind to us this year bringing out plenty of spectators who enjoyed some great bowling.

LADIES SINGLES
WINNER Sheila Jones
RUNNER UP Debs Hogg

MENS' SINGLES
WINNER Richard Green
RUNNER UP Alan Bateman

LADIES' PAIRS
WINNERS Debs Hogg and Mollie Back
RUNNERS UP Susan Jackson and Cheryl Brown

MENS' PAIRS
WINNERS Richard Green and Richard Humphrey
RUNNERS UP Nigel Crump and Paul Chuter



Sarah Fewster (Captain) with Ladies' Pairs winners Mollie and Debs together with Mens' captain John Cornwell.

MILLENNIUM TROPHY (chosen partners)
WINNERS Chris and Lew Lewendon
RUNNERS UP Val Foyle and Ian Ford

ELSTON SHIELD (drawn pairs)
WINNERS Sarah Fewster and Tony Dade
RUNNERS UP Richard Green and Sue Blyth

LADIES' 2 WOOD YARDSTICK
WINNER Sheila Jones
RUNNER UP Sarah Fewster

MENS' 2 WOOD YARDSTICK
WINNER Mike Lockyer
RUNNER UP Derek Clacey

OPEN HANDICAP
WINNER Alan Bateman
RUNNER UP Richard Humphrey

100 UP SINGLES
WINNER Richard Humphrey
RUNNER UP Cheryl Brown

VILLAGE CUP (anyone who has never won a bowls competition)
WINNER Sarah Fewster
RUNNER UP Tom Oliver

ALAN KITE (drawn triples)
WINNERS Julia McClaren, Cheryl Brown and Mark Heasman
RUNNERS UP Tom Oliver, Melva Bateman and Trevor Plaistow

BERT JONES (2 wood drawn pairs)
WINNERS Bryan Jackson and Derek Clacey
RUNNERS UP Gill Oliver and Dave Osman.



Mike Lockyer and Derek Clacey



Community Wardens partner with local charity to support the most vulnerable

A local project run by the Community Forum, which is supported by Chichester District Council's Community Wardens, has been providing a vital lifeline to vulnerable people in **Selsey** and Bracklesham

and the Witterings.

The Good Morning Selsey and Bracklesham and the Witterings schemes aim to combat loneliness by making telephone calls to check in on local people who may be vulnerable or who live alone.

Volunteers are available for calls seven days a week, 52 weeks a year; including bank holidays and Christmas.

The charity, chaired by local resident Mike Nichols, laid the foundations for the scheme eight years ago. Since then it has become a lifeline for many older people across **Selsey** and more recently a further scheme has been introduced in Bracklesham and the Witterings.

Hundreds of calls are made each day by 25 volunteers, who offer friendly support to people across **Selsey** and Bracklesham and the Witterings, from either the office, at home or out and about, while two part time staff members from the Community Forum coordinate the scheme.

Mike Nichols, who chairs the Community Forum, says: "Eight years ago I started working on the Good Morning Selsey scheme, back then it was only two or three people. Now we have nearly 100 residents using our service to help them connect with other people. A lot of these people only have the radio or TV to know what's going on outside their homes, so even a half hour conversation with another person can really brighten them up and help keep them connected.

"We have really come into our own during the pandemic. Before, many people were visited by their family and friends, but the risk of Covid-19 has kept everyone inside. Without these phone calls older people in **Selsey** and Bracklesham and the Witterings may not have had a conversation for weeks or longer.



"And, with the help of our local Community Wardens, Neil Hill and Drew Allardice, we've been able to help keep those using our service safe and looked after."

Neil Hill, Community Warden for **Selsey**, says the partnership has made a huge difference: "If we don't get a reply from someone for a couple days then the team will let me know. I then go round to the person's house and just check everything is okay. Sometimes they've gone on holiday or been taken to hospital, but in more serious cases they can be incapacitated in their home and then I call the local emergency services and we get them the help they need.

"The scheme really is a lifeline for many people here and thanks to Mike and the rest of the team we've been able to help a lot of

people. We've also been able to put people in touch with council services that can offer further support."

The scheme receives a grant from Chichester District Council, along with money from charitable trusts and donations, so that it can continue to be delivered free of charge.

Ronelle and Amanda work as part time call managers for Good Morning Selsey. Ronelle says: "The service we offer the people of **Selsey** is such a lifeline. I remember one lady I regularly spoke to over the phone had a fall in the garden. Because she didn't answer her phone that morning we sent Neil round and after involving the emergency services we were able to get her the help she needed. If we had not had those regular phone calls in place, who knows when someone would have noticed that she needed help."

Amanda adds: "Because we speak to our clients for so long we can pick up on their personality, their likes and dislikes. After a while people open up and that can help us get through to them if there's an issue or pick up on slight changes that are part of larger issues."

The scheme continues to provide support for the resident, even if they temporarily have to move to another location as Mike explains: "If one of our residents goes into hospital we keep up the phone calls with them, and if they go to a care home we ring them as long as they want us to, until they feel settled. We take this approach because we know how valuable this connection can be."

"We couldn't do any of this without our brilliant volunteers and we're always looking for more. If people want to get involved and help their community they can call the Selsey Care Shop on **01243 201616** or contact the Community Wardens. After a DBS check we can give volunteers all the training and support they need."

Chichester District Council provides the Community Warden Service in five areas of the district, including Chichester East and Whyke; Chichester West; Tangmere and Oving; **Selsey**, and Bracklesham and The Witterings.

Roy Briscoe, Cabinet Member at Chichester District Council for Community Services and Culture, says: "We are so lucky to have such caring people in our district who give up their own time to help those who are vulnerable or lonely. As a council we are proud to support Good Morning Selsey/ Bracklesham and the Witterings through both our Community Warden Service and grant funding and seeing the huge difference it makes."



You can find out more about the Community Wardens at: <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/communitywardens>

21) In which Anglo-American war was the Battle of Baltimore?

22) Who said 'Lies, damned lies and statistics'?

23) What word can follow pack, war and clothes?

24) When was the Manchester Ship Canal opened - 1874, 1884, 1894?

25) What is the capital of the British Virgin Islands?
26) Which US singer was nicknamed 'The Prince of Wails'?
27) What was Woody Allen's first film as director?
28) Which Swiss town holds an annual TV festival?
29) Ananas is French for which fruit?



Selsey Model Boat Club

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

The first Sunday of each month is Race Day
New members welcome
or just pop along to have a look and a chat
contact Chris on Selsey 601550



Selsey Men in Sheds

A non-profit making organisation

Open Tuesday & Thursday 10 - 4
Saturdays 10 - 2

Membership £10.00 per month or £100 per year
Complete your own wood / metal projects or be involved in group activities

If you are interested in joining contact
Mick Webb 07939 880029
email m.c.webb46@gmail.com

Selsey Men in Sheds

We are now back up and running fully in our new workshops at the Bridge. It's behind the library, in the middle of the Hidden Garden by the side of the Academy School. We would be happy to get new members - why not come along and have a chat?

The men will be available to meet people on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 10-4, you are welcome to come and see us.

We look forward to seeing you.

SELSEY WRITERS' CIRCLE

We are happy to announce that THE WRITERS' CIRCLE is to recommence meetings on Tuesday 5th October.

The Circle meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the Methodist Hall, High Street, from 2.00 p.m. until 4.30 p.m.

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. New members very welcome

For more information contact Pat Read Tel: 07946707708

Selsey Bridge Club

All welcome

Friendly group of mixed ability

Thursday afternoons

2pm - 5pm

Selsey Centre Manor Road

call Graham or Christine 01243 602612
for information

1ST SELSEY SCOUTS Charity Shop

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

We are taking Bric-a-brac, Puzzles, Books
and Clothing

CHURCH HALL OPEN FOR HIRE



at the Catholic Parish of
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel
& St Wilfrid**
Church Road, Selsey, PO20 0LS

Do you need a hall for meetings or regular weekly classes? Our Hall is now open for hire having been thoroughly cleaned and maintained in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines. Free parking and toilet facilities available with limited use of a kitchen at present; lighting and heating costs included. For further details contact **Cathy on: 07951 601493.**

Justine Clement runs the community venture Selsey Sea Bathing Society. They are resuming their monthly socially distanced gatherings, so if you'd like to join them they are free and open to anyone - no experience necessary! Just go to the events section on www.selseyseabathingsociety.com.



If you'd like to get in touch with Justine, you can find her at justine@selseyseabathingsociety.com. She also runs www.forestbathingmadeinbritain.com and is a certified Breath Coach www.wonderbreath.com

How do you measure a snake?
In inches—they don't have feet.

Why is Peter Pan always flying?
Because he Neverlands.

You heard the rumour going around about butter?
Never mind, I shouldn't spread it.



HEDGEHOG CARE SEASON APPROACHES

As the busy summer season begins to end and the admissions of seasonal wildlife casualties become a lot less demanding, we will be switching our admission hours to reflect this. From the start of September, the hospital will be accepting patients from 8.30am until 6.30pm daily. All emergency admissions after this time are subject to appointment by calling the hospital.

We are now starting to release hundreds of healthy rehabilitated animals admitted at the start of the summer season. The freed-up space is now needed to house the impending seasonal influx of hedgehogs, where we anticipate treating over 250 hedgehogs as well as hundreds of other wildlife casualties. Many of these will be underweight baby or juvenile hedgehogs that require over-winter care. Once healthy and up to a good weight, we will gradually release hundreds of these healthy wild animals back into suitable local habitats next spring.

The biggest issue currently facing hedgehogs is the lack of suitable habitats for foraging, breeding and raising young. Gardens are being made more secure with extra fencing and walls, which in turn reduces their territorial area. Bonfires can cause hibernating hedgehogs to become fatally injured and climate change means hoglets born too close to winter will not likely survive hibernation. All these factors have contributed towards them being pushed close to extinction and the loss is not sustainable. Simple steps



need to be taken to protect their habitats and ensure these habitats are thriving with healthy hedgehogs.

- Creating a 13cm hole in your fence will give hedgehogs access between gardens, to find food and a suitable hibernating spot. Our Hoggy Walkway signs help to ensure the gap is left open for roaming hedgehogs.
- Making space for a hedgehog house in your garden will provide a valuable nesting and hibernation area. Wooden hedgehog houses and Hoggy Walkway signs can be purchased from our hospital reception.
- Check before you light bonfires for any signs of sleeping hogs. Lift the edges of the bonfire and shine a torch. Construct bonfire piles on the day of the event or surround the area with chicken wire (not net). Any hedgehogs found inside should be moved a safe distance away.

If you have a hedgehog in your garden that looks too small or underweight (below 600g) then you should call us for advice, it

may need overwinter care to survive the hibernation ahead. We would like to thank everyone for all of their support throughout the busy summer season. We will of course appreciate your continued support as we face our busy hedgehog care season ahead. Donations and Wishlist items are very much appreciated, to help us meet the rising costs of medical treatment, food and care.

www.brentlodge.org.
(01243 641672)



1st Selsey Scout Group

Christmas Fayre

13th November 2021

10.00 am – 2 pm



30) What nationality is actor Christopher Plummer?

31) Who wrote the 'Song of the Flea'?

"Give it to me! Give it to me!" she yelled. "I'm so wet, give it to me now!"

She could scream all she wanted, but I was keeping the umbrella.



JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY

Do you like doing Jigsaws?

Would you like to be able to borrow rather than buy?

Please call 605942 to make an appointment to collect the puzzles.

14 Green Lane, Selsey

We are practising self-distancing rules.

The Membership Fee is just £5 and puzzles can be borrowed for a £1 a month each. Over 300 to choose from.

More information on 605942.

All proceeds in aid of The Sussex Snowdrop Trust (charity no. 1096622)

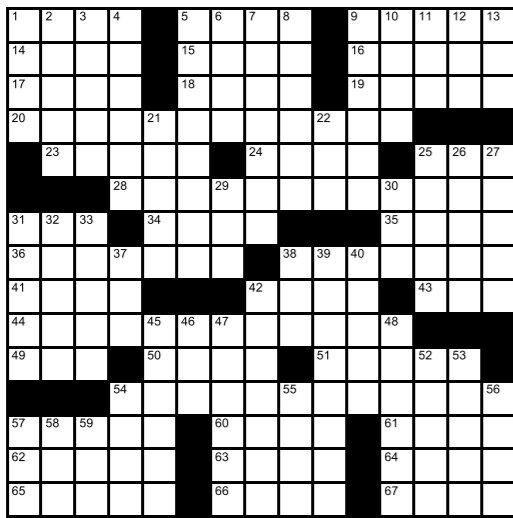


We are pleased to now be able to offer some jigsaws for sale, all in good condition. Please ring 605942 for further details.

Steve's Puzzle Page

Across

1. Camera part
5. Blacken
9. Doth speak
14. Change
15. Dash
16. Bye word
17. "I'll second that"
18. Middle-earth menaces
19. Detail
20. Dramatic advances
23. Siesta
24. Last of the Stuarts
25. The Company
28. Christian doctrine believers
31. Lawyer's org.
34. Appear
35. ___ infra (see below)
36. Sicko
38. Nineveh's kingdom
41. Curved molding
42. Empty
43. Indian bread
44. Determiner of distance
49. Big bang maker
50. Laugh ___
51. Construction girder
54. Touchdown location
57. Haven
60. Asian nurse
61. Bookie's quote
62. English assignment
63. Bakery buy
64. Obscures
65. Idaho, e.g.
66. The "E" of B.P.O.E.
67. Fingerboard ridge
- Down**
1. Baghdad's land
2. Twin of Romulus
3. Best
4. Italian ___
5. Casino employee
6. Do damage to
7. High praise
8. Forwarded
9. Combat engineer
10. Bustles
11. Junior's junior
12. Big ___ Conference
13. QB's cry
21. Breviloquent
22. Santa ___, Calif.
25. ___ terrier
26. Calcutta's home
27. Regional intergovernmental organization
29. After-tax amount
30. Brown, e.g.
31. To the left, at sea
32. Started
33. "You ___ kidding!"
37. Chill out
38. Make sense, with "up"
39. Acts of deception
40. Novi Sad residents
42. Inner coat of a vessel
45. Desk item
46. Flipper
47. Halogen salt
48. Detonate
52. Eagerness
53. Gnatlike insect
54. Citrus fruit
55. Informer, informally
56. "Hey ... over here!"
57. His "4" was retired
58. "Bingo!"
59. Undertake, with "out"



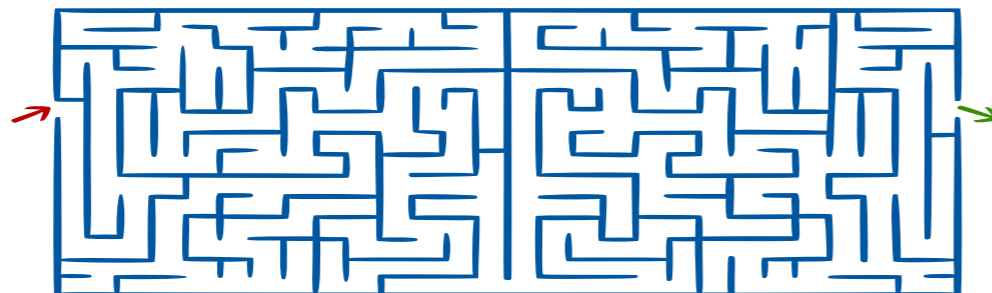
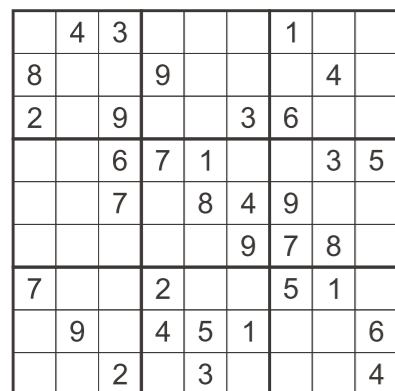
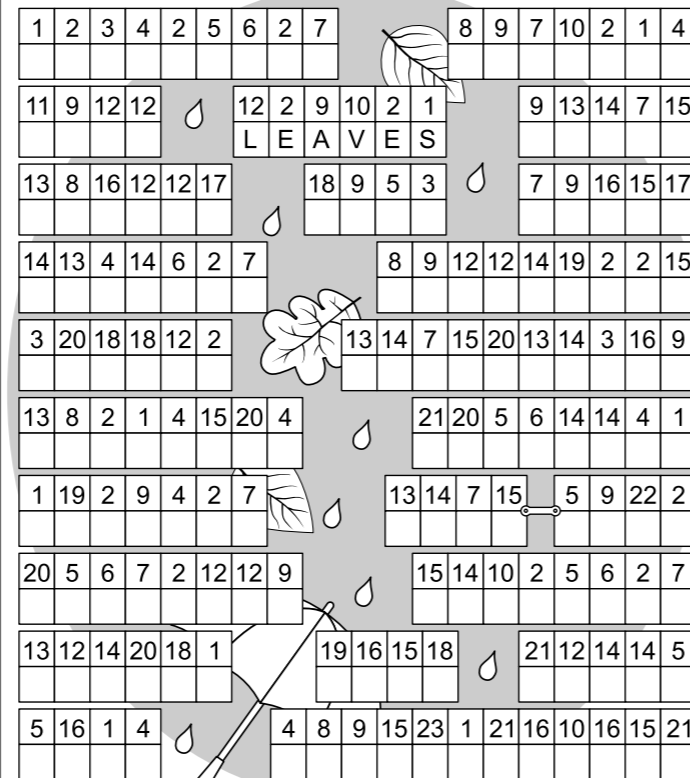
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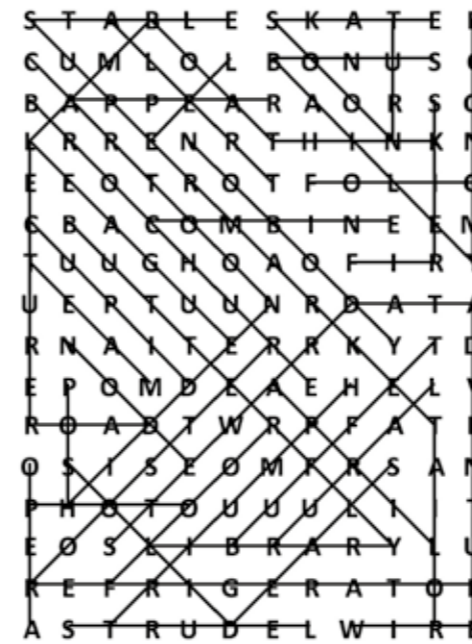
CRACK THE CODE

..... Autumn

Crack the code to reveal more words.

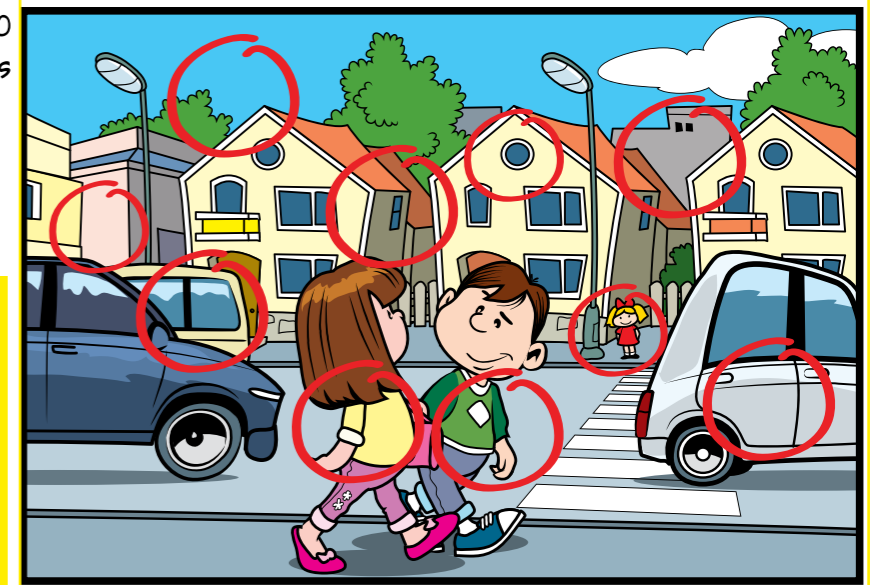


Last Month's Answers



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

Find 10 differences



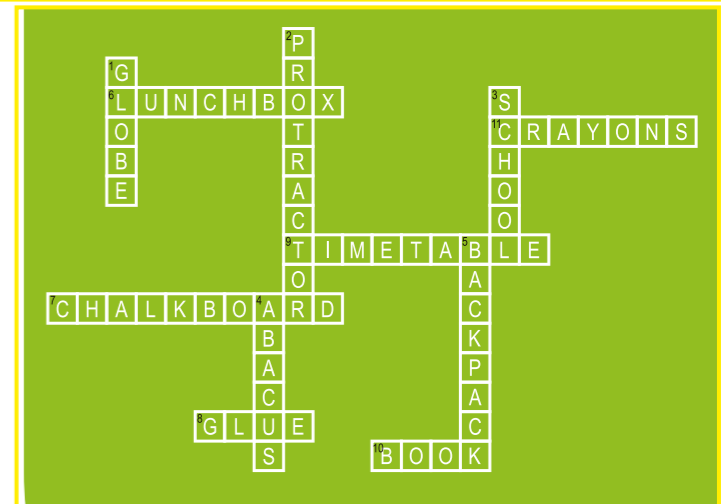
- 1) Hector Berlioz 2) Ian Carmichael
- 3) French 4) At the point of death
- 5) Ireland 6) Scottish crown jewels
- 7) Thorax 8) Halle Berry 9) Kevin Rudd
- 10) Rudolf Nureyev 11) Five
- 12) Frankie Dettori 13) Larry Grayson
- 14) Blue Moon 15) Sheffield 16) Brazil
- 17) Brannigan 18) Herald of Free Enterprise
- 19) Errol Flynn 20) Terry Lloyd
- 21) Albert Herring by Benjamin Britten
- 22) Thomas Mann 23) Dig for Victory
- 24) Oxford
- 25) The Imaginarium of Doctor Parassus
- 26) Australia 27) Six 28) Alec Issigonis
- 29) Kiki Dee

Due to the Covid restrictions in place, we regret that Sweet Caroline has had to be cancelled.

There will be no hands, touching hands, reaching out, touching me or touching you until further notice.

Did you know?

Iraq is the only country that ends with a letter Q, and Qatar is the only country to start with one.



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

Parish Priest: Fr Max
Church Road, Selsey, PO20 0LS
Telephone: 01243 602312



**Mass at 10.00 am daily
except Saturdays at 5.30 pm**

NOTE TEMPORARY CHANGE

From 25 September to 16 October 2021 there will be no weekday Masses and Saturday evening Mass will be at the earlier time of 4.30pm

Please check website for changes:
www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday October 3rd 10.30 am Mrs Shelagh Morgan
Sunday October 10th 10.30 am Mrs Wendy Corney
Sunday October 17th 10.30 am Dr Mike Nicholls
Sunday October 24th 10.30 am Revd Ian Suttie
Holy Communion
Sunday October 31st 10.30 am Mrs Margaret Thompson
Our minister is Revd. Ian Suttie 01903 245799



**SELSEY METHODIST
CHURCH**

For enquiries about hiring the hall
please email
d.dixon808@btinternet.com



Did you hear about the fire at the circus?
It was in tents!

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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

The church is open daily for prayer and visits.

Tuesday 9.30 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 9.30 am Holy Communion
Thursday 7.00 pm Holy Communion
Sunday 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Sunday 10.00 am Parish Sung Eucharist

Please check our noticeboard and website for service times

All are welcome to attend,
we look forward to seeing you.

Our Church Halls with Kitchen and Car Park are available to hire for your meetings and celebrations please contact our Hall Manager Sue Ripley on 01243 948501 or stpetershallbookings@outlook.com

**Family Harvest
Celebration**



involving a tin and packet
collection for the local



followed by a **Harvest Lunch**






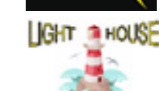



10am Sunday 3rd October 2021

East Beach Church, Marisfield Place - 07521 609730 - office@ebec.org.uk



**East Beach Church
October Weekly Diary**

Day	AM	PM
Sunday	10am - Morning Worship Sunday 3 rd October is our Family Harvest Service followed by Harvest Lunch 	5pm - Evening Worship 1st Sunday – Songs of Praise 2nd Sunday – Communion 3rd Sunday - 3pm ResBite Tea 4th Sunday – Spotlight In addition, Sunday 31 st 10am-6pm is Day of Worship
Monday	10am - Care Home Praise (Service also recorded on YouTube and DVD)	
Tuesday		2.30 - 3.30pm Pop Up Pantry  7pm - Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)
Wednesday		2 - 3.30pm – Tea & Chat
Thursday	7am - Early Morning Prayer Meeting	12.30pm (on 7th Oct & 4th Nov) Lunch Club  7pm -Lifegroup (via Zoom) 7pm -New Beginnings Lifegroup (Aimed at those new to the church, or beginning as a Christian - call for more details)
Friday	10am Sunbeams Parents and toddlers group 	5 - 6pm – Bright Sparks (Yrs R-4)  6.15 – 7.15pm – Lighthouse (Yrs 5-6)  7.30 – 8.30 – Ignite (Yrs 7+) 

YouTube Live Stream, Upload and Playlist Weekly Schedule
The live streams will appear on our YouTube channel. To find our channel search for "East Beach Church Channel" on YouTube or type in the link below.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG2cNeKLX1osDgC4iGFgiRg>

East Beach Church, Marisfield Place, Selsey
Tel: 07521 609730 Email: office@ebec.org.uk

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Sunbeams
A Pre-school group
for carers, babies and toddlers
Every Friday during term time
10.00-11.30am
Lots of fun, games, music, craft time, song time,
story time, drink and biscuit.
East Beach Church, Marisfield Place - 07521 609730 - office@ebec.org.uk

Bright Sparks
For children in school years 1-4
Every Friday in term time from 5-6pm
Lots of fun, games, music, craft, Bible Stories
East Beach Church, Marisfield Place - 07521 609730 - office@ebec.org.uk

LIGHT HOUSE
Fridays during term time 6.15 to 7.15pm
A youth club for boys and girls School Years 5-6
East Beach Church, Marisfield Place - 07521 609730 - office@ebec.org.uk

IGNITE
A Youth Group for Schools Years 7-11
Every Friday during term time from 7.30-8.30pm
East Beach Church, Marisfield Place - 07521 609730 - office@ebec.org.uk

Did you know?

In World War 2, the Allies had a plan to drop boxes of poisonous snakes on enemy troops.

Did you know?

The first fatal car accident in the UK was caused by a driver going at 4 mph.

Readers' Gallery



Mum and dad by Lea Ridley

Would you like to
see your photo on
here?

Email it to

[selseylife
@btinternet.com](mailto:selseylife@btinternet.com)

and you could be
on the next
back cover.

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Gallery in the title)

Swan by Alan Ede



by Sally Lacey



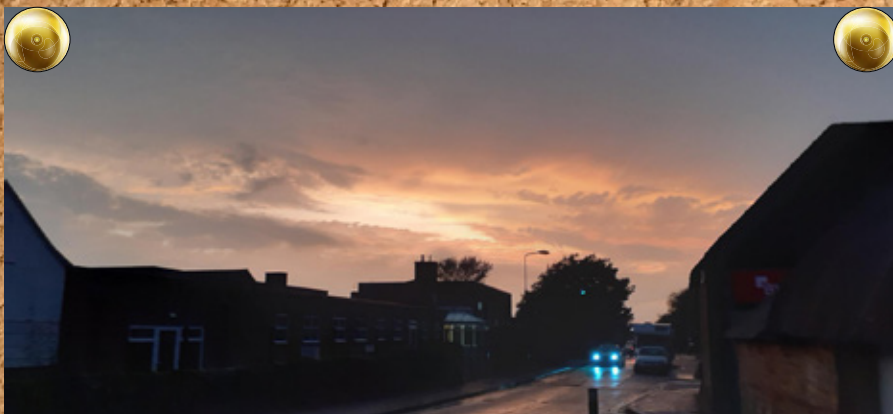
**Sunset and bee
by Eira Brewster**



**by
Craig Buttivant**



by Sally Lacey



by Dennis Wheeler



by Lea Ridley