

# selsey life

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FREE

## RNLI Pimms Party at Cakeham Manor

We are an amazing nation. On a cold, windy Sunday in June, 90 stoic supporters of the Lifeboat Stations at Selsey and Hayling Island turned up in thermals and jumpers determined to enjoy the main summer event of our fundraising calendar in the glorious grounds of Cakeham Manor.

The Pimms flowed, excellent canapés were enjoyed by all and the evening finished with two young folks competing in a coracle race around the pond. The buzz of conversation and laughter showed that it was a success.

The Chairman Nigel Glennie thanked Mrs Eve Branson for once again opening her garden for this event. Nigel also thanked the hard work by the committee and partners of the committee for erecting 3 marquees, without these the evening could have been a disaster. Thanks also went to the generous gifts donated to the raffle, especially The Beach House and Munneries and many more. The total raised on the raffle was £367 and the evening raised £1391.82 to be divided between the two Lifeboat stations.

A big thank you to all who supported the evening and generously giving so much help to the Lifeboat crews and stations.



## Another successful fundraiser for Selsey Lifeboats Shannon Appeal

The Fishermans Joy Public House hosted a charity Horse Racing Night on Friday 28 June in aid of Selsey RNLI in aid of the new Lifeboat.

The racing night, arranged by the Landlord Bruce, Michelle, Mary and their staff, was yet another well organised event from this venue. The evening saw the eight races taking place with a large crowd of excited punters (fortunately not wearing large hats!). The revellers proved to be very generous, placing serious bets on quite long odds as the evening wore on.

At times it was easy to think you were up on the downs at Goodwood as the races reached their final furlongs with the excitement increasing and the horses racing neck to neck for the finish line. All this fun was had without any rain on the course or punters, to dampen their spirits.

The evening raised £295 for the new Lifeboat fund. Many thanks from the host and Selsey RNLI Fund Raising Committee to every one who attended and contributed to this great evening.

Once again the Selsey Lifeboat Fund Raising Committee would like to thank Bruce for hosting another wonderful evening and kindly donating all profits to the Selsey RNLI Fund for the new Lifeboat.

## Selsey RNLI volunteer inshore lifeboat launches ....



..... to rescue two boys.

**6 July** Selsey RNLI inshore lifeboat Betty and Thomas Moore launched at 6.04 pm at the request of Solent Coastguard to rescue two people cut off by the rising tide on the shingle island Kirkarrow on the west side of Selsey Bill.

When the ILB rounded the bill the two people were spotted by the lifeboat crew. The casualties were two teenage boys who were struggling to stay on their feet in the flooding tide. The lifeboat crew quickly took them aboard the lifeboat and started heading back to the shore.

Rob Archibald (Helmsman) said 'the boys were in a very precarious position and were very lucky not to be carried away in the flooding tide'.

The ILB Betty & Thomas Moore was crewed by Rob Archibald (Helmsman), Will Moir and Zoe Belcher.

It was a warm sunny day and the sea state was slight with a south-southeasterly force 2 – 3.

..... to rescue two persons.

**8 July** Selsey RNLI inshore lifeboat ILB Betty and Thomas Moore was launched at 2.53pm at the request of Solent Coastguard to rescue two persons reported in a blue rubber dinghy adrift off Bognor Regis pier.

The casualty, only one person was found at 3.20pm and landed on the beach and handed over to local Coastguard at 3.25pm

When the ILB was on route to Bognor Regis, it recovered an inflatable ring half a mile east of the mulberry near Church Norton.

The ILB Betty & Thomas Moore was crewed by Colin Pullenger (Helmsman), Andy Lee and trainee Dan Langford.

It was a warm sunny day and the sea state was slight with a north-northeasterly force 3.

..... to assist swimmer.

**18 July** Selsey RNLI inshore lifeboat ILB Betty and Thomas Moore was launched at 2.55pm at the request of Solent Coastguard to assist a swimmer after the man's wife reported losing sight of him swimming approximately half a mile offshore from Pagham Yacht Club

The lifeboat crew were on scene at 3.08pm and spotted the man approximately 30 metres from the beach and happily swimming. He confirmed his identity and the lifeboat stayed in close proximity until he had made his way ashore at 3.13pm.

The ILB Betty & Thomas Moore was crewed by Gary Pearce (Helmsman), Chris Harvey and Sam Troughton-Smith.

It was a hot sunny day and the sea state was smooth with a south south-easterly force 1.

Gary said: 'The swimmer was surprised to see us as he was unaware that his partner was worried about him. When we went alongside, he was quite happy to carry on swimming back to the beach'.

*It just goes to show that no matter how experienced you are or how well you may plan your journey. You never know when you will need the services of the RNLI. That's why the RNLI exists – to help people in difficulty like this.'*

## Selsey Lifeboat Week 2013

Sunday 4th August – Sunday 11th August

**A Service of Praise & Thanksgiving**

Sunday 4th August ~ 6.30 pm - on Lifeboat Green

**Lifeboat Station Open Evening**

Monday 5th August ~ from 6:00pm – 9:00pm with free entry.

**Walking Treasure Hunt**

Tuesday 6th August ~ Starting 6pm – 6:30pm from Hillfield Rd car park.

**Quiz Night**

Wednesday 7th August ~ start 9pm at the Seal Bar, Hillfield Rd

**Race Night**

Thursday 8th August ~ 6:30pm

At the Royal British Legion. Doors open at 6:30pm with the first race at 8:00pm.

**Tug-O-War & Firework Display**

Friday 9th August - 7pm on the Lifeboat Green - Fireworks appr: 9:30pm.

**Car Treasure Hunt**

Saturday 10th August

Arrive at the Inshore Boat House between 4:00pm and 5:00pm.

**Flag Day**

Saturday 10th August Our voluntary collectors will be at various locations around the village so please donate generously to support our Lifeboats.

### SELSEY LIFEBOAT ASSOCIATION

#### Festival Bazaar

Saturday, 3 August 10.00 – 12.00 Selsey Town Hall

RNLI Souvenirs, Tombola, Raffle, Quality Bric-a-Brac, Homemade Cakes, Books, Other Charities and More

Admission and refreshments by donation



### Lifeboat Day

Sunday 11th August

10:00 - Charity & Craft Stalls

12:00 - Marching Band Display

1:00 - RNLI Raft Race

2:00 - "The Tigers" Parachute Air Display

2:30 - Selsey Lifeboats display with visiting Lifeboats & H.M Coastguard Helicopter

**Other events throughout the day: Classic Cars & Bike Show, Balloon Race, BMX Competition, Raffle, Fun Fair, Licensed Bar & Food Available**

**Come and join an event packed day and help raise funds for our Lifeboats.**

*We hope that all visitors will understand that sea and air events are subject to weather conditions and operational commitments.*

*Full details of events can be found in the Lifeboat Week Programme available around the village*

**LIFEBOAT DAY - Selsey WI will be having a stall at Lifeboat Day on Sunday, 11th August. We'll have our usual delicious cakes and a Lucky Tombola stall. COME AND SEE US!!**

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## SELSEY WI

On a sweltering afternoon a depleted audience was welcomed to our July meeting by our President, Shirley Pettitt. Shirley Balding, our Treasurer, gave the financial report and reminded members that we still require donations for our Tombola stall at this year's Lifeboat Day on Sunday, 11 August. She also encouraged as many members as possible to supply cakes for the stall and asked for volunteers to man the stall for a period of time on that day. Stella Crist, our Secretary, requested payment for our visit to Bignor Roman Villa which is taking place on 18 September, and also asked that team members taking part in the County Quiz on 13 August make payment for that. Joan Wills confirmed that our Spring outing (a visit to the Silver Vaults in London) would take place on 5 March 2014, with further details to follow.

Our speaker was Carolyn Couch, Liaison Officer for BIFFA in West Sussex. She gave a very interesting talk on waste disposal in the county, and told us about a new state-of-the-art waste sorting and treatment centre due to open later this year in Horsham. Much of the waste which can't be placed in our recycling bins will be sorted at the centre and recycled to make new items. Eventually rubbish going to landfill will drop to 11%, and treated waste will be turned into bio fuel.

Margaret Goodman, our AGM delegate, gave her report of the AGM in Cardiff. As well as telling us about the many proposals and the resolution that were carried, she told us a little of the guest speakers, notably Griff Rhys Jones and John Humphrys from the 'Today' programme. Members were given a physical and vocal workout by our own Jonathan Willcocks, who is Director of Music with Chichester Singers. He is also assisting in the Singing for Joy competition – the winners of which will form the National Federation of Women's Institutes' Centenary Choir, which will perform at the AGM during WI's centenary in 2015.

To round off another excellent afternoon, Joan Wills set us all thinking again with a quiz about recycling, with some surprising answers.

There is no meeting in August, but members are invited to our Summer Party on Wednesday, 14 August from 2.30 – 4.30 pm at the Selsey Centre.

A warm welcome is extended to all ladies - for more information, please contact Shirley Pettitt on 606287, or Diane Sandbrook on 601776.

## Seal Island W.I.

On a chilly July evening our President, Steph Pudney welcomed members and visitors to our meeting. Among the guests were several members of local WIs, Ann Parry a former Federation President and Judy Wilson our WI advisor. They had all come along to see and hear about our four legged visitors. These were three alpacas from Dunreith Alpacas based at Funtington. After the business section of the meeting, Peta Ives gave a very interesting talk about these very gentle and friendly animals. Peta and her husband started keeping alpacas seven and a half years ago after being made redundant from their respective jobs. They started with two pregnant females and last year had 58 but have now downsized to 38. The idea was to sell the fleeces to the UK fibre bank instead they use the fleeces themselves. After shearing the fleeces are put in a cotton bag with the alpacas name on. It is then thoroughly cleaned by hand to pick out all the hay and other bits that get tangled in the fleece which is very time consuming. The fleece then goes to the mill and is processed into individual balls of wool still with the alpacas name on it. The wool is then knitted into lovely garments by local women and a picture of the alpaca is attached to the finished article. Alpacas are first mated at a year old and the pregnancy lasts between 11 and 13 months. The mother usually chooses a fine day to give birth in the morning so that by the evening the cria (baby alpaca) is on its feet and unlikely to catch the attention of predators. After an entertaining talk members were able to go outside and have a look at Gandalf the young alpaca and the other two boys Baron and Dragon. Understandably many members expressed the wish to take them home with them!

There is no meeting in August but we are still busy with the County Quiz on 13th August, our Plonk and Ploughmans Quiz on 15th August (tickets still available from The Crafty Patch, High Street Selsey) and a Garden Party on 31st August. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th September when the topic is Hidden Treasure – the story of local smuggling. All ladies are welcome to our meetings held at the Selsey Centre on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. For further details please phone 01243 603288.



Summer is now upon us and as usual several of the Selsey Festival Events are about to

take place at the Centre. Some of these are being organised by ourselves these are as follows.

Thursday 15th August **BOUNCY CASTLE DAY**. 10.00am – 3.00pm bounce all day for just £2.00

Thursday 22nd August **FASHION SHOW & CLOTHES SALE**. Local models will show some of the clothes bought in by you on our catwalk. All clothes are for sale. 7.00 – 9.00pm doors open at 6.30pm. Admission is just £2.00 per adult, accompanied children up to the age of 16 free. Prior to this starting the Family festival Zumba takes place. This is a free session so come and join in both events.

Other festival events taking place at the Centre include The Selsey Horticultural Society Summer Show on Saturday 3rd August, Shooting stars summer fun on selected days, Fitter Sitters and the Wednesday Workout on Wednesday 7th, Lions Bangers & Blues on Saturday 10th, Seal Island WI present a ploughman & plonk quiz evening on Thursday 15th, Maximum Craft Club Strawberry Cream Tea on Saturday 18th, A tribute to Sir Patrick Moore by Dr John Mason on Tuesday 20th, U3A Open Meeting on Friday 23rd, and West Sussex Guitar Club Evening also on Friday 23rd

Please read your Festival Programme for details. Plenty of these are available free at the Centre

Although it will be to late when you read this sadly Selsey Short Circuit has ceased to run, it was losing money. This did mean that unfortunately the Model Racing day in July which was billed as a festival event did not happen. This is regrettable but understandable.

For details of the **BOUNCY CASTLE DAY & FASHION SHOW & CLOTHES SALE** only you can contact the Centre on 01243 603836

## Chichester Model Engineers

will be holding a

Chichester Model Engineers will be holding their final "Steam on Sunday" of the Summer Season on Sunday 15 September 2013, at their site in Blackberry Lane, East Chichester PO19 7FS between 2 pm and 5 pm. Admission is free; tickets for train rides are only £1 each, for adults or children. The refurbished 00 Gauge model railway layout, Blackberry Junction, will be in use; for a donation youngsters can actually drive a model train.

For further details, please see the website: [www.cdsme.co.uk](http://www.cdsme.co.uk)

## Selsey Fireworks 2013



It's August and hopefully the sun is out and temperatures are soaring, the theme for this year's Selsey Fireworks is Around the World in 80 days.

The date is Saturday October 12th at the White Horse Playing Field in Warners Lane. All of the usual attractions will be there and as always the display will be breathtaking. Yet again prices have been held and tickets will soon be available at outlets in Selsey, Hunston, East Wittering & Chichester.

Preparations are well under way for the 35th staging of this event. Once again many local companies and businesses have pledged their invaluable support towards this event.

We know thousands of people sit at home or in lay-bys and watch the event for free. So be it but you do miss out on the many attractions and facilities on site and above all come and savour the truly wonderful atmosphere and also help to support this event that not only entertains you but raises valuable funds for many needy local organisations.

A new web site is being established and the address is [www.selseyfireworks.co.uk](http://www.selseyfireworks.co.uk)

## Citizens Advice Bureau returns to Town Hall.

The Citizens Advice Bureau has now resumed their surgery on a Monday morning in the Council Chamber. Andy Lambert is here from 10.00am until 1.00pm. No appointment necessary.

Selsey WI, Royal British Legion Womens Section, U3A, Selsey Arts Society, Selsey Spiritualist Church, Slimming World, Zumba and Strictly Dancing all hold regular meetings and classes.

At the time of writing Summer seems to have arrived in Selsey so what better time to think about hiring one of our three halls for a party or an event you are considering holding. Both the Town Hall and Council Chamber have access to a well equipped kitchen and small enclosed garden and the Council Chamber is licenced for civil weddings. The Exhibition Hall as the name suggests, is ideal for holding exhibitions in and also for dance and keep fit classes. All three halls are available for hire at reasonable rates.

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## SELSEY NOW HAS ITS OWN VOICE

Selsey now has its own voice through SIR - Selsey Internet Radio, launched in Penny Lane, last month. Access to Selsey's new voice is via the internet - use your browser to visit: [www.selseyinformationexchange.co.uk](http://www.selseyinformationexchange.co.uk). Next click on Selsey Internet Radio in the menu bar, and, finally, click on the podcast button - you'll now be listening to the voices of Selsey.



**Selsey Internet Radio Team**

left to right: Will Penning, Emma Cawley, Bob Arnold, John Fletcher, David Kennedy, Meryl Penning, Mike Nicholls.

Whether it is community or business information Podcasts are an inexpensive way to start. SIR aims to offer two Podcasts a week covering topics such as What's on/Youth Projects News Recipes/ Gardening Tips/ Short Stories. Selsey Town Council and Town Team will be contributing material. News of local charities, clubs and self help groups will also be featured.

For more information contact town councillor John Fletcher on 01243 201616 or email the radio station directly: [radio@selsey-info.co.uk](mailto:radio@selsey-info.co.uk). You can also visit the station offices: Unit E Penny Lane 118 High St. Selsey. PO20 1QG

## Women's Section of The Royal British Legion

The guest speaker at our June meeting was a representative of the "Arun Angels", a basically Christian charity run by volunteers. The "Angels" patrol the streets of Bognor Regis on Friday and Saturday nights offering help and support, sometimes into the early hours of the morning, to those in need, mainly with problems relating to over-consumption of alcohol. Part of their rescue kit are bottled water and "Flip-Flops" (for ladies having trouble walking in very high heels).

These wonderful people are often instrumental in saving lives. The Emergency Services are called when necessary, but the "Angels" stress that they are not connected to the Police.

The winner of the "Letter of the month" competition was Sylvia Grey with a Jade necklace, highly commended was Maureen Kelly with a "Jews Harp".

It is sad to announce the recent passing of our President Mrs. Olive Powell. Olive was a valued member of our committee with many years loyal service, she will be sorely missed.

There will be no meeting in August, the next one will be on Monday 23rd. September at 2.15.p.m. in Selsey Town Hall.

For further information please contact our Chairman, Mrs. Jill Pestle on 01243 601426.



## Selsey University of the Third Age (u3A)

Our quiz books are selling well and are still available from the Brent Lodge Book Shop. The Information shop in Penny Lane and at our meetings on the 4th Friday of the month.

The latter will be held at the Selsey Centre from August onwards. New to the U3A this month is the swimming group and antiques and collectables. All of them are informal, enjoyable and friendly. Why not come along to the Friday meeting to find out more.

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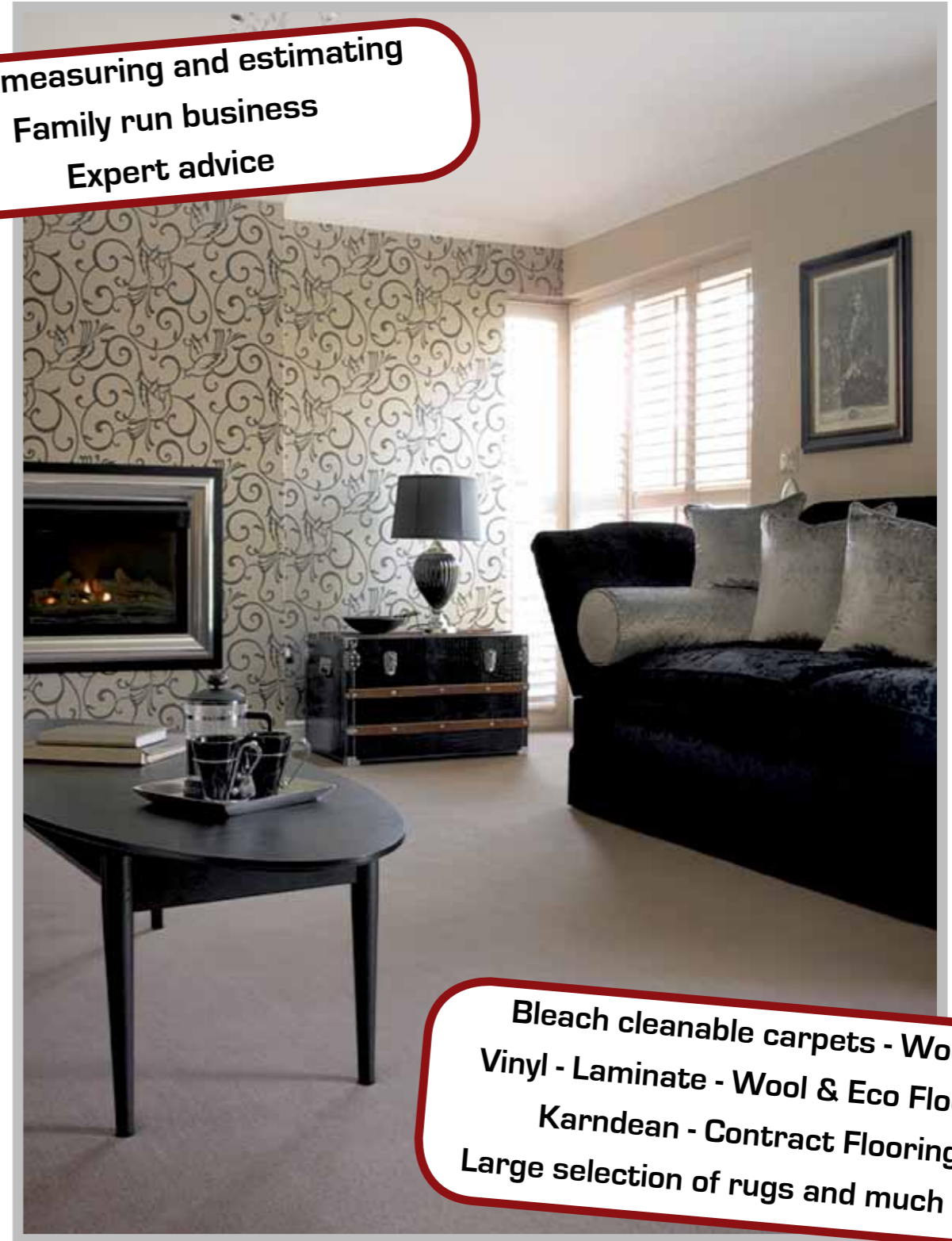
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## Your pet's in the summer.

During the summer pet owners should be aware of the dangers of heatstroke particularly in dogs. Taking your dog to the park or beach may sound like fun but with days of heat over 30 degrees are more increased risk of heatstroke.



Help your pet keep cool in hot weather

- Don't exercise your dog in the heat of the day - as your dog cannot sweat only by panting they can cool themselves down. Keep your walks and runs to first thing in the morning and evening when it's cooler.

- Don't ever leave your pet in a car – even a parked car can quickly reach 50 – 60 degrees.

- When driving make sure it is well ventilated.

- Keep your pets area at home cool.

- Keep small animals – guinea pigs, rabbits or birds shaded and provide water.

- Give your pet at least two water bowls – back up supply if one gets knocked over or emptied.

- Put ice blocks into their water bowls.

- Be prepared if you are planning to be out for the day- have arrangements made with friends, neighbours to check on your pet regularly.

### What to do if you suspect heatstroke

Hose down your pet thoroughly to prevent their body temperature rising.

Ring your vet – tell them you're on your way, do not wait and see.

Severe cases can have high risk of death so please act quickly.

In the car, keep your air conditioning on and windows down to keep pet cool.

If you would like to discuss ways of dealing with the heat and your animals please speak to one of our nurses at the practise.

## The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre – 01243 641409

"Hello, my name is Giggles. I am an out and abouter at The Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre in Sidlesham, and I have been chosen to tell you all about what goes on here. This is because I have lived here for a long time and am rather nosey and listen in! Well, I heard we have over 200 cats and kittens here, as well as rabbits and guinea pigs. They are all looking for caring, responsible people to love and look after them. So if any of you lovely people would like to think about giving a loving home to one, or even two of my friends, just give one of my staff a call on 01243 641409".



If your editor lets me talk to you again I will tell you lots of stories to keep you posted. **Oh, our Summer fete is on Sunday August 11th, 11am - 4pm**

I will look out for you. Love Giggles

## The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre

Chalder Lane, Sidlesham, PO20 7RJ  
phone 01243 641409 after 4 pm.

Come along to our next re-homing day 24th August, 12 noon to 2pm. No appointment necessary but subject to a pre-home check. Otherwise we do re-home 7 days a week but you must ring for an appointment.

Just a few of our cats who have been waiting quite a long time

**Faye & Fizz** friendly black 6 year old sisters. They have been waiting since November 2012, can go separately

**Budd & Laurel** one black one black and white, 10 year olds who are used to children.

**Yoha** 2 ½ year old grey tabby & white, she had 4 kittens here in March she would love a home to go to

**Denzil** who is black & white and Murphy a black lap cat, friendly one year old brothers waiting for a home since September '12

**Louisa** a black & white vocal 2 year old and Ares a grey 2 ½ year old, both friendly and have been waiting since March

**Kings & Lime** black and white brother and sister nearly 2 years old now, waiting since October 2012 a friendly gentle pair.

We have taken in 200 unwanted kittens so far this year

**Already this year we have taken in over 60 unwanted kittens.**

**We want to help lessen the number of unwanted kittens. So if you can't afford to get your female spayed contact us on 01243 641409. It will cost you only £10 using your own vet, the charity will pay the rest of the bill.**

## August is Immunisation Awareness Month

Why should we immunise ourselves and our children? There are two very compelling reasons.

1. You help to protect your child from some quite serious diseases which may leave a child disabled.
2. When a large proportion of the community is protected from disease, it helps protect other vulnerable people from also contracting the disease.

There are probably only a minority of people who can remember the devastation of polio, leaving children very disabled until the introduction of a safe way of preventing the disease. Likewise many of the childhood illnesses our grandparents and great-grandparents had to contend with are mostly a thing of the past. However, there are outbreaks of these diseases occurring because childhood immunisations have not been taken up, leaving communities vulnerable.

There are a lot of misunderstandings about immunisation and whether or not it is safe to immunise your child.

### Facts

You should postpone your child's jabs if he/she is ill and has a high fever. This is because the immunisation may make the fever worse, and the illness may be linked incorrectly to the immunisation.

You may also want to postpone if your child had a bad reaction to a previous jab. It does not rule out the next one, but speak to your GP, practice nurse or health visitor. Your child should not have a vaccine if they have had a confirmed anaphylactic reaction to a previous dose of the vaccine or component of it.

Your child should not have BCG (tuberculosis immunisation) or MMR as these are both live (the virus/bacterium is alive but has been altered to make it not capable of causing disease) vaccines if Your child is on high dose steroids or lower dose over a long time – check with your GP

Your child is being treated for cancer with chemotherapy or radiotherapy or has had these treatments within the last 6 months Your child has had an organ transplant and is on immunosuppressive drugs

Your child has had a bone marrow transplant and finished immunosuppressive therapy within the last 12 months

Your child has a lowered immune system – again check with your GP

### Myths

You do not need to avoid or delay your child's immunisations if he or she

Has a minor infection without a fever, such as a cough or cold

Has a family history of bad reactions to immunisations

Has already had diseases such as whooping cough, measles, german measles or mumps

Was born prematurely

Has a stable neurological condition such as cerebral palsy

Has been in contact with an infectious disease

Has asthma, hay fever, eczema or "snuffles"

Is taking antibiotics or locally acting steroids such as inhalers or creams

Is being breastfed

Lives with someone who is pregnant

Had jaundice after birth

Is underweight

Is above the recommended age for immunisation

Has a history of allergy

Has a history of febrile convulsions or epilepsy of a family history of these

Is a close contact or sibling of someone who is immunosuppressed

Has a personal or family history of inflammatory bowel disease

Has a personal or family history of autism and related disorders  
Has had a recent operation or is about to have one

It is a dangerous myth that homeopathy can be used as an alternative to immunisation to protect children against these diseases. There is no evidence that homeopathy can protect children against disease.

It is a myth that it is unsafe to take your child swimming around the time of immunisation. You can go swimming any time before and after!

Children are invited to attend for their routine vaccinations at set times in their lives.

### 2 months

5-in-1 protecting against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio and Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib-not a flu virus, but a bacterial infection which can cause severe pneumonia or meningitis in young children)

Pneumococcal – another bacterium responsible for pneumonia and meningitis

Rotavirus – causes severe diarrhoea in young children (introduced July 2013)

### 3 months

5-in-1 second dose

Meningitis C

Rotavirus second dose

### 4 months

5-in-1 third dose

Pneumococcal second dose

### Between 12 and 13 months

Hib/Men C given as a single jab containing Hib fourth dose and Meningitis C second dose

MMR (measles, mumps and rubella)

Pneumococcal third dose

### 3 and 4 years or soon after

MMR second dose

4-in-1 covering diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio

### Around 12-13 years

HPV protecting against cervical cancer. Girls only, three jabs given within 6 months

### Around 13-18 years

3-in-1 covering diphtheria, tetanus and polio

### Around 13-15 years

Meningitis C booster (from September 2013)

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A most enjoyable day on and off the green.

For more information regarding the Bowls Club please contact us.

### The Ladies section of the Selsey Golf Club

held their annual Invitation Day on 5th July. The weather was good, the company good and the golf was not bad either.

The competition was followed by a superb buffet lunch and the presentation of the prizes. First and Second prizes were beautiful baskets of various household plants.

The winners of the competition were Rita Green and Sue Bond from Chichester Golf Club and the runners up were Beverly Guest and Jean Davies also from Chichester.

Sue Bligh won nearest the pin on the 7th and 16th holes and Sue Bond won on the 3rd hole. Nearest the line was won by Joan Bramer, past Lady Captain at Selsey and now playing at Chichester. The prizes were presented by Pat Growns. Everyone had a good day and the whole event was a great success.

Our next competition was another special annual event, The Grandmothers Trophy.

This is played by all the grandmothers in the Ladies Section and is followed by afternoon tea. The trophy was originally presented to the Ladies Section by past Lady Captain, Meg Mearns when she became a grandmother for the first time. The winner this year was Barbara Winter and the runner up was Janet Blackman. The trophy was presented by last year's winner Hilary Kennedy Cooke.



Friendly matches have been played against Rowlands Castle, Chichester and Bognor Ladies and our Match Secretary Judy Sharpe has arranged for ladies to play Away Day rounds of golf in order to experience other courses in West Sussex and Hampshire, using the County Card which allows members to play courses at reduced rates. Our first Away Day was played at Rustington and again a good day was had by all players.



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**SATURDAY 17th AUGUST** a definite date for your diary - as part of the Selsey Festivities we are having an Open Day for anyone interested in trying either indoor or outdoor bowls or tennis - just suitable footwear - and then you can come and possibly renew an old interest or expand your accomplishments by adding a new sport to your life, not only is it an opportunity to up your exercise regime but to meet new friends and acquaintances. Bear in mind that you do not have to stop your game at the end of the summer season we do have the facilities for playing mini-tennis, table tennis and short mat bowls throughout the winter in our purpose-built sports hall.

Following on last year's Olympic successes it looks as though the summer of 2013 will also be a "sports winners bonanza" with Andy Murray's Wimbledon, the Lions tour, Chris Froome's win of the Tour de France, surely this is inspiration to at least give bowls or tennis a try? You know it makes sense. For details go to our web site [www.crablands.com](http://www.crablands.com) or telephone Jim on 606172 for all things Bowls or Jo on 606890 for details of tennis.

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- The third aspect of the advice generally sought is assistance with household and financial matters where we are asked to help, sometimes acting as Deputy or Attorney. This is quite often on a short term basis following an injury or perhaps the death of a spouse who had always previously carried on that role.

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# SELSEY FESTIVAL 11TH ANNIVERSARY

3rd to 26th August 2013

Our Festival Programmes are available from the Town Council offices at 55 High Street, in the Selsey Information Exchange in Penny Lane in the High Street and in many of the shops around the town.

We have over 70 events taking place during our three week run - some much loved regular features and some exciting new ones, so we hope that everyone will find something of interest and that the many local groups and organisations running the events will be well supported.

For further information, please check [www.selseyfestivities.co.uk](http://www.selseyfestivities.co.uk) or contact the Festival Co-ordinator, Sue Graves on telephone 01243 602260 or email: [enquiries@selseyfestivities.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@selseyfestivities.co.uk)

## 'SING FOR YOUR SUPPER'

Arts Dream Selsey is delighted to bring Brazilian choral master Andre Nascimento to the Selsey Festival, for a fabulous afternoon of uplifting singing. The event sponsored by the University of Chichester will take place at the Town Hall Selsey from 2-5pm on Saturday August the third. A mid-point tea break to refresh the vocal chords will enthuse participants on for a rousing and uplifting conclusion to the afternoon. A great family activity for participants age 12 and above.

Tickets are £3 on the door to include refreshments. Check out more about Andre Nascimento on [artsdream2013selsey.weebly.com](http://artsdream2013selsey.weebly.com)

## "SIR PATRICK MOORE CBE, FRS – An Entertaining Look at his Life and Work"

Tuesday 20th August  
at Selsey Centre, Manor Road, Selsey PO20 0SE at 7.30pm



Following the sell-out celebration of Sir Patrick's life in Selsey in March, Selsey Festival presents its own celebration – once again lead by his close friend and colleague Dr John Mason. John is principle lecturer at Southdowns Planetarium and is a frequent broadcaster on TV and radio, having appeared many times with Sir Patrick on BBC TV's "Sky at Night".

The evening will include incredible anecdotes from Sir Patrick's life and work including his astronomical studies, TV Broadcasts, and also his books. A selection of Xylophone music written by Sir Patrick will be played by Christopher Beaumont.

The evening will be introduced by Steve Power from WAVE 105 FM.

Pay Bar.

Tickets £7 from Festival Box Office, Town Council Offices, 55 High Street, Selsey or online at [www.selseyfestivities.co.uk](http://www.selseyfestivities.co.uk) or on the door

## Selsey Model Boat Club will be holding an Exhibition at Medmerry School on the 24th August.

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Why not try our Website "[selseycameraclub.co.uk](http://selseycameraclub.co.uk)" where you can see entries put in for our Competitions during the past year.

# SELSEY CARNIVAL 2013

## COULD YOU BE OUR CARNIVAL QUEEN

Selsey Carnival is looking for a Carnival Queen for this year's carnival if you are over 14 and are free on the 25th August why not enter, you can get an entry form from the secretary.

## Shop window competition

The theme this year is past present and future, if you haven't had an entry form please contact the secretary

## Carnival procession Sunday afternoon 25th August.

Procession starts at the recreation ground school lane and leaves at 3pm going along the High Street, Seal Road, Grafton Road, Manor Road, Church Road and back along the High Street to the recreation ground. We would remind residents that there is a road closure at this time and not to park their cars along the route.

## Car boot Monday 26th August

The annual car boot takes place on the recreation ground on the Monday, open to sellers at 6.30am (no food vendors)

## CARNIVALS FUTURE

If Carnival is to continue we need new committee members for next year, so if you are interested in keeping Selsey Carnival going please come and talk to us on either day or contact the secretary. Jacquie Phillips, secretary, telephone 01243 605356 or email [fran.france@btinternet.com](mailto:fran.france@btinternet.com)

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## Selsey Arts Society's Tuesday Group Goes Art Deco

In addition to our monthly meetings in the Town Hall when there is always a good attendance for the demonstrations by professional artists, some of our members also enjoy meeting together on Tuesdays and Thursdays to draw and paint and share ideas with like minded friends in the Church Hall in Church Road.

Some of the Tuesday Group's meetings are skills - based, giving members an opportunity to try something new and experiment with different mediums, but everyone is free to do their own work at all times. The importance of drawing plays a large part in many of the meetings and a still life may be set up or a member of the Society will come and sit for us or weather permitting, go out sketching within the local area.


Over the past few months the Tuesday group were given the challenge of creating images to illustrate different aspects of life and work in Selsey in the Art Deco style.\*

This style dates back to the 1920s, and included traditional art motifs and Machine Age imagery and materials. Rich colours were used with bold geometric shapes and lavish ornamentation. The geometric forms included spheres, rectangles, zigzags, chevrons and sunburst motifs, were often used to decorate consumer products, interior and exterior design, fashion and the world of art and entertainment.

We hope you will enjoy identifying some of these for yourself at the ARTS DAY in the Town Hall on Friday, August 9th 10.00am - 3.30pm where the original paintings will be on display.

\* This project was inspired by the work of local art group based in West Wittering who under the leadership of their tutor, Joan Honor Smith had produced images of the Chichester area for a Community Rail Award.





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# VERE PATRICK WILLS-RUST

1906 – 1975

While researching the Pavilion last month, you will remember I mentioned the lessees, one of whom was H C Wills-Rust. This intrigued me as all the others included their Christian names. Upon investigation, H C Wills-Rust proved to be a woman, Henrietta Clara. The 'History of Selsey' by Frances Mee mentioned a Pat Wills-Rust so the chase was on! Pat turned out to be one of Henrietta Clara's sons. Apparently he was known for his earring and tattoos. I thought that wasn't much by which to remember a man and, indeed, it wasn't. He deserves to be remembered for much more than that.

Various records show him as Vere Patrick and even Patrick Vere and the Wills-Rust is sometimes hyphenated and sometimes not. In actual fact, Wills was his grandmother's maiden name so is used as a Christian name following Victorian tradition to perpetuate the wife's family name. As far as I know it is nothing to do with W D and H O Wills, the tobacco people. The ancestors were Worsted Spinners – but they did own the factory!

Pat was born on 27 July 1906 at Staines, Middlesex and baptised on 3 November 1906 at St Peters, Staines. His father was Arthur Bernard Wills Rust, a dental surgeon with the Indian Army, and their home address was Ferncot, Laleham Road, Staines.

In 1911 Pat was living with his grandmother, Henrietta Sanders, at Bay Cottage, Smallfield, Nr. Horley, Surrey and he is aged 4 years 6 months.

In April 1924 the British Postal Service Appointment Book records that he had become a certified wireless watcher.

Pat joined the Merchant Navy, and records show he was a cadet on Training Ship Makalla in 1926. He served on a variety of old sailing vessels including SV Southern Pearl, SV Leander, SV Passat, SV Lady of Avenel, SV Navahs and SV Lawhill but I can find no details of them.



In 1930 Pat, aged 24, was a Seaman living at 10 Lower North Street, Poplar, E14.

On 24 April 1931 he sailed from Southampton to Lisbon on the 'Alcantara' belonging to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. On this voyage he appears to have been a passenger rather than crew.

On 18 September 1931, aged 25, still living at 10 Lower North Street, he is described as a sailor arriving, in Plymouth, from Cartagena in the West Indies aboard 'Costa Rica' a ship of the Royal Netherlands Steamship Company.

Pat was engaged as a 2nd Mate aboard the ship 'Myriam' on 18 June 1937. He was 31 years old with 16 years of service. He departed Ertvelde, Ghent Belgium and, on 11 July 1937, he arrived in New Orleans. The 'List or Manifest of Aliens Employed on the Vessel as Members of Crew' records him as 5 ft 10 inches tall, weight 160 lbs (11 stone 6 lbs) with a tattoo.

The London Gazette of 11 June 1940 announced that V P Wills-Rust would become a Temporary Sub-Lieutenant with seniority from 10 October 1939.

In 1940, aged 34, he was Second Officer on the 'SS Abukir' (Ministry of Shipping and General Steam Navigation Company Ltd. London).

At 4 a .m. on the 28th May, the Belgian Army capitulated on the order of King Leopold and the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force troops was ordered. Pat Wills-Rust was part of that evacuation.

The London Gazette of 23 August 1940, issue 34930 reported that he was 'commended' and described the reason as follows:

*'SS Abukir' took Army stores to Ostend. On her way back to England she embarked over 200 passengers including 40 to 50 women, some children and 6 priests. She was crowded to capacity. Her best speed was 8 knots. She carried one Lewis Gun. For an hour and a half she was bombed incessantly from the air but was not hit. At 1.15 am the next day she was attacked by a T-boat, one torpedo passing just ahead and another just astern of her. She zigzagged but after 20 minutes the enemy was seen on her port bow. Her master tried to ram the submarine. Abukir, however, was too slow and the second of two torpedoes then fired her amidships. She burst into flames, broke in two and sank in less than a minute.*

*The Second Officer was on the bridge. He was pinned down by concrete slabs (set up to protect the bridge from machine gun fire). He went down with the ship which settled on the bottom heeling over. This heel dislodged the slabs and he managed to reach the surface. The Germans were then machine gunning with the aid of a searchlight beam the mass of survivors in the water. Very many were killed including the Chief Officer. A British Destroyer picked up the few survivors some six hours later.*

*Both the Captain and the Second Officer, undismayed by bombing when in Ostend and on the way back, showed the utmost courage and resolute offensive spirit against the submarine.'*

Other reports of the action tell us that aboard the 'SS Abukir' was the Needham Mission. After Belgium was attacked, a British Military Mission at Belgian Army Headquarters under Major-General H. Needham was appointed to keep the War Office informed of the Belgian situation and intentions and to repeat information acquired to the British Commander-in-Chief. Major-General Needham attended the conference and left to report the decisions taken to the Belgian Command. On his way he was seriously hurt in a car accident and some time elapsed before either British or Belgian Headquarters was informed of it. Only then did Belgian HQ learn of the steps being taken by the BEF that night in compliance with General Billotte's order to withdraw.

The 'SS Abukir' sank 50 miles N.E. of N. Foreland and only 33 survivors were picked up by destroyers.

In 1939 Lloyd's of London formed a committee to find means of honouring seafarers who performed acts of exceptional courage at sea, and this resulted in the announcement on 27 December 1940

of the Lloyd's War Medal for Bravery at Sea. The first awards were announced in March 1941, and the last in October 1948 with a total of 541 Lloyd's War Medals for Bravery at Sea during WWII being struck.



The description of the design of the new medal was as follows: Obverse – a heroic figure symbolising courage and endurance is seated looking out over the sea, on which is seen in the distance a vessel of the Mercantile Marine. In his right hand the figure holds a wreath. The inscription is 'Awarded by Lloyd's'. Reverse – A trident, symbolising sea power, is surrounded by an endless wreath of oak leaves and acorns. On a ribbon across the centre of the design is the single word – Bravery'.

Captain Rowland Morris Woolfenden, Master of the SS Abukir, was the first recipient of the medal and Pat Wills-Rust was the second.

'The Lookout' of September 1941 Vol XXX11, no. 9, published by the Seaman's Church Institute of New York, reprinted an article from the Merchant Navy Journal of May 1941 part of which read:

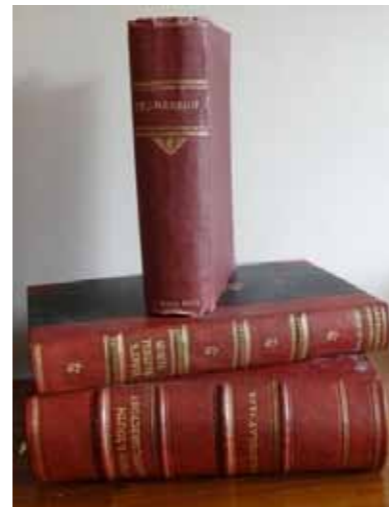
*'We announce below the award of the new medal to, amongst others, Masters and Officers of the Merchant Navy. The records of the deeds which have earned the distinction are not less moving for their brevity. These are men who have done well for their country. The opportunity found them ready, and their example is one to be followed by every one of us to the extent that occasion may demand and our strength allow.'*

On 18 April 1941, The London Gazette announced that Pat would become a Temporary Sub-Lieutenant effective 8 April 1941. Five months later, The London Gazette of 12 September 1941 (which is a correction of that of 26 August 1941) announced that V P Wills-Rust, currently a Temporary Sub-Lieutenant, would become a Temporary Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve with seniority from 8 July 1941. (The first announcement had his initials the wrong way round).

The remainder of Pat's service was as Chief Officer on a variety of tugs – Saucy, Prosperous, Encore and Warden - in the 1950's and 1960's. These were ocean-going tugs concerned with rescue and salvage.

In recognition of his war service, Pat was awarded the 1939-45 Star, The Atlantic Star and clasp as well as the British War Medal and Oak Leaf.

On 22 March 1951, aged 44 with the address c/o U6, London and no occupation he sailed from Southampton to Capetown on 'Carnarvon Castle' of the Union Castle Line.



Pat Wills-Rust appears to have been a meticulous man despite his scruffy appearance in later life – he has been described as looking like a pirate. He is reputed to have 'rolled his own' and to drink in 'The Crown' public house. His handwriting is small and well-shaped. His text books are beautifully bound in red leather and all have the title and his name embossed on them.

There are copious notes handwritten in them such as:

*'The Devil's Hole, North Atlantic – a radius of 300' miles from a pos. in Lat 30N Long 50W. Most of the area is very deep 3000 Fathoms and over to be definitely avoided in heavy weather owing to a very high steep sea in area.'*

Even his bookmarks are interesting – a lottery ticket and several coupons for units of motor fuel.



At some point Pat Wills-Rust lived at Greystones, Warsash, Hants according to the inscription in one of his text books. This was his parents' house. He worked at Hamble Coastal Towing and Salvage Co. Ltd. (but not necessarily at the same time although Warsash is on the Hamble).



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Pat was living at 16 Peachey Road in 1969 through to his death on 8 May 1975. He was 68 and the London Gazette of 22 May 1975 describes him as a retired Master Mariner.

So, there was much more to Vere Patrick Wills-Rust than meets the eye.

If you remember Patrick, do please contact me at the usual address. Thanks are due to Brian Hall for lending me Pat Wills-Rust's books and Dick Lyons for sharing his knowledge of the sea and his memories of the man.

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## SELSEY WRITERS CIRCLE

The meeting on 2nd July was attended by fourteen members and after the forthcoming "Meet the Authors" for the Selsey Festival in August was discussed, the meeting was run as a workshop by Doreen Kemp. Members were asked to write a short story incorporating four words given by Doreen and this produced varied and amusing results and required some ingenuity.

Meetings are held at the Seal Hotel on the first Tuesday of every month and a contact for information is Joan Moules 01243 607587.

## The Manhood Wildlife & Heritage Group - A Chronology of the East Beach Pond

Some things are taken for granted. They seem to have been around forever and don't need constant publicity. The East Beach Pond is a typical example of this phenomenon. If there hadn't been a few very courageous individuals who put themselves 'on the line' this site would be a large muddy waterhole. And so here follows the remarkable history of the East Beach Pond:

**1945:** There were two small ponds in the area, one of which was known as Coy Pond and reported to be very deep, the other was called Pintney Pond;



Copy of an original postcard dated 1945

The site which, after much hard work, was to become the East Beach Pond, as we know it today.

**1949:** An outflow system was built, so that all ditches were combined, allowing surface and flood water to be drained into the sea at low tide;

**1955/57:** The first Sea Wall was constructed, which stopped the flooding and the once worthless fields became desirable building plots. As roads, footpaths and houses replaced fields, the existing drainage system became overloaded;

**1972:** The system was again updated. The most obvious solution was to direct all surface water drains to a low-lying area and discharge the water into the sea;

**1997:** The first drawing and outline to manage the pond as a wildlife sanctuary was submitted to Selsey Town Council, as a Millennium project;

**2001:** A second attempt was made, with the help of the local press. But a planning application to build an estate of houses in north Selsey was granted;

**2002:** Selsey Gate housing estate, meant that the existing drainage system was totally inadequate. The developer combined the two existing ponds into one leaving a central island.

A committee was formed to manage the pond as a wildlife park;



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East Beach Pond after housing developer's excavation. The houses are where caravans once stood.

**2003:** Chichester District Council donated 300 wild flowers but due to a mixup mowing contractors destroyed most of them shortly afterwards.

A grant of £500 from Selsey Town Council and an award of £3,000 from the Seagull project helped;

**2004:** Using Seagull project money, 13 trees were bought and planted around the pond site. A Weeping Willow was donated and planted by the Selsey Model Boat Club, who use the pond for their activities;

**2004:** It became apparent that irregular working parties would not be enough to keep the pond and surrounding area in a satisfactory state. An enthusiastic group of volunteers was, therefore, formed into a multi-disciplined working party which would meet every Tuesday afternoon to carry out maintenance work;

**2013:** Since 2004 the Pond has been blessed with a number of awards, acknowledging the hard work put in by the happy band of volunteers. Among them the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the Green Flag award and Gold at South & South-East in Bloom competitions.

David Devereux © 2013

## Selsey Gardens Open Day

Sunday 23rd June 2013

On Saturday 22nd June, preparations for Selsey Gardens Open Day was put on hold as rain and winds stopped play. However, this did allow our team of helpers to enjoy watching the British and Irish Lions win against Australia. And, as if to endorse this victory, the sun emerged and work in the garden resumed!

We had a second 'win' the next day Sunday - when the weather was bright, blustery and DRY! Hundreds of visitors arrived to follow the Selsey Gardens trail around the town and along the coastline. Twelve gardens plus Medmerry Primary School and Selsey Allotments offered a diverse range of designs and ideas for visitors to take home to their own gardens.



Jill Dennison, Communication & Events Manager, St. Wilfrids' Hospice  
Margaret Goodman, Organiser Selsey Gardens Open Day  
Jo Bulis, Dementia Support Worker, Alzheimer's Society, Chichester Area  
Photo: Jerry Goodman

Selsey Gardens Open Day was fund raising for St Wilfrid's Hospice and the Alzheimer's Society. The money has been counted and it amounts to £3,542 - shared between the two charities.

A huge thank you goes to the owners, and their helpers, who kindly who opened their gardens for the day. Also, thanks goes to The Selsey Florist, Country Gardens and Summit bikes who sold tickets leading up to the big day.

If any Selsey readers would like open their garden in 2014, call 01243 605276.

Margaret Goodman,  
Organiser, Selsey Gardens Open Day 2013

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## School Garden summer 2013

During the summer the children were given the opportunity to work in the garden and with their enthusiasm we hope to repeat our brilliant success in the 'Surrey and Sussex Schools in Bloom Competition'. Can we win 'GOLD' again?

We were also given the opportunity to show our gardens to the wider community when we took part in the 'Selsey Open Gardens' day. We had many visitors and the day was a great success, we not only received many compliments, but also raised over £600 for charity. We had a number of older children show adults around our gardens and explain how we grew our vegetables.

As the summer term draws to an end I have just been informed that Medmerry School has been awarded a Gold award in the South & South East in Bloom schools competition. It gets better, we've been judged best in county and overall winner for the south-east. The children have worked hard in the garden in what, weather wise, has been a difficult year. A massive thank you to Ann Harrington who worked wonders supporting our children make the school gardens an absolute joy to behold.

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# A Tale of Two Doves

by Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

This is the tale of two doves, the collared dove and the turtle dove - one doing really well and one doing really badly. The rise of the population of the former since the 1970s has been completely mirrored by the decline of the latter in the same period.

So, let's start with the collared dove, a species probably very familiar to many of you, commonly seen in gardens, parks, towns and cities. Much sleeker than the abundant wood pigeon and fairly inconspicuous in its behaviour, its monotonous three note call can become quite wearing after a while. Up until 1955 there were only four collared doves in the whole of the UK; within 15 years the number had risen to about 20,000 pairs, now it's estimated that they are getting on for one million pairs (*British Trust for Ornithology - Bird Trends*). A highly successful bird whose population has expanded enormously in the last 50 years from its core base in South-east Europe and is now found right across Central and Northern Europe.

It's not totally clear why this huge expansion of its range has taken place in such a short time; the bird has adapted to new conditions to which a run of milder winters since the 1970s may have helped plus the availability of seeds as well as exploiting the food we put out in our gardens. In any event they are here and seemed to have found an ecological niche in the UK fauna without upsetting any resident species.

Not so for the poor turtle dove. This beautiful summer visitor with its soft, cat-like purring call is the quintessential sound of summer, up there with buzzing bees and chirruping grasshoppers. Slightly smaller than the collared dove, this is a much more beautiful bird with a very delicate brown, scalloped back, pink breast with blue-grey colouring on the wings. Once common, the numbers of turtle doves have declined to such an extent that they are now classified as a red data species, signifying a reduction in population of 50% or more over a period of about 30 years.

The problem is that we are uncertain as to why this has happened, but undoubtedly changes in farming methods is a crucial factor,

particularly in the South-east. Increase in the use of herbicide, the reduction in available arable weed seeds and the loss of tall hedges - rows vital for breeding requirements have all contributed significantly to their reduction. In addition, it is not known how they are faring on their wintering grounds in Africa and we know that there are some problems occurring for some of our summer migrants as development accelerates on that continent.

To cap it all, turtle doves are still subject to hunters as they make their way up through Europe, though for the life of me I can't see why anyone would want to shoot a turtle dove. Hunting is not necessarily a cause for its decline, but once numbers start to get dangerously low it can then begin to have an impact.

There you have it; two very similar species with great contrasting fortunes. One able to adapt to new conditions while the other struggling to survive in an ever changing world that proves increasingly hostile to it.

Research is currently going on to see if there are ways the alarming fortunes can be reversed. I hope they succeed; a summer without hearing the lovely sound of the turtle dove is a difficult thought to contemplate.

[www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk)

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turtle dove © Neil Fletcher Sussex Wildlife Trust



## Graham's Wildlife Wanderings

Being a 'wanderer', as my title suggests, means I can go from one place to another with my observations! This month, I will be in the UK, Italy, the USA and who knows where else??

I am going to start with my promised quote from the late American environmentalist author Henry Beston. In his book, 'The Outermost House,' he wrote: "For the animal shall not be measured by man. In a world older and more complete than ours, they move finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren; they are not underlings; they are other nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time, fellow prisoners of the splendour and travail of the Earth".

I will, with some difficulty, try to 'follow that'. In my opinion, the matter is one of respect - for the creatures that share this planet with us, an Earth which is grossly over-populated by man, and where wildlife is fighting a (generally losing) battle for habitat and survival.

Why can't we just enjoy the creatures around us without 'using' them for so-called 'sport'? Mercifully, in the UK, I think we can be comparatively self-satisfied with the way we treat our wildlife - 'blood-sports' (ghastly term) are now illegal, primarily as a result of public opinion, and there is clearly considerable disquiet over badger-culling, though that is not being done for 'amusement', and is a different issue beyond the scope of this piece. I personally cannot understand how someone can acquire pleasure in pursuing a terrified animal, in fear of its life, if that pursuit is not to obtain food, but merely for 'fun'.

Exactly the same argument applies to the practice in some Mediterranean countries of blasting away at migratory birds - the result being a considerable reduction in the number of those birds that reach their intended destinations - and for what? To get a 'higher score' than the next guy? I call it rather pathetic, if that's the way you have to posture to demonstrate how 'macho' you are.. Though there has been pressure from more enlightened EU nations to stop the practice, it still goes on - the home governments no doubt being afraid that they will lose votes if they enforce the rules - you will note my cynicism..

I while ago, I was visiting some people in Wisconsin, in the Northern USA. They were charming, as I have found during all my trips to that nation. My host then showed me his firearms cabinet - no less than 4 high-powered rifles and a shot-gun. When I asked him what they were all for, he said they were for hunting, primarily deer 'in season,' but also other creatures at the times when deer-hunting was not allowed. There are strict quotas in respect of the numbers of deer that can be shot, and they are largely used for food, but the other creatures? Skunks, wolverines, various birds and other wildlife?.. I did not pursue the matter any further..

I was recently in Rome, and of course one of the iconic locations in that beautiful city is the Colosseum. Many of you will know its extraordinary size and the engineering marvels it contained, but its function made me shudder - during one 3-month long festival, 9000 gladiators and 10000 wild animals were slaughtered in an orgy of death before thousands of baying, bloodthirsty spectators - all in the name of 'entertainment'. Thank Goodness such spectacles are now history.

Let's enjoy our wild creatures for the beauty and grace they possess - put away the gun and trap, and get out the binoculars and camera instead!

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## A note from Peter Driscoll, Chair of the Friends of Pagham Harbour

I was recently delighted to hand Pagham Harbour Local Nature Reserve manager Rob Carver a cheque for £3,850 to cover the cost of four projects:

- Renewal of steps at Church Norton *see photo*
- Education equipment
- Replacement of external display boards and cabinets at the Visitor Centre
- Additional bench and interpretation boards at the Discovery Area.



The Friends' Committee has also earmarked £1,000 to help fund a wildlife club for 8-12 year olds (Wildlife Explorers), and we have applied to a large local charity for a grant to buy hedging and mowing equipment.

The Reserve is looking particularly beautiful after a week of hot sunshine and we invite you to see for yourself at one or more of the following events:

- Wednesday 7 August Salthouse Sundown (5.45 pm at Sidlesham Quay to walk or 6.30 pm at the Salt House, Pagham). (We are grateful to the Wildfowling and their Secretary, Francis Paffremont for opening the Salt House for us on this occasion.)
- Sunday 18 August Pagham on Parade
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The Parrot's Feather is not a bird but a pesky type of water plant from South America which can grow very quickly thus smothering any water surface. In turn, this can stop animals and other helpful plants from growing. The plant spreads easily as even the slightest bit can re-grow. It can thus spread quickly along ditches that are home to threatened and important species, such as the Water Vole. Despite this charismatic mammal eating 227 different



types of plant, it is not keen on the waxy leaves of the Parrot's Feather so that the plant is not readily eaten it and continues growing. While the Environment Agency (EA) is in charge of tracking invasive species such as this they do not have enough staff to tackle the problem.

A local Bracklesham householder found his pond covered by the plant and the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group (MWHG) sprang to his aid. Seven volunteers working together with the owner started a removal programme. The plant is a bit like an iceberg in as much as more of it was growing beneath the surface of the water than on top so that pulling it out carefully by hand in thigh deep water and mud was a tricky operation and one which required careful supervision. While a large amount of the plant was successfully removed there is at least as much work to do again so another work party will be repeating the exercise and, in the course of it, getting rather muddy!

This particular persistent plant needs lots of muscle power and a long term commitment which is too much for one householder to take on. We had lots of fun on a sunny day and look forward to the satisfaction of seeing a completely clear pond in the future and to knowing that we will have stopped it spreading further into adjacent water courses on the peninsula.

Photographs by Jane Reeve, HLF funded Water Vole Project Officer:

Parrot's feather covering the pond - Volunteers muscle in

## Why Insurance Premiums are So High

*explains Louise Addams*

Motor insurance premiums continue to rise because insurers are being forced to pay repairers more for their work! If you actually believe this twaddle you should not be behind the steering wheel.

Insurance – any form of insurance – is a gamble. The insurance companies gamble that the total they receive from their insured in premiums will be more than they pay out in claims. Therefore, any disaster – flood or fire – is good for business because it reminds the uninsured of the risks they run by not paying premiums. This is also why insurance companies like to pay large bills for insurance claims - these **apparently** justify non stop premium escalation.

Insurers have also developed an incestuous relationship with **approved repairers** – who charge astronomical sums for sorting out any automotive damage.

My friend Patricia recently hooked her Vauxhall Astra Estate on to a concrete bollard in one of the Chichester car parks. She scraped the front and rear nearside panels, and put a deep scar –which did not break the metal – into both the front and rear nearside doors.

She was **encouraged** by her insurance company to use one of their **approved repairers** who supplied a courtesy car and charged the insurance company £3,600 to repair a five years old car, worth not more than £5,000. According to my friend it was touch and go as to whether the insurance company wrote her car off or not.

I considered the cost of these repairs to be outrageous and described the damage to my friend's car to George Wheatley, who runs **Chichester Bodyworks** in Chandler Road, Chichester - 01243 788 855.

The first question George asked was whether the driver was going to pay for the repairs or her insurance company. I wanted to know why the answer was important. "If the insurance company is paying, the repairer cannot afford any comeback – repairers are forced to use manufacturers' parts which puts up the price of any claim."

George told me that my friend's repairers would have charged for two new doors and maybe front and rear panels as well – which naturally inflates the price. "I would have repaired the doors and the panels and colour matched the paintwork. Your friend would not have been able to tell that her car had been repaired!"

And the cost of George's work? Between about £600.00 – and this figure includes a profit George would have been happy with! More to the point the amount George charges is often less than the excess drivers have to pay when they make a claim.

Motor insurers pretend that drivers **have to** use repairers approved by them. This is not so. Drivers can stipulate whoever they like to repair their cars and providing the total cost makes economical sense, the insurance company is obliged to pay.

So next time you're wondering why motor insurance premiums are so high, you might like to reflect that **approved repairers** can be charging six times the actual cost of a satisfactory repair.

Is it any wonder that the cost of insuring cars and the health of ourselves and pets have soared to the point where some motorists are driving uninsured... why many people cannot afford private health insurance... and why pensioners have to think twice about insuring their pets?

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**Selsey Stroke Club**  
 We offer Companionship, Helpful Information, Advice and Lots More, open to everyone effected by Stroke  
 Meeting will take place every 3rd Tuesday of the month  
 2.30pm to 4.30pm  
 at the Selsey Centre, Manor Road, Selsey  
 All are welcome - For more details contact 603344

**SELSEY & DISTRICT CARERS SUPPORT GROUP**  
 Registered Charity No. 1097538  
**CAR BOOT SALE**  
**Sunday, 4th August 2013**  
**AT THE ACADEMY, SCHOOL LANE, SELSEY**  
**CARS £7 / Cars & TRAILERS £10 / VANS £12**  
**Gates Open: 7.30am Gates Close: 1pm**

**SELSEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB**  
 Meets at Medmerry Primary School, School Lane  
 on Wednesday & Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm and  
 Sundays at 9.30 am and 3.00 pm.  
 All equipment provided.  
**New members welcome**  
 Contact Ernie Burrows on 605660 or Annette Iskett on 606227  
 email: [anneteiskett@hotmail.com](mailto:anneteiskett@hotmail.com)

**Selsey Royal British Legion Fishing Club**  
 New Members Welcome,  
 For details Ring Steve  
 01243 601932

**Furniture – Books – Bric-a-brac**  
 New charity shop at 3 Oakfield Road, East Wittering  
 All funds raised will help Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital. Bag  
 a bargain at our new shop, or at our existing shops at Wittering  
 Walk in East Wittering & New Parade in Selsey

**SELSEY INFORMATION EXCHANGE**  
 In Penny Lane.  
 Open 9:30 - 3:30 for all you need to know about Selsey.  
 We have had 230 visitors so far with all sorts of queries. It is great to serve our community alongside other friends and to be made so welcome by others in Penny Lane.

**THE ACADEMY, SELSEY - PTA**  
 2013 Car Boots  
 8am - 1pm  
 Sunday 18th August  
 Sunday 15th September  
 Sunday 6th October  
 Cars £7, Vans £10, Trailers extra £3  
 Sellers from 7:30am at The Academy, Selsey  
*Weather permitting*

**please send articles and dates to [info@selseylife.co.uk](mailto:info@selseylife.co.uk) before the 16th of the preceding month publishing of articles is at our discession**

**1ST SELSEY SCOUTS**  
 Charity Shop  
 Scout HQ, School Lane  
 Open every Saturday between 10 am and 12 noon  
*Bric-a-brac ~ Books*

**Fibromyalgia Support Group Selsey & Manhood**  
 Have you been diagnosed with FMS the invisible disease?  
*Do you look so well but feel so ill!*  
 Are you always exhausted?  
*Do you feel as though you have constant flu & ache everywhere?*  
 Do you need help, support, advice and more information?  
*Do you need a letter for 'Normals' to help them understand?*  
 Join our Support Group, lots of laughs, social events  
*Meet others who live with FMS*  
 Join us on the second Tuesday of every month  
 12 noon at the Fishermans Joy, then call:  
 Teresa on 0844 887 2582 Email: [Teresa.tjswhite1954@live.co.uk](mailto:Teresa.tjswhite1954@live.co.uk)

**East Wittering Local History Group**  
 are having another exhibition.  
 This time concentrating on West Wittering in photographs and words. it will be held as usual in the **Wittering Medical Centre** on  
**Saturday August 17th and Sunday 18th 10.30 - 4.00.**  
*Entrance free. Hope to see you there.*

 **St Wilfrid's Hospice CHICHESTER**  
 Have you visited our charity shop on the High Street in Selsey or our new shop in Shore Road, East Wittering yet?  
 We have a wide variety of good quality, second-hand adult and children's clothing, as well as books, bric-a-brac and toys all at great prices.  
 Why not come along and see us, you never know what bargains you might find.  
 Or maybe you would like to volunteer - we are always in need of people to help in the shop.

**SELSEY TOWN COUNCIL ~ MEETINGS**  
**Planning** 11th August  
*All meetings are held in the Parish Hall and start at 7.30 pm*  
**The Council look forward to seeing you there**

**Selsey Horticultural Society Summer Show**  
 Flowers, vegetables, floral arrangements, children's section, household and handicrafts  
**Saturday 3rd August 2013 ~ 2 pm at The Selsey Centre**  
 Why not have a go? Bring along 3 of your best home-grown tomatoes and enter the non-member class.  
 For more information telephone Linda Brown 601634

 **Chichester Harbour Conservancy**  
**August Events**  
**Family Fun Activity Days**  
 5th, 7th & 9th  
**Terror Sailing Trips**  
 5th, 7th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 25th, 26th, 27th,  
**Harbour Discovery on the Solar Heritage**  
 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 28th, 29th 30th, 31st  
 Saturday 3rd  
 Wild Flower Series: Session 4 - Shoreline  
 Sunday 4th  
 Harbour Discovery on the Solar Heritage  
 Friday 9th  
 I Spy on the Solar Heritage  
 Sunday 11th  
 North Common & Gutner Point  
 Monday 12th  
 Drawing & Painting  
 Tuesday 13th  
 Painting in Watercolour: Landscapes & Still Life  
 Wednesday 14th  
 Abstract Landscape Painting in Acrylics  
 Thursday 15th  
 Stream Dipping  
 Saturday 17th  
 Top of the Harbour Walk  
 Sunday 18th  
 Breakfast Cruise on the Solar Heritage  
 Sunday 18th  
 Dell Quay Walk & Sailing Club Tea  
 Wednesday 21st  
 Splash Walk  
 Thursday 22nd  
 Driftwood  
 Friday 23rd  
 I Spy on the Solar Heritage  
 Tuesday 27th  
 From Emsworth to Itchenor on the Solar Heritage  
**For full details and booking of these events please phone 01243 512301 or visit [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk)**

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**Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St. Wilfrid**  
**Weekly Mass Times**  
 Saturday 5.30pm ~ Sunday 10.00am

**SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Services for August**  
 Sunday 4th August 10.30 am Mr Geoff Craghill  
 Sunday 11th August 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson  
*Holy Communion*  
 Sunday 18th August 10.30 am Mr. Malcolm Pettit  
 Sunday 25th August 10.30 am Mrs. Wendy Corney  
*Our minister is Revd. Bruce Allinson 01243 601032*

**ST PETERS CHURCH**  
 Weekly Services held at the Parish Church of St. Peter's, Selsey  
 Sunday 8am Said Eucharist  
 10am Sung Eucharist with Children's Church  
*Please note that on the first Sunday in every month there will now be a Family Service at 10am involving all children and their families so please come along to celebrate and share some special family time together.*  
 Tuesday 6.30pm Said Eucharist  
 Thursday 9am Said Eucharist  
**Sea Sunday Service** thank you to everyone who attended this service and contributed to the magnificent collection of £357.13 - for the Mission to Seafarers.  
 St. Peter's church doors are always open to welcome anyone to the above services whatever your thoughts and beliefs.

**Diary Dates for St. Peter's Church**  
**7.30pm Saturday 14th September**  
 St. Peter's Church are proud to host the fabulous 'Souled Out Gospel Choir' Tickets £12 – under 16 years £6 with interval refreshments. Please either sign the list at the back of Church or alternatively telephone Sally on 604104 to reserve your ticket or just turn up and pay at the door but be quick because they really are worth seeing.

**7pm Saturday 26th October**  
 An **Organ Recital And Soloist** concert has been arranged at St. Peter's Church on with Dr. David Flood, Organist and Master of Choristers at Canterbury Cathedral accompanied by Greg Tassell an Operatic Tenor – Tickets £7 under 16 years £4 with interval refreshments – please sign list at the back of Church or alternatively telephone Fred Flood on 603186 or Sally on 604104 for tickets or on the door.  
 Proceeds will be divided equally between St. Peter's Church and the Royal Marsden Cancer Hospital.

**SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Rooms in our premises, including kitchen facilities, are available for hire. Please phone 01243 601439 for details.  
 Our Minister is Revd. Bruce Allinson

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

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