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**Sidlesham community lunch at the Sidlesham Memorial Hall**



**12.30 for 1.00**

**Tuesday 24th October**

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**Living the dream.** While the cat is away-Dorothy will play! She did! Here's the October Spread



In August, we included an article about Yorkshire being God's own country. In which case, why does it rain so much there?

I was beginning to think that Graham Porrett must be around as he seems to attract rain. He wasn't. He had found sun at last in Egypt. **WD**



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	2nd Tues	Quiz with George Torrance as quizmaster.	The Anchor	7.30 pm
	Tuesday	<b>Lucy's Pilates</b> - All abilities welcome To book and check details call Lucy on 07906058062	ON ZOOM	6.00 pm
	Thursday	Tea and cake at Mary's Place. For details Contact Carolyn on 07983 701015 or carolyn@brading.net	Church rooms	From 2.00 - 4.00 pm
	Thursday	<b>Sidlesham Short Mat Bowls</b> £3.00 per session Contact Marilyn Sharp on 641437	School Sports Hall	4.30 - 6.30 pm
	2nd Wed	<b>Women's Institute</b>	Church rooms	2.15pm
	Saturdays Term time	<b>Lizzie's Craft Club.</b> for children aged 4—11 years. £5 session per child. Contact lizzie@lizziebaily.com	Applefield	2.30 - 4.00 pm

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**FUTURE DATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2nd WEDNESDAYS**

**No meeting August and December**  
**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**4th Wednesday in May**  
in the Church Hall at 7 pm

Planning included in above meetings.  
Details of Planning to be discussed can be obtained from Alison Colban, parish clerk, details on this page.

**YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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**Chichester Farmers' Market Location: Town Centre**  
**Time: 9.00 - 14.00 1st and 3rd Friday of each month**

For information about the Parish, the Parish Council, agenda's minutes, notices of events, information from CDC and WSCC, SCA, Neighbourhood plan etc  
Www.sidlesham.org

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



**THE ANCHOR IS OPEN EVERY DAY**

TELEPHONE 641 373 FOR DETAILS OR TO MAKE A BOOKING

**TALKS AT 6 - THURSDAYS - BETWEEN 6 AND 7PM**  
**BASSIL SHIPPAM CENTRE - TOZER WAY, PO19 7LG**

Book on line [bookings@talksatsix.co.uk](mailto:bookings@talksatsix.co.uk)  
 Retiring collection for Speaker's choice of charity  
 Organised by Marilyn Humphrey

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - The Good Germans by Catrine Clay.** Two thirds of Germans never voted for the Nazis regime yet had to suffer the terror. The war and atrocities perpetrated become public knowledge and so the feeling of guilt in those who had not supported it. This is the story of Good Germans.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Verdi in Verona by David Nason.** Verdi dominated the Italian Opera scene for most of the 19th century. The centenary of Verdi's birth was celebrated by a performance of Aida in the great Roman Amphitheatre of Verona in 1913 and has been an annual event ever since. David will talk about his work in Verona and Verdi operas and Verona Opera Festival.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Immigration and Multi Culturalism by David Davies.** David will cover aspects of this topical and important subject. The history of our diversity. What do we know and what should we do?

We do hope you can come to all or any of the above at **Bassil Shippam Centre, Tozer Way, PO19 7LG at 6-7pm**, please book on line [bookings@talksatsix.co.uk](mailto:bookings@talksatsix.co.uk) or see the full programme on [www.talksatsix.co.uk](http://www.talksatsix.co.uk)



The government has [extended the bus cap fare of £2 until 31 October 2023.](#)

After this, the bus fare cap will change to £2.50 for single tickets until 30 November 2024.

### ARMISTICE DAY 2023



The 1918 Armistice will again be commemorated at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, namely Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, fittingly at the Sidlesham Memorial Ground. To introduce the simple two-minute silence, a trumpeter will sound the Last Post and afterwards the Reveille. This will be followed by refreshments and a visual display of sculptures on WW1 war memorials.

### Football fixtures at the Recreation Ground

26/09	27/09	28/09	29/09	30/09	01/10	02/10	03/10	04/10	05/10	06/10	07/10	08/10
7:45 kickoff Infinity U23				Absolute Sport 0930 3pm kickoff Infinity FC	10 & 10:30 CC U13/U18 2pm kickoff BRT Women						Absolute Sport 09:30 3pm kickoff Infinity FC	10 & 10:30 CCFCG (x2)
	7:45 kickoff Infinity U23			Absolute Sport 0930				7:45 kickoff Clanfield U23			Absolute Sport 09:30 2pm kickoff BRT Women	10:30 kickoff Selsey U16
	7:45 kickoff Infinity U23			Absolute Sport 0930	10:30 kickoff CCFCG U15						Absolute Sport 0930	CCFCG U13 Selsey U16 2pm kickoff BRT Women

## 4SIGHT VISION SUPPORT:

### FREE WILL WRITING SERVICES



4Sight Vision Support (4SVS) provides free support and specialist information to blind and sight impaired residents, and their families and carers, throughout West Sussex. The charity has recently teamed up with Bequeathed to offer a free, professionally drafted Will For Good. Bequeathed have experience of working with hundreds of charities to help thousands of people make their will each year, offering an accessible and inclusive service.

4Sight Vision Support would ask users of the new Bequeathed service to consider making a donation or leaving a gift in their Will which would help ensure that the charity can continue to provide its vital services for years to come.

The service is open to all. To find out more, call 01243 838001, email [fundraising@4Sight.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@4Sight.org.uk) or visit [www.4sight.org.uk/bequeathed](http://www.4sight.org.uk/bequeathed)

## ULEZ PAYMENT SCAM.

### FROM NEXTDOOR SIDLESHAM

A member of the public approached Which? after inadvertently paying a company that appeared as 'Ulezpayservice' on their bank statement, rather than the official TfL website. They were driving in Stanmore, London, in July and saw a sign that stated they were entering a ULEZ zone. They went online to pay the charge but later realised that the expansion is not due to come into effect until 29 August. They had clicked on an advert on Google that they assumed took them to an official website to pay the ULEZ charge. After filling in their personal and financial details, they discovered that "Ulezpayservice" had taken £17.50. Their bank later informed them that this retailer

had set up a continuous payment authority (allowing them to take recurring payments) that has since been cancelled. Drivers should only be paying £12.50 for the ULEZ charge via TfL's website. Which? is concerned about the number of dodgy websites taking out adverts on Google, which appear at the top of results when people attempt to pay for parking or the ULEZ charge. This week, they found Google adverts for two identical websites – 'ulez.emission.london' and 'emissioncharge.london' – when a search was made to 'pay for ulez' or simply 'ulez'. These adverts are shown above the official TfL website. Both adverts have been reported to Google.

## FERRY FARM COMMUNITY SOLAR GRANT FUND NOW OPEN

Applications welcome; September 2023—January 2024  
Local Community Groups in Selsey and Sidlesham with great green idea are invited to apply.

The grant fund supports projects focused on environmental education, climate change readiness, energy and biodiversity

Administered by Selsey Community Forum  
Apply today:  
<https://www.selseycommunityforum.uk/Ferry-farm>



## THE FORCE IS STRONG AS STAR WARS TOY EXHIBITION COMES TO CHICHESTER

On Saturday 7 October, from a galaxy far, far away comes an absolute must-see for fans of Star Wars and the silver screen. One of the UK's finest collections of vintage Star Wars toys and original cinema posters is going on display in The Novium Museum, Chichester.

'May The Toys Be With You' is both a celebration of the now highly collectable vintage toy line and of the iconic design work and art of the original Star Wars movies.

Back when the movie Star Wars broke box office records in 1977, no one could have predicted that the merchandise would go on to earn even more than the film itself. The toys of Star Wars took the world by storm and became the must-have playthings for an entire generation. From 1977 – 1985 an estimated 300 million action figures were sold, allowing children to re-enact the adventures of Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia and Han Solo.

The exhibition features hundreds of incredible vintage toys, posters and memorabilia.

Visitors can also look forward to some interactive gallery features; dress up as a Star Wars character, pose for a selfie with a Storm Trooper, trails, and an opportunity to explore other toys from the 1970's with a look through a vintage toy box.

'May The Toys Be With You' opens at The Novium Museum on Saturday, 7 October 2023 and will run until Saturday, 20 April 2024. Tickets cost £4 for adults, £2.50 for children and £12 for a family of up to five (maximum two adults).

Quiet sessions, for anyone who feels that they would benefit from a more relaxed experience, are available. Please see The Novium Museum's website for details. For more information, and to book visit [www.thenovium.org/theforce](http://www.thenovium.org/theforce).

Entry to the rest of the museum remains free, with donations gratefully accepted.

## NEWS FROM SIDLESHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you to so many of you for your warm welcome to the Sidlesham community. It has been lovely to be greeted so positively and a real pleasure beginning to get to know your children. It has also been a privilege to see the team in action and their dedication to the school and the children in its care. They really do care.

**Cake Sale** Thank you to everyone that supported our Macmillan Coffee Event, it was lovely to see the work that had gone into decorating the hall to make it a special time. I was also pleased to catch-up with a few parents and grandparents too. So far we have raised over £260.00.

**Staffing News** We have, sadly, lost the services of Mrs Hauser. We have therefore begun our process for recruiting a replacement class teacher (who we hope will start in post after half-term). In the meantime, I am incredibly grateful to our EYFS and KS1 staff for stepping up with a plan to see our children through the interim few weeks in the best possible fashion.

**Parental Feedback** It was really helpful to get a lot of feedback from parents at the Meet the Headteacher and briefly at

our Macmillan event too. I thought you would love to know the main themes that came up (both positives and negatives):

### What's going well?

- )] Friendly, family, welcoming atmosphere
- )] Community feel & engagement
- )] The staff team – committed, genuine, and caring delivering for our children despite challenges school has faced for two years
- )] The teachers' communications with parents
- )] The return of Star of the Week
- )] Children feel safe and happy
- )] PTA events and just having an active PTA
- )] Wrap around care
- )] Staff's ability to make the children feel special
- )] Reception staff soooo welcoming
- )] The new SENCO
- )] Opportunities the children are given including
  - )] Sports Day RWI
  - )] Young Voices Taskmaster
  - )] Forest Fridays Sheer variety of trips (incl. residential)
- )] Variety of clubs Outdoor play provision

### Even better if... (suggestions)

- )] Rather obviously, a substantive headteacher appointed and stays giving more stability
- )] Drop-off arrangements
- )] Better school dinners
- )] Better, open, honest communications
- )] Support the staff better – they work hard and don't get the recognition they deserve
- )] Consistent homework setting
- )] Advanced publication of as many key dates as possible (preferably in a fridge friendly format)
- )] More sport
- )] Phonics workshops for parents

### Follow us on social media

Our school makes good use of X (formerly known as Twitter) to share some of the exciting goings on here in school with the wider world. To keep up to date, be sure to follow @SidleshamSchool and your child's class @class\_tiger, @MeerkatsSPS, @ClassKangaroo, @PenguinsSPS or @HuskiesSPS.

**Mr Bird – Headteacher**  
**Edited by Lizzie Bailey**



## SYMBOL OF CONSERVATION SUCCESS

Which stylish, black and white bird that features on the RSPB logo can you see around Pagham Harbour and Medmerry? It is, of course, the avocet – a particularly striking and elegant wader with bold black and white wing patterns which you can appreciate fully when you see it in flight. It has a black cap which continues down its neck, and legs which have a bluish tone to them. But the most distinctive feature of the avocet is the upward curve of its long slender bill which you may see sweeping from side to side to catch its dinner of worms and crustaceans.

So why is this bird used as the RSPB emblem? Why not a robin or a blackbird or other favourite British bird? The answer lies in a conservation success story dating back to World War II.

The avocet became extinct in the UK in the nineteenth century when hunting, egg collection and the fashion for wearing

feathers were prolific. It was during World War II that the conditions for breeding avocets were accidentally recreated on the Suffolk coastal marshes when they were deliberately flooded as a defence against enemies. In 1947 when sea sluice operations were resumed, the drained land revealed reed beds, brackish pools and drainage channels – the perfect environment for waders such as the avocet. In the same year, the RSPB took over the management of this site at Minsmere and, as result of their work, avocets began to breed successfully again in the UK.

Nowadays, avocets are resident in various areas of the country with an estimated 1,950 breeding pairs. For a species that was extinct in the UK 75 years ago – that's pretty amazing!

At RSPB Medmerry's Stilt Pools, they have been breeding since 2014; this year 14 young birds hatched.

Back in 1970, the RSPB logo was a simple black and white image of the avocet; you will see now that it still uses

the avocet but has blue and green incorporated into it – colours which represent the land, sea and sky.

*Learn more about the birds and wildlife of the RSPB's Pagham Harbour and Medmerry reserves on our family-friendly half-term events or one of our other special guided events this October.*

*Find out more by visiting our website <https://events.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour> or call 01243 641508.*

### By Alice McDougall

The symbol of the RSPB, the avocet, is still a rare breeding bird in the county but has been nesting at the RSPB's Medmerry reserve since 2014 and small flocks of these distinctive, elegant black and white birds can still be seen in the area, often on the Ferry Pool at RSPB Pagham Harbour, through October.



[Credit: Ben Andrew (rspb-images.com)]

## HOUSES WITH A STORY TO TELL (10)

Continuing down Cow Lane . . . . .

### No 11:

George & Sabina Davison were the first tenants, having come south from Washington, County Durham where George had worked in Usworth Colliery. The family and daughter Irene appear in the 1936 photograph outside Keynor Hut. The family did not adapt to life on the LSA and had moved to Chichester (33 Kingsham Avenue) by the time of the 1939 Census.

A tenant named Davidson was named on a copy of the photograph of the original tenants taken outside Keynor Hut in 1936. In 2020 I was contacted by the grandson of George Davison who had identified his mother and grandmother on the photo. It later transpired that George Davison was in fact the person previously named as Davidson. The family did not adapt to LSA life and left to live in Chichester where, at the time of the 1939 Census George was a Gravel Pit Labourer and daughter Irene worked in the offices of Henty & Constable Brewery. Son Albert had joined the Navy by then. He died during the war and is buried at Sidlesham Church.

John & Lily Scott are recorded at No 11 on the 1939 Census. John was listed as an 'LSA Trainee'. John Dunn lived here from 1945 to 1953. He used his demob money (back pay from the army for time spent in a POW camp) to secure the smallholding.

No arrival date for the Bowdens. Arthur Bowden retired to reside in Chichester in September 1976 (LSA Bulletin No 1449).

Goff & Pim Gleadle family became tenants in October 1976 (LSA Bulletin No 1452), leaving in October 1982 (LSA Bulletin No 1764).

Alan Stride moved into No 11 (Cow Lane) in October 1982. No departure date, but family name is not on the list of Sidlesham Growers in 1983.

### No 12:

In 1936 Dickie Cowan arrived from Ferryhill, County Durham. He had been a miner at Dean & Chapter Colliery (?) near Ferryhill, 7 miles south of Durham. He retired from the smallholding in 1970 (LSA Bulletin No 1140). Dickie Cowan lived in Keynor Hut while being trained and his wife

Maude joined him six months later. Dickie organised weekly Whist Drives at Keynor Hut and became Chair of the Tenants Association between 1944-48. Winifred Woolf was on the School Admissions Register, with Mrs Cowan named as guardian. Dickie's daughter, Beryl, married David Bowyer and they became tenants at No 138 (Batchmere) in 1972. "Keynor Hut was quite a busy place as I can remember, my mother belonged to the Womens' Club, this was run by Grace Kemp (No.39). There was a Sunday School held there and she also ran that and if I remember rightly Mrs. Wade also assisted. I also remember somebody holding a wedding reception in there, and of course many of the estate meetings were also held there. As well as the bakery in Mill Lane this supplied the grocery store with the bread - this was situated next to the Jolly Fisherman Pub. There was never a lot of choice like today's shops due to things still being on ration. Also there was a hardware & haberdashery shop just on the entrance to Mill Lane on the left hand side. My highlight of the week was going to the Jolly Fisherman car park where a fish and chip van visited weekly. To catch a bus it meant walking to the bus stop at Sidlesham School, alternatively walking to the Bird Pond bus stop across the field on the Selsey Road, weather permitting and getting home before dark I used to cycle to". Beryl Bowyer (nee Cowan).

Martin & Lynda Samuels arrived in October 1970 (LSA Bulletin No 1141) and stayed until 1973. Ray & Pearl Bill arrived from Wisborough Green in 1973. They left to open a nursery at Apuldram in 1984. Arthur Weissenborn (no arrival date) was on the register of Sidlesham Growers in 1986. "Between 1996 - 2000 Arthur Weissenborn grew cut flowers, notably Stocks and Antirrhinum, that he supplied to Alan & Colin Frampton at Firstflora/Donaldsons, Vinnetrov Road, the flowers went to Sainsbury's. I was the flower buyer at Sainsbury's and my father David was MD of Langmead & Robinson, Shripney who bought much produce from the Batchmere holdings". (Ian Riggs/2017)

**Has your House got a Story to Tell?**

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## BRENT LODGE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

SUMMER WILDLIFE BRIEFINGS

OCTOBER 2023

### INSIDE THE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL IN OCTOBER

**HALLOWEEN SPECIAL!** As October is upon us, we thought we'd focus on beautiful bats in this month's issue. Bats are fascinating creatures that use echolocation to navigate and hunt in the dark. Their main diet is insects and some, like the tiny pipistrelle bat, can eat up to 3,000 insects in one night! Did you know that bats usually only have one baby each year? And they can live for up to 30 years! Bat pups can weigh around a third of an adult bat's total weight and they often cling to their mother's underbelly whilst she's in flight - what a super strong bat mum!

Did you also know that bats are technically more closely related to humans than they are to mice? Who knew!

### PATIENT STORIES

We had a little 2-3 day old pipistrelle bat brought into us when she was only 1.2g and no bigger than a 2p coin! We consulted with our bat specialist at the Sussex Bat Group and after 24 hours initial care with us, we transported her over to them for ongoing specialist 1-1 rehabilitation. She is doing great, is feeding well and has made friends with two other pip bats. We are hopeful that her tiny body will continue to recover and she can be released back into the wild soon. Thank you to the finder and the Sussex Bat Group for their



support, it was a real pleasure to be a part of this little bat's rehabilitation journey.

### HELPING BRENT LODGE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL



Keep a look out on our social media for our upcoming events this Autumn! We are desperately in need of poultry flavoured cat/dog food for the animals currently in our care, and the many more who will need

us soon over the Autumn/Winter period.

If you own/work at a business and would be willing to have one of our little penny donation boxes at your tills, please get in touch as we'd be so grateful for your support! If you work at a school or community group and would like an educational talk/workshop, please contact [alex.foster@brentlodge.org](mailto:alex.foster@brentlodge.org) to find out more.

**AVIAN FLU:** Please call us on 01243 641672 (option 1) BEFORE picking up any birds so we can ask vital questions about the bird before taking action. We are still restricted regarding high-risk water birds but still please give us a call if you come across ANY sick/injured bird.

Please always feel free to call us if you need any advice/assistance with wildlife enquiries or how to support us.

By *Alex Foster*, Education Outreach Coordinator

For more information and tips, please visit our website or contact us on the details below.

**Web:** [www.brentlodge.org](http://www.brentlodge.org) **Tel:** 01243 641672 **Email:** [enquiries@brentlodge.org](mailto:enquiries@brentlodge.org)

**Address:** Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital, Cow Lane, Sidlesham, PO20 7LN.



### The FRIENDS OF SELSEY MEDICAL CENTRE

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### GETTING TO KNOW YOU TALKING TO OUR MEMBERS

This past month I have had the pleasure of speaking for the first time to a number of Friends' supporters. I offered to help our Membership Secretary to remind a number of members that their subscriptions for the current year were now due. We are finding that emailed renewal notices frequently get overlooked and lack the immediacy of a letter in the post. However using email saves a 75p stamp per member.

Anyway the reason I'm writing is to say how much I enjoyed phoning the members and having a brief chat with them. Nobody objected to being called out of the blue, and almost everyone had just forgotten or not got round to sending in their subscription. Most people told me they thought the Friends to be a truly worthwhile cause, collecting funds to enable the

Selsey Medical Practice to purchase equipment and services not normally provided by the NHS.

Amongst other projects the Friends have lately funded the installation of special film and blinds to insulate the surgery windows, saving heat in winter and keeping the building cooler in summer, as well as guaranteeing privacy for patients in the consulting rooms. We have also helped finance a part-time consultant who shares their time between the Care Shop and the surgery providing valuable advice about non-medical problems (such as debt, employment, form-filling), avoiding the need to ask for help from the GP.

We have also contributed towards setting up the very successful Buddy Support, now up and running.

We are actively seeking new Friends and you will find membership forms at the surgery. Otherwise phone 01243 607869 and talk to our Membership Secretary, who will welcome your call! Join for as little as £5 per year. Perhaps consider including us in your will.

**LATEST NEWS FROM ST WILFRID'S HOSPICE  
OCTOBER 2023**

**Woof for Wilf**

Let's go Walkies for local Hospice care!

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, you can help make a difference to local lives by simply taking on a morning dog walk. St Wilfrid's Hospice are inviting all dogs and their owners to West Wittering Beach, where we will all gather for a walk to fundraise for local hospice care.

Dogs and their owners are also invited to take part in our Halloween themed fancy-dress competition, with fantastic prizes for those who are voted the best dressed, such as two tickets to Goodwoof 2024!

Sign-up for a paw-some day here for only £7.50. Humans go free! [www.stwh.co.uk/woof-for-wilf](http://www.stwh.co.uk/woof-for-wilf)

**Moonlight Walk Early Bird Tickets**

Did you know that our Moonlight Walk raised an outstanding **£138,082** this year for local Hospice care? A massive thank you to everyone who took part and helped us raise this amazing

total which will make a huge difference to local lives.

Next year, we are once again back at Chichester College and inviting the local community to join us in raising vital funds for hospice care with an in-memory walk around Chichester, experiencing familiar areas in a brand-new way.

You can get a super early bird discounted tickets now. These tickets will be available until November. [www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight](http://www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight)

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On a rare day of glorious August sunshine Tom & Rachel Jameson celebrated 20 Years of their ownership of Sussex Grange Care Home in Selsey. They were joined in the beautiful gardens by residents, staff, family members and friends of the care home, as well as some of the clients and staff from their Personal Home Care service. Everyone enjoyed drinks in the garden along with a slice or two of the delicious home-made birthday cakes, while the visiting children enjoyed party games and burnt off some of their energy on the bouncy castle.

Entertainment was provided by two regular visitors to Sussex Grange. Sharon Martin engaged young and old with a fun and informative session on the theme of Celebration, and later on Craig Stevens amused everyone with a fantastic collection of hats.

In between the activities Tom took the opportunity to say an



emotional thank you to everyone who has been a part of "the Sussex Grange family" over the past 20 years.

For the Sussex Grange Personal Home Care Clients that were unable to join in the Garden Party, there were individual cream teas and party boxes to ensure that they did not miss out on the celebration.

Tom and Rachel would also like to extend their thanks to everyone who has been a part of Sussex Grange over the past 20 years, and to the community groups that have always been so supportive.

**Sophie Hare**

Director of Operations



**CITY SOUNDS MUSIC FESTIVAL RETURNS TO  
CHICHESTER**

The City Sounds music festival is returning to Chichester on Saturday 25 November, following its success in March of this year, and promises to be even bigger and better.

The festival, which will take place across eight venues in the city, has already doubled in size and now even offers a venue for under 18s.

Bands and artists that wish to take part are being encouraged to fill in an application form at: <https://citysoundslive.com/application-form> by 30 September. The organisers are also planning to work with students from Chichester College and the University of Chichester who want to kick start their music career.

People will be able to follow a musical map of the city and

soak up the original sounds of local musicians at a variety of venues from midday until 10pm.

The under 18s stage will kick start the celebrations at Franco Manca at midday, which will focus on emerging talent in an age group that rarely gets to be involved in festivals. Then, from 5pm people will be able to listen to artists and bands in The Escapist, The Fountain, Trents, George and Dragon, Little Monster Tap, the Hole In The Wall and Havana.

City Sounds was created by Chichester resident, Chris Simmons, a professional musician for more than 20 years, and is being supported by Chichester District Council.

People can find out more by visiting: <https://citysoundslive.com>

**For further information, please contact Sarah Parker, Communications Manager on 01243 534537 or by emailing [sjparker@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:sjparker@chichester.gov.uk)**



## MUTTERINGS OF THE MOTOR TRADE

Well, that was a warm August/September but at least no flooding or earthquakes to contend with. Even Linda's favourite island

SKIATHOS has had flash floods. South Africa was bad when I visited my sister in June; it's been horrendous this month.

Workshop is now getting better with the work load but still booking at least two weeks in advance. Call Terry, Kathy, John or myself on 641391 to hopefully get your required date. We have gone digital on our telephone system and it's still not working fully. I've heard some have left a message on the answering machine. We don't have one so don't leave a message no matter what it says! Completed my 37th year at Sidlesham Garage this month and John has now reached 29 years. Well done John.

My race car is nearly finished, just some aero to complete over the winter. I shall be also building a replacement engine now I have all the components just need some time to complete the task.



Just returned from a week of diving in the Red Sea, Egypt. 35deg C in the shade - absolutely cooking. Nothing too adventurous, just pleasant easy diving which is just as well as my left foot has been suffering lately.

Apparently NHS is stressed and I have just been passed on to Nuffield for future orthopaedic treatment. See how that goes.

Looks like government are pushing back ban on fossil fuel vehicles till 2035 now. Reality sinking in despite so called protests from manufacturers on backtrack of timetable. Poor infrastructure and of course who knows when the current recession will end. I know that a power source that cannot be held to ransom by Russia or Saudi Arabia is not a bad thing as long as our sustainable power generation is firmly established. If you think our economy is bad the Egyptian economy is on its knees: the Egyptian pound has devalued 80% this last year. They are in dire straits.

Stay on the black stuff.

**Graham Porrett**

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## CAT AND RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE



Centre.

Last month I was very pleased to tell you how well our annual Summer Fayre went with so many lovely supporters coming to attend the event. This month I am very excited to finally let you know how much we raised on the day. This year's Summer Fayre was even better than last year's event and all the team at The Centre were over the moon to find out we raised just over £18,000! This will make a big difference and will go directly towards supporting the animals in our care. Thank you everyone who attended and made the day so amazing.

Last month we had a group of eight kittens arrive at The Centre after they had been found left in a box in a horse field. Luckily, they were found and brought to us. It is never ok to abandon

Hello, it's me, Tails, the out and about reporter for The Cat and Rabbit Rescue

animals, who knows what could have happened to them if they hadn't been found! My staff knew there was at least two different litters of kittens as three of them were about 15 weeks and the other five were about 8 weeks old. Although a little shy when they were first found, they settled in well with us and it was obvious they had come from a home. They are now safe and well at The Centre. They have been checked by our vet and they are all thankfully healthy. Once they are old enough and neutered or spayed I will be so happy to see them find their forever homes.

See you next time.

Love

Tails x

P.S Please keep an eye on our website [www.crrc.co.uk](http://www.crrc.co.uk) and our Facebook page for all the latest news and info regarding Rehoming and Centre Life.

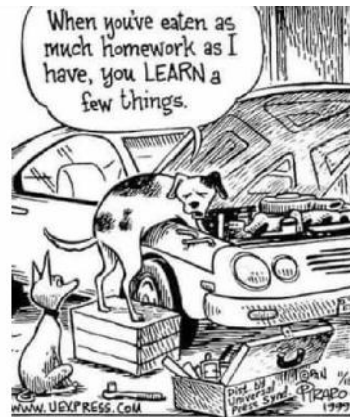
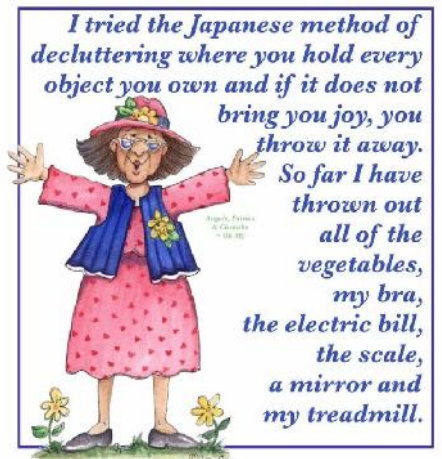
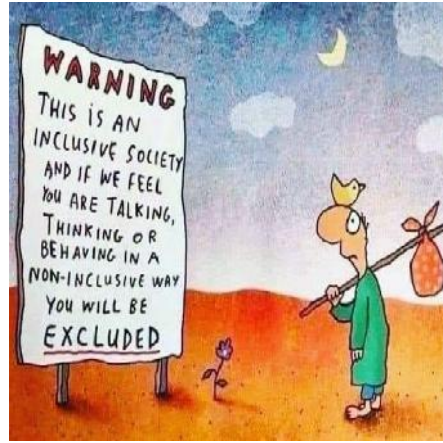
## HOW TRULY RATIONAL IS THE BRAIN WHEN IT COMES TO LITTER?

In answer to this question posed in the recent talk at the Memorial Hall "*How truly rational is the brain*", observation of the bus shelter on the east side at Lockgate Road would suggest, "Not very". Despite there being a litter bin on the outside, on the floor on the inside there were, not one, but three plastic bottles. Presumably the person or persons responsible were able to navigate a bus journey, pay the fare, and alight at the appropriate stop, surely more complex behaviours than putting litter in a bin marked 'Litter'. However, on this simple task, their highly evolved and, one must assume, educated brains failed them. Such failures are not uncommon along the roads and byways of Sidlesham as with all our national road networks. The evidence is ever before us. As we read in last month's *Spread*, fly-tipping, the extreme example of litter, costs the country millions of pounds. The question then arises, why do people do it? What goes on in peoples' heads at the very moment when they decide to discard unwanted items? Obviously, the injunction '*Keep Britain Tidy*' cuts no mustard for some people, though it is difficult to imagine anyone openly supporting a campaign to make Britain untidy. It is clearly

ridiculous. Actions are said to be maintained by the carrot and the cane. These are administered both materially, through physical rewards or punishments, and abstractly, through other people's approval or disapproval. However, look at any sport site after an event, whatever the socio-demographic of those attending, and there will be mountains of litter. In our culture, this is the norm and everyone is doing it. It is the rule. The explanation could lie in laziness, it is easier to dump litter rather find an acceptable receptacle. It could be the simple rejection of being told what to do rather than choosing to. Why is it so easy to carry a full bottle of something to somewhere, but not so easy to carry it empty either home or to a waste bin? Does a murderer ever consider that, if everyone did as he/she was planning, where would be the human race? At that moment, the choice only affects the victim. The bigger picture has little influence on the thinking. Perhaps the litter dropper and the murderer have, in their thought processes, something in common.



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