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at The Memorial Hall, Sidlesham Recreation Ground
on Wednesday 6th December
at 6.00pm

Free Mulled Wine on entry **Sausage rolls** **Collection bucket**
Bar open all evening **Mince Pies** **for Memorial Hall and Crisis at Christmas**

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS EVENTS: SUNDAY 17TH - 6.00P. CANDLELIT FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS. SUNDAY 24TH - 4.00 PM NATIVITY SERVICE WITH CANDLELIT PROCESSION (STARTS IN CHURCH HALL - WEAR WARM CLOTHES AND WELLIES!) 11.30 MIDNIGHT MASS. CHRISTMAS MORNING - 10.00 ALL AGE EUCHARIST.

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	Tuesdays	Pilates with Jackie Warton Contact: precispilates@gmail.com	Memorial Hall	9.30 am - 10.30
	2nd Tues	Quiz with George Torrance as quizmaster.	The Anchor	7.30 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	Sidlesham Short Mat Bowls £3.00 per session Contact Marilyn Sharp on 641437	School Sports Hall	4.30 - 6.30 pm
	2nd Wed	Women's Institute	Church rooms	2.15pm
	Fridays 4th Friday	Villagers' bar open Open Mike Night	Memorial Hall	7 - 10.30
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OTHER ALTERNATE THURSDAYS.**

**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.

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www.sidlesham.org

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



THE ANCHOR IS OPEN EVERY DAY

TELEPHONE 641 373 FOR DETAILS OR TO MAKE A BOOKING

PUT FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9TH IN YOUR DIARIES FOR OUR BURNS NIGHT IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

“UNIVERSAL UPHEAVAL OF WOMANHOOD”

Although living in Chichester, I was drawn to attend this event at the Sidlesham Memorial Hall where I run a pilates class. It was “a commemoration in words and music of the roles played by women in WW1”, using contemporary written accounts, poems, pictures, music and commentary compiled by Paul Devonshire. It involved eight speakers, six women and two men, together with Geraldine Allchurch on keyboard, who, to accompany the words, played songs from the war, hymns as well as various classical pieces. For the first time on a remembrance weekend, I was encouraged to reflect on the greatness of the women whose lives were changed beyond recognition during this period. For they, too, gave so much and then so much was taken away. The women assumed the roles of nurses and, yes, doctors, as well as the jobs in industry, commerce, agriculture and in munitions factories vacated by the men fighting in the war, though not on equal pay. However, when the men returned, by prior agreement with the trade unions, the women were dismissed. One woman doctor, Elsie Inglis, when she volunteered her services, was told by a War Office official, “My good lady, go home and sit still”. We remember those who lost their lives

in the horrors of war each year, but do we reflect on how difficult life was for those women left behind suffering grief, no financial support and no male to help raise a family? The war created 160,000 widows and 300,000 children lost their fathers. There is one statistic that saddened me. A girls’ school headmistress, speaking to her 6th form leavers said, “I have come to tell you a terrible fact. Only one out of ten of you girls can ever hope to marry.” Sixty years later, one of those girls reflected, “How right she was. Only one out of ten of my friends ever married. Quite simply, there was no one available...we should never have the kind of happy homes in which we ourselves had been brought up. There would no husband, no children, no sexual outlet, no natural bond of man and woman.” A final slide had the words of Emily Hobhouse written to Jan Smuts in 1917 - “War is the wrong way of settling differences – and indeed it never settles anything for long. In the end you must come together and discuss matters and use reason and goodwill.” I would like on behalf of the audience to thank Paul for all his insight and efforts to bring this inspirational evening together to acknowledge, raise awareness and give thanks to our women as well as our men of our WW1 period.

Jackie Warton



In rehearsal. L to R Sandie Walker, Dudley Pound, Sharon Martin, Carrie Allen, David Worcester, Phyllida Worcester, Nikki Buchanan and Angela O’Brien.



Nicola Buchanan Nextdoor Sidlesham Thank you for putting this together, it was quite thought provoking. When you are asked to help out at an event and you meet others, practise together and it works it's nice to feel proud that the effort was rewarded. Thank you to the other readers and the indomitable team that are 'THE DEVONSHIRES' xx

Thank you so much Nicola, I merely mopped his brow!

SIDLESHAM MEMORIAL HALL WEBSITE

This website is now up and running and the address is:
www.sidleshammemorialhall.co.uk



THE GREAT TURNING -

CROP CIRCLES AND THEIR MESSAGE TO HUMANITY
By Michael Green

This extraordinary book includes details of the grid crop formation at East Dean in 1994. It has been edited by Mary Coales who some of you may know.

Here is a video link if you would like to find out more. https://www.facebook.com/WoodenBooks/videos/217172831355420?locale=en_GB

THE NEW REVISED COMMUNITY LUNCH - FOR ALL AGES

Please contact us on 641 457 or by email,
dancingdevonshire@hotmail.com

NEXT LUNCH WILL BE HELD ON 12TH DECEMBER IF WE HAVE 10 OR MORE PEOPLE. SOUP, TURKEY SANDWICH WITH CRANBERRY SAUCE FOLLOWED BY TRIFLE, COFFEE AND MINT. £4.

Wendy Devonshire



SIDLESHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – MEMORIAL HALL UPDATE

We started opening the Villagers' bar every Friday evening during the last month. However, it was decided that, due to cost of electricity, and children not being able to run free outside, we would postpone this plan until the Spring and the lighter evenings are with us again, so that families with young children can participate.



However, the Open Mike Night on the 4th Friday of the month will continue, but not in December. We will try and keep to Friday nights for our special events which has worked well so far.



Since the official opening of the Memorial Hall, on the Coronation weekend, the following activities have been held. They began with a



picnic on Monday 8th with Big Pyramid Band. In the evening was 'The Cavalcade', an evening of music and entertainment when we packed the main hall with about 130 people. In August there was *Manhood Miscellany* with a great variety of music. There was a talk called 'How Rational is the Brain?' by Paul Devonshire. In September Jane Reeve organised the *Sidlesham Fun and Food Day* in the orchard area. A *Karate club* took over the Memorial Hall for a whole weekend for their annual meet. We have put on 3 community lunches. We will have had two open mike nights by the time you read this. In November there were two



Armistice events. On Friday 10th November there was a performance with reading, live music and readings of how women's lives changed during the First World War as they had had to fill all the essential positions left vacant by the men going off to fight. On the actual Armistice day itself, Saturday 11th, last year's brief but moving event outside the Memorial Hall was repeated. Mike Allisstone spoke the Exhortation,



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Denby Grant played the Last Post followed by two minutes' silence and concluded with the Reveille. There was a larger gathering than last year and, as more people are aware of this event, we hope that the numbers will increase. The SCA have bought a 'Tommy' which is now



attached to the wall near the new plaque of Remembrance where Denby played the Last Post. Corina Hall served refreshments at the snack bar.

The following Friday, Sharon Martin, our friend from Earnley, organised a very good and successful quiz. Not even a Sidleshamite, she gave her time, expertise and delicious home made lemon cake as a raffle prize. She will be back in January for the next one. Great news.

We will be holding our **AGM on 29th November** when we hope to attract some more enthusiastic people who want to have a good community centre. Details were in the November Spread.

The next event of the year will be our Christmas evening with children from the primary school and there will be drinks, nibbles and lots of singing. Details on front cover.



The last event of the year will be Lunch Club on Tuesday 12th December. Soup, turkey and cranberry sandwich, cake and coffee. Do get in touch if you would like to come.

Wendy Devonshire Ed.

THE NEW REVISED COMMUNITY LUNCH - FOR ALL AGES

Please contact us on 641 457 or by email, dancingdevonshire@hotmail.com

TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY - CHEF - DAVID BLACKFORD. USING OUR NEW REFURBISHED KITCHEN.



COTTAGE PIE, CAULIFLOWER IN WHITE SAUCE, PEAS. APPLE CRUMBELE AND CUSTARD, COFFEE/TEA WITH MINT. £5

HOW CAN YOU NOT QUEUE UP FOR THIS?! BOOK AS SOON AS YOU CAN AS WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 10 PEOPLE.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2023

The village's collection for the Poppy appeal this year has so far totalled over £1700. The largest source of donations was as expected our doorstep collections at over £950, 'Static' boxes collected over £280.00, wreaths to date £240.00, and the Church collection on Remembrance Sunday was £245.44.

My sincere thanks to everybody involved, especially our door to door collectors, and above all the deputy PAO Chris Wade, who does most of the hard work.

Dan Baily
Poppy Appeal Organiser

Does anyone have a **kitchen hostess trolley** which is surplus to requirements? We would be very grateful for any which we can utilise in the main kitchen of the memorial hall. Please contact david blackford if you have and would like to donate it. 07714205377 d-blackford@hotmail.co.uk

**LOOKING AHEAD TO 2004 - WHAT THE
SIDLESHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ARE PLANNING**

LUNCHEES OR BRUNCHES

-)] **MORE TALKS INCLUDING:**
-)] **LOCAL HISTORY,**
-)] **HISTORY OF BROADMOOR HIGH SECURITY
HOSPITAL**
-)] **A TRIP TO THE ANTARCTIC**
-)] **EXPERIENCES OF A JP**
-)] **TAKING WHEELCHAIRS TO KENYA BY AN
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST**

*IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A TALK, PLEASE
CONTACT US.*

**NEWCOMERS AND OLDCOMERS PARTY REINSTATED
FROM SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN THE PC AND THE
WI USED TO ORGANISE IT. THERE WILL BE STALLS
REPRESENTING DIFFERENT GROUPS WITHIN THE
VILLAGE**

MORE QUIZZES

GAMES EVENINGS

**DEMONSTRATION STOOLBALL MATCH WITH
OPPORTUNITY TO 'HAVE A GO'**

RACE EVENINGS

**DANCES: INCLUDING JIVE NIGHT, BARN DANCES AND
BURNS NIGHT(FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY)**

REVIEWS

MURDER MYSTERY

PRODUCTIONS

OPEN MIKE NIGHTS

**FRIDAY NIGHT SUMMER OPENINGS OF THE VILLAGERS'
BAR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OUTSIDE SPACE AND
PLAYGROUND**

PLUS MANY MORE

ANY MORE IDEAS WELCOME

MUTTERINGS OF THE MOTORTRADE



As we look toward a New Year, we take time to reflect on the number of customers and friends we have lost this year. I know it's easy to say that they are just customers, but when you live and work among your customers we feel the loss just the same. Recently our dear neighbour June

Allsop, who has lived next door to the Garage, in fact owned it longer than the 37 years I have been here. I doubt you could find a more genuine person than her, RIP June.

Much is changing in the motor trade with the onset of EV's continuing, but not at a pace that is out of control, one in ten is an Electric vehicle but many are opting for Hybrid which is EV and Petrol engine combined. Some are self charging, others plug in and some both. Still more expensive than, say, a petrol model but with a potential saving on running costs. All still require servicing and we are constantly being fed information regarding the running of these vehicles. John is the main EV trained person and he passes his knowledge to other members of staff. Mainly regarding the safety aspects of handling 400 volts or even higher on some EV's.

My motorsport is over till next March so time to prepare engines. I have two to rebuild. Our V8 Judd from the Lola and a reinforced block for the 1.6 Turbo in the new Mygale. F4 car. I have also time to think about the old MK2 Ford Escort that I rolled in 2016 and time to rebuild, some photos later. What I should do is create a link to an Instagram page or something similar. I shall make the request to my IT department, AKA Kathy's husband who is a computer geek.

Recent acquisition of advanced system for the removal of most wheel bearings and driveshafts will make the removal a lot more efficient, with the capability to carry out the repairs with the probability of not damaging other components that are attached, which can be the case for many garages without this system. It also will virtually remove the need to apply heat to aid removal, as is currently the norm for most garages including ours, but no more. This is a considerable investment but one that will make the Technicians' job a lot easier and safer. A pressure of up to 20 ton is often required to separate these components.

It seems a bit strange writing this in Santa Monica LA where it is 22 deg C, our retreat after the madness of F1 and Las Vegas last week. A trip of a lifetime and very exciting. Thanks to John running the garage in my absence.

Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Friends and Customers from Myself, Linda, John, Terry and Kathy and all our team at Sidlesham Garage.

This has been a transitional year with new staff etc but the future is bright.

P.S. there is a newer establishment in Sidlesham calling themselves Sidlesham mot. There is no connection between them and us and when searching for our establishment bear in mind we are SIDLESHAM GARAGEE LTD. Lockgate Road. We do not trade under any other name. Best to store our number in your phone 01243 641391. .

Stay on the Blackstuff

Graham Porrett

Sidlesham Garage Ltd



INSIDE THE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL IN DECEMBER

Merry Christmas to all from the Brent Lodge team! In the run up to Christmas, there is no rest for our team at the wildlife hospital. We are as busy as ever with increasing patient numbers – sometimes seeing up to as many as 15 new admissions a day. Many of our current patients are babies that are having to be hand-reared by our team around the clock. As many of you know, we are open 365 days a year, including the festive period, to help the animals in our care, and we wouldn't have it any other way. Thank you to everybody for your warm Christmas wishes.

Patient Stories

We have a range of species needing specific care in the hospital at the moment. Babies being hand-reared include two tiny bank voles, a beautiful hazel dormouse and five little field mice. These animals were all found without their parents and, after checks that their parents were not returning, were brought to us for specialist care. We have also had multiple underweight and lethargic hedgehog admissions, as they are often struggling to successfully hibernate due to their ongoing struggles with habitat loss and climate change. Luckily these creatures are currently in the very best place to receive the care they need to ensure they



recover and survive this winter, and they will be released into the wild again once the weather improves.

HELPING BRENT LODGE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

We are always in great need of non-fish wet cat/dog food (poultry flavoured is best) as we get through hundreds of these tins a day at the hospital. As well as this, if anybody has the time to help us with hand-shredding newspapers for our animals' bedding, we would be so very grateful! 1-inch strips with staples removed are perfect. Please no glossy magazines, office paper or machine-shredded paper (as this creates a lot of dust). You can drop any donations off at the main hospital or at one of our charity shops.

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

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 **Tel:** 01243 641672 **Email:** enquiries@brentlodge.org

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



FRIENDS OF SELSEY MEDICAL CENTRE NEED YOU!

The Surgery is extremely fortunate to have the valuable support of such a dedicated group of volunteers as the Friends of Selsey Medical Centre.

The Friends raise money from membership fees to provide additional and improved facilities at the Centre over and above those provided by the NHS, for the benefit of all patients in Selsey and the wider community.

This autumn, the Friends have undertaken to cover the costs of Building Alterations to the surgery to accommodate two new staff and make better use of space for existing staff. This involves creation of a stock room, changing an office into a clinic room and the conversion of a small room into an office. It is hoped this work can all be completed by Christmas, helping further improve our patients' experience.

Furthermore we are contributing for another year towards the Community Advisor who is available every Thursday at the Surgery and otherwise at the Care Shop. She assists **any local individual** with non-medical issues, such as finance, form-filling, employment and general advice. This service ensures that as many local people as possible receive free, professional assistance with their personal administration and problem-solving.

The Friends are always keen to attract new members to support the surgery. The minimum annual subscription is £5 per person. You can join without any commitment to become involved in fundraising or organisation, though the Committee are always happy to receive help and ideas.

All funds raised are used to benefit the patients at the surgery, whilst committee members give their time freely.

If you would like to support the Friends for as little as £5 per year, you will find membership forms at the surgery. Otherwise phone 01243 607869 and talk to our Membership Secretary, who will welcome your call! Naturally we would also be most grateful if you could remember the Friends when making your will.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FRIENDS AND READERS

The **FRIENDS OF SELSEY MEDICAL CENTRE**

Registered Charity No 1013456



THE COLOURS OF WINTER

There is something particularly rewarding about being outdoors in the winter, about making the effort to wrap up and feel the refreshing cool air. The colours are hushed, the sun hangs low and the trees are bare. But, at the RSPB's Pagham Harbour and Medmerry reserves, look carefully and you will find some wonderful flashes of colour among the subdued tones, for winter is the season our ducks are at their brightest. Look out for teal, wigeon, mallard, and shoveler, among others.

It is during the winter months that ducks pair up ready for spring mating. Unlike swans and geese which mate for life, ducks create seasonal bonds known as 'seasonal monogamy'. Like most



birds, the male duck will exhibit the more colourful feathers in order to attract a female. Darwin called this 'sexual selection' – the brighter and showier the male, the more attractive he will be to the female. The imperative to find a different mate each year, rather than stay with the same partner, is possibly one of the reasons they exhibit such vibrant colours.

Birds have a more advanced sense of colour than humans. The photoreceptors in retinas are known as cones, and we humans have three – blue, green and red. Birds, however, have four – blue, green, red and ultraviolet (UV) and these also have coloured oil droplets which further enhance their colour detection. Research suggests that most birds use their UV

receptors which they use to find food and mates, and some species are able to distinguish the quality of the male by the vibrancy of its colours. The strength of ducks' colours are directly correlated to the quality of their diet and their genes, thus a bright bird is a healthy bird and a good proposition for a female ready to mate.

Another reason the males are much brighter – or rather, a reason why the females are less colourful, is the females need the camouflage while they are incubating their eggs. Ducks tend to nest on the ground which makes them vulnerable to predation – so those beautiful mottled feathers we see on female ducks are there to keep them safe.

This is a lovely time of year to visit our reserves; they are teaming with life and colour – try and imagine the world through the eyes of a duck.

Join our friendly guides on one or our guided walks this month to discover our colourful ducks and other wintering birds. Find out more by visiting our website <https://events.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour> or calling 01243 641508.

caption: The pretty male, or drake, Eurasian teal – which you can find at RSPB's Pagham Harbour and Medmerry reserves right now – is at his finest this time of year as he looks to pair up with a mate before they return to their breeding grounds.

[Credit: Andy Hay (rspb-images.com)]

Alice McDougall

HOUSES WITH A STORY TO TELL (12)

Turning left from Cow Lane into Chalk Lane the first LSA houses on the right are semi-detached. Nos 14/15 – note there is not a No 1 Chalk Lane as the LSA houses were numbered sequentially irrespective of street/lane names.

No14: John Fulham arrived in 1936. His children had previously attended Walkergate School in Newcastle. The family 'left the district' for Plymouth in April 1939. (School Admissions Register)

The 1939 Census lists Arthur & Elizabeth Eastwood at No 14, Arthur was a 'Trainee'.

Les and Marie Everdell (no arrival date) were here in October 1958. Les was Chair of the Tenants Association at that time (LSA Bulletin No 528)

Nelson & Marilyn Coppard arrived in October 1962. (LSA Bulletin No 730) Marilyn Coppard organised a pre-school group for the LSA children, first at No 14, then at Keynor Hut. The family stayed on the holding until 2014. No15: Frederick McParlin's children were admitted to Sidlesham School in December 1937, having previously attended St. Michaels, Houghton--le-Spring, County Durham. The family 'returned north' in September 1939 (Schools Admissions Register)

John 'Jack' Little was here in late 1939, coming from Gateshad with wife Norah and three children. The School Admissions Register shows daughter Alice was admitted to the school in February 1940, but no reference to her brother Jack, Her other brother, George was only a few months old at the time and was christened in Sidlesham Church. The 1939 Census records Jack's occupation as Motor Driver & Electrician. The family left for Slough later in 1940 (Schools Admission Register)

Prior to 1954 the Wolstenholme family were tenants (no arrival date).

Don & Freda Booth arrived in January 1954, snow on the ground and Freda eight months pregnant. The Booths became Sidlesham Growers after the closure. Freda Booth kept her own account books with precise details of the produce, income and expenditure. For example, in August 1955 chickens on the smallholding produced 315 dozen eggs, bringing in £71 from the LSA. (equivalent to £1500 in 2023). Pigs were given names and in 1954 Penelope had a litter of 20 - five of which were initially brought up in a laundry basket in the bedroom. The family also had cows (for milk) and they were given names as well - Molly, Margie & Daphne.

Has your House got a Story to Tell

Billm89@hotmail.com



4Sight Vision Support (4SVS) is delighted to announce its participation in a major new Sussex-wide NHS initiative. The charity, in partnership with East Sussex Vision Support, has received funding from an NHS Sussex Health Inequalities grant to talk to people across Sussex to identify the issues faced by people living with sight loss and feedback to the NHS on the results.

Both charities are inviting blind and sight impaired people across Sussex to have their say and talk about their experiences with NHS services on what works well and what hasn't worked

well. Importantly this will allow 4SVS to make recommendations on positive change and demonstrate how NHS Sussex can break down barriers and improve access for patients.

For more information on how to have your say, please call 01243 828555 or email enquiries@4sight.org.uk

Cathy Clark

Fundraising Volunteer

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Dorothy email: dorothyroberts50@gmail.com

Please save your used stamps for us

Used stamps are a great way to raise funds for our charity. Hopefully you will be receiving Christmas cards in the post in the next month. Please, if they have stamps on the envelopes, trim off any excess paper leaving a border of about 1cm around the stamp.

In January I will be very pleased to collect them from you.

Many thanks



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

In this month's article I am sad to let you know that we have had a cat abandoned at The Centre. Thankfully, this doesn't happen that often, but when it does, it really upsets me. Our Manger found her left outside our reception door one morning but my staff did not see who left her. She is now safe at The Centre and my staff are giving her extra love after what she has been through. Because she was left here, we do not know much about her and her past but she is a sweet older lady.

It does make me sad when animals are left at The Centre as we do have the proper channels in place for people who need to give up their animals. I know this must have been a very difficult and sad decision for her owner but my staff do ask that anyone who needs to give up an animal either gives us a call or completes a form through our website. The Centre is often full

and by taking her in it may now mean someone who has been waiting has lost their space and will have to wait even longer.

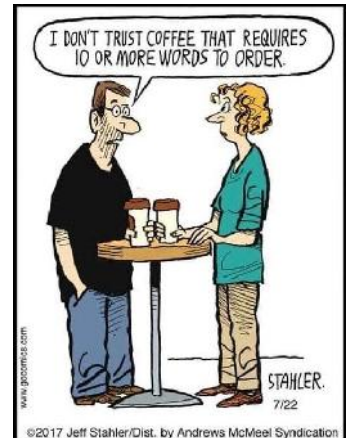
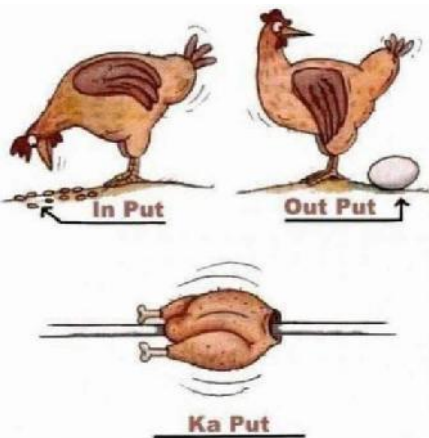
I just want to send my love to everyone who has supported the Centre this year, we could not do what we do without your support. From me and all the animals that have needed us this year, thank you! I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year.

See you next time.

Love

Tails x

P.S Please keep an eye on our website www.crrc.co.uk and our Facebook page for all the latest news and info regarding Rehoming and Centre Life.





LATEST NEWS FROM ST WILFRID'S HOSPICE

St Wilfrid's TreeCycle

Your real Christmas Tree probably looks amazing at the moment, all decorated and giving off that full festive feeling. But, once the New Year comes, it'll begin to shed its needles and create a bit of a mess.

For a suggested donation of £15, St Wilfrid's tree-mendous volunteers will come and collect your tree off of your front lawn and take it to be recycled into mulch and chippings to benefit local farmland. This is a great way to keep your car clean of pine needles and help support local hospice care this Christmas.

Avoid the hassle and make a difference to local lives by booking before January 7th 2024

:
www.stwh.co.uk/christmastrees

Christmas Appeal

"Not only do St Wilfrid's incredible staff give patients and their families personalised care and support, but they know how important it is to help families secure and capture those important moments and memories." - Jacqui

This Christmas, Jacqui has shared her husband, Malcolm's story and how St Wilfrid's helped to support him and his loved ones during a vital time in his life.

If you would like to read the full story and help us to continue to support families like Malcolm's then you can do so here:

www.stwh.co.uk/Christmas-appeal

Charity Shop Gift Card

This Christmas, rather than gifting the usual big brand gift cards, why not gift The Charity Shop Gift Card, giving loved ones the gift of thrifting.

The Charity Shop Gift Card can be used across many national charity shops, including St Wilfrid's 12 charity shops, allowing people to shop secondhand in a more accessible way. Your Charity gift card will also get more value for money, as secondhand shopping is much more affordable than bigger brands.

You can buy and use the gift card at any of our charity shops, and by gifting one this Christmas you not only are giving a more sustainable way to shop, but you are also helping to support the Hospice in caring for local lives this Christmas.

Leave an Online In Memory Dedication

This Christmas we are inviting people to make a dedication, leaving a message and photo in memory of a loved one. Our memory wall is a wonderful way to remember a loved one and see lots of others who have created a dedication.

We would also appreciate it if you considered donating, to help St Wilfrid's to support bereaved families this Christmas.

<https://stwh.light-up-a-life.org/>

Christmas Shopping

Looking to keep the budget low this Christmas, while still gifting good presents?

St Wilfrid's Hospice has 12 charity retail shops as well as great Online Shops offering affordable, pre-loved items to help you make this Christmas special without breaking the bank.

Whether you're looking for clothes, homeware, kids' toys, books or trying to find something for that person who has everything, our shops are full of pre-loved treasures that are looking for the perfect new home.

See all our shops here: www.stwh.co.uk/shops

Christmas Cards

Your season's greetings could put a smile on a patient's face this Christmas by purchasing and sending one of our Christmas cards.

St Wilfrid's Christmas Cards are available now, offering 15 wonderful festive designs for you to use and send out to loved ones. You can find our Christmas cards at any of our 12 charity shops, or on our Online Shop.

Send a card and put a smile on someone's face this Christmas:

www.stwh.co.uk/shops

A walk to remember

On Saturday, June 15th 2024, St Wilfrid's Moonlight Walk returns, inviting the local community to take on a walk-in memory of loved ones and to support hospice care.

The walk takes supporters around Chichester, under the moonlight, exploring some familiar areas in a brand-new way. The route includes an in-memory stop at Priory Park's Guildhall, which features a memory archway for walkers to write notes to loved ones.

Get your tickets at an early bird price now until February 29th and help make a difference to local lives:

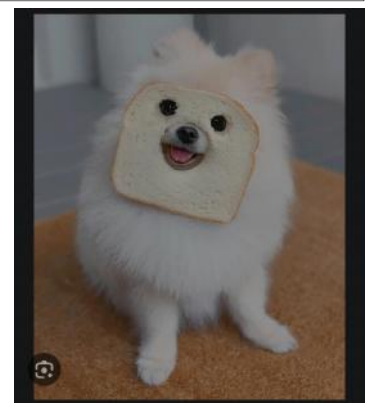
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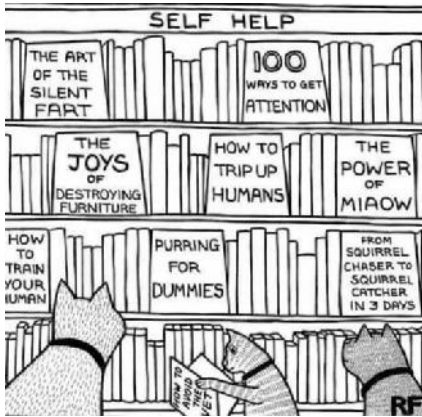
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