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Definately not a Folkie

Dear Sir ,

As an A.B.B. Bradstonian (Almost Born) I would like to say that I can't stand the annual invasion of Folkies every year during Folk Week .

If they came to our tranquil shores in October and "livened" the place up a bit it could be seen as some sort of benifit to the town . But they choose to invade our space during the height of the season , when the town is busy anyway .

As to contributing to a fund to allow drunken oafs to clutter up our thoroughfares - let the landlords , who are earning the extra money , pay for the privilege of allowing their customers to turn the place into a noisy tip . And the cost of cleaning it up .

Personally I would rather contribute to a fund to encourage the assorted teachers and bank clerks , who have never seen a "Barley Mow" in their lives , to go and drone on about it somewhere else .

Yours Faithfully ,

A . Burns

Broad Speak

Dear Broadie,

I composed several responses to the letters in Broadie 3 (The DFL Strikes Back) I started one: "Deer Motorhome owners..."

I started another: "Dear Simon, How to spot a "Down from China" or a "Down from Manston?" But I couldn't get a fancy handle on the first and the second answer was just plane...

So,.

"Dear DFLs..." That's as far as I got. My sense of humour failed me, just as theirs appears to have done. Still, living in Broadstairs will re-ignite mine. Perhaps visiting here again will do the same for them?

Yours Broadly Speaking

Adrian Scott
 Bradstow Way

Sadly Missed

Dear Broadie

I would be grateful if you would allow me to use the columns of your august periodical to say thank you and good luck to Paul Kemp and the staff at the Albion Book Shop which sadly closed this month after 50 years sterling service to the community. They will be sorely missed by the bibliophiles of Broadstairs.

I hope this will serve to remind people of the value of our local shops which even though they may be a little more expensive than the out of town stores, in many cases they offer excellent personal service and a sense of community which the big boys cannot.

Geoff Moore

Fort Cottages, Broadstairs

A Royal Scot

Dear Broadie,

I am very impressed with The Broadie, although according to J.F.Dillon, I do not qualify as a resident yet, as I have only lived here full time since October 1997. However, I have family connections with the town since 1970, so I look upon myself as a local!

You asked if anyone from Broadstairs has served in the Armed Forces, so I do qualify for that, as I served Queen & Country for 18 years.

Broadstairs has strong associations with the Battle of Waterloo as we all know and my Regiment does too, for I was commissioned into the Royal Scots Greys in 1963, "les terrible chevaux gris" as Napoleon referred to them and Lady Butler's famous painting of "The Greys at Waterloo" is probably the most well known reminder of that terrible battle.

Furthermore, Lt Col Isaac Blake Clarke, who was the second in command of the Regiment at Waterloo and who took over from the CO, Lt Col Inglis-Hamilton, when he was killed, is buried in St. Peter's cemetery according to regimental records, as he died there, aged 76, on 7th January 1850. (So far is grave has yet to be discovered.)

On Remembrance Day I will be in Ypres as usual, remembering the fallen at the Menin Gate Last Post ceremony.

Keep up the good work.

Paddy Earp.

Salisbury Avenue

It's issue four time, which generally does come after issue three. Once again thank you to all those who have phoned, e-mailed and written in with congratulations, suggestions, moans and downright rants.

We'd like to thank Matt from Gemsett for his article on Fossills in the last issue, and Steve Todd for his bit on letterboxes, unfortunately their names fell off the bottom of the page and nobody noticed, and yes, alright, we'd also like to thank all those who noticed all those spelling and grammatical errors, but as they say in the Guardian

"Nowboddys perfect"

There's lots inside again including stuff on Hotels, Christmas pressies to make yourselves, there's letters too, and the artist forum, we've also included a few personal accounts by local chaps who have served their country, which perhaps reminds us that remembrance does not need apply just to 11th November.

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More Letters

Fight the good fight

Dear Broadie

The residents of the Chessboard estate have something to celebrate. Somewhere ago we formed a committee to fight the developer who wanted to replace Hamilton Lodge with a block of flats, with a dedicated team of people working together canvassing the area we informed residents what was happening, keeping track of what was happening with the planning department and Bristol, we not once but twice had the decision to build refused.

Along with this planning permission for a house to be built in the garden was refused by the council also. We all cared what was happening in our area, and with an organised team of people, who were by the way learning how to fight these people, found that with determination and support of residents we could and did make a difference.

So if you care about what happens in your area and Thanet fight for what you believe in YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOO.

Kathleen Corfe
Kings Avenue

Silk Stockings & Spivs

I have spoken to mother, who instantly went all nostalgic on me (anticipated 10min phone call turned into 50min!). She and her siblings went to Pickering in Yorkshire last year where they have a whole week of such a do! The whole town/village turns back the clock.

I think, like yourselves, that we need something for the winter months.

We could ask the council if they could open up the big old air raid shelter in Pierremont park to hold a static display.

I could ask one of the St. Peter's Old Boys, Bob Prett to bring all his old photo's.....blah...blah...blah! As a scout leader, maybe we could organise a parade of sorts.

I could go on all night, but won't, but do please keep me informed.

Yours for the second time today
Laurance (Lo) Sussex, Lyndhurst Rd

Overlooked by the church

Being a DFL with just a year's residence in Broadstairs, I didn't have the jaundiced view of Thanet District Council that so many of my local friends seem to hold. But last month, Thanet council gave me reason to feel like a real local, like I've passed some sort of initiation ceremony.

Like a number of other locals I objected to the Baptist church's planning application to build a new multi-use centre to replace part of the existing 19th century brick building

The church wants to double the current centre's capacity. Their initial plan would have dwarfed the centre it was to replace, but Thanet planning officers rightly refused permission.

The church reapplied with plans for a modern-styled extension of brick and glass with a slightly lower roof. Though this is a much better plan than the original, its design is completely out of keeping with the area, and it still suffers from the same problems as the original.

Firstly, the centre will attract larger numbers to an already congested site. Cars are also routinely parked on the double yellow lines, which are rarely enforced.

Secondly, the new plan still incorporates windows down the side which, just five feet from our garden fence, means that our home and garden will be overlooked. So, once built, I'll be able to boil my kettle, and simultaneously exchange glances with visitors next door. They might even be able to watch my son in his bunk bed upstairs,

The revised application was 'called in' for consideration by the planning committee in October. In my line of work, I've attended more London borough planning meetings than I care to remember and so I thought I had a fair idea of what to expect. However, what I encountered at Cecil Square was to be disappointed, not so much because of the decision it made, but the manner in which it was reached.

To start with, we had to register with the committee chairman in advance to be allowed to address the meeting. In emails to planning officers and local councillors, I made it clear that I wanted to speak at the meeting. However, at no time was I told how to do this, and my emails had obviously not been forwarded to the chairman.

One of the planning officers gave a

presentation. Not only were the issues of privacy completely ignored, but neighbouring properties were conveniently brush stroked out of the picture in all the artist's impressions. Why exactly were we invited to write with our views on the plan?

We then thought the Kent Highways officer might have something to say about the scheme's impact on traffic and parking in Queens Road, Wrong,. The man explained that it was a town centre location and there was a public car park nearby. Oh, so deliverymen and parents coming to drop off and pick up their children are going to park in Prospect Road and walk over to the church? Yeah, right.

Our hopes then fell on our trusty elected representatives. The committee rightly saw the church's plan to renew its centre as a very positive step, but seemed unable to at the same time consider its potentially negative impact. One councillor praised the scheme's design, saying it "blended in well" with its surroundings, despite the fact that you could probably spot the join from a passing satellite.

Cllr Wells, did turn up to address the meeting, but only to praise the church for its contribution to the community. Schemes like this must be supported, he said. So much for our local councillors. In fact, it took a Ramsgate councillor to voice any of our concerns about the lack of parking, increased traffic and the scheme's size and design: Central Harbour Cllr Peter Campbell. And we hadn't even contacted him.

Compared with my experience in London, I saw the process here as half-hearted, even amateurish. Had our local councillors bothered to speak to us, they would have found we were not ranting lunatics, but people who wanted to have their say in a decision important to them.

In a town with so little space, it is important to balance the needs of residents, businesses and organisations, and not just vote something through because, on its own merits, it seems a good idea. A neighbour has spent thousands upon thousands of pounds renovating her property in line with its grade two listed status, but is furious that just feet away the church is being allowed to build a "glass carbuncle" with minimum fuss. But this is Thanet. Welcome home

P. B. Broadstairs

Spotting the Rich & Famous

Noting the recent mention of celebrity spotting in last month's edition, reminds me that one of the weirder by-products of shopkeeping is being able to meet, or should I say encounter, famous people.

Sometimes they are in transitory mode. Viewed through the window - the lugubrious Will Self (journalist, author). Another time, a rather careworn Sarah Beeny (the home guru). But the best are 'close encounters' when you realise that you are in the company of a 'celeb'. This can happen in one of two ways.

The slow dawning' - this is when the celeb is in the shop and moving about but has not been spotted then something gives them away. For Oliver Postgate (Bagpuss, Noggin the Nog etc) it was of course, his voice. In Lord Scarman's case (Judge and Lord) it was his minder addressing him as 'Lord Scarman'. Bernard Hempton (radio, actor, TV, films) - the voice again. Alice Beer, (tele journalist) adopted a 'look at me! don't look at me! attitude in some very large dark glasses.

David Hemmings (actor, director) on the other hand, strolled in for a close encounter of the 2nd kind, which is 'wow, you're someone really famous and I've just gone all silly'. We lived above the shop in those days and I was able to buzz my wife (long time fan) to come down from upstairs. Once in the shop she did some unnecessary stock tidying allowing her some furtive glimpses of the handsome, though it must be said, somewhat faded star.

My favourite? Michael Bentine (early Goon, comedian and inventor), who, back in my early days of shopkeeping, entertained myself, the staff and some marooned customers for over an hour during a rain storm in darkest Essex.

And, Alan Price? (sometime animal, popstar and composer). I looked up and there he was, large as life. I was taken by surprise hence my "Bloody Hell! what are you doing here?". We chatted for a bit (he is a nice bloke) then he asked "can I use your loo?" Half a minute later, my part timer who had been stacking cardboard out the back came rushing through the shop uttering the phrase that has now passed into legend: "Do you know Alan Price is in the toilet?!!"

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Peter Ellis

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Plans denied

Planning permission for a new development situated on the corner of the High Street and Vere Road where Pierremonts garage now stands, have not been backed by our town council or The Broadstairs Society. The town council mainly objected to the proposed development's height which would have overshadowed other buildings in the area. The applicant's plans which were to include 14 flats may now revert back to a less imposing structure



THE BRIGADIER

Having studied history at my old public school, I believe I'm just the chap to put right some erroneous misconceptions regarding the history and events that have shaped this jewel in Thanet's crown.

Today we have over eleven thousand properties in the town. Some of these homes are lived in full time by local families

many others are owned by those fine inhabitants of the higher classes who use them at weekends to view the habits of the "peasants from the seaside" Times have changed since "Hagar the Horrible" and "Horsa" first settled in Broadstairs soon after AD600. Being of Germanic/Nordic origin these settlers only real interests were in fish. At Viking parties, the topic of after dinner conversations consisted mainly of the size of herrings and what cousin Hengist had caught that morning. They eventually got around to naming their new settlement Bradstow which vaguely means "A Broad Plaice", due to (surprise, surprise) the large quantity of weighty flatfish that were caught from the beaches of the settlement. Their family later went on to found the first fish shop in Bradstow, aptly named the "Viking Restaurant". Unfortunately the family had to wait another 970 years for real business success when Sir Walter Raleigh finally got round to inventing chips. Shortly after this time the small track leading from the beach had to be widened to accommodate the problems of ever increasing waistlines amongst the settlers, due to the huge intake of greasy cod, therefore it was decreed by Saint Augustine that "Three score and nine wide steps should be cut into the cliffs, and the town be named hereafter Broadstairs". The job was given to a "John Buchan Builders" who completed the thirty nine steps three months over schedule and at twice the price.

Between AD600 and the 1600s nothing much of any interest

happened, invaders came, stayed for the season bought holiday flats then moved on until finally a chap by the name of "Joss Snelling" invented sailing and decided to start building ships in the natural harbour which was also named "Viking Bay". Sadly our ancestors lacked any real imagination when it came to names. To protect the boatyard from swarthy land lubbers who were inherently suspicious of salty seamen, a gate was built in the dirt track leading down to the marina, this was named "York Gate" after my great, great, great uncle the grand old Duke, who marched all his men to the top of the hill but had a huge problem extracting his troop from the Neptune alehouse, he didn't quite so much march them down again as roll them down. Shipbuilding finally ended in the early 1800s mainly due to the Window Tax levy and the subsequent ban on portholes.

In the 1850s my late father, Lord Hugh Johnson donated a life-boat to the town which due to the lack of boats in the harbour was considered a little like shutting the stable door after the horse had bolted. However in its time the lifeboat went on to aid stricken sailors 269 times, unfortunately 260 of these incidents involved my father, he wasn't a good sailor, but as he said "By God I'll get my moneys worth if it kills me". Sadly my father died later that year when his cravat snagged on a pier-side railing, garrotting him as he was about to show off his diving prowess to the local ladies by jumping from the pier. To this day you'll not see pier-jumpers wearing cravats should this terrible incident ever happen again

The Napoleonic wars brought about the need for added measures against the threat from France so a semaphore system was installed atop of the church tower in St Peters to warn of invasion, this semaphore system is in place to this day warning of the greater threat of vicious pensioners, harridans and Hoi Polloi from the lower classes attending the jumble sales in the memorial hall.

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We sometimes ask ourselves that especially the week we are going to print. We have been discussing 'doing a mag' for about two years. Last summer we decided that we were all too busy to realistically do it justice so it went to the back of things we must do. Then an unsuspecting journalist hove into our view. Six months later the first edition hit the streets.

How is it funded?

Entirely thanks to our advertisers, this money covers the cost of printing. There is a small profit which goes towards admin costs. We anticipate the way we are going that we will all get a good meal out of it after a year.

How is it distributed?

5000 copies are printed, 4500 are delivered to houses around the town and 500 are now sold at a cost of 40p in various places i.e. Victory News, Balfour, the All Weather Shop and Bottleneck. Hopefully there will be more outlets in different areas of the town very soon. We vary the delivery route so that most people get a chance of a free copy some of the time.

Who delivers it?

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Why have you not received a free copy?

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How often is it published?

In an ideal world it would be monthly, we have however learnt by experience that this is just not possible at the moment and if we succeed at 6 weekly we will be more than pleased. Hopefully in the future monthly may be achievable. This may however entail the use of a cattle prod.

How far a field are they going?

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Who are our contributors?

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Above:-The Devonhurst, Eastern Esplanade

Well, after such a great response from the last issue I felt we should ask fellow artists of Broadstairs for their views and more importantly their feelings about working and living here. Because of the talent which is awash in Broadstairs the hardest bit for me was who to ask first!

I mentioned in third issue of the Broadie that a small group of us were invited by The Isle Magazine to have an open house of which Jo Scott did a feature to advertise the event.

One of the artists was Cath Deeson who is a young mother of two and her talent lies in lino cutting and printing which has freshness and such a clean line that sets it above other works around.

So without any more from me I will stand back and give Cath the floor! Pete Buckey

I came to Broadstairs a few times as a child, growing up in nearby Herne Bay meant we spent a lot of our time exploring the places closest to us. . . a lot more than we do now!

I studied printmaking and social sciences at Christchurch College in Canterbury and after doing the compulsory travelling and London living, I returned to Kent with my husband to start a family.

It was the natural thing to do once you have lived by the sea and then move away, it's like something in your life is always missing.

Moving back to the coast has rekindled my printmaking relationship and rediscovered my real love for lino printing!

I love the whole process. . . . from thinking up a design and sometimes a rhyme (oh no!), then drawing it onto my piece of linoleum (old fashioned vinyl flooring). Making sure to do everything in reverse, so when it's printed, it comes out the right way, this can be tricky especially with any lettering (Ss and Ns in particular!)

I love what I do, I thoroughly enjoy it. I like to produce images that make me smile

I then cut around my design, chiselling away any unwanted surface, just leaving the image I wish to print. I roll the ink onto the lino, lay my paper flat on the top and then squeeze the two through my roller press. As it comes out the other side - I get so excited! I peel back the paper to reveal the new print, hold my breath and. . . .

hope it's a good one!

I love what I do, I thoroughly enjoy it. I like to produce images that make me smile and if other people like them too, well that's just a real bonus!!

I have spent the last three years living here in Broadstairs and it has just been the best move for us.



Inspired by most things local and all things lovely, Broadstairs is a wonderful place to live. It's not just the sandy beaches or the fabulous ice cream parlours, the sense of community, allotment life or beach hut barbeques. For me, it's that my love for Broadstairs is the same as my love for lino printing. It's the old fashioned, unspoilt quality of both and, although I can very much appreciate more contemporary artworks and lifestyles. . . . it is these two that are just right for me.

Although a small town, Broadstairs has such a diverse wealth of characters and so many of them artists - it's great to be surrounded by all walks of life.

In times like these, we need to embrace the support and custom of those who wish to give it no matter who they are or where they come from.

I love living in this seaside town and feeling like I am holiday every time I walk down to the beach but most of all, I love waking up every single day and hearing the sound of the seagulls. Some people think they're a nuisance but really they are just a reminder that we live in this beautiful town which is right by the sea.

Cath Deeson



I thought I would finish with a tip in the art of water colour, having started my painting career some thirty odd years ago and the first seven of them were spent in the studio copying photo's which I know now did me more harm than good .

The photo takes what is termed as 'middle band' in tone and does not see 'the real world image', our eyes see the whole thing, we see all the changes, the whole range, the camera only picks 'a happy medium'. So when I decided to take the plunge and go outside to paint I had to step back a few years which hurt!

So here comes the tip of the month folks, THE MOST IMPORTANT BIT OF THE PAINTING IS THE WHITE OF THE PAPER. Look at this water colour; can you feel the sun up there in front of you? Can you see the light shining on water and on each side of the clock tower as well as the path? This is the white of the paper, no paint, just plain old paper.

And yes, this was painted sitting in the shelter looking over Viking Bay, about forty minutes work, boy! This beats working any day of the week.



The Herb Garden Christmas Pressies



I love making and receiving home-made Christmas presents and I love Christmas so much that having to start nice and early making things adds to the whole pleasure for me.

Chutney:

Chutneys are easily made and can be made in bulk cheaply, especially if you grow some of the ingredients yourself or scrounge from friends with extra produce.

Beetroot and apple chutney:

I chose this because of a very useful bag of beetroot which came my way at just the right time.

1 kg beetroot, raw, peeled and popped into a mixer for few secs to blitz into small pieces
500 gm peeled, chopped onions, get a friend to do this if it makes your eyes water
750 gm cooking apples peeled and chopped quite small bramleys are very good for this
500 gm raisins or sultanas whatever you have left over from making your Christmas cake (I presume you have!)

1 & ½ tablespoons of ground ginger
1 & ½ teaspoons crushed chillies
750 gm sugar
1 litre malt vinegar



The peeling and chopping takes the time but once done it all goes into a large pan. Bring to the boil then keep on a low simmer for a couple of hours without the lid on. You will have to stir frequently as it reduces and thickens. It will continue to thicken after you take it off the heat so don't let it get too reduced before you take it off. Whilst it is simmering you should be preparing your old jam jars. They should 1st be washed in warm soapy water then placed in a bowl of boiling water for 10 mins. Then put upside down in a pre-heated oven to 140o C then leave to dry for 10 mins. Plastic or metal lids are okay but make sure that metal doesn't come into contact with the chutney because the vinegar will corrode the metal. A piece of waxed paper is best for this.

Then all you have to do is decorate the jars. Making the labels is fun and you can be as individual as you like, make sure you date them. Although they last a couple of years and improve after a year, it is a good idea in case you forget which year you were experimenting with kumquat and courgette.

To decorate cut material into a circle and tie round the lids with ribbon, raffia, string or embroidery thread.

There are several Christmas materials available at Willow Fabrics which would be ideal or plain material with bright ribbon etc. To make your gift look even better, include a silver jam spoon from B'st Antiques and Collectables. Home-made jams and marmalades may also be dressed in the same way.

Soup-in-a-jar This is fairly easy once you have the ingredients together. Layers of pulses, beans and pasta with a few herbs and a good stock cube. You need 450g of dried goods to 750mls of stock. The different coloured layers look great and with the recipe printed on a label and stuck on the side of a jar, you have a ready made soup 'just add water'. Best to include the 'sell by date' of the ingredient with the shortest shelf life.

Bottled oils: Buy a nice bottle of oil (virgin olive oil gives the best colour). If the oil comes in a nice clear glassed bottle all the better, otherwise you will need to find the bottle yourself in a kitchen, craft or even hardware shop. Simply add the pretty ingredients, stopper the bottle, stick on a label and tie off with a nice ribbon.

Best things to fill the bottle with are;

- **Garlic** - chop one whole bulb and put in bottle then add another bulb of whole or halved cloves.
- **Olive** - layer black and green olives in the bottle.
- **Chillie** - add chopped and whole green and red chillies.
- **Rosemary** - A few sprigs of rosemary in the bottle gives a lovely look but unless you filled the whole bottle not much flavour will be transferred.

Mulled wine:

Instead of paying out for an expensive pre-made mulled wine why not make your own. All you need is a table wine (not too expensive or heavy flavour) and add some mulled wine herbs and spices such as 2 bay leaves, pinch of cloves, level teaspoon of cinnamon or 2 quills, level teaspoon of grated nutmeg and quarter of the juice from an orange. Other ingredients can be added for a more bitter taste. Heat the mixture up on a hob but do not boil. If you don't like wine try adding the spices to hot cider or for the non-alcoholic version add it to hot grape or apple juice.

So with chutney, jam, marmalade, bottled oils, soup-in-a-jar and mulled wine you have the making of a special personalised gift hamper. This is one of the cheapest presents I have made and was especially good as a student with no money.

Juggling balls: By just using sand and balloons, many juggling balls can be made and make a great present for any keen juggler. Simply start filling a balloon with sand or semolina or porridge, anything you like really. Fill this balloon till it's a good size (around the size of a small apple) then tie it off with one knot. Open the neck of another balloon and place the first balloon inside this one (this can be tricky but not impossible) then instead of tying this one off, cut off the end and it should fit snugly around the first balloon. Continue this process until you have a good few layers and your ball is finished.

Drawer Liners Drawer liner scent (not just for mums)

To keep all your socks and undies fresh people sometimes use scented pouches for drawers. All you need is a small bag of hessian or cotton, fill this with wonderful fragrant herbs such as lavender, jasmine, rose or elderflowers which are readily available from a herbalists such as myself and using essential oils you can add even more of a variety of smells to keep your vests fresh.

Calendar: I originally just made this for my Grandmother but now get orders from most of the family
Start by getting 13 good pictures of the family from various years of the receiver's life. Print off the picture in nice high resolution on photographic paper (hard copies will need to be scanned). Make a basic calendar table in any word processing program. Fill in all important dates i.e. birthdays and anniversaries and print this on paper the same size. Affix one photo to the back of each month, hole punch the top, tie some ribbon through the holes and you have a lovely personalised calendar (the 13th picture is for the front cover). We also find it useful to add everybody's up to date contact details. She also loved (and used all year) the card box we made her last year. It not only included a good selection of assorted cards and envelopes but sheets of sticky labels with names and addresses of the whole family on. Time consuming initially but easy to update each year. We also included loads of stamps including those of higher value for family who live abroad.

I know these are quite simple ideas and you may not decide they are something you would like to do but i hope it at least inspires you to make other things and save a penny or two over christmas plus give your presents that personal touch.

Merry Christmas To All

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Normans Story

90 years ago on the 11th November 1918 at 11:00 a.m. the carnage of the 1st World War ground abruptly to a halt. Ever since 1921 we have been Remembering those who have served and died in conflicts around the globe. Here at the Broadie we advertised to speak to ex: service men or women about their experiences, a harder job than we originally thought since many had put these events behind them years ago. However one evening the telephone rang and a man named Norman introduced himself. At first he was very modest thinking we were only interested in grand heroics shown in some classic wartime films...not so, we wanted to speak to the people who had been on the ground in the mud, dug into the desert sand, in the air, on the seas, who had done the job and come through the other end.

Norman was 20 when war broke out in 1939. He was a motor mechanic, born in Liverpool. As he was British but half Chinese the War Office sought a speedy decision from him over his dual nationality. There was no question about it and Norman spent the next 6 years serving King & Country with the Royal Field Artillery. He was posted to Leek in Staffordshire to join his unit as a Specialist, involved in trajectories and surveys. After a while Norman decided he would prefer to train and work on the guns, firing 25 pounder shells. He was promoted to a Lance Sergeant and quickly to a full Sergeant in charge of the Gunnery Team. Over the next couple of years Norman was posted all around the UK, including Northern Ireland where they had to contend with the IRA who would sabotage vehicles and steal gasoline. Eventually posted to Ramsgate, Norman found himself billeted in St. Augustine's Road for the next 18 months. It was during this time Norman started dating a young widow called Sook whose husband had died earlier in the war. As a farm worker Sook made milk deliveries across Thanet and would visit Norman at his billet until the day she arrived there one morning and found it deserted. We can't continue though without further comment on Ramsgate. In May 1944 Norman and thousands of troops like him were issued with 200 French Francs, new gas masks and a life preserver. Something was afoot and a secret meeting was called at the Westcliffe Theatre in Ramsgate, with a heavy Military Police presence, amid top security. The invasion of Europe was on. Norman says that security was supposed to be tight but when he looked upward at the balcony all the theatre's civilian staff were there listening in. At 2 am, hours before Sook's arrival in St. Austine's Road, Norman and his unit took to their mechanised units and with a Police escort drove to Limehouse Docks where there they were held in readiness for 10 days.

This led to an almost riotous situation that was eventually broken by allowing the men to go to a nearby open-air swimming baths. Eventually the order came through and Norman and his unit sailed for France on board a Liberty Ship. From the Ship the troops had to transfer to Landing Craft via scramble nets. Whilst this may have seemed easy in practice on dry land, it wasn't. On one side the Liberty Ship was moving in the rough sea, on the other the Landing Craft was being blown about and the scramble net with the troops transferring from one to the other were at nature's mercy. Norman admits he doesn't have sea legs and half way down the scramble net he stopped and did what comes naturally with sea sickness. During this time the next wave of men were climbing down the netting and Norman's right hand was crushed by a size 10 hobnailed Army boot. Once on the landing craft Norman was made very aware of the dangers of magnetic mines.

Norman landed on Gold Beach on the 28th June 1944. Fighting by then was about 5 miles inland and as they advanced Norman was very aware of German resistance in the form of snipers operating in the area. Their first big action was at Caen on the 8th July 1944 and then at Falaise where Norman was involved in 30 hours of solid shelling. The carnage that was left behind to horses, men and property was indescribable. There was some resentment from some French civilians. Norman is philosophical about it. The

"There were three of us there, ready for action and no trousers on".

French had had three years of occupation by then and life had once again become routine. The last thing anyone wanted was the British blasting their homes with 25 pounder shells. On the whole the local population were glad to see the Allied Forces.

During a lull in action, Norman and his gunnery team decided to undress and wash, suddenly with all their trousers off the call went out 'Take Post!' That's not a time to hesitate, Norman explains, "You hear 'Take Post' you get to the gun and get ready to fire, trousers or no trousers". Norman laughs, "There were three of us there, ready for action and no trousers on". In Holland Norman and his unit crossed the Nijmegen Bridge after which they dug in at Deest. Nearby households each adopted a Gunner crew and their cellars provided useful cover when needed. During times of heavy bombardment when the crews took cover it became apparent to Norman that one man in particular would



completely disappear this particular Gunner was petrified. During another bombardment the Gunner and another man scrambled and hid in a house, the house next door was shelled and one person killed. The Gunner returned and approached Norman with the words "I will be alright now Sarge. If it's meant for me I'll get it". After that no further problems occurred.

In the closing months of the war Norman was seconded to an American unit and given American uniform and provisions. American troops had access to chicken and fries whilst his old colleagues were living on corned beef with even bread in short supply. In fact all American supplies were far superior to the British, even down to their boots with four different width sizes.

Prior to his departure to Europe, Sook and Norman had agreed to marry but departure was at two hours notice. Norman sought the advice of his Padre to ask whether he could marry by proxy. The Padre asked why and Norman said if I die and we're married at least my wife will get a war widow's pension. The Padre thought about this then said "Just put your faith in God and wait until you get back". Fortunately Norman did come back and he married Sook. Norman retrained as a Gas Fitter and moved up the ranks of the Gas Board to District Service Officer in St. Peters. Norman and Sook remained married for 59 and a half years until Sook's death several years ago. Norman first started attending annual Old Comrade Association Meetings of the 116th Field Regiment in 1953. At that time over 200 men would turn out. At the last one earlier this year there was 10. In June 2008 Norman was made an Honorary Citizen of Thury-Harcourt in Normandy by its Mayor and Council. It was town liberated by Norman's unit on the 13th August 1944. He was presented with a medal and certificate in commemoration and this is seen in the photograph above. Norman loves France and the French.

Dave Chamberlain 11/08

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Conflicts don't solely involve the armed forces and aren't all just in the past.

This is a Broadstairs mans story, based on true events that have happened to him in the last month.

Botany. He walked the dog there most mornings. It was the best place ever for dog walking. There was no traffic, no farm stock, just an unlimited expanse of beach with the two concrete covered pipes running out to sea. You could catch bass there in season, and there was deep water to work the retriever, getting her up to speed for the coming game season.

Back at the house, he hung the covered uniform with its four gold stripes over the seat of a battered Estate, and checked that his flightbag and small suitcase were all there.

"Where is it this time?"

He thought for a moment, before replying.

"Nairobi".

"Nairobi's alright".

"Yeah. Nairobi's all right. And I'll be back for Sunday."

"Oh good. It's Remembrance Service. Mum's playing the organ and John's standard bearer with the Scouts."

He nodded.

"We'll be there". He was not a great church goer, nor was his wife, but this Sunday would be a family day, and special.

"Say hello to Nairobi for me."

"I will." He kissed her and left, his mind on the next day's flight. Not to Nairobi, as he'd told her, told everyone who ever asked.

That small airfield in the hostile territory south of Kaban. He'd switch off all the lights and start the descent a hundred miles out, slowing to two hundred knots to allow the US attack helicopters to formate on him. A Blackhawk under each wing, with the Apache above providing top cover. Just in case there was somebody down there toting a shoulder-fired heat seeking missile with his name on it. Turn on the final approach two miles out at fifteen hundred feet and one hundred and ninety knots, then full left aileron, full right rudder, and sideslip the crate in. It was unapproved, a fighter manoeuvre, but it worked just as well on a four engined jet freighter, and was the fastest way to lose both height and speed simultaneously, and stay alive.

He cut out the thought pattern, in case it should turn morbid. They'd be fine. Two hours on the ground, to refuel and pick up some cheap cigarettes from the NAAFI. Then back home, to that short runway built on a Wiltshire hillside, where they'd hopefully slide in under the morning fog, and arrive at the Hotel in time for a massive five star cooked breakfast. It was 2008, with Britain fighting yet another war, and he was part of it. But he'd be back, as promised, to walk the dog at Botany Bay, and be with the family at church on Remembrance Sunday.

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Sunday 9th November 2008



It was good to see the weather held off long enough for the throng of locals attending the remembrance service on Sunday 9th at the war memorial by Pierremont Park. It was also pleasing to see so many people there, including a fair amount of youths, paying tribute to the fallen. Maybe more attendees than in any previous year in recent history, perhaps the present fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq have reminded us that the whole act of remembrance is as important today as it has always been

Below is an extract from my father's diary, he wrote it during one of the forced marches POWs were made to endure by the German Army to avoid the advancing allies in the latter stages of WW2

Jan 30th However, we are moved to Schekell Castle & church The Vicar and the wardens have forsaken their church, so the Germans forced an entrance with an axe and we are billeted there. We found an organist among us who promptly entertained us with music.

We had been in the church but two hours when the sirens sound and we are forced to evacuate the town.

Everyone is chasing round in confusion.

We also find that the German lines of communication are in the utmost of confusion as well, what with evacuees, prisoners and farm animals Here, one lorry must tow three carts owing to the shortage of petrol. There are many accidents.

Feb 1st We must make for Baldenburg, 49 kilometres away We had travelled mainly by overland routes up to this time, but now we must stick to the roads. We are still very cold and hungry, but our rations will last until the thaw sets in.

We reach Baldenburg in less than 24 hours, through a severe blizzard. We hear that we lost five comrades to the cold during the night and we all say "When shall we come through this white hell"

We have lost many comrades by the wayside during this terrible march although the exact numbers are not known to us.

Feb 3rd We move out bound for Bublitz. The snow is softening. But there is still plenty of it.

We all carry 20lbs of potatoes in our packs

Feb 4th On to Belgard, where we stay at the USAAF prisoners' camp. Stalag Luft No 4.

Here's another Broadstairs chap who served in our armed forces. Paddy Earp spent 18 years serving his country. Here's his story.

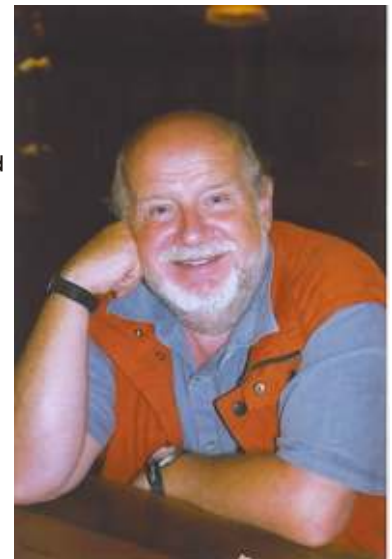
Paddy's Story

Not only were we interested at the Broadie to hear from War Veterans but also from Servicemen or Women who had served during so called Peacetime, during the Cold War Period at a time when a small skirmish in Europe or Asia could have escalated into full scale nuclear war!

One such man is Paddy Earp who served as a Commissioned Officer in the Army from 1963 to 1979 with the Royal Scots Greys and later with the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards. Fortunately for Paddy he never fired a shot in anger. After leaving Public School Paddy went to Sandhurst as an Officer Cadet, where for the next two years he learnt a wide range of skills that afforded him the ability to lead men as an Officer. He says he joined up to see the world and fill in some time....which he did for the next 18-years. Some later famous names he mixed with at Sandhurst included General Sir Mike Jackson, Brigadier Andrew Parker-Bowles and Sir Ranulph Fiennes (later discharged from the SAS for some outrageous high jinks involving the demolition of a dam); the latter remains friends with Paddy. As a Commissioned Officer in 1963 Paddy was posted to Bovington where he spent 4-months learning gunnery and tank training. In January 1964 Paddy joined the Scots Greys with Ran Fiennes as a 2nd Lieutenant at Fallingbostal. Paddy was in charge of a Troop of 3 Centurion Tanks and when he and his soldiers weren't working hard, they drank hard and fought hard too! In Germany Paddy was involved in Border Patrols along the West and East German Borders (The Iron Curtain). Whilst Nuclear weapons were by now well established the Army still trained in conventional warfare but with ever increasing reliance on technology. Paddy laughs when he says the use of infra-red night vision worried many troops who had heard rumours it caused sterility, they would often dodge out the way of the infra-red search lights even though the rumour was clearly based on false information! Near Hanover on exercise Paddy and his tank troop were told by the Infantry Company Commander to drive through what was basically a bog. Against his better judgement he did what he'd been told only to sink his tank troop into 4 feet of stinking marsh. It took the Royal & Mechanical Electrical Engineers a week to remove the tanks, not before they became bogged down themselves and then pulled a very robust oak tree out of the ground too that they utilised for leverage! In fact a local civilian told them the last time a tank had rumbled down that road was during the war and it too had sunk and was still buried somewhere in the depths of the bog! While serving in Germany Paddy was sent on a Catering Officer's course and his first Christmas was spent at



iAldershot. He was also the Garrison Fire Officer in Fallingbostal and it was while he was the Fire Officer his own cookhouse caught fire. Paddy's next posting was as an Exchange Officer to the Swedish Army attached to a tank regiment. He arrived there in the middle of the Swedish winter. After a brief return to his Regiment in Germany he was posted to the Winter Warfare Survival School in Norway as a potential Instructor where he learnt quickly to ski, survive in snow holes and even swim in the freezing waters of a Fjord, not before breaking the ice. From Germany Paddy was sent to Catterick as a Recruit Training Officer and while there he was promoted to Captain. He says he found the job to be a very satisfying experience, introducing raw recruits to Army life and seeing them trained to become professional soldiers within 15 weeks. Other advantages of Catterick included attendance at Hunt Balls and a good social life. From Catterick, Paddy was posted to MoD in Military Intelligence where he completed another 2-year posting. Something he found quite boring. Paddy then moved on to become the Chief Instructor at the Signals Wing of the Junior Tradesmen's Regiment at Rhyll, North Wales and on it's closure he moved again to Public Relations at HQ Land Forces, Wilton near Salisbury, a job he loved! It was during this time that he was flown out at 2 hours notice with a Driver, Photographer and Clerk to Cyprus just after the Turkish Invasion in July 1974. He was given a pistol and live ammunition and was responsible for liaising with the Press, though due to political reasons he wasn't allowed off Sovereign base areas. Paddy was invited to make a career in PR as a Major; however as a captain he needed a Valid Recommendation for it and the only way forward was to return to his Regiment in Germany. Bearing in mind Paddy hadn't seen a tank in years when he did return the Centurion Tanks had been replaced with Chieftains. Despite passing the necessary examinations for the Army Staff College Paddy had been out of the loop for too long and freely admits there were other deserving cases for Recommendation to Major above his. He left PR and his last posting was to the Army Youth Selection Centre at Deepcut as a Personnel Selection Officer where he interviewed school leavers interested in joining up. This job too Paddy found very satisfying. He gave up counting after interviewing three and a half thousand potential recruits! Paddy's career ended after 18 years in 1979 and from there he started in Medical Recruitment for Saudi Arabia where his boss was his ex Army CO. After being Head-Hunted a couple of times within the Recruitment Industry and elsewhere he eventually changed direction and became self employed. In the late 1990s he became a Tour Manager in the Travel Industry starting off with the local company Holts Battlefield Tours. His Military knowledge led another employer to ask him to organise their Battlefield Tours, something he does to this day. Paddy's biggest privilege is to have war veterans with him on tour. Paddy is available for private commission work for people seeking out relatives of both World Wars and for private Battlefield tours too. He is also available as a Guest Speaker. Paddy can be contacted via paddyearp@btopenworld.com



We got it wrong

We here at the Broadie seek perfection... now get off the floor and stop laughing. Along with getting our email address wrong in the 1st edition, spelling, grammatical errors and historical inaccuracies we do make mistakes. In our last issue we said that the previous owners of the Voodoo bar lost their license, we were wrong, they did not lose their license and we apologise for any upset this caused.

Next issue The next issue will be after Christmas. In it we will be hearing how the Brigadier celebrated. Careful if you meet him over the festivities he has been known to have the odd too many bowls of sherry trifle. Don't blame her Ladyship, she can't watch him all the time. We will be highlighting the remaining pubs we didn't include in Folk week and looking at the recycling availabilities in the town. Any thing you want to say about these areas or any others please contact us. Instead of sending the Broadie a Christmas card, email/write to us with what exciting ways you can help the town with that £1.25. Have as good a Christmas as you possibly can and try and buy as many Christmas presents as your bank balance will allow, in the town.

Retort House

Retort house, the building situated in Albion Street Car Park has for many years been under the threat of redevelopment. The building has now been placed on the Assets list, and discussion is now open for everyone to have their say as to what to do with it. **Have your say and contact Thanet Council before the 5th Dec** e-mail hannah.thorpe@thanet.gov.uk or phone the planning department on 01843 577000.

Local Boys Done Good

Two local lads are hitting the highlights in the musical world. BBB Avvon Chambers, now living (most of the time) in London, having finished his music degree at Cardiff uni, is the drummer with Eugene Francis Jnr. Eugene and his juniors are the support band for Coldplay's present tour of the UK. There are eight dates in Sheffield, Birmingham, Glasgow, Liverpool and London's O2.

Matthew Goodgame, winner of TV's Musicality in 2004, is continuing to make his way in the show world. Having just finished performing in Dirty Dancing in the West End, is off on a nine week tour of Germany. He is playing one of the demanding, principal roles in Cats, Munkustrap. Nice one guys, we are proud of you

Big Bang

Whats with those huge fireworks that explode in the sea during fireworks events in Broadstairs? It's the local crab population i feel sorry for. If its not small children removing the poor litte blighters legs and warming them through in plastic buckets in the summer, its madmen with explosives bombing their rockpools. I haven't seen the sea explode like that since My Great Auntie Dorothy had that accident with the air bed, some hydrogen and a badly extinguished fag butt.

Crampton Tower

Broadstairs Town Council look set to take over Crampton Tower museum from its current owners TDC. It is hoped this will mean a reintroduction of a rent subsidy which the museum sorely needs to help it remain open



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Twas the night before Christmas...



Twas the night before Christmas, when all through broadie
Not a creature was stirring, not even a hoodie.
The stockings were big and not east to fill,
With hopes that St Nicholas wouldn't give us the bill.

The children were listening to hip-hop in their beds,
While visions of morris men danced in their heads.
And mother with her book of great expectation,
Sipped spiffire ale with great jubilation.



When out on the lawn there arose such a din,
I sprang from the bed spying a seagull in 't bin
Away to the window I flew to look,
To see three friendly ghosts from a quite famous book

The moon shone down on a field of cauliflower
I hate that smell and mused over it for an hour.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a mobility vehicle, and eight tiny reindeer.

"Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On, Cupid! , On Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the beachhut! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

Like chip wrapper in the wind, they knew how to fly,
But with the grace of a squirrel suspiciously sly
To take flight whilst lugging a 40 ton sleigh,
With a jolly old man swooping over Viking bay.

And then, like a burglar, I heard on the roof
A tile hit my car, dislodged by a hoof.
The little fat man tumbled right down the chimney,
Hitting the gas fire, shouting swear words, dimly.

His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, he'd been hitting the sherry!
His posture was proud and rather quite blokey,
And the beard of his chin was as bushy as a folkiey.

The stump of a pipe held over to one cheek,
It seemed like a Wednesday in Broadstairs Folk Week.
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He got out the toys, lay them down by the tree,
Placed chocolates on its branches then nipped off for a pee.
Came back, filled the stockings, and fingered his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"



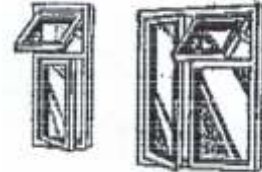
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Alastair Hawke

Young Broadies

Thanks to all the Callis Grange school 6 year olds in Mrs McGlynn's Turquoise Class who sent in their firework night pictures, Sorry to those who didn't get in as we were only able to include Alastair Hawke, Sadie Lowther & David Cramp (front Cover). Im sure you'd all agree, all budding artists for the future. I Particularly like "Sadies" dog with the big hair and odd socks, it reminds me of my Gran.



Sadie Lowther



Mr Nutkin's joy at the invite to the Brigadiers Christmas Dinner soon turned sour

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Holy Trinity Church 861306

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