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For Broadstairs by Broadstairs

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Your Letters More than coffee

In response to Copper Nob (self penned insult?) It is so NOT 'just a coffee'. Thanet is rife with poorly made coffee. The chains put us to shame. A decent cup of coffee takes skill and knowledge to prepare and the result, if successful, is lauded by all coffee lovers. It is a bit like saying a pair of shoes is just a pair of shoes!

If I am going to pay £2+ for a cup of coffee I expect the person that prepares it to know how to make it to my specific liking. Unfortunately ignorance in the alchemy of coffee-making, render much of the coffee offered in our establishments around the Isle extremely disappointing. (Unless of course one actually has a penchant for the ubiquitous Thanetian weak milky latte with too much water and burnt milk)

On the Isle we have to up the anti to stay ahead. We have to give customers what they want with skill and a smile and if do not understand what they are asking for, and why, we had better find out how to, and quickly!

For the record a Macchiato is an espresso (which should have a 'creme' on top to show that the coffee is strong enough and has been correctly extracted) This short drink served in a pre-warmed espresso cup is 'dressed with a 'stain' of just the foam from the milk jug. Macchiato literally means 'stained'.

Each drink on a coffee menu has it's own recipe and rules. They cannot just be 'made up' by the server or you may as well go back to drinking Naff's-cafe (sic.)

If anyone on the Isle would like some coffee training I would be happy to assist for free. Please contact me via the ED.

Cyd, Broadstairs

Bloomin' Broadstairs

I laughed out loud at "Grumpy Bugger" and enjoyed it so much, bought extra copies so that family and friends had the opportunity to read it, thanks REH. I would like to offer my opinion of this town, which is "Best of British".

Beloved Broadstairs

This bygone town, with slower pace,
Than others in today's 'Rat Race'
Locals all have smiles on face,
In beauteous Broadstairs

Sloping streets, correcting gait,
Secluded paths, a kissing gate,
Peopled with the more sedate,
The benefits of Broadstairs

Shops display their wares with style,
The keepers with a ready smile,
For each patron, to beguile,
In Bounteous Broadstairs

The weather veers from sun to rain,
With breezes that refresh the brain,
Those who visit, come again
To bracing Broadstairs

Summer seasons are a treat
Morris dancers throng the street
Young and old all tap their feet
Folk Week, in busking Broadstairs

The promenade is sheer delight
With view, making low spirit, light,
Captured by day, or by moonlight,
Bewitching Broadstairs.

With heritage akin to none,
Seven bays, bedecked with sun,
I say 'God Bless you' everyone,
Who live or bide in Broadstairs

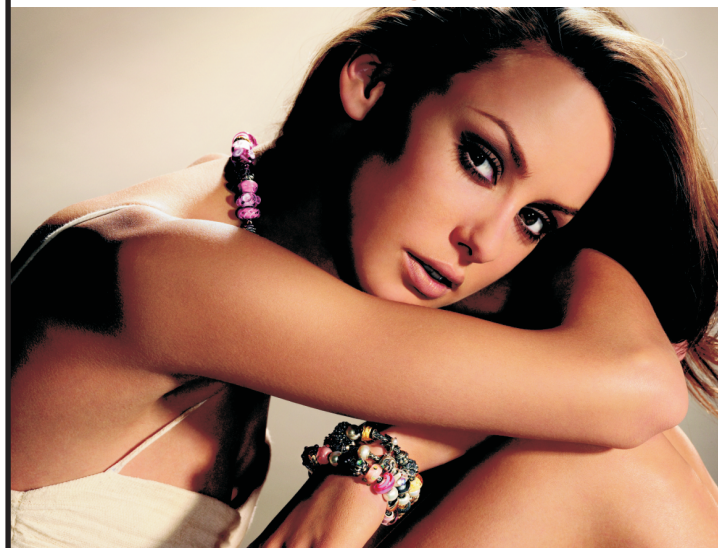
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The brotherhood of Broadstairs

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Angry of...

Why doesn't REH (letters issue 11) move somewhere else if dislikes it here so much. I for one would be 'Bloody Happy' to see him off.

Name and address supplied
Albion Road

B****y swearing

Re: Issue eleven,
What a good idea to have a magazine for Broadstairs - but a complete let down on reading page three. Is there not enough swearing in this day and age. I will not be subscribing

A Broadstairs resident

Short and Sour

Dear sir please find below my poetical answer to REH's poem in the last issue

Lives in Broadie
But hates it here
Then please sod off,
Get outta here

Name and address supplied

Where the broad-stairs led

Dear Broadie

Re, issue eleven, 'Five fun Fings' by Mr Gerrard was very interesting, especially number five.

In my opinion the little chapel should be kept and looked after as part of Broadstairs heritage, the age of it on its own warrants recognition, apart from the history which is well documented. It is a unique building which deserves to be so much more than just a shop. Is there anyone out there to champion this cause?

A lover of Broadstairs

The Road

Deer Brigadier

Well just as we thought it was safe to adventure back down town Kent County Council threw a new obstacle in the mix ! Yes I'm talking about the new traffic flow at the junction of The High Street & Queens road in Broadstairs, wow what brilliance and out standing lack of common sense this is..... The problem isn't slowing traffic down or calming as it's more commonly referred to, the problem is traffic full stop ! Lack of parking, extortionate fees & over zealous TRAFFIC WARDENS are the icing on the cake, no wonder everyone drives to Westwood Cross, ASDA & Tesco's Extra to shop. Parking in one of the several hundred available parking spaces unharassed by ATTILA The Traffic Warden !

Holiday makers, day trippers & local residents face ever increasing obstacles just to visit our local merchants or relax on the golden sands of our local Bays. Why not make it harder for everyone to get down the High Street by creating a narrowing carriage way right at the busiest junction in town. The total lack of signage and the new Pedestrian crossing just add to the motoring enjoyment of all concerned. With two opposing bus stops a narrow raised pedestrianised zone & everyone's Grandma trying to cross the road it's only a matter of time before somebody gets splattered !

Well done Kent County Council for making our town even more of an inconvenience for all to enjoy, here's a really novel idea why not create a one way system from top to bottom of the town sign posted with simple directional arrows so even the DFL's can navigate this fair Manor we inhabit. It works in insignificant Hamlets such as Whitstable, New York and Honolulu for example. I'm sure the residents of Stella Maris are ready for more excitement in the already congested High Street that we all know and love so well.

Yours

Mr. Exceptionally Tolerant of Stupidity

P.S. Parking equals pedestrians equals shoppers, strange concept eh

Facebook the High Street

"A new group has been started on Facebook by Broadstairs High Street Retailers and Businesses - Save Broadstairs High Street. As is apparent by their name, its exactly what it says on the front - they are trying to bring attention to the fact that businesses on our high street are suffering, and for some it may already be too late. The message is - you can support these businesses and keep the high street interesting and attractive - just close your computer, park your car on the drive and take a stroll down our beautiful high street and buy a coffee in a local cafe or an item in one of the shops. Join the group for information on Save Broadstairs High Street. The High Street is not just for summer!

Regards

Fiona

KCC HIGHWAYS RED CROSS CODE



1. Put a Crossing on a corner
2. Change the priority so cars can legally proceed around said corner at 30mph
3. Put warning signs up that are easily obscured by parked cars.
4. Waste taxpayers money on ill-thought out schemes
5. Put in road humps that serve no purpose
6. Make the road appear pedestrianised, when it isn't

Do the right thing - Get fined

As a particularly good night out in Broadstairs with a few friends was on the cards and taxi's are rather expensive, I decided to put my money in the meter and leave my car in Albion Street Car Park rather than risk driving with beer in my blood. One small problem of course the ticket runs out at seven in the morning and can't be pre-purchased.

Oh that's all right says my mates, there won't be any wardens around on Bank holiday Monday, least not that early" How wrong were they.

I turn up at eight AM, (not an unreasonable time considering) to find a ticket on the car.....Utter morons

What idiot, comes up with these rules, and what idiot sends out traffic wardens to check on cars at seven thirty on a bank holiday Monday. Would these idiots prefer us to drive under the influence.

It's really just basic common sense that we should be able to use a car park for it's designated purpose, that we also should be able to buy a ticket that lasts longer than 7 am the next morning (because of alcohol still in bloodstream from night before) and for whoever is in charge at traffic warden central to maybe start using their obviously minuscule brains

Angry of Garlinge

Policeman punched

Police back-up was called to the main Broadstairs sands last Saturday after holiday-makers reported a vicious attack involving two individuals and a policeman.

The argument initially started after one male who appeared "completely legless, and very wobbly" according to one onlooker, who was seemingly encouraging his pet, which was described as large and dangerous, to steal some foodstuffs from another person in the vicinity.

"When the owner of the goods which were meant for her dinner realised what was going on, all hell broke loose" said a holidaymaker who witnessed the debacle, "The woman went mad, my children shouted at her to try and tell her where the animal was but she kept turning the wrong way, that's when she completely lost it and picked up the stick and started hitting the owner, the man then took the stick from the woman and began hitting her around the head, then the policeman arrived"

In the ensuing brawl a policeman was assaulted and at one point completely lost consciousness. The owner of the beast, a male age unknown was eventually arrested, the pet was caught and caged and the sausages were returned to the woman who seemed very thankful. The male involved was charged with being in possession of a dangerous, illegally imported reptile, and assault.



The assailant being led away

Dates for food festival.

The first Broadstairs Food Festival, launched in September 2009, was an outstanding success, attracting over 12,000 visitors. Now scheduled to become an annual fixture on the calendar, the 2010 Festival will take place from 28th September to 3rd October, in and around the East Kent coastal town of Broadstairs, finishing with a 3 day Food Fayre on the splendid seafront venue of Victoria Gardens

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TOP DRINKS

Geoff



Degree of inebriation:- 68%

Cuts and bruises:- 3

Flesh on Show:- 5

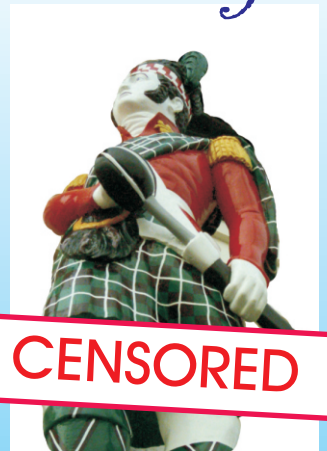
Abusiveness:- 0

Embarrassment Factor 8

Congratulations to our first "Drunk of the Month" Geoff likes park benches, newspaper pillows and sitting in the gutter shouting at seagulls. He can be seen here waiting first in line for the church to open. When asked what he'd hope for if he won the coveted title of "Drunk of the year", a tired and emotional Geoff said "I love you,no, no listen, I really do" We do love a happy drunk. Do you have a "Drunk of the month" photo we can use? Send it to us including permission from the featured inebriate.

The Scotsman says

Get yourself down to the pier again on a Sunday. the harbour Market is back on. All sorts of stuff to buy from Fresh Fish to Cushions. And the harbour master is on the look out for musicians to keep the crowds entertained and stallholders who have got something great to sell in a fabulous location. And you may also discover what's up a Scotsmans kilt



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The Brigadier

Well here I finally am again, they only went and got my good woman to fill in for me whilst I was convalescing, damned annoying really as I had intended to stand for election with my main aim being to bring back hunting with dogs, no, not for foxes, I was thinking more along the lines of hunting some of the drunken buggers who do insist on smashing my plant pots after they've consumed half a shandy, I'm sure it would have

been a popular policy and it would certainly stop my chums in the Broadstairs Animal Bludgeoning Society (BABS) from whingeing about the lack of sport to be had nowadays.

One thing I was able to do whilst resting was to gaze quite mystified at the Wireless with pictures and review what was on offer.

My what a lot of channels we seemed to have gained, not only that but we now have the same channel repeated an hour later, quite unnecessary really seeing as the whole channel in question is then repeated in its entirety the very next day, there's a whole channel dedicated to six annoying American friends who are mixed up in some sort of strange time travel series where one day they are younger than they were the previous day. Having said that, they are Americans, and they do just love their plastic surgery, so it could in fact be in real time

Of course it doesn't aid your viewing pleasure having a set of glasses on that were crumbled by the "Le Creuset" skillet to the face incident after the misunderstanding with the mother in law, ...god love her and the slippery mat at the top of her stairs.

I also became slightly concerned over the medication old Doctor Badcrumble had administered to me after tuning into a channel named CBBC, I'm not sure what the brightly coloured little "Ickle Pickles" and "Pontypines" actually were as I can only assume I hallucinated them in a drug induced meltdown, the little creatures did make me laugh out loud though, and I look forward to another installment after the next lot of Morphine based product.

So bored was I sitting alone in the bedroom that my Granddaughter "Chlamydia" brought round something named a Wii to amuse and delight me, she said she kept it under her bed at home and got it out when friends came round to play, she did however seem rather displeased when I produced my own from the china pot under my personal resting place.

After much fiddling with wires and suchlike the little cherub finally got the contraption working and proceeded to teach me how to play the boxing game. Having received the plastic hand controller the little love became quite aggressive and started shadow boxing as the images blurred and flickered on the screen in front of her, "Come on Grandpa fight back," she shouted, "But i'm not wearing my old battalion boxing gloves deary" I replied. "Oh silly Grandpa, no, you hit me using the plastic controller".

It was about eleven when the police left and her mother finally took her home, they really should explain this new technology to us oldies a bit better. Still she certainly learnt a valuable lesson and will at least receive some sort of compensation via the tooth fairy, I believe two front teeth are worth a good couple of shillings in this day and age. As for technology, I wonder if they've come up with a machine that removes blood stains from original William Morris print wallpaper

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SHOP WATCH

You go and open your big mouth about all the empty shops and then they all go and get filled or in one case bulldozed to the ground.

Hey, I'm not complaining, it's great to see that people have enough belief in Broadstairs to still open businesses up here.

So what have we got for you this month,

Just opened by Tan in the shop which was previously Threshers is

Little Haven. Tan who has worked as a nail artist for 11 years, mostly in London but recently in Margate will shortly be joined by experienced beauticians and hairdressers.



The Beauty Lounge next door to Bay 158 is a family run business. Danika, who has been a beautician for several years, her sister and her mum have opened their salon which includes all the usual beauty repertoire but also offers pampering sessions for friends/couples.

Tip to Toe opposite the Bradstow pub is a nail bar where you can also get a tan and a facial etc. So no slacking girls (and boys) Broadstairs expects us all to be beautiful.

However we will get a lot fatter because of all the new/refurbed nosharies which are bursting out at the moment.

The Oscar Road Café is also having a make-over with a new manager at the helm. Graham Ward is changing the décor to make the café in the style of 1951 Festival of Britain and will therefore be called 'Oscar's Festival Café'. The food however will remain similar to before with crab rolls, cakes and soups.

Dee jays Down in Albion Street where 'Bread & Roses' restaurant was once situated is Dee Jays. An eatery and take-away opened by two chefs who are keen to produce good home cooked food. They've put in a lot of effort so go try a bite



Reubens Delicatessen

is a new deli and take-away with cheeses and meats from Italy and a salad bar amongst other delights which has just opened opposite Tesco.



Bandstand Kiosk is under new management and since re-opening on April 1st. Lisa & Andrew White are starting with a new menu, which includes breakfast, and high teas. Lisa tells me "It is a dream come true and I love it". They are also having some new and interesting events happening at the bandstand.



Mc Carthys round in York Street is a fabulous shop selling all kinds of wonderful one off pieces that can help transform a tired old room in your house into a veritable design statement. They've been around for ages, but we've listed them because they've just had a bit of a makeover and should be visited post haste

Helter Skelter

So what you now need is exercise, if you walk down York Street you may easily miss 'Helter Skelter' www.helterskelterplaycentres.com but I promise you it's there. Stand facing the Methodist Church and peer down the path on the left. There is a surprising world down that path, Fiona Crawford and her very energetic crew in this indoor children's activity centre and café. There are slides and a ball pond, arts and crafts and exercise classes. I love the idea of 'Hello' which is specifically for people with young children who are new to the area or



have a new baby. What a lovely place to go if you are feeling lonely or just want to make new friends, pity we don't have something similar for older people.

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Boho Rap is a cute and funky little place down near the end of Albion Street, lots of interesting pieces here, clothes bags and nik naks. Very pleasing to see a range of items that are complete one offs.

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WTF It's great to see the empty shops filling up. We are so lucky that our High Street is coping as well as it is. We feel very sorry for the businesses which are not surviving and hope that the town continues to support our independent traders so that we can flourish. It is bearing this in mind that we are stunned that one of the long standing businesses is at threat because they are only doing what

they have done for years and need to do for their business to work.

John Prentis by the very nature of his business has to unload early in the morning with fresh goods from Covent Garden.

So what's the problem? Somebody has objected to the noise.

Why would you move into a just off the high street location and then expect there to be no noise, that's why it's a high street, there's shops there, and they have to have deliveries early in the morning to remain being shops, it really is a no-brainer. Unfortunately it would seem that TDC have upheld this complaint, which could set rather a worrying trend. What really is a shame is that if there was such a huge problem with noise, why couldn't the complaint be dealt with on a more personal basis by actual communication with the intention of resolving the situation amicably.

What do we think? well, if you move into a town centre, There may be noise associated with businesses, that's what town centres are, and if you've got a problem with noise from general everyday goings on, choose a different location.

We're also sorry to hear that four shops have closed down, namely Ziggy Pickles, Found, Ritzy Retro & David Pearce and we'd like to wish the owners of these businesses all the best for the future. We were however surprised to read the comments of one of our councillors in the local rag, claiming that the roadworks and changes to the high street did not affect and does not still affect the High street shops.

Im sorry to break it to you councillor but "You are talking Piffle".

Members of The Broadie team own businesses, we have talked to many who run businesses and we have the figures to prove that trade was affected and continues to be affected by the debacle that is KCC's traffic plan. Also the majority did not want the present scheme installed as can be seen by the comment by Steve Darling from KCC that "Neither proposed scheme proved a clear favourite". Of course KCC then went ahead and combined points from both schemes that were initially dreamt up WITHOUT public consultation. Which is hardly a brilliant way of coming up with a coherent traffic plan for Broadstairs. Oh and now they've made it nigh on deadly too.

Perhaps it's time for a little less opinion from our councillors and a bit more time representing the people who put them in office.



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21 long stay = Victoria Parade

410 off street = Albion Street 81, Broadstairs Harbour 69, Chandos Square 31, Crofts Place 50, Vere Road 100 and St Peters Park Road 79
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In the first six months of trading in 2005 there were 2.3 million visitors to Westwood who were there for an average of 85 minutes and spent on average (non-food) £90.89. Wouldn't it be amazing if only a small percentage of them potted down the hill and spent some time and money here.

We have gorgeous beaches, independent shops (decreasing by the month), restaurants and events which should be raking in the visitors but the parking spaces are quickly filled at peak times. People also begrudge paying a few pounds when it's free somewhere else.

In the '2005 Transport Plan' Thanet District Council states that they should 'Progressively reduce the oversupply of free car parking at out-of centre locations' we shall see.

In the meantime what do we do?

The town is surrounded by schools, secondary, primary and independent. We have a large college and a university campus all with parking. During the Oyster Festival in Whitstable the Junior school in Oxford Street is manned by volunteers and used for parking. Several football, clubs notably Chesterfield and Preston use schools for parking on match days. The fee for this is about £3 and the schools keep the revenue. A lot of the schools are on bus routes and with the frequency of our buses 'special' services shouldn't be needed. If they were, great the buses would get more revenue.

In 2008 Whitstable tried using an out of town car park with 'park & ride' buses, the outcome of which seemed to be too expensive to continue although it worked well.

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They did however seem to spend a lot of time and money on advertising and setting it up. Surely a few well placed, appropriate road signs would be sufficient, people would soon get to know and it would catch the people who turn round and leave because they can't park. This would be especially effective during Folk Week.

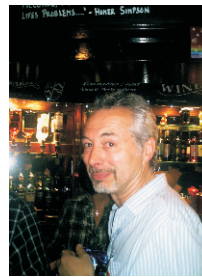
Perhaps more of us need to use local transport. We have a very good bus and train system, if we didn't use the parking spaces then there would be more for visitors.

Do you have an off road parking space which isn't used during the day? www.parkatmyhouse.co.uk is a good scheme for making money and reducing use of badly needed spaces. You can make £3 - 6 a day by renting that space for a few hours. Do you have a space/need a space? Let us know.

In 2008 the Conservative Town Centre Taskforce proposed 'a policy of Quick Stop Shopping that offered shoppers a quick shop free period but not extending beyond 20 minutes'. Perhaps now we have a Conservative MP (whatever your personal political leanings) this will be put into action here.

In the mean time keep shopping locally.

If you have any ideas how we as individuals can make a difference, any ideas on how to encourage visitors and locals to enjoy and help the prosperity of our town let us know.



Pete reaches the Big One

We possibly could have saved this pic for the "Top Drunks" section, but here he is anyway, Some time contributor and all round, all weather, good guy Mr Peter Ellis has reached the grand old age of ###.

Perhaps now those pesky Hooden Horses will leave him alone, after all you shouldn't harass the older generation, you wouldn't want to put his hip out.



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New Road - New Dangers

We've heard through the grapevine that one of the main reasons for KCC to mess around with Broadstairs High Street was to help reduce the probable cost involved in emergency services attending road traffic accidents in the town.

Each time an accident of fatality occurs means more resources are spent, therefore reducing accidents reduces costs.

Only trouble is, as far as I'm aware, there have been very few, if any fatalities on the stretch of road in question in the last ten or so years. Could this be further proof of job warranting within KCC (*The best paid council in England*)

The lack of junction signs at the bottom of the High Street is also a complete let down in that it would appear that the junction in question is a "trial", and has been referred to as an "Open" junction, where the driver makes their own mind up as what is the best way to proceed.

I think most "Broadies" would agree that it is only a matter of time before someone has to call on the emergency services to start spending their resources.



Dennis Taylor, Town Sergeant

Whenever the Mayor of Broadstairs and St Peters attends a function

wearing her (or his) chain of office, look for the Town Sergeant, Denis Taylor, in his own uniform somewhere nearby.

The office of Town Sergeant is centuries old. It derives from a decision by a French king, after an attempt on his life, to create a personal bodyguard of "serjeants-at-arms" - a practice then adopted by English kings at the time of the Crusades. When times became more peaceful, the arms were replaced by maces, borne before the monarch and later by other important office holders to enhance the dignity of their office and - in the case of civic dignitaries - of Council proceedings. The Mayor of Broadstairs has had a Town Sergeant for hundreds of years. Unlike Ramsgate and Margate, Broadstairs no longer has a mace (anyone feeling generous?). But the Town Sergeant still remains as attendant, chauffeur, toast master and master of ceremonies for the Mayor. And since there's a new Mayor every year, he's a valuable source of continuity and knowledge of mayoral practice.

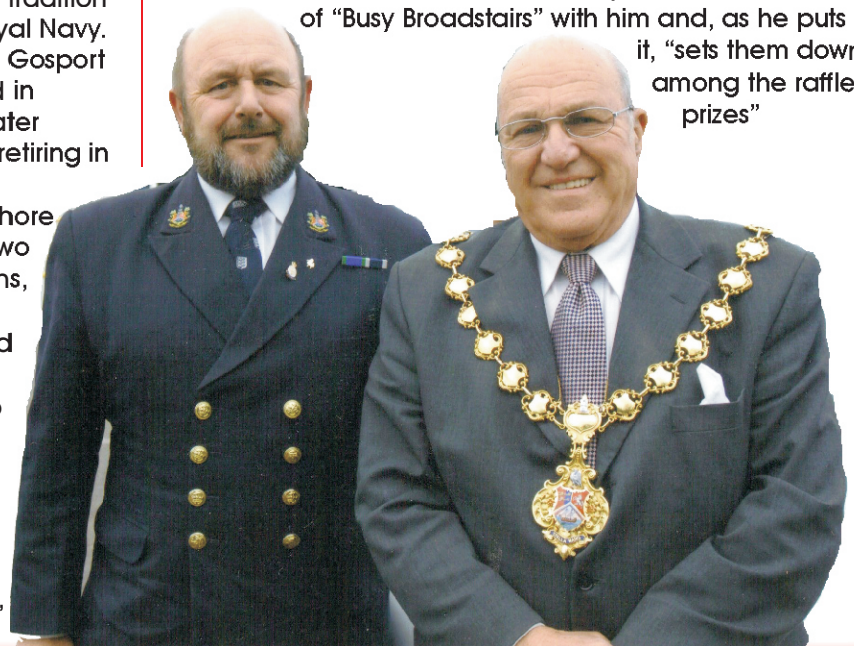
Denis has been Town Sergeant for seven years. He's a local lad, born within a stone's throw of St Peters Church, educated at Charles Dickens School. His father (who still lives in St Peters, in his 80s), was still a teenager at the start of the Second World War, became a messenger with the fire service, but was old enough before the end of the War to join the Royal Marines, and in August 1945 was at sea 400 miles from Hiroshima when the first atom bomb fell on the city. So Denis was following in a kind of family tradition when in 1963, at the age of 15, he joined the Royal Navy. After basic technical training at HMS St Vincent in Gosport he was trained in electronics at HMS Collingwood in Fareham, and worked in communications, and later guided weapons, for all his 25 years in the navy, retiring in the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

Denis spent nearly half his time with the Navy at shore stations, as far apart as Naples (where he spent two happy years working in a NATO team of Americans, Italians and Turks) and the Admiralty Building in Whitehall, facing Horse Guards Parade. He missed active service in the one big conflagration of his time, the Falklands War of 1982, because his ship was held in reserve in the Caribbean throughout the conflict; but he still gets emotional at the thought of the comrades he lost in HMS Sheffield, whose sinking by an Argentinian Exocet missile was the single worst RN setback of the war. And he was himself twice on active service elsewhere,

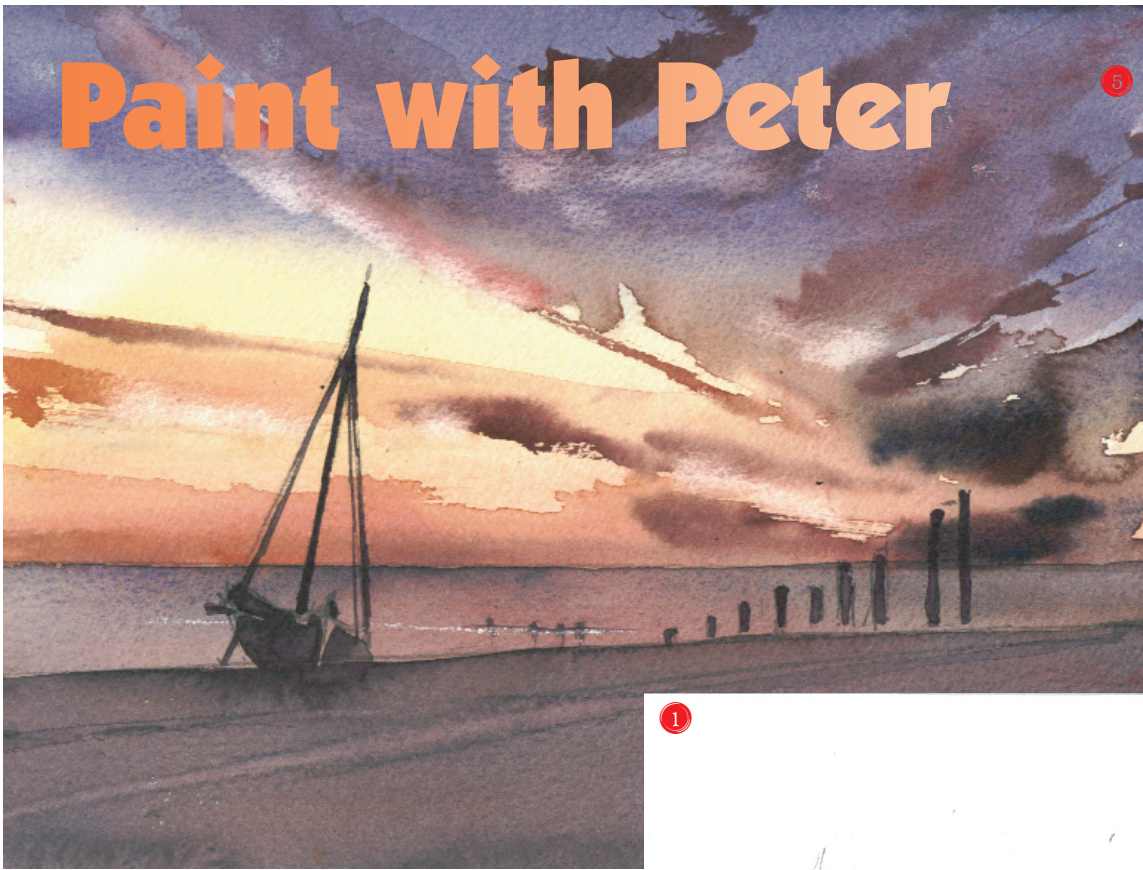
so has a General Service Medal with two clasps which you can see him wearing proudly on his Town Sergeant's uniform. The first time was at the age of 18, when Malaysia (newly declared independent by the British) was attacked by its neighbour Indonesia. Denis's ship was on patrol in the Straits of Malacca, preventing Indonesian guerrilla raids on the Malaysian coast. His job, when suspicious small boats approached, was to crawl along the deck on his stomach and when they were close enough, switch on the blinding searchlights. The second was right at the end of his service, in 1987, guarding oil tankers and other shipping passing through the Strait of Hormuz from the threat of Chinese Silkworm missiles fired from revolutionary Iran. And the Royal Navy once brought him back to Thanet, when in the 70s he was serving on HMS Egeria, an inshore survey (?) vessel, charting the east coast of England. One of their tasks was to survey the Goodwin Sands. Leaving the Navy at the age of 40, he returned to Broadstairs and took a post with GEC Avionics in Rochester, as a senior production manager. For six years he worked on air data computers for Tornado aircraft and Merlin helicopters, and for a range of American aircraft including Air Force One, Two and Three, the personal aircraft of the President, the Vice-President and the Chiefs of Staff. Since 1994 he has worked as ??? with Standfast, the Margate security alarm company - and since 2003, has fitted in the job of Town Sergeant as well.

Denis loves being Town Sergeant. Most of his counterparts in other boroughs share his armed forces past, and he feels, like them, that the sense of order and efficiency which they acquired is important to their civic jobs. He enjoys promoting his home town, and when he goes to events elsewhere in Kent with the Mayor, he takes a stack of "Busy Broadstairs" with him and, as he puts

it, "sets them down among the raffle prizes"



Paint with Peter



Bandstand or Clock Tower would make a striking silhouette but that bit is entirely up to you !

Have your three primary colours ready, Prussian Blue, Cadmium Yellow and a Red of your choice then with a clean brush (the bigger the better) lay fresh water over the paper and while still wet pick up with your brush some yellow and stroke it across the middle of the paper then pick up your red and wash down to the bottom of the paper. Now this is the tricky bit, depending on the thickness of the paper (the weight) and how much water you applied to start with will give you an open time of wetness (speed of the paper) wash out your brush or have another at the ready, pick up some Prussian blue

and lay across the top . All this is done in a few strokes, all the mixing is of the primary colours on the paper and not in the palette, if you keep brushing the blue across mixing with the yellow a lovely green will be produced . Now PUT THE BRUSH DOWN AND HAVE A CUP OF TEA , RELAX!

STEP 2

When completely dry put away the yellow because it is now redundant and with your red and blue lay a wash of mainly red from the waterline downwards and while waiting for this to dry

look at the sky and plan your next step, you can see the colours are stronger than the water and as they go further upwards they are stronger and colder (more blue) . Start with laying clear water just above the waterline and lay in a mix of red and blue and then working from right to left put in the clouds (I used a rigger for this bit) and before it dry with a clean brush loaded with fresh, water touch some of

the edges to soften the clouds here and there .The secret with this painting is to go with the flow, the washes will never be exactly the same or just in the right place SO READ YOUR OWN PAINTING, if the yellow has dried a bit lower well, set the waterline lower or if the over all look is redder than mine it will look later on in the evening .

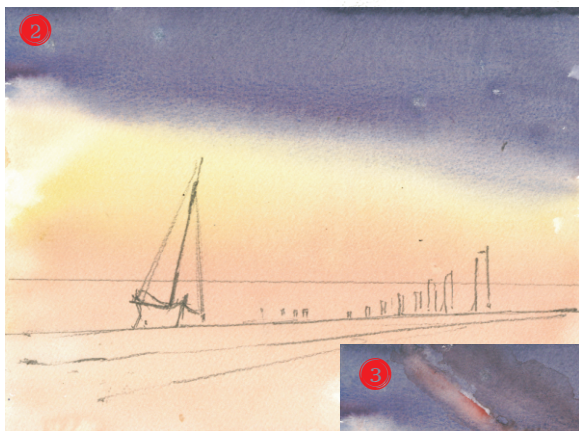
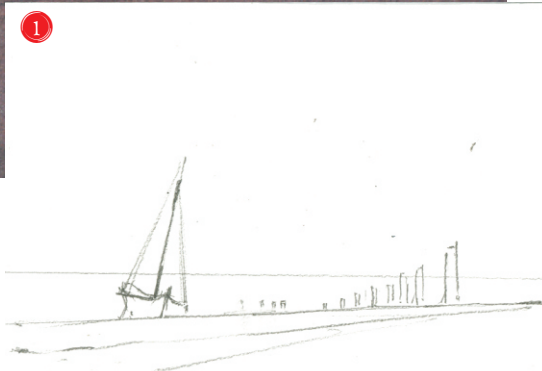
For many years I would spend a week in June scuba diving around the Isles of Scilly, we'd be up sharp and on the diving boat by eight and in the water before nine diving the many wrecks that surround the islands, which are scattered about thirty miles off shore from Penzance .The Scilly Isles have many visitors through the spring and summer months via ferry, light aircraft or helicopter taking you to the largest island of St Mary's where from there you can visit

St Agnes, Bryher, St Martine's, St Helen's and Treco which is famous for its gardens and sub tropical plants (Treco not Tesco you fool)

For this demonstration I have picked a June evening on the main island of St Mary's where like the Western Isles of Scotland the sunsets are around ten to ten thirty in the evening . This painting is not for the faint hearted and should be tackled with gusto and courage and if failure does result at least it will be with enthusiasm!

STEP 1

The drawing side of things is up to you, as long as there is some sky, water and beach you can leave out the rest, if your confidence is positive maybe putting in the



STEP 3

Mix red and blue and wash from the waterline to the bottom, if your sky is lighter or darker then adjust the strength accordingly .

**STEP 4**

Wash in the beach with the same two primary colours and while drying go back to the sky and with a wet tissue remove small amounts of colour from under-neath the clouds (lifting out) and this will give the feeling the sun is reflecting off them as it sets . I did lift a line of colour from the beach but that bit is up to you but the final stage of the boat or whatever you are going to put in is normally where it hits the fan, more paintings are trashed at this stage because of overworking than at any other ! So ! **WHEN IN DOUBT , LEAVE IT OUT!**

Think of water colour as stain glass with the sun shining through it, the paper is the sunlight, the coloured glass is the transparent washes being laid upon the paper . This painting is a classic approach for this medium where we have worked from the sky to the foreground and at the finish **FOUR WASHES** have been laid over the beach **TO KILL** the luminosity of the paper which helps the first wash (the sky) to shine .

I know this demonstration has been a hard one but as my dad used to say " nothing ventured , nothing gained " and always remember it is only a sheet of paper in which you are in full control .

I enjoyed having a go at this sunset , **TACKLE IT WITH ENTHUSIASM !** (finished painting top left page 10)

Peter Buckey

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Wallys Plot

"I like big butts and I cannot lie". I can't help but respect a man that can incorporate his fondness of water saving

devices to track lyrics. Well done 'Sir-Mix-a-lot', well done. Now certainly is the time to be thinking about such things. Water butts are an essential part of gardening. They provide free water which is naturally clean, contains no purifying chemicals and have the added nutrients of any creepy crawlies and leaf debris that may fall in. In fact by adding nettles to your butt you can make a liquid fertiliser that is high in nitrogen. Though be warned, this brew can smell pretty bad. You may have noticed that your vegetables have started growing like mad. You may also have noticed that your weeds are doing the same. Time to get your hoe out! When I was first growing I thought that hoeing was probably a bit unnecessary, a tad old hat..... but I was wrong. It's actually a very important job. Letting the weeds take over will rob your vegetables of water, root space and light. Weeds will also give slugs and snails a place to hide and breed. Some plants are easier to hoe round than others. Large or deep rooted ones are easy. Small and shallow rooted vegetables can be hard work. Onions for example are very easy to grow but do require careful weeding. Leaving plenty of space between plants will help but don't be too upset or surprised if they take on a bit of 'friendly fire' from your hoe! My girlfriend's mother once told me that when she was younger she would go hoeing for the local farmer to earn a bit of pocket money.

pleasurable. My 'pull' hoe tends to just get used for earthing up my spuds. What you use is just personal preference.

It's worth mentioning now that boot fairs are a great place to buy gardening tools (though less so now since the fence went up round Culmer's Allotments!!) and don't be put off by rusty looking tools.

Both my hoes were bought for £1 each at a bootfair and are made from far better steel than anything you would find on any modern equivalent. I also own a 'war effort' fork that I will choose every time over my £30 garden centre one.

I recently read a great article in the Thanet times about a local farmer who grows spuds to rival the Jersey Royal. Well if his are as tasty as one of mine then the 'Thanet new potato' will surpass any western rival. Good luck to you sir! You have our backing!

With a sombre change to the norm I'm going to do a 'Top bloke' instead of a 'Top tip'. Very recently I was saddened to learn of the death of a friend and a local hero, Tony Euden. I had known Tony for a few years and had come to like and respect him immensely. Tony was an incredibly knowledgeable, witty, decent, honest and an all round bloody good bloke. His knowledge of local history was unsurpassed and he had written numerous books on the topic. His knowledge on veg' growing an inspiration. I actually thanked Tony in my very first Broadie column. I'm sure I can speak for all who knew him when I say he will be sorely missed. So from one veg' growing, bespectacled, home brewing, ex pipe smoker to another. I salute you Tony. You have my greatest respect.



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Rubbish sun-worshippers

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What obviously made it worse is that the bins could not have been emptied either,...all this on a blue flag beach.

Where were the council who normally do such a great job of looking after the bay? (Apparently not yet recruitedDoh) Isn't littering an offence that carries a fine? So where was our PCSO's or local



bobbies, (they would have made a killing in on the spot fines) And why do there have to be so many utter morons who are obviously too cool and hip to be seen to clear up their broken beer bottles and chip paper. You hate to stereotype but the ones I saw just walk off were exactly the sort you'd imagine, they seemed incapable of fully joined up speech and were too busy trying to show off to equally thick girls whose basic knowledge of the spoken word involved various profanities within earshot of utterly bemused families with young children.

"Yes my dears you do have a pleasingly shaped body but your mouth is full of excrement which makes you hideously unattractive, now take your slightly underachieving poor excuse for a neanderthal boyfriend and go and sunbathe on a railway track"..... You'd like to say that but that normally just ends in blood and tears

Perhaps we should have signs up like you used to get in the swimming pool which showed un-acceptable behaviour, then perhaps we could eject these idiots from our beach and then our town, yeah they spend their money, but as a shopkeeper I'm more than happy to lose their trade and perhaps by doing so gain the trade of decent groups and families that can behave in a socially acceptable way to all those around them.

If the people who gave us a blue flag for our beach could have seen the scenes of devastation on Sunday night I think they'd have burnt that blue flag there and then and replaced it with a red for danger

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Beer

Much loved in Broadstairs this malty brew is drunk by many people around the world - so it is very good to find that it can be healthy for you.

Let's get one thing sorted first off, and that is the often asked question of what is the difference, apart from taste, between Ale and Lager. Well Ale uses a top-fermenting yeast (yeast that ferments on top of the liquid) that can produce compounds which contribute to the flavour, and they typically contain hops and malts in high amounts with various other contents to change the flavour. Lagers use bottom-fermented yeast (yeast that ferments at the bottom of the tank) which do not contribute to the flavour but can be reused. They tend to strictly keep their ingredients to malted grain and hops in smaller amounts than an ale and do not contain other adjuncts.

Beer is basically formed from the fermentation of sugars in certain cereals combined with bitter taste enhancers to produce deep flavoured alcoholic drinks. The cereals (sources of starch) used usually include barley, wheat, rice, oats and corn. These are often malted and contribute heavily to the strength and colour of the finished product. Most current beers use malted barley for their starch base. The addition of a bitter ingredient adds depth to the beer, most commonly this is in the form of hops but can include Hibiscus, Dandelion, Horehound, Heather, Burdock or many other bitter herbs.

Beer apparently can be dated back as far as 3500bc and was produced by many of the world's great civilisations.

Health benefits

Alcohol consumption as a whole (in moderation) can reduce your chance of getting many cardiovascular diseases such as stroke and cardiac disease. This is most likely due to its effect on thinning the blood and having a positive effect on blood cholesterol levels. Needless to say consumption of high quantities of alcohol does lead to many ill effects such as liver disease, dysfunction of the nervous system, pancreatitis and (if consumed in high enough quantities) alcohol poisoning amongst many. Alcohol limits vary from country to country but in the UK we are advised to drink no more than:

	<u>MEN</u>		
	Units	Pints(3-4%)	Pints (6%)
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Per Day	4	2	1.3
	<u>WOMEN</u>		
	Units	Pints(3-4%)	Pints (6%)
Per Week	14	7	4.6
Per Day	3	1.5	1

Barley (*Hordeum vulgare*)

Today the main uses for barley are for animal feed and fermentation to produce beer and whiskey. Its is also used in soft drinks, barley wine, barley tea and barley coffee.

There is a folk song called John Barleycorn in which this character personifies barley and its alcoholic products. Some of the contents of barley can help with digestion if eaten and some can even stabilise your blood sugar but it has not been studied in great detail as to whether these are present in the finished beer. Barley like many of the other sources of starch is malted before use in the brewing.

Malting is where the barley is germinated, causing the barley to start sprouting, and then the germination is halted by baking the barley. Malting is needed to release sugars and enzymes which help with the brewing process. Malting grains has been done as far back as the Egyptians but is now carried out in a more mechanised manner due to large demand.

Hops (*Humulus lupulus*)

The main constituent that contributes to many of the aspects that defines a good from a bad beer. Hops grow rather well on British soil which is a good thing and particularly flourish in our fair Kent. They were not grown in our county however till 1524 but if I do say so, I think we have made up the time nicely. Quite luckily, or perhaps a bit of divine intervention, the hop is the perfect ingredient for brewing as it has an antibacterial activity that allows yeast to flourish but kills most other microbes. The medicinal use of hops has similar indications for those which people drink beer in the first place. They are relaxing and sedative proving useful in conditions such as stress, anxiety and insomnia. The constituents from the hops responsible for this action are transferred into the beer as the beer making process steeps the hops almost producing a strong tea before fermentation. People often use the dried strobile of the hop in cushions to help them sleep. a traditional usage such as this also comes with cautions not to use them when you have a depressive personality. You may notice this with beer, if you can be depressive, beer can make this a lot worse.

Yeast

As said before there are mainly two types brewing yeast, top-fermenting and bottom-fermenting. Many different types of yeast are used by different breweries and all can contribute differently to the taste of the beer. Some of the yeasts are reused over several fermentations as they are not destroyed in the process. Yeast is almost always present in the finished product and can give rise to beer containing B vitamins.

As most people will know, most alcoholic drinks should be avoided in yeast sensitive states such as candida or thrush. Please do remember to drink carefully. I may have stated some reasons not to be so disinclined to drink beer but consuming alcohol in large volumes is still dangerous to your health. The alcohol weekly limit does not mean you can consume that amount at the end of the week.



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Lets hope it was clean.

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Mon 7th 7.30 Writers' Circle Brown Jug Inn
8th & 9th 7.30pm St P's Old Boys Summer Show Memorial Hall St Peters 864162
Weds 9th 7.30pm St Peter's & Broadstairs Horticultural Society
Talk: 'Mediterranean Plants' by Mr W Friend Park Hall 901095
Mon 14th 7.30pm Isle of Thanet Geographical Association Lecture
Park Hall 602051
Mon 14th 2pm Thanet Decorative & Fine Arts Society The East India
Company Adventure St Peter's Church Hall 580389
Sat 19th 11am St. P's & Bst Horticultural Society
SUMMER FLOWER SHOW St Peter's Church Hall 601095
Mon 21st 7.30pm Thanet Fuchsia Group
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Crampton Tower Museum 863841
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Mon 19th 7.30pm Thanet Fuchsia Group 'Show Preparation by
Members' St Peter's Church Hall 225122
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July 5th They Came from Mars and Landed

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13th 2.30pm Crystal Palace Band

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20th 3pm Bae Systems Brass Band

26th Bradstow School Viking Event

27th 2.30pm Kent Police Band

July 3rd 2.30pm Thanet Concert Band

4th 2.30pm Bettehanger Brass Band

10th 2.30pm The Jeff Barker Band

11th 1pm Mama's Inc

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Regular Meetings/events

Every Mon 7.30pm B'st Chess Club
Memorial Theatre, Hilderstone
Every Tues 7.30pm
Learn to Salsa Pavilion 600999
Every Tues 6-7pm Brownies. York St
Methodist Church 601932
1st Tues 2pm
TARA St Peters Memorial Hall 603332
2nd Tues 2.30pm Island Floral Group.
St Peter's Church Hall 592987
4th Tues 7.30pm
Island Greenfingers' Club. Portland
Centre, Hopeville Ave 831618
2nd Weds March 7.30pm Thanet Amnesty
Group. Friends Meeting House,
St Peters Rd 295536
Every Weds
Beginners 8-9pm Intermediate 9-10pm
Line Dancing St Peters Church Hall 585537
Every Weds 7.30pm
Bridge Club. Portland Centre,
St Peter's 604954
www.bridgewebs.com/broadstairs
Every Weds 7.45pm Thanet Festival
Choir Holy Trinity Church 602332
Every Thurs 10-11.15am
St Peters Old Boys & Comm. Ass
St Peters Memorial Hall 864162
Every Thurs 2-3.30pm Line Dancing.
St Peter's Memorial Hall 603332
3rd Thurs 2-4pm Broadstairs Ladies Lifeboat
Guild Holy Trinity Church 861306
Every Fri 7-9pm St Peters Old Boys & Comm
Ass, WHIST St Peters Memorial Hall 864162
Every Weds & Fri 5-7pm Beginners Skating
Every Tuesday 5-7pm Advanced Skating
Every Sat & Sun 5-6.30pm Climbing Club
Revolution Skatepark & Climbing Centre
866707 www.revolutionskatepark.co.uk
4th Broadstairs Scout Group
Mon & Weds Beavers & Cubs Fri Scouts
Tues uniform shop Belvedere Rd 226486

Broadstairs Harbour MARKET

10.00am-6.00pm

Every Saturday, Sunday and Bank
Holiday Monday throughout the
season – weather permitting!

07847 473615

Thanet Coast Project www.thanetcoast.org.uk

June 3rd Geology Rocks (4-14's) Joss Bay 11am

June 6th Seaweeds & their Secrets Botany Bay (14yrs+) 12pm

June 8th Cliffs Sea Caves & Castles (7yrs+) Kingsgate 3pm

Rock Doc Walks July 18th 11am Dumpton Gap

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