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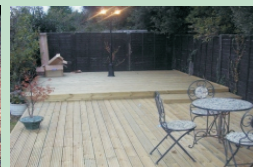
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Your Letters

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There Goes another one

Dear Broadie,

I don't live in Broadstairs anymore having emigrated to St Peter's Village last year. I have just got back from fantastic butcher on St P's High Street reeling from the news that he is moving from the village to new premises in Westgate-on-Sea. According to him the village is dying whereas Westgate has a thriving community where business will be much better. I wish him well and hope him all the best but I feel terribly sad that he has had to make this choice. I blame myself, I used him erratically when I could and assumed the shop would always just survive. I commute to work in the week and so am only able to shop there on a Saturday morning, I have tended to pop in when I could and just buy my meat in the supermarket if I couldn't. I realise now that I should have phoned an order through from work each week and just popped round the corner to collect it once a week, I always meant to and now I won't be able to. Don't allow the same to happen to Broadstairs - just take a minute to think about what you'd miss more Tesco or Hazels, Iceland or Rooks - it's a no brainer really isn't it.

Best regards

Emma

Get on with yer' work

Dear Sir

I'd like to submit the picture below for your ongoing "Broadie reader in a foreign Climate" competition.

Do I win?

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Mr O Gardner

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Chamber of Commerce
Childrens Halloween
Party

Make your own Guy
Fawkes Competition
(Won by St Peters
Junior School)

The Crowds on Fireworks
Night

28% cut to the council
budget....Ouch.

VAT rise in January

KCC Highways dept
will be digging up the
roads again in January

£5000 of Tax payers
money spent on daft
case.

Having gained such a good foothold, we the female side of the mag' have fought tooth & nail to keep ourselves in view. So you will find Mrs Wally & Etta Kett are still here & we have a whole page on knitting, whoopdidoo. We shall see how long it lasts,... probably until we lose concentration & the boys sneak back in & take over the entire mag again. You can imagine the scenario, 'It's alright love, we'll do that'. It was a bit like the way they leave their shoes all over the house. Did you notice the Spitfire on the front page? & the rugby fixtures also snook in? We did however make them change the colour of the spitfire in the article to pink to try to minimise its war like appearance. Bet you didn't notice that.

Any way have a good read, hope you enjoy.

Love Broadie Mag' xx

Guys, Ghouls and Santa Claus

The Chamber of Commerce Events' Committee (CCEC) have been having a busy, successful time in the last few weeks.

Halloween

It all started off with a quiz at Crampton Hall which was well attended by ghouls & witches, a party at the Sailing Club with assorted Draculas & the like & ended with a disco at The Pavilion for children. The team were delighted with the effort put into costume making for children, parents & the odd grandparent. Tickets were sold out & a few people had to be turned away at the door. The feedback to the CCEC was that it was an enjoyable afternoon although most of them were exhausted & covered in cobwebs.



St Peter's School Children & teachers with their Guy, & Malcolm Cox from the Chamber of Commerce & Fiona Crawford from 'Save Broadstairs High St'

Guy Fawkes

Schools were invited to create 'guys' to put in Broadstairs shop windows, and businesses joined in making their own. The final count was 13 guys, Helter Skelter even made a tiny weenie guy to go in Small World, C Wool made a knitted guy, Ye Olde Crown had a rather disreputable chap who sat outside the pub most of the week with a pint in his hand. He didn't always look his best as he had a balloon head which kept deflating. Bottleneck had a rather Spanish looking guy who couldn't be burnt even if we had wanted to because he was wearing Chris' painting jumper. Former Mayor, Mave Saunders, was asked to judge the guys prior to her Bonfire Night event on 5th November. She chose St Peter's in Thanet CE Junior School as the winner which was an enormous and well stuffed guy & stood in Malcolm's Hairstylists all week. Hopefully next year more people will join in & make the town somewhere really fun to come the week before bonfire night.

Christmas

Following on from last year's success we are holding a whole weekend of fun & frolics on 4th & 5th Dec. This year's theme is 'Rock & Roll'.

Ice Rink in Pierremont Park 10-4 on Sat, 10-3 on Sun (£3)

Stalls by local traders in the park 10-5 Sat, 10-3.30 Sun

Santa's Grotto in Quorum on the High St, 11-4 Sat, 10.30-3.30 Sun

Treasure Hunts around the town 10-5 Sat, 10-3 Sun, all entries in to KM stand by 3pm.

Sunday 2pm **SNOW** arrives!!!

4pm **Parade** starts next to Royal Albion & Suzanne's 4.30pm Parade arrives in Pierremont Park then prize presentation, **singing & switching on of the**

Christmas lights.

There will also be music around the town & much more.

The children's Parade is open to any one who would like to join. Ideally in rock'n'roll fancy dress but as yourself if you can't manage that. All you need to do is make sure you know the words to 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' & 'Rockin' around the Christmas Tree'. For more details contact dawn.fulker@sky.com or

ring 07925 185052

The Chamber of Commerce hold a best dressed **Christmas window competition** for the shops in town each year & the winner is presented with a cup. This year's judge is Johnny Lewis from KMFM & the judging will be carried out the following weekend. It would be great however if shops could dress their windows for the weekend of the 4th & 5th.

Next year's events are being planned including one you will never believe but will hopefully love.

We always need help, ideas & money to fund these events so please contact the chamber if you can help. You can find us at www.broadstairschamber.org.uk or on Facebook at **Save Broadstairs High Street** or ask about in town, we are pretty easy to find.

Parking parking parking (just for Jane) Thanks to **Lucy Tuscon** at TDC, Vere Road car park will be FREE for the four weekends before Christmas, both Sat & Sun.

SHOP WATCH

Lots of interesting things have happened in the town recently. We are so lucky that even in these difficult times our high street stays vibrant and healthy.

Ye Olde Crown is having a face lift, thanks to its keen, enthusiastic new manager, Catherine. They are even having a 'Craft Fair' on the 5th Dec. She has all sorts of exciting plans for the future. Go for it Catherine.

Small World, the doll's house shop has a new owner Bee, who has enthusiastically taken over the running of this unique (to this area) shop.

Dee Jay's has new owners, Simon & Debbie. Simon is a chef & BBB (Broadstairs born & bred). They are increasing their seating area but keeping the pic'n'mix salad bar & the food will all continue to be freshly made from locally sourced ingredients.

Marjorie Cordon's Shoe Shop is sadly closing after many years of caring for our feet & being involved in the Chamber of Commerce. We hope you have a happy, well earned retirement. Although they moved premises a few years ago, their original shop, next door to Arrowsmiths is to become a shoe shop again. **Brewer & Howard** are opening up selling Ladies' & Gents' shoes. It's great news that we continue to have an independent shoe shop.

Fantastic to see another beautiful indie shop open next door to Small World in **La Belle Époque** selling French furniture & 'stuff'. "This is exactly what Broadstairs needs", said the first customer to cross their doorstep & we agree.

Reubens has a new owner, Kim & they now specialise in baguettes & homemade cakes. Kim was a hairdresser in Cliftonville for 26 years.

Gridlock clothes' shop is moving from Albion St to the premises on the High St previously occupied by Global Travel.

There is a new **Greek Taverna** in Albion St

Also a new **Italian Fish restaurant** is opening at the rear of the Balmoral Wine Bar

I Love Broadie

Dear Broadie
I eagerly await each new issue of what I class as by far the best paper/mag in the SE. May I compliment Mrs Fish on her "Nutella" article. Having hosted many

students from the KSE over the years, I spoilt myself recently with a short trip abroad. I attach this photo as proof that fashion indeed has also undergone homogenisation. Somehow it didn't feel right to purchase one myself as I did not visit that country as a language student. Hopefully I shall return there one day, learn Greek and buy the t-shirt :-).

Tina (Broadstairs)

PS and when will someone print the "I love Broadstairs" tops? There's obviously a market for it (or do we already have them in Suzanne's).



Dear Diary

Monday:-

Don't you ever wonder how you ended up where you are in life, there I was with my whole life ahead of me, all that untapped energy available to make whatever I could out of my time on the planet when I reached one of those cross roads and all of a sudden this dirty great hand appears and pushes me down the alleyway strewn with guns, Germans and rationing, I was more than happy standing there looking at the avenue paved with gold with the yachts moored nearby, but no, down the alleyway you go, "Oh and would you mind awfully wearing this awful itchy uniform."

"Oh but surely you must be happy with your lot", she said. Well yes but I'm knocking on a bit now, I didn't get a holiday this year because some buffoon who plays around with currencies and other financial merry-go-rounds in London spent all the money on large braces and Paul Smith shirts. It's all very odd. I didn't spend it, I didn't give them permission to put it on hearts when it should have gone on clubs. That was my bloody hard work that they spent. So now I own shares in a bank but they still send me letters saying I owe 'em thirty pounds for being overdrawn for a day.

I tried writing them a letter saying they had defaulted on a payment and that I was calling in my loan to them but I guess they just filed that one under "Silly old duffer"

"Well that's just the way it is", she said. She's right y'know, can't really do much about it, I still laugh, I still have a good time, and they haven't started taxing sunrises yet have they, although watchout, any day now I'm expecting a sign above Viking Bay reading "This sunrise was sponsored by Santander"

Tuesday:-

Got a phone call today, my beloved fell over up the top of town whilst on the way to catch a train somewhere. Why she could get Benson to dust off the Bentley I don't know, but, you must know what she's like, probably skipping off somewhere with a basket of buttons in each hand whilst daydreaming of pixies knitting tank tops. Bless her,.... blood and crochet hooks everywhere there was. Still made it to Canterbury though and managed to come back with an armful of new Tweed. Plenty of loving talk later such as "Whose a silly sausage" performed in a daft voice seemed to help, or maybe that was just the small vat of sherry she consumed to help make amends. Didn't put her off her knitting though, so its ill-fitting jumpers all round for Christmas then.

Wednesday:-

Not much to tell today, went to bank and queued for an eternity, some chap who looked like he'd been hit with a shovel suggested the quickest way to get served was to borrow a gun and wave it about "They'll soon notice you then mate" he said. I've got a feeling he might have had some experience in the matter. Glances at the rest of the customers in waiting were nervously returned and a general unease fell across the room resulting in a marked fall in the amount of Tuts and huffs. Mrs Flumpdribble at the counter has a daughter who has just had a daughter herself, and apparently the price of margarine has gone up, all very helpful information but it doesn't get my cheques paid in does it, and it certainly didn't stop Noshier from staring at the back of my head, presumably searching for the best place to insert the blade

Thursday:-

Ahh, sleep in this morning, well would have done if it wasn't for two small bundles of fun of the feline furry variety. "We're up" they said at five thirty whilst simultaneously pointing at their mouths with furry paws, I called Benson to get the cats fed then went back to bed. Six thirty and the manor is being used as a racecourse for pussies, it's not the flat season by the sound of it either. They finally settle down once we decide to get up. "You're doing what, can't you see we're sleeping" said the cats, with

a look of disdain as I open the curtains and try and tidy up the skewed mats, cushions and ridiculous cat toys that have been liberally thrown around the room. "Why do we put up with it", I ask my beloved. She can't answer that, but I somehow suspect that they'll still be there this evening secretly smiling to themselves whilst saying "Blithering idiots these humans" to each other in cat language.

Friday:-

Soon be the weekend, so I think I'll top up on a G&T or three tonight. Apparently it makes me snore, so it does have the distinct disadvantage of putting me in the bad books the next day. It really doesn't seem fair that all the nice things can cause so many problems, Chocolate makes you fat, booze ruins your liver, Tobacco give you cancer, and sex (well, I'll have to look that one up to remind me what it's all about, besides which, I tried it once and it blew 'me hat off) Wouldn't it be just great if instead, sprouts were actually carcinogenic and it was necessary to eat five bars of chocolate a day. Do you know what happens if you eat five pieces of fruit a day,...I'll tell you. You spend the evening in the lavvy and your housekeeper demands more money to buy more toilet paper. I Heard a fabulous story today about a infant school who were expecting a visit from some sort of civic leaders from a council including the mayor. The School thought it would be nice to let one of the children show them around but after half an hour the party went missing. Apparently the kiddie had asked them if they wanted tea.....The council members were eventually found by the head-teacher all crammed into the Wendy house being served make believe tea from a toy tea set by the youngster.....What a nice image and if I know civic leaders, the youngster probably talked more sense than the lot of them.

Saturday:-

Yes, I snored, there's no painkillers to be had and the cats been sick on the Persian rug in the study, it obviously ate what was left of the midnight snack I brought back with me last night as there's bits of onion in it.

I certainly don't remember seeing that variety of cat food. Of course, my cats diet isn't helped by the fact that a new fast food restaurant has opened just down the road, you'd think the bloody animals would be more than happy to devour the rats and mice which are attracted by the bins, but no, they probably have conversations with them as to where the best pickings are.

However they are capable of catching and dismembering old battered sausages from the fish & chip shop and leaving them for me on the mat, I assume as a gift for my breakfast, they then look at me again with such disgust as I refuse their kind offer and remove the offending cold meat gristle and fried flour based product to the bin.

So it's back to Canterbury today as one of the skirts is too big, I'm not going on that infernal train since last time I nearly got arrested for having a right old ding dong with an officious little bastard in a neo-nazi uniform who informed me I was sitting in first class when I had a second class ticket. I did inform the silly little man that had I been able to work the machine on the station I would have purchased said ticket but I haven't got a degree in Computing or whatever the hell it is called. And to be honest how was I supposed to know, the compartment was in the same carriage as the manual labourers and still smelled of Tennants Super Strength just like the rest of the seats. So we had to stand in the corner like naughty school kids as all the other seats were taken whilst the first class seats remained empty for the duration of the journey as the neo Nazi stood there making sure we didn't go back into the seats when he'd gone

Sunday:-

Shall we go to church she said (she was joking) "What on a Sunday". I'm afraid my god has much more compassion and has much less of ego that needs massaging. She doesn't need me in church, she needs me to go out to the countryside and glory at the majesty and beauty she has created for us. Now pass my hip flask and pipe, I'm off fishing.

A Weekend in the Life of Hi Vis

As one of 2009 Food Festival's best customers, the organisers of the festival decided to keep me in sight in 2010 by giving me a hi vis jacket and responsibility for the over-exuberant guests (hic). I dutifully responded and was happy to get stuck in with the other 90 volunteers who were expertly managed by Dominic Wallace via his map and cocktail stick flag system. He certainly got the volunteers moving - Voodoo is alive and well in Broadstairs.

As soon as we discovered that the gate was not a good place for Harry to stand (one poor lady ran away screaming) the crowds started to pour in and gaze over the stalls crammed full with local fruit, chutneys, cheeses, meats, cup cakes, ales, seafood, ice cream, ciders, curries, etc, etc.

The incredible attention to detail in the layout and quality of the tents (thanks to Festival Director Mike Walter) proved to save the festival from the intermittent hurricane-like weather.

Cooking demos were at capacity. Dev Biswal from The Ambrette Restaurant in Margate and Toby Leigh from Age & Sons in Ramsgate proved to be as professional and as popular as ever. Craig Mather from Eddie Gilberts showed his prowess in deboning a big ugly fish – I'm sure it's not as easy as that! Note to self: don't volunteer to hand out tasters at the Eddie Gilbert demo - the stampedes of visitors have damaged my toes permanently. The most entertaining demo was given by Pulcinella, the two chef's cheeky grins managed to allow them to get away with anything including totally confusing the audience on the origins of buffalo mozzarella. Malcolm Cox was a very able kitchen assistant – catching falling plants, running around with his bottle of anti-bacterial spray, offering inappropriate substitute ingredients, and generally adding class to the proceedings.

The cabaret night was a fun, quirky, intimate evening creatively decorated by Carolynne and her 3-Minute Makeover Team. The artists peered around various palms kindly on loan from East Northdown Farm Nursery. The trestle tables were interestingly decorated in grass sod and scattered strawberries, which meant that a few people were questioned upon arriving home with grass-stained elbows. The artists were all fabulous but I would like to give a special mention to the amazing Trombone Poet (Paul Taylor) who make us all belly-laugh with his 'perverbs'. For example: "every dog has a silver lining", or "absence speaks louder than words".

On a serious note, the volunteers handled two scary incidents very well including reuniting a lost child with a very frightened mother within minutes (yay for volunteers!) and expertly extinguishing a burning gas bottle, which I promise was NOT started by Krista or Euan (honest).

Thanks to the sponsors that made the event possible and also thanks to Bill Hackney (Festival Organiser) – you are an absolute star. All in all a great festival dreamt up by and run by wonderful people. Isn't Broadstairs amazing?!

What a lot a Lolly

News reached us that MDC (that's Margate District Council) spent the following on events this year:-

Dippers & Dunkers:- £20,750 in Margate

Margates Big Event: £40,880

Ramsgate Monster Bass festival:- £53,000

as yet we've no figures for their Kite festival which was not so cleverly scheduled to be on at the same time as the Broadstairs Food Festival, no prizes for guessing which one TDC advertised with a plane towing a banner. The food festival and Folk week do receive some monies but absolutely no where near what is being spent regularly in Margate

Meanwhile back in Broadie, one councillor was seen giving Clarence the dragon a few coppers to eat back in August, so perhaps that was their donation.

Maps and aerial photographs will shortly be available to all at TDC to remind them where we are. We'll even send them to our Bradstowe ward councillors who live in Ramsgate and possibly HMP Westgate just so they can find their way home

What have the corporates ever done for us.

Well there's cheaper food. Okay but besides the cheaper foods...**What about giving us fashionable clothing at reasonable prices.....and internet shopping.....and being able to get all our shopping in one place.** Okay apart from the cheaper food, fashion, reasonable prices and convenience., what have the corporates ever done for us..**They do package everything lovely....**Oh shut up.

But really, take a look at Margate High street, "gaw blimey aint it lovely". Well no not unless you think of the town as one large Tracey Emin exhibit, Perhaps, "Traceys Unmade Shopping experience". Go on, cast your mind back, wasn't Margate High street once a busy bustling shopping centre absolutely jam packed with corporate shops. Dixons, Marks & Spencer, River Island etc. And what happened, they all got a better offer and off they jolly well went leaving behind a trail of large empty retail spaces that resemble some of the nicer sets from the film "28 Days Later" It seems unlikely that some of them will ever be filled except by short lets to glorified market traders.

We only mention this because developers are now asking to build two large shops in Broadstairs high street, one at 8 - 12 High Street and another on the old Pierremont Motors site at 94 High street, on the corner of Vere road. Of course its always possible that that's what the populace wants, but somehow i dont think anyone ever voted to see Margate High street the way it is now, and i'm sure most wouldn't want to see the remainder of our independent stores close down, which would surely be the outcome of another supermarket moving into town. You can see the temptation for the developers though, your average national company doesn't have too much trouble paying their rent, which many may suggest should start off at about thirty pieces of silver.

Wake up Bob.

Rep' from the Campaign Save Broadstairs High St:-"Hi I'm from the group "Save Broadstairs High Street".

Head of The Council, Bob Bayford:-"Oh really, does it need saving" Yes Bob it does, Just like Margate High Street needed saving once, but was sadly mismanaged and left to die on its arse.

Surfing to Success

Hi guys just a few words to say that we are extremely proud to be the first surf school in the UK to be awarded the Club Mark Award..

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I have also attached a pic of us with some of our members!!

Regards

Dave Melmoth

Head Coach

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"When I said I liked lock-ins"

"Space, like time, engenders forgetfulness". so said Thomas Mann. And he's not the only one you'll find in a certain Broadstairs shop who knows a thing or two about that subject.

Careful when you browse at the Albion Book Shop. It's easy to lose hours in there when you are searching through the piles of books but you may be there for longer than you anticipate if Mark is in charge. For the 5th time (it may be more) he managed to potter off for his lunch locking up with a customer still in the shop. Oh well there's far worse places to be locked in. Keep it up Mark you are becoming a legend. He says he will sign copies of the Broadie if asked.

Christmas Knees Up

The annual raucous night that is the Neptune Christmas singalong is to be held on Friday 17th December at approx 7.30pm. I can't even begin to describe the event, so turn up and bring a well tuned voice. Song-sheets and earplugs are available.

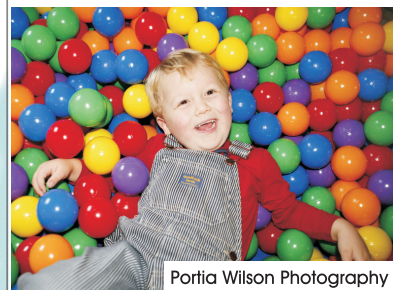
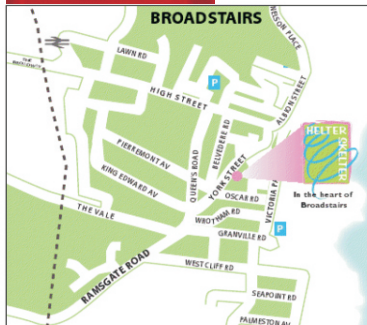


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News passed on to the Broadie from Margate (thats the next town upwards) that the "Staffie" population there has recently exploded and you can't walk into the town without running the gauntlet of some of the less salubrious with their trophy dogs in tow, sporting the American Pit Bull style harnesses so admired by mid-western white supremacists,..... some of the dogs wear them too.

A local who wishes to remain anonymous said "In a recent short walk from Dane Park to Cecil square we counted, five 'Staffies' three of which weren't on leads, (one was waiting leadless and ownerless in the foyer of Morrisons, another in the child's play area of Dane Park), the only other dog we saw was a Labrador with an uneasy look in his eye".

Be Surprised

Be Surprised, says the sign at Westwood Cross. Visit Margate Old Town, it continues.

Okay. So we did. And yes, I wouldn't have been more surprised had I woken up with my face sewn to the duvet. The only people around were the two Cider connoisseurs that sat on the bench shouting at pigeons, And pretty much everything else was shut. I really hope it picks up over there, I really do. But first things first, you've just got to be open.

One for the Road

Poor old Mr Cameron. No not David, we're referring to our very own councillor, Ewan. Sadly for him he has been jailed for being caught driving whilst under the influence twice in one week, both times he was more than three times over the legal limit. At present Mr Cameron has decided not to step down as our councillor, although getting hold of him to complain about dogs mess could be a problem for a while. He has said he is unlikely to stand again for office at the next election. We wish him well and hope he learns to leave his car key out of harms way in future.

Broadstairs Online

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Doh! of the month award

Now we know there are some hardworking enthusiastic competent people over at the council, but,.... well,there's the other ones too.....Meanwhile back in Broadstairs,

Mr John Prentis of Prentis Greengrocers has won his battle with TDC or should that be MDC (Margate District Council) after the council issued a noise abatement notice over a complaint about early morning deliveries to his shop.

Magistrates backed Mr Prentis and ordered the council to pay £5000 towards his legal costs.

In the magistrates closing remarks he said "As ordinary citizens we are extremely disappointed that a public body did not seek to resolve the issues with the parties involved. Instead they have committed to money spent from the public purse and put unnecessary stress and strain on a local trader of good repute. We wonder why we should be here".

Mr Prentis' campaign to have the notice overturned was backed up with a 4000 name petition from locals

The Broadie would in future like to remind locals to be very careful when walking past the council offices in Margate just in case any of the stupid should rub off.

KCCH Red Cross Code Strikes Again

Just in case you are in any doubt about the views and comments aired by The Broadie regarding KCC Highways departments ability to keep finding themselves work through their own job creation scheme read on.

KCCH are considering a three way traffic light scheme to replace the roundabout style junction outside Margate train station, it is rumoured they are concerned about the amount of traffic that could be created by the opening of the Turner centre. The Turner centre, which, whilst good for the area is still unlikely to attract the sort of numbers that once attended Margate when there was actually still some attractions to visit, and as far as I remember there wasn't any major problems with the roundabout then, We also assume those in charge have got a short memory with regards to the debacle of the traffic light scheme at the other end of the seafront which was scrapped at great expense after KCCH finally realized they'd fluffed up yet again.

It's either that or Margate are feeling left out by KCC seeing as they spent so much time in Broadstairs, arsing it up.

Pansies on a Roundabout

How many MDC employees can you fit on a roundabout?

Eleven apparently. That's how many there were the other day on the large circular garden at Westwood Cross. Each worker seemingly had a flower in each hand ready to be planted, or perhaps they were practicing TDC's entry into next years Folk Week with their rendition of the floral dance

Whilst I'm a fan of gardening, surely the money spent on planting pansies in the middle of a busy junction could be more wisely used. It's not as if you can stop and enjoy the peace and serenity of the lovely green circular garden of flowers.

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Miss Etta Kett

Dear EK

I recently found out that my boyfriend of 3 years has been flirting with another woman. They've been texting each other, and I know he's been seeing quite a bit of her because of work. He doesn't see the harm in this, as

he said its only a bit of fun, I'm really not comfortable with it and want him to stop. What do you think?

DL

So sorry DL, its amazing how much fun one can have from such a small instrument! I can't imagine how annoying it must be to have him tap tapping all night beside you. In my opinion, there's no grey area here – his actions are not acceptable. Does he realise that messages of a textual nature can be completely misconstrued by other parties? It would be interesting to know if the woman thinks of this as just a bit of fun – maybe he's misleading her too! Personally, I think his actions are hurtful to both of you, and he needs to stop. You sound quite sensible and don't want to cause him any harm – perhaps the best form of revenge is to befriend this woman and go out on girls' nights out without him. Plenty of photos of you having a fun time (without him) on Facebook would be quite beneficial. I can also suggest some places where handsome men hang out, who would be only too obliging to be photographed with you. I call this a revenge enema – uncomfortable and very effective. He might start texting you when he realises how much fun you are too!

Fondly Etta

Dear Ms Kett

Could you help. After recently attending a fancy dress bash at a rather lively nightspot in Ramsgate, of all places, I was rather taken aback by some of the comments I received from young fillies.

After rummaging through the dressing up box I decided on taking my old Squadron leader's uniform out for a spin, handlebar moustache et al.

On three separate occasions during the evening I was approached by very attractive scantily dressed young things enquiring why I was "Dressed as a Nazi". Having put them right as to my attire, they wandered off looking mightily disappointed. Did I do wrong? Would I have got nearer a naughtier encounter had I agreed that I was dressed as a Nazi? And what's up with today's modern women when they prefer a goose-stepping, strict, authoritarian fascist to a loveable friendly chap attired in the RAF's finest.

Yours Sqn Ldr Roger Overmout

My poor, old, deluded Squadron Leader. As you know we've read recently that the upper echelons have been stepping out in Nazi uniforms recently to a lot of (very bad) press. They may have a "pulling" point – can't imagine Capt Mainwaring having too much success with the ladies. Combine this with your forces posturing, and those "young fillies" probably mistook you for one of HRH's bad taste mates' Dads. I doubt if it was the Nazi element they were looking at, but the "bag a prince/footballer" opportunity to which today's "modern women" seem to aspire. Maybe you should have pulled out your Sandhurst card.

I know some men of your age have had more luck with the ladies recently – there's been a spate of drink spiking (which is probably the only way some of them would be able to have any kind of encounter); and some who pose as Simon Cowell style impresarios, offering all sorts of opportunities to lure modern young women. Personally, I would advise against these methods.

I have to say that conversely, I have had much more success with modern young men, by just being myself – no gimmicks, just good old fashioned free love.

Achtung – Etta

Dear Etta

I have to buy a Christmas pressie for the Brigadier & am a little short of readies so am torn between a knitted vacuum flask cover, a book mark made from the toffee wrappers of roses chocolates or some home made beetroot & damson jam. What do you think? Or do you have any alternative cheap ideas.

Thanks. Mags

Dear Mags

I do so sympathise with you in these deep, dark, recessionary days. Thrift is the name of the game, especially when you work for someone like the Brigadier, who I know is particularly keen on recycling gifts given to him by his employees. I know its hard thinking about a long trek to the stores with your sore old housemaid's knees after hours spent on them in front of the Brig.

I know its tempting to think about making your own, but dear, dear Mags – Kirsty and her Home Made Christmas and Nigella's Gourmet Gorgeousness are false. They have mucho money, thousands of underpaid minions to do everything for them, so they can swish their hair, lick their fingers and seduce everyone into thinking it's a good idea to make a million mini mince pies covered in gold for a soiree.

My dear woman, With all the good work you do for the Brigadier, I rather think Christmas comes everyday but weekends for him!

Yours frugally Etta

Dear Etta

I am a 48 year old woman who moved to the area a little while ago. It is beautiful here, and really good for the soul, after 20 years spent in London, running my own business. But in some ways I feel that I've moved 90 miles from London and 90 years into the past. I hate to use the word chauvinistic – because that also feels like a relic from the past – but I really do find I come across that behaviour. Rather than it being about treating me as a "little woman", which at least might come with some manners; it is about pushing me around and being patronising, I sometimes even find it difficult to be served at the bar.

Is it just me, or do other women find men's behaviour somewhat lacking in Thanet?

Yours truly,
Ms Blake

Ms Blake –

when I read your letter, I was so moved by your dilemma. It is something I have faced too. As a card carrying member of the Feminist Queueing Union – FQU – and there's many a bartender in Broadstairs who's seen my outrage should anyone push in front of me; I can relate to your pain.

There are many women facing your situation. Only the other day, I had it related to me that one businesswoman, who has been contributing to the town, was described as one of the "events girls" – as she said "you mean one of the people creating strategic events aimed at attracting visitors to the town and into the local businesses". She wasn't very happy.

I do agree with you. Men do still have it all, especially in Thanet. We should give them a choice – bring back chivalrie (and I mean King Arthur not Nat King Cole) and treat women with delicacy, or respect us for our contribution.

That said, there are still lots of modern thinking men about too. I am pleased to say that my campaigning for FQU has had great success and if I'm ever faced with this problem in Thanet, the men soon move out of my way when I show them my FQU card.

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Ruth Geldard

Fit For A Log.

I gave up knitting in the mid-eighties having surrendered for the last time a poor miss-shapen and grubby garment of shame, to my mother, to unpick and re-knit with the consummate ease of a natural knitter. I gave up knitting but never gave up wool which I love in all its wonderful manifestations of texture, and colour but most of all just as it is, in a ball, full of the promise and potential of what it might become. Which is how I came to be standing in the wool shop in Broadstairs enquiring about the best type of wool to bind the antlers of a stuffed deer. The wool lady (Jane) answered my request as if it was a common knitting F.A.Q. and gave freely of technical and practical support. I explained that I was undertaking an art project towards my MA in Fine Art and promised to show her a picture of the finished art work. As the academic year progressed and thoughts turned to work for the final show I began to sketch out ideas. My area of research is underpinned with an interest in feminine identity through process. In other words: feminine ways of doing things. I make art that asks speculative questions about these ways. The four pieces for the MA show are logs and each one has been "processed" or had something done to it that corresponds to a particular verb. The verb for one of the logs was "to nurture" and that is when I decided to ask Jane if she could knit a jumper for a log.

Once again I stood in the wool shop, this time with drawings of a strange shaped log, trying to explain that I needed a bespoke garment to fit this particular log, not a baby's jumper altered to fit. As before Jane took all this in her stride and agreed to attempt this difficult job. At our next meeting I brought the log along and Jane began to measure what quickly became known as

Other Arts news

The Turner centre in Margate is to open its doors in April of next year. The money has now been spent so there's no use complaining about it anymore. We suggest that we all get behind it and help try and make the place a success and in so doing give Margate a little bit of a lift. Apparently there will also be a "Turner" or two to see

"him" up. Every detail of wool weight and colour, style and fastening were discussed and Jane's input began to affect the final piece.

Finally the dressed log was ready and I went to pick it/him up. Jane had done an amazing job, managing to accommodate the log's strange protuberances; the jumper really does "fit". The combination of technical skill and obvious care in the completed garment effected a big change in the artwork's pulling power. "He" had become a character, personification was complete as evidenced by Jane's distaste on hearing about the family nickname "Pignose", when she said: "Oh, you can't call him that."

It was soon time for the private view of the MA Show 2010 at the University for the Creative Arts in Canterbury and I was glad that Jane and her husband were able to be there and drink to the success of Pignose (apologies, Jane).

My inability to knit has lead to a unique collaboration which has become part of the work To Nurture; this has inspired plans for future art work, with the focus on collaboration.

Don't ask what the work is. Rather, see what it does.' Eva Hesse.

For more information about Ruth's work visit: www.ruthgeldard.com

Knitting Groups

They say knitting is the 'new yoga' & 'it's making a comeback'. Julia Roberts does it so apparently does Sarah Jessica Parker. Some of us didn't know it had gone away but it is definitely gaining in popularity as something pleasant & fruitful to do. Knitting groups are a great way to learn, get help with tricky problems or just a nice way to spend time.

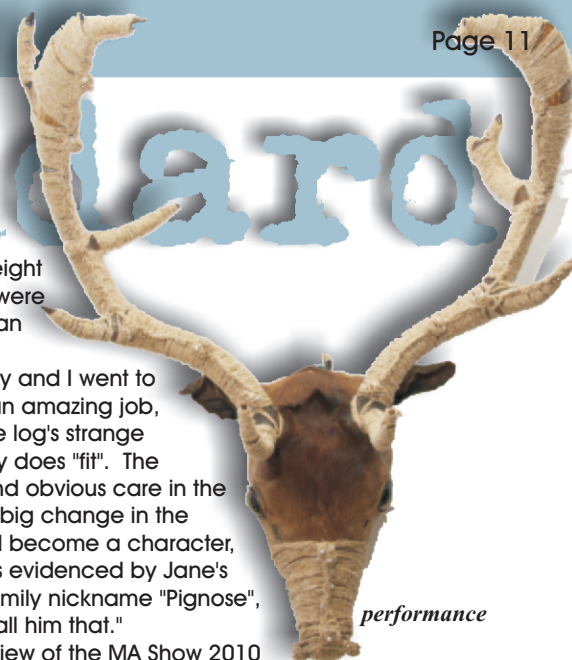
Crafts USL hold their 'Knitting Circle' every Monday (except bank hols when it's on Tues) at 1-3pm. Bring your own project along. £2.50 includes refreshments.
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Mrs Wally's Kitchen

As a public sector employee who has recently studied the coalition's comprehensive spending review, I decided that it was time that I had a spending review of my own – A Culinary Spending Review. The thing is, I have a bit of a bad habit when it comes to food. Although I lovingly prepare Mr Wally's packed lunch every evening, I prefer to take a break from my desk, have a stroll into town and buy mine. I'm a sucker for soups and go to 'Eat' most days to get my soup fix (some days I buy my breakfast porridge there too – I know, disgraceful isn't it!). On Fridays we all go to the pub for a mountain of nachos or their lovely homemade curry and chips. I also grab a skinny latte (grande triple shot) on the way to the office too often to admit to. This decadence has to stop. I put my professional hat on and worked out that my #lunchtime laziness costs me a staggering £1,200 a year which could be put to so many better uses (I could have 2 Mulberry Alexas or treat Mr Wally to 444 pints of Masterbrew with that!). So from now on I'm going to limit my lunch and coffee habit to once a week and the rest of the time I'm going to make my one of my own favourite C.S.R.s (comforting soup recipes!) and take it in to heat up at work. These recipes all make a few portions so we've agreed to a soup rota at work in order to stave off repetitive soup boredom. An alternative would be to freeze in portions and defrost overnight to take in to work so you could mix it up a bit.

Spicy Butternut Squash soup

1 Butternut Squash, one onion, some chilli flakes, tin of low fat coconut milk, some chicken or vegetable stock, salt, pepper, cumin and coriander. Wash the outside of the butternut squash then cut in half, scoop out the seeds, then chop the squash into big chunks – no need to peel. Put chunks into a roasting tray, slice the onions roughly and put in with the squash. Sprinkle with chilli flakes and ground coriander and cumin to taste and drizzle with olive oil. Cover the roasting tray with foil and pop into the oven at about gas mark 4 for 45mins. Once the squash is soft and yielding to a knife, spoon the chunks into a saucepan pouring over the juices from the pan. Add the coconut milk and whizz up with stick processor (or in a food processor or liquidiser if preferred). If it's too thick for your liking, thin down with a bit of stock. Don't worry - the skin disappears completely once whizzed up so you get extra fibre and don't need to waste time peeling. Win win!

Chorizo and chickpea soup

Whole chorizo ring, 2 x 400g tin chickpeas, clove of garlic, large onion, 2 carrots and 2 sticks celery diced, tin chopped tomatoes, 1 litre chicken stock, chilli flakes, 1tsp smoked paprika. Chop the chorizo into chunks – I slice into rounds then halve them and fry for a couple of minutes. Once the fat starts to run, add the diced onion and cook off for a few minutes until it starts to soften. Add the finely chopped garlic, carrot and celery chunks and sprinkle over the smoked paprika and chilli flakes – I use quite a lot but it depends on how spicy you like it! Drain and rinse the chickpeas and add to the pan along with the stock and chopped tomatoes. Simmer for about 20 mins or so until the carrots soften.

Lovely lentil soup

500g lentils – rinsed
masala, olive oil.

Sweat off the chopped more minutes in order to boil then turn the heat down with the whizzer to leave you

really really well!!!, large onion and 4 carrots roughly chopped, 1½ litres stock, table spoon garam

onion and carrots in a little olive oil until softened then add the garam masala. Fry for a few bring out the flavours of the spices. Add the lentils and the stock, bring to the and simmer gently for about half an hour. Once cooked whizz up with a lovely thick warming wintery soup.

Top Tip

Never season soup until it's finished beginning, as the liquid reduces the can ruin the taste.

cooking – if you add salt at the saltiness will intensify and

Where's Ossy?



Hi, I was wondering if, as I've spotted Bin Laden at Bleak house, do I win a tenner?

I know Viz offer a tenner for silly things like this and the US government offer \$100,000,000 for such information, or maybe a just broadie t-shirt or something.

James Norman

Here at The Broadie we take this information very seriously and have course passed the photograph onto interested parties. We also tracked down a member of the public who was at this event attended by so many 'would be terrorists', who were so obviously in disguise at the time.

"Oooooow, I remember 'im well" said Mr Al Kyeeda, from Broadstairs. "He was such a nice young man, he was more interested in blowing up balloons back then, y'now"

The photo comes from the excellent book "Broadstairs, Heydays & Nowadays" available at Waterstone's and other good bookshops (plus a few bad ones too no doubt) for £12.99 and they can be purchased through Amazon or direct from the author Nick Evans for £14.99 inc p&p from Bygone Publishing, PO Box 201, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1WT

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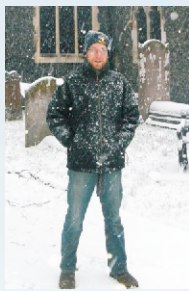
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Wallys CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

There is a really good 60's folk song that has the opening line "I am a man of British weather. I don't mind the wind or the driving rain". As a mantra for getting your arse out of the house and down the plot (or out of bed, to the supermarket, take the bin out and generally do anything that requires being outside) it's quite a good one. It also works well if you're out in it already and what started off as a pleasant family winter stroll turns in to a howling storm with hail stones the size of a decent tatty. What's that little Jimmy? Your ears are bleeding co's of the hurricane force wind? Toughen up man, you're British and this is British weather! Remember that for Christmas. Any way with that in mind let's get to business.

Your plot at the moment is probably looking a tad on the dishevelled side. Mine certainly is. To be fair on yourself you probably have more pressing things to worry about: the Economy, job security, paying for Christmas, the price of fuel, lack of student funding, the price of a pint, working in to your 80's, Carbon foot print, Vere road car park development, George Bush's woefully weak argument for the use of water boarding, Tony Blair, the X factor final, wrinkles. But we are British so just get on with it. For those who do have time then general clearing and maintenance is the order of the day. It's a good time to attack any Cooch grass that you may have. Culmer's allotments are absolutely riddled with it and are without question the worst weed we have. Incidentally I have been doing frequent trips to London (the big smoke to all you locals) and have noticed large quantities of Japanese knot weed growing on the embankments of the railway. For those of you who don't know about this weed (Fallopia Japonica) it is an incredibly invasive plant that makes our bind weed seem a tad, well weedy. It was first introduced as an ornamental plant but quickly spread. Its roots will penetrate foundations and it grows so thickly that it will suppress any neighbouring plant. It's on the list of plants the Government want to eradicate (though I don't think it should be a priority over the fore mentioned worries). I'm only really talking about it because I'm actually quite impressed by its tenacity and it seems to have only reached Sydenham hill at the moment so my house is quite safe.

Vere road car park is to be developed. The current toilets are to be demolished and then 11 homes are to replace it with a further 3 being built where the recycling bins are now. There is going to be replacement toilets built though only 1 cubical for each sex plus 1 disabled. The car parking space will be reduced. The car park will be properly surfaced, marked out and well lit with a proper walk way. It's difficult for me to say how I feel about this. From one point of view I think the car park needs to be improved but from a slightly sceptical point of view I'm wondering how long it will be until the developers are putting pressure on the council to develop the allotment area further especially once a decent infrastructure is in place (and the council need the money). The Culmer's lease is soon to run out. The Developers are a local Firm who assure us they are

there to improve the local area. I'm sure that when the idea first was thrown in to the room the opening line was; "I really want to help the community so I thought we could build 14 houses on a public toilet in a cramped car park. Profit? Crikey I hadn't realised I could make some money out of it!" Seriously though, I don't want to knock it just yet because there is a good chance that it will improve the place. All I can say is check it out yourself and if it is an issue with you then contact us and let your voice be heard. The developers are called 'Isle homes ltd' and there is information on the Thanet district council web site.

On a much lighter note I would like to say a sad good bye but good luck and tally ho! To Ms Elisabeth Packham. Though being a very efficient, bolshie, sometimes rude, always piss-taking, smiley, quick witted smart arse of a barmaid she will be very much missed. Somehow the British airways security check has made an error and accepted her as a capable, responsible adult and decided to make her an air hostess. Good luck Liz and to all who fly with her. Sundays will never be the same.

Wally's TOP TIP FOR CHRISTMAS.

Just relax, Chill out. Life's too short. Light the fire, pull your chair close, Grab 'the Broadie' and sip on a sloe gin. Put your head back and savour the moment. You work too hard.



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Many of the less popular herbal products will not be available to buy over the counter

It will be nearly impossible to market new herbal products not previously used in the UK

A monopoly will be formed providing those companies with the money to license products exclusivity in the market.

Unfortunately this legislation has already passed and will come into effect next year so there is nothing we can do to stop it now. My only advice to you is to stock up on any herbal products that you currently buy over the counter because they may be one of those which disappear.

I am not finished however; there is another side to this coin. Herbal medicine practitioners come under a different side of the medicines act that will be minimally affected by the European legislation. You will still be able to be prescribed many of the unlicensed herbs by a herbalist.

It can be difficult to know whether you are booking to see a qualified herbalist or not, currently there are no restrictions on the title of herbalists and you may see someone who has few or no qualifications in the area. I need not tell you how dangerous herbs can be to the under qualified.

Those of us that have been properly trained have been fighting for proper regulation of our profession for just about 140 years. I am glad to say that we are currently the closest we have ever been to that goal but we need to make sure we have the right form of regulation. The last minister for health suggested voluntary regulation under the Complimentary and Natural Healthcare Council, we as herbalists believe this is not a step forward and as it would be voluntary it would be a next to pointless venture. We want to be regulated as health professionals under the Health Professions Council with 'herbalist' as a protected title.

If you would like to be safe in the knowledge that the herbalist you are seeing is qualified, competent and up to date with their knowledge then I urge you to sign a petition, write to your MP or even the Department of Health asking for the statutory regulation of herbalists as health professionals under the HPC.

The decision about regulation has been rumoured to be happening soon so if you want to maintain access to herbal remedies through us and keep the long standing tradition of herbal physicians alive please do something about it now.

For more information on this please go to www.ehtpa.eu

Or you can ask me questions at wjwoodcock@googlemail.com

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Broadstairs Online

Broadstairs Online is a new website designed to encourage people to use businesses and services in Broadstairs.

The intention behind Broadstairs Online is simple:

To give businesses a platform to promote themselves

To give people a place where they can find out what's happening in Broadstairs

Broadstairs Online isn't an online shop. Its focus is on letting people know what is happening in Broadstairs on any given day or week, and encouraging people to make the trip into town. So you're likely to find information about forthcoming wine-tastings at the Bottleneck or special offers at Bay 158. You'll also hear about events in the town like the ice rink and firework displays.

As a business owner you can publicise your events really quickly and easily. You can let people know what's on your specials board today, what your Shop Local promotion is, what offers you're running this week.

You have your own dedicated page, with a description of your business, a photo, a map, and your contact details and website address.

If you don't have a website for your business, then Broadstairs Online is a really cost-effective way of gaining a web presence. Within the first week of being launched, businesses with a listing on Broadstairs Online were appearing in the front page of Google in searches.

There are other sites in Broadstairs with similar aims and Broadstairs Online will hopefully complement these sites. The Chamber of Commerce's website provides information on the work of the Chamber and its members; the BTLA website helps to promote the town to visitors; Broadstairs Online is there to give day-to-day information to residents and visitors alike.

Broadstairs Online is run by the businesses themselves and anyone joining the site can submit their own content for immediate inclusion in the site – there's no delay. Eventually, once the site becomes established, people will be able to update and edit their own content themselves. This means that information is always up to date and events in the town can be publicised more effectively.

One of the most noticeable things about the Save Broadstairs High Street Facebook page was how it gave a voice to people within the town. We have attempted to build on this by including forums on the Broadstairs Online site. Anyone can register and join in the discussions – so if you have any thoughts, opinion, or even complaints (as if) about issues connected with Broadstairs, you can air them on the forum.

Broadstairs Online brings everything in Broadstairs into one place. The more people that get involved with it, the more benefit it will be to everyone.

Take a look at the site here: www.broadstairsonline.co.uk

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Listings

Regular Meetings/events

Sunday

1st Sun 7-1pm Boot Fair Charles Dickens School 07709 074866

Monday

Every Mon 7.30pm B'st Chess Club Memorial Theatre, Hilderstone

2nd Mon 7.30pm Isle of Thanet Geographical Ass Park Hall 602051

3rd Mon 7.30pm Thanet Fuchsia Group St. Peter's Church Hall 225122

Tuesday

Every Tues 6-7pm Brownies York St Methodist Church 601932

1st Tues 2pm TARA St Peters Memorial Hall 603332

1st & 3rd Tues 7.30pm Web Group for special needs (16+) Y&L Centre Albion St 861055

2nd Tues 2.30pm Island Floral Group. St Peter's Church Hall 592987

2nd Tues 7.30pm B'st Soc Park Hall 868835

4th Tues 7.30pm Island Greenfingers' Club. Portland Centre, Hopeville Ave 831618

Wednesday

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 Weds : Beginners 8-9pm, Intermediate 9-10pm Line Dancing St Peters Church Hall 585537

1st Weds 3.30pm Messy Church Y&L Centre 861055

1st Weds 7.45pm Discussion Group Y&L Centre 861055

2nd Weds 7.30pm St P's & B'st Horticultural Soc Park Hall 601095

2nd Weds March 7.30pm Thanet Amnesty Group. Friends Meeting House, St Peters Rd 295536

Thursday

Every Thurs 10-11.15am St P's Old Boys & Comm. Ass St Peters Memorial Hall 864162

Every Thurs 2-3.30pm Line Dancing St Peter's Memorial Hall 603332

1st & 3rd Thurs 7.30pm Recorded Music Soc Red Hall 604101

3rd Thurs 2pm TADFAS St. Peter's Church Hall 580389

3rd Thurs 2-4pm B'st Ladies Lifeboat Guild Holy Trinity Church 861306

Friday

Every Fri 7-9pm St P's Old Boys & Comm Ass, WHIST St Peters Memorial Hall 864162

Revolution Skatepark & Climbing Centre 866707

Every Weds & Fri 5-7pm : Beginners Skating

Every Tuesday 5-7pm : Advanced Skating

Every Sat & Sun 5-6.30pm : Climbing Club

www.revolutionskatepark.co.uk

4th Broadstairs Scout Group Belvedere Rd 226486

Mon & Weds : Beavers & Cubs, Fri : Scouts, Tues : uniform shop

Oct 4th & 18th Nov 1st & 15th B'st Writers' Circle, Brown Jug Inn,

Broadstairs' Clubs & Organisations

Angling Society 865566
B & St P's Art Group 848016
B & St Ps' Bowls Club 861283
B & St Ps' Concert Band 581185
B Cricket Club 602681
B Lifeguard & Swimming Club

865292
B Sailing Club 861373
Back Care Exercise 601631
E Kent Lacemakers' Guild 865102
E Kent Morris Minor Club 867270
Joss Bay Surf School 07812 991195
Kent Surf School 866707
N Foreland Badminton Assoc 01227 374919

N Foreland Golf Club 862140
Pilates classes 861375
Rock Doctor Walks 0870 2646111
Thanet Archery Club 863561
Thanet Male Voice Choir 865819
Thanet Squash Club 865484
Thanet Wanderers' Rugby Club 593142

Vikings' Sea Angling Soc 865566
Walkers' Friend 07801 508958

Broadstairs Shop & Pamper day

12th December, 12.30 - 4.30 pm
Helter Skelter

Childrens Activity Centre, York St, Broadstairs.

Local traders show off their wares and services, whilst the kiddies go off and play with the toys, games & activities.

Entry free. Kids Activity centre £3

Broadstairs Festive Extravaganza

4th & 5th December
Pierremont Park & Around town.

Ice Rink, Entertainment,
Stalls, Parade, Father
Christmas & lots more

Useful websites

www.broadstairsonline.co.uk

www.isleone.co.uk

www.broadstairs.gov.uk

www.kentadulteducation.co.uk

www.nadfaskentarea.org.uk

www.iotas.org.uk/whatson.html

www.thebroadstairsociety.org.uk

thanetkids.co.uk

www.thebroadstairsvictorians.org.uk

www.dickensfellowship.org

www.broadstairschamber.org.uk

www.stella-maris.org.uk

www.thanetcoast.org.uk

helterskelterplaycentres.co.uk

www.thanetfilm.co.uk

www.visitbroadstairs.co.uk

Thanet Film Society

tfss@thanetfilm.co.uk

7th December - Dogtooth

14th December - Exit Through the Gift Shop

Sarah Thorne Theatre Club

0845 2626263

Memorial Theatre, Hilderstone

www.sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk

Sat 4th December 7pm

Adult Education Presentation Evening

Sunday 5th December 3pm

Sunday Afternoon Music making
young pianists / singers / musicians in concert
Sat 11th Dec 7.30pm & Sunday 12th December, 2.30pm

The Wind in the Willows.

Kenneth Grahame story

Saturday 18th December, 7.30pm

Murder Mystery Evening

Victorian murder & intrigue

Wednesday 29th & Thurs 30th December at 7pm

Festive Frivolities & Diversissements 2010.

Music hall style songs and sketches

January 8th & 9th 2011

Merlin the Magnificent

15th & 16th January 2011

MADS Annual Pantomime

6th Feb 2011

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The Bottleneck

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Wither Hills Sauvignon Blanc & Chardonnay Usually £9.29. Special Offer £7.99 per bottle + free smart cooler bag with 2 bottles purchased

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