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# Your Letters thebroadie@googlemail.com

## Taking the electorate for Granted?

Sir/Madam

I thoroughly agree with your views on the importance of voting, but I am finding it almost impossible to get information about the candidates. I have received no canvassing material nor have I been contacted concerning the aims/views of the participants in the local elections. I have contacted two councillors about a matter that I feel very strongly about, one failed to respond and the second one gave me his party's line which was not relevant to the questions I asked. I am quite prepared to name the people concerned, perhaps if we all 'named and shamed' them we would get a result?

I am about to contact more councillors, but as they do not seem to be responsible to any-one, I fear that it will be a wasted effort.

[Bradstonian'](#)  
[name and address supplied.](#)

(Worry not, we've got in contact with all the candidates, and they're in this issue)

## Jeff Jynne eat your heart out

I've just found in my attic what appears to be an original draft from Jeff Lynnes "War of The Worlds". It would seem he had other intentions originally. Although I cant guarantee its authenticity, I've attached a piece for you to peruse. Do I win a doughnut? (\*Please read it in a Richard Burton accent)

'No one could have dreamed we were being scrutinized, as someone with a microscope studies creatures that swarm and multiply in a drop of water. Few men even considered the possibility of wildlife in Pierremont Park and yet, across the gulf of this isle, minds that believed they were immeasurably superior to ours regarded this patch with envious eyes, and slowly and surely, they drew their plans against it.

At midnight on the sixth, a huge mass of luminous gas erupted from Margate and sped towards us. (They'd just finished their tea break). Across two hundred million millimetres of void, invisibly hurtling towards us, came the first of the decisions that were to bring so much calamity to this green place.

As I watched, there was another jet of gas. It was another idea, starting on its way.

And that's how it was for the next ten nights. A flare, spurting out from Margate - bright green, drawing a green mist behind it - a beautiful, but somehow disturbing sight.

The councillor assured me we were in no danger. He was convinced there could be no intelligent thing in that remote, forbidding building in Cecil Square'.

[\(And all sing\)](#)

*"The chances of anyone building on our park are a million to one," he said.*

*"The chances of anyone building on our park are a million to one - but still here it comes!"*

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Election time. Did you know that only about 45% of those eligible to vote in the last local election actually bothered. On a countrywide average that isn't a bad figure, but with those who came tops only getting 30% of the total vote the results hardly represent the electorate as a whole. So Vote, there's some very important issues in Thanet at the moment and you all need to have your say.

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## Broadstairs in Bloom



What's this? Have the Broadstairs in Bloom committee found a new weapon in their campaign to win the title again? The new machine can apparently lay three thousand pansies an hour. (that beats a record set by George back in 1985)

Photo courtesy of David Silk

## Shop Watch



### Butcher of Brogdale, Tel 865203

The much praised and talked about redevelopment of the building on the corner of the High Street and Pierremont Avenue has now been occupied and opened as an award winning butchers.

The owners Leroy Moore & Nicky O'Sullivan already have a successful butcher's shop in Faversham and say that all their meat that can be is locally sourced & locally slaughtered, mostly in a 30 mile radius. All the grass fed beef is from Faversham, they also specialise in fruit fed pork.

Let's hope that future redevelopments in the town produce buildings of a similar high standard.



### Antiquarian Antiques

A new antique shop just opened where Marjorie Cordon's shoe shop was. Along with the soon to be opened Salon Bohemia, a coffee shop with a difference, this corner of town is becoming more & more worth a visit especially at the weekends.



**Number 23**, Ye Olde Crown as was, has had not only a name change but a complete personality transplant. The landlady Catherine's dream of a laid back, chilled wine bar & restaurant has

been accomplished. The most remarkable difference is in the garden, it's got quite a wow factor & well worth a visit. The food now on sale all day is bistro/gastro pub in nature & goes nicely with the large selection of wines & local ales including Gadds.



### Louisa Bay Café (Derek's as was)

New owners, Paul & Camilla Nesbitt are going to keep the menu exactly as Derek had perfected it with maybe a few new additions in the future.

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For the last 18 months or so we have been without a VIC since it was no longer wanted by Dickens House. This has been a very unsatisfactory situation for a small seaside town highly dependent on visitors. Finally after many months and many meetings we have a new one.



It is a joint venture between The Chamber of Commerce, Broadstairs Tourism & Leisure Association (BTLA), the Town Council and Shepherd Neame.

Shepherd Neame have generously offered their previously used ice cream kiosk outside the Albion Hotel as the centre which they will continue to maintain.

The Chamber and BTLA are putting in £750 each which the Town Council is match funding.

TDC have donated a touch screen computer which visitors will be able to use even when the VIC is closed. This will give them access to events, accommodation and things to do and see.

The centre will be run by volunteers with a part time paid manager and will be open from Easter till September. It would be perfect to have a year round facility but this solution seems ideal for the summer season. Hopefully as appropriate volunteer numbers increase it will be open for longer.

Thanks to everybody involved.



## Stand up Mr Turner and take a bow.



"Ooow, he can paint a boat on a stormy day can't he," so said my gran, the amateur art critic, on hearing they were building a gallery named after the artist.

Yes we know they've wasted Millions on the project with false starts and the like. Yes we know it could have been housed at the Sea-Bathing hospital instead of building more bloody flats. But it's done now so we'd all better stop moaning.

And stop moaning about Tracey Emin's un-made bed, it's not her best work, it's just the most notorious, (you think hers was bad you should have seen mine in 1987), besides which have you even seen Tracey's applique work? It's exquisite.

And there'll be no more sniping that "It doesn't even have anything by Turner in it" because they've got one of his lesser known paintings of "The Eruption of the Souffrier Mountains"

So, There it is. Sure you might find some of the work housed within ridiculous and not to your liking, but I'm betting that there'll also be other pieces that make you stop, stare and think, and maybe that'll be something that makes the Turner centre worth the headaches, disruption and money after all.

So please give it a chance, go and take a look, even if it is just once in a blue moon and then just try out Margate for the day, you never know, you might like it.



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## Community Centre Solved

We noticed that a figure of £800,000 for the entire repayment of the loan for the community centre was being bandied about, if this is true then I believe I have the answer to all our problems.

Having just sold off Vere Road Car-park for £400,000, we could buy it back. Then if you consider the Average "Build Cost" for a family home is approximately £70,000, We should be able to build one community centre for the price of five and a half houses. I mean, they've just built an all singing all dancing brand new church hall in Queens Road for £600,000

There, problem solved. No trees felled, no park built on, everyone's happy. And it doesn't cost 1.6 million....Hurrah

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Oh Bugger!





Well there's one thing we've got in abundance round these parts, and that's sea. So we thought we'd invite David from "Fruits de Mer" fishmongers to give you some tips on making the most of the wonderful wares we can get from the briny. And don't forget both our local fishmongers "Fruits de Mer" and "Temples" (on the pier) stock very fresh fish caught by local boats. You don't find that in Tesco.

People are very often scared of preparing fish, but really there is no need. Sure it takes a certain amount of skill but it will soon become easier with practice. Having a little insider knowledge helps:- There are two main fish types, Round and Flatfish.

- ① From fresh your fish will need to be descaled. Round Fish such as Bass, Mullet and Bream must be de-scaled as they are pretty much inedible until the scales are removed. Take the back of a good kitchen knife and scrape the fish lengthways from tail to head. Once all the scales are removed and the fish feels smooth, rinse thoroughly.
- ② Lay the fish on its side and make a diagonal cut behind the head.
- ③ Make an incision into the skin down one side of the backbone.
- ④ Now cut from the head to the tail cutting the flesh from the bone in small sweeping strokes. Listen for the knife just scraping the bones.
- ⑤ Carefully feel the blade over the backbone and cut the fillet away.
- ⑥ Turn the fish over and repeat.
- ⑦ Pinbone the fish fillet of any small bones with a pair of tweezers
- ⑧ Trim off any fins and tidy the edges.



Remember a very sharp knife is needed with a blade of about six to seven inches.

## Flatfish

Flatfish filleting is much the same.

- ① Lay the fish flat on a work-surface
- ② Run the knife down the centre of the fish following the natural line of the skin.
- ③ Cut away quarter fillets again with the knife gently pressing against the bone

Next time we'll be showing you how to prepare crabs and lobsters which can be found in abundance off our shores in the summer months.

Local fish you can expect over the next few months include, Bass, Mullet, Lemon & Dover Sole, Turbot, Brill, Skate, Plaice, Dogfish and Mackerel.

For anyone interested we are more than happy to show the different techniques of filleting at our shop at the Broadway. Alternatively we can fillet your fish while you wait



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there's something else going  
on that day too.





## *Mrs Wally cooks* Spring Lamb

Springtime is upon us, the days are getting brighter and warmer, the birds are tweeting merrily, the

waves on the beach are glistening with sunlight, the sweet scent of blossom fills the air and lambs are gambolling on the meadows.....yum yum yum.

As the son of a sheep farmer and a new member of the sheep scanning fraternity, Mr Wally insists that we eat lamb as often as we can so as to keep both him and his dad in business. Springtime is the time for lamb. The new ones are on their way and last year's lambs have been scoffing lovely grass and getting plump for almost a year. Lamb is traditionally eaten at Easter and is often served as a roast dinner accompanied by roasted potatoes, steamed veg and the ubiquitously British mint sauce.

I tend to turn to the Mediterranean for inspiration when cooking with lamb and think that the Greeks in particular really know how to make lamb work by pairing it with lemon, garlic and oregano. I do a Greek inspired roast lamb with lemon potatoes which is super yummy and makes a change from mint sauce and gravy.

### Roast Lamb and Lemony potatoes

Leg of lamb, Potatoes, Garlic, 2-3 juicy lemons, a couple of heads of garlic, fresh thyme, fresh rosemary, sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Trim any excess fat off of the lamb and poke a few holes in the lamb with a knife and enlarge a bit with your finger before stuffing with bits of garlic and rosemary. Rub all over with a little bit of olive oil so that sea salt and freshly ground black pepper stick. Put lamb straight onto a shelf in the oven with a roasting tray on a shelf below to catch the juices.

Blast on a high heat – Gas 9, 200c for about 20 mins then turn the oven down to Gas 3 (150ish?) leave to cook for about an hour and a half turning occasionally.

While the lamb is cooking, wash potatoes and leave whole if they're golf ball sized and chop so that they're similar in size if they're bigger – leave the skins on. Parboil for 5 mins.

Separate the garlic into cloves and put in a bowl with 2 inch chunks of rosemary and thyme and the lemons cut into thick slices. Add potatoes, some salt and pepper and a glug of olive oil and swoosh about so they're all mixed up.

Open oven and pour potatoes into pan with lamb juices in. Cook for a

further hour and a half stirring regularly to ensure that everything is nicely coated in the lemony juices. You will know that it's ready when the potatoes are soft and the lamb looks delicious!!!

The lamb should be meltingly tender and the potatoes sticky and lemony. Serve with a nice leafy salad – the garlic will have caramelised and can be squeezed out of it's skins and eaten.

### Loukia's Lovely Lamb

I had a lovely dinner with my friend Loukia a few weeks ago and she served me a quick and easy all lamb dish which I cooked a version of a few days later that can be adjusted according to what you have in the fridge and in the cupboards – my kind of meal!!!

Diced lamb – 600g-ish, Onions, Garlic, pinch of dried chilli, 2 tins Chopped tomatoes, 300g rice, 3tbsp dried oregano, vegetable stock, lemon juice, salt and freshly ground black pepper, olive oil. Optional extras: Black olives, Feta, Tinned chickpeas, Fresh mint, Spinach, peppers, glug or two of red wine.....in fact whatever you have laying around that you think will fit

Rinse about 300g-ish of rice (I used brown) and put on to cook as per instructions – add vegetable stock to the water. Check over the lamb and cut any big chunks into smaller pieces, you want them in about 2cm chunks.

Slice the onions and fry in a glug of olive oil for a few minutes before adding the lamb, chopped garlic, pinch of dried chilli and black pepper and cooking until the onions are golden and the lamb has browned.

Add a couple of tins of chopped tomatoes, the optional glass of red wine and the dried oregano, turn the heat down and let it simmer for about 10 mins.

Once the rice has cooked, rinse again in fresh water and add to the lamb mix. Season and continue to simmer away for another 10 minutes to let the flavours meld together nicely.

Take lamb off of the heat and stir through whatever nice bits and pieces you have around – I diced feta finely, and stirred in along with de-stoned black olives a squeeze of half a lemon and some washed spinach. Chopped mint or any other nice green leafy herb would go well and add some spring zing.

This is great accompanied by a fresh green salad or some toasted wholemeal pitta bread with some hummous and can be eaten hot, warm or cold depending on how the mood takes you – leftovers make a great packed lunch.

### Top Tip:

Pimms time is nearly upon us, take advantage of citrus season and buy discounted lemons, limes and oranges and cut into chunks before freezing so you have a readily available supply of fruit that doubles up as ice!!!





like it but we live in the British Isles, so we're all bloody British. You can call me unpatriotic, but I'm with Oscar Wilde and Samuel Johnson on that one.

There's many an argument going on in our little town at the moment, should we build a community centre, should we chop down some trees, Is there a council that Chris Wells doesn't sit on. Of course in my day, when a decision needed to be made for the community we all piled in the old boys club on the seafront, discussed whose turn it was to benefit most from the decision, devoured Gin by the bucket load and then announced our final decision in the next issue of the local informer. In some ways, not much has changed, but we didn't worry about trees back then, too busy using them to build fences to keep the ruffians off our estates. I blame the war, it was fine up until we started giving the man in the street the responsibility of wearing a uniform which in turn gave an otherwise boring old duffer some authority to order people about. Now we've ended up with uninteresting local career politicians who haven't a clue as to what the man in the street wants, but is more than willing to tell them. To be fair we never knew what they wanted either but we didn't go around pretending that we'd asked them.

The main reason I don't visit the park was because young Constable Haywain suggesting I refrain from blasting those little furry blighters out of the trees with the old double barrel, that's squirrels by the way, not children, although I've been more than tempted a few times when the latter has been scrumping in the orchard.

Talking of fruit trees and the like iv'e also finally discovered the joys of the good life, and what a good life it is too, it's been ever since I tasted one of Mr Wally's plums that I just cant seem to get enough of messing around in the garden (my, Mr Wally does raise a fine fruit and I always make use of his marvellous tip in my own back yard).

You may remember me mentioning 'Benson' our butler, a sprightly young thing at eighty five years, but he's still able to turn over a half acre plot with nothing but a bent pitchfork and permission from me to sweat. We do of course allow him some time to make tea, which he serves for me whilst I supervise from the deckchair and then it's back on with the show. Personally I'm more interested in flowers, her ladyship on the other-hand has a taste for sweeter pickings, she seems more than a little happy about our new found self reliance and regularly disappears into the top field with "Wellesley" the gardener to help him pluck her juicy pears... at least that's what I think she said.

I am now waiting for the Chickens to turn up as their run is all ready, the henhouse is painted and I can't wait for Benson to appear with a tray of kedgereee made with our own Free Range eggs. I know that her ladyship will become rather attached to the feathery things being a bit of an old tree hugger. In fact she's already warned me that if she ever discovers me choking my chicken it wont be the bird that will end up being spit-roasted to within an inch of its life.

I wonder what she meant?

"Stand for election" she said. "At least it will stop you hurrumphing every time you see one of those councillors in the local news". Yes well, she may have a point but quite frankly I enjoy my hurrumphing, it's one of the things we British do best, yes, there, I said it. ....British. Ive just filled in the census for the manor, I've accounted for "Benson"the butler and "Wellesley" the gardener and I've filled in all those titles that apply to me "How would you describe your nationality? Isn't that a bit bloody obvious. We're all British, yes even the Scots and the Welsh, they might not

## Setting the Record Straight

*"You can't compare the parking arrangements at Westwood Cross to parking in our High Street. The parking at Westwood is paid for already by the companies".*

That's what we've been told by councillors when it comes to suggesting that Westwood has an unfair advantage over the high street because of free parking.

Their argument is however a bit of a smokescreen, especially as it kind of suggests that we somehow gain from more than just free parking and here's why.

Westwood Cross may well charge each company additional fees because of the parking spaces made available to them for potential customers. However these fees are accounted for in the retail outlets total costs. This doesn't therefore reflect on prices in-store, or else the prices at for example Canterbury Debenhams (Which doesn't have it's own parking) would be different to Westwood Debenhams. The prices charged in-store are the same, which means that a Westwood Cross customer doesn't have to pay any more for their product than they would if they'd shopped at another branch. The parking can therefore be considered free.

The parking spaces at Westwood also have a rateable value of zero percent, this means that because each retailer will only pay business rates on their available floor space in-store, TDC (or in reality, us, the taxpayer) gets no income at all from parking spaces at Westwood.

So TDC gets no extra income from customers driving to and then shopping at Westwood, but gains extra income from customers driving to and then shopping in the high street.

Here's a list of the income generated by parking spaces in Broadstairs in the year 2009-2010

Albion St Car Park:-	£121,935.00
Crofts Place Car park:-	£44,251.00
Chandos Square:-	£33,455.00
St Peters Park Road	£18,659.00
Vere Road	£19,924.00

And for Thanet in total the income comes in at a tad under a Million

Another interesting point to note is that part of Vere Road Car-park has now been sold off to developers for £400,000. This new development of houses will roughly halve the number of parking spaces available, assuming nothing changes regarding council policy to car-parks this equates to a loss of £10,000 in car parking income per year. Which means that the £400K monies gained will be gone forever in forty years, and much less if you consider other monetary factors such as inflation. TDC might argue that the car-park needed a whole lot of work, but fail to answer why that work has never been carried out considering the profit potential of utilising the space better to increase car-parking capacity

So just for the record, let's finally get it straight without the old Flim-Flam from those at the top.

Westwood Cross really does have an unfair advantage when it comes to parking. And we the taxpayer get nothing out of it except free parking at Westwood.

Come on TDC "Twenty minutes for free" isn't much to ask.



# Elections.....Thurs 5th May

OUR OPINION:- Okay, here we go. It's election time. Oi, you at the back, stop groaning. Yes, we realise it's not necessarily fun, fun, fun, but you really need to take an interest, because to put it bluntly, not taking an interest and being bored by the whole local politics thing is just not good enough, the sad fact is that only 45% of potential voters voted last time, which means that nobody in TDC regardless of political party gained the mandate of the majority. How can anyone represent the majority if the majority doesn't vote. So Vote, it won't take long, and then, if and when a councillor makes a decision that you don't like you have the right to complain, or there's always possibility that they just might do something that you wholeheartedly agree with, in which case you have the right to feel smug.

If you don't vote, then don't moan if it all goes wrong.

So here's the candidates, we invited them all to give us one hundred and fifty words to state their case. They're each listed by their Ward.....and that's it. We have included each candidate's political affiliation, although when it comes to local elections we think you should vote for the candidate you feel will best represent you, and therefore fail to see the relevance of their party political leaning. But hey, that's your choice.

All we need now is for you all to vote and by doing so show that the residents of Broadstairs care about its future.

And lastly. We may quite often take part in a fair bit of "Councillor Ribbing" but let's not forget that it's certainly not an easy job, probably quite thankless in fact, but remember, these people put themselves forward to serve the community and give up their own time and efforts for little reward. Let's just be thankful that someone is willing to do it and that we live in a country where it's possible in the first place. Good luck one and all.

## Election of District Councillors

### Beacon Ward



**BINKS**  
**Rosalind**

Conservative Party Candidate

Rosalind Binks was born and raised in Thanet. She is married with one grown up daughter and has lived in Beacon Road ward for over 20 years. Until her recent retirement she was in charge of trading for several Financial Institutions in this Country and abroad. She believes that Broadstairs is a brilliant

place to grow up and to retire to. She is concerned by issues of unemployment and thinks that this is the biggest single challenge for the Council. If she is elected, she promises to work hard on your behalf on all the issues that matter to you. "I appreciate that money is hard earned and tight for most of us. Community funds should be spent carefully and efficiently. It is, after all, your money".

Councillor for Beacon Road ward in 2007. He is Chairman of St Mildred's Primary Infant School and also Chairman of the Broadstairs and St Peters Finance and General Purposes Committee. He is Chairman of the local Police and Communities Together forum. He has served the town as Mayor and is currently the Deputy Mayor. He is totally committed to the area and its residents.



**MATTERFACE Jenny** The Labour Party  
Jenny Matterface is a retired teacher and has lived in Beacon Road Ward for 40 years. In that time Jenny has been involved with voluntary work and community activities. She volunteers at the primary school where she is a Governor. She is known to many as someone to turn to for help and advice.



**EDWARDS Gordon** The Labour Party Candidate  
Gordon Edwards has lived in Broadstairs for eight years, living in the ward he hopes to represent. Gordon is a Governor at a local primary school and has been a Magistrate for twenty years. He would welcome the opportunity to serve the community he lives in on Thanet District Council



**LAWSON**  
**David Macdonald**

Conservative Party Candidate

David Lawson has lived in the area since 1951. He went to School locally and has lived and worked in the area ever since. David served in the Kent Police for over 31 years. He became a Thanet District



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# Bradstowe Ward

## HAYTON

**Bill** Conservative Party



Bill Hayton has represented Bradstowe ward on Thanet District Council and Broadstairs Town Council since 1999. He has been active in obtaining funding for a variety of projects and is always keen to promote the town to the wider world. Bill is known as a "Listening Councillor" who seeks to understand the needs and concerns of the Residents in his ward and fight for their interests. Bill is also a County

Councillor and was honoured to be elected as Chairman of Kent County Council this year.

## HUNT

**Clare Alison**

Liberal Democrat



Broadstairs is my home. For me it is all about a walk on the beach, Film Society on a Tuesday night, Folk Week in the summer, a night out that inevitably ends in The Dolphin...

Over the years I have been part of the moany majority, criticising decisions without myself sticking my neck out to help people put forward alternatives.

I want our town to flourish, even in these difficult times. I grew up buying my music at Soundhouse and am anxious about the decline in the number of distinctive, independent shops on our High Street. I worry that community amenities and green spaces such as the Rec, Pierremont Park and Victoria Gardens look progressively shabby which is at odds with the town's natural beauty.

As a candidate for Bradstowe ward I make the simple commitment to fully engage with residents and businesses to ensure that Broadstairs does not enter a state of decline.

## LATHAM

**Louisa June Rachel**

Liberal Democrat



I was never the coolest kid at school and can remember ranting about politics and public policy in the run up to the 1997 election, aged 11.

I think I probably had designs on being some kind of benevolent dictator back then but now I just care about helping other people have a voice.

I adore our town but feel that too often our community is ignored by our elected representatives.

Additionally, I am concerned by the increasingly run down appearance of our town in recent years; worry about the rate of residential development in the area; and am astounded the Town Council has taken out a £500k loan for the community centre project which will burden the taxpayer with a £300k interest bill.

If I am lucky enough to be elected in May, every action and decision I take will be based on the opinions of the community I represent.



## SAUNDERS

**David**

Conservative Party

David Saunders has lived and worked in Broadstairs for 47 years where he has brought up his family, all of whom still live locally. He has been a highly effective Broadstairs and St Peters Town Councillor. He has an excellent understanding of the needs of the community. If David is elected to represent Bradstowe ward, he promises to be readily accessible to all the residents and to act speedily on any issues or concerns that are brought to his attention.



## VAUGHAN-LYONS

**Robin Peter**

Independent Candidate. For the past 5 years I have lived and worked in Thanet. During this time I have seen the decline in amenities and tourism, in the area.

The council can be difficult and sometimes impossible to contact, too often ignoring the wishes of the electors. I organised a petition of 1400 signatures regarding the expansion of Westwood cross, this qualified it for a 5 minute presentation by myself followed by a full council debate. The debate was used to point score by councillors whilst abusing and belittling myself and the signatories. They basically inferred that we were interfering busybodies, and the decision had been made by the council and they knew best.

I will work for the people of Thanet to:-

Ensure all electors and groups of all ages and abilities are represented, views heard and listened to.

To promote Thanet as a desirable holiday location and an ideal place to relocate and start new businesses.

To encourage and support existing businesses.

To oppose any loss of car parking and the imposition of any further restricted on road parking. We have traffic and parking problems but people travel by car. If they cannot park they will not visit and shop in town. Better signposting of existing car parks would help address this.

To improve street cleaning, sighting of more bins for human litter and dog waste, and insuring frequent emptying of the bins.

## YEOMAN Brian

The Labour Party  
Candidate Brian Yeoman started a swimming club for young people and was a scout group chairman for 12 years. He has a MA in Environment Studies and is a school Governor. As a member of the Cycle Forum he completed a 1000 plus mile sponsored bike for arthritis research 3 years ago.



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## Kingsgate Ward



BAYFORD

Robert William

Conservative Party

Bob Bayford moved to Kingsgate in 1985 to provide a better quality of life for his then young family. His children attended local schools and his wife Jill teaches at Thanet College. Bob runs his own

financial services practice in Broadstairs in partnership with his son Joe. Bob has been involved in local politics since 1987 and was first elected to Thanet District Council in 1991.

For the past year he has been leader of the Council, having previously served as deputy leader and Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny committee. He has been a member of Broadstairs and St Peters Town Council since 1995 and was elected to Kent County Council 2 years ago. He firmly believes that the serious financial challenges that face TDC can only be met by a Conservative administration and that his background as a management accountant enables him to take a strong lead in meeting these challenges. If re-elected, Bob will continue to fight for the better future that Thanet and its residents deserve



TERRY

Alan

UK Independence Party

My name is Alan Terry, I joined the UK Independence party after becoming disenchanted with the other parties saying one thing and doing another. UKIP mirrors my views and most of

those I've spoken to.

Those views are:-

Committing to cut Council tax and Business rates  
Money for local services not the European union  
Zero tolerance on crime and anti-social behaviour  
Get more police on the streets.

Cut council executives and managers, not front line staff.

Control immigration, which threatens our public services.

Give real decision making to local communities  
Please vote UKIP on May 5th 2011. Thank You.



UTTON Nigel The Labour Party Candidate

Nigel Utton believes that Thanet is a wonderful place to live and with a visionary council it could be so much better. We need accessible public toilets, efficient public transport, graffiti

free streets and exciting museums, art galleries, restaurants and public entertainment. In austere times we need a council that cares about all people.

## St Peters Ward



GREGORY

Ian James

Conservative Party

Ian Gregory has lived in Thanet for over 25 years and moved to St Peter's 5 years ago. In the past he has been a hotelier in the area and now works in management for East Kent Hospitals. All his children attended local grammar schools and with 4 members of family now teachers, he has a very good understanding of educational issues. He is very keen to use his knowledge of local health services and tourism for the benefit of St Peter's residents.



PERFECT Wendy The Labour Party Candidate

Wendy Perfect is a 46-year-old married woman with two grown-up children and eight years' experience as a local Councillor. Wendy currently volunteers as a Mental Health Act manager and is employed by Charlton Athletic Football Club, having served as the club's first female director. Wendy is passionate about Thanet and St Peter's in particular.



POOLE Emma The Labour Party Candidate

Emma Poole is a 32 year old married mother of three. Emma has a teenage son at St George's, a 7 year old and a 2 year old. Emma has lived in Thanet all of her life and went to St George's School as a youngster. Emma is standing in St Peter's Ward because she understands the concerns of local residents.



SAVAGE

Jason

Conservative Party

Jason Savage is married with 3 young children and has lived in St Peter's for the last 15 years.

He was decorated during the first Gulf War and his business background is in architecture and management within the construction industry. He won the Broadstairs Civic Pride Award in 2001. He strongly believes that St Peter's must retain its original character and he has worked hard to support residents to resist harmful developments.



SYMONDS Dick The Labour Party Candidate

Dick Symonds is a partly-retired consultant psychiatrist who still sits on Mental Health Tribunals. Dick believes we live in difficult times and we have to fight to protect our community. He wants to be there on the council to represent St Peter's Ward. Dick has been a member of the Labour Party for over twenty years.



WILTSHIRE

Zita Pauline

Conservative Party

Zita Wiltshire is a long-serving member of Thanet District Council and Broadstairs and St Peter's Town Council, where she held the office of Mayor for two years. During the past four years at Thanet District Council she has been a cabinet member and portfolio holder for

housing and community services a role which demanded a great deal of time and commitment: this meant initiating change for the better to people's life. She works tirelessly on behalf of her residents  
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## Viking Ward

BRANSCOMBE-KENT

Margaret Anne

Liberal Democrats

I decided to stand in the local election not, as people may assume, because I want to spend my evenings in civic heaven, but because I am so unhappy with the way things have been going for the past few years in Broadstairs and Thanet generally. Decisions are being made without any recourse to public opinion. A case in point - Pierremont Park and the proposed community centre. All public consultation and opinion was wiped out as meaningless when the local council claimed the 'silent majority' do want it. This is an insult to intelligence - not least theirs.

I cannot stand back and do nothing while our councils supervise the ruin of our towns. We live in a beautiful area, which needs quite a bit of TLC. In order to make the best of it, we need to work together. Councillors' apparent inability to listen to the community is simply destructive.

If elected, I will make it my priority to work with the community, because only then will we realise the huge potential of our lovely towns.



**KEMP Colin:** The Labour Party Candidate

Colin Kemp believes Viking Ward in Broadstairs has a strong sense of community and neighbourhood, with a diverse mix of ages and backgrounds.

He feels that residents are very concerned about housing developments and the subsequent strain on already stretched public services.



**MARSON**

Julie

Conservative Party

Julie Marson had a successful career in corporate finance and banking. She moved to Viking ward in 2003 where she lives with her husband and son. Since then she has written extensively for local "Isle" magazine, promoting all the wonderful aspects of Thanet life. She has been active in

the local community sitting as a magistrate and acting as press officer for the Channel Dash Association. Julie wants to maintain the beauty of the area whilst supporting its economy

**PERFECT Stephen:** No Photo supplied

The Labour Party Candidate

Steve Perfect is a former school governor and experienced political campaigner, Steve is married with two grown-up children and works as an accountant in the building industry. He's a keen marathon runner and is a familiar sight pounding the streets of Broadstairs. Steve is passionate about small businesses and supporting the local retail sector.

**PITT Bill:** The Labour Party Candidate

Bill Pitt has lived in Viking Ward for 24 years ago. He is concerned about the dangerous condition of many of the pavements and the spread of litter in our streets. He feels that an extension of the 20 mph speed limit from the centre of Broadstairs would make our streets safer.

**SAUNDERS**

Mave

Conservative Party

Mave Saunders has been a resident of Broadstairs and St Peter's since 1964. She is well known for the outstanding work she does as

a fund-raiser for local clubs and voluntary organisations.

Married with 2 grown up children and grandchildren, all living locally, Mave is a proven ward Councillor who was town Mayor in 2009/10. If elected, she will continue to represent the residents of her ward to the best of her abilities.

**WELLS**

Chris

Conservative Party Candidate

Chris Wells has been an active Broadstairs resident for more than 25 years. Supporting local schools, local services, and assisting many charities raise their funds, Chris has become one of the best known Thanet politicians of the last decade. Whether challenging

poor planning applications, fighting for school places, opposing unpopular late licences, or tackling anti-social behaviour, local residents trust him as their representative.

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# The Alternative Vote Referendum

We all should have had our voting slips now for the AV referendum, which isn't just something on your DVD player remote control (AV). But is a proposal for a new way of voting. Some are for, some are against. The decision is yours, but here's two local views on it

## FOR AV

How the Alternative Vote (AV) system works to make votes fairer

Under AV the voter gets the choice of as many preference votes as they wish (1, 2, 3...), from choosing only one candidate on the ballot paper, all the way to ranking all of them, or anything in-between. You can vote for one candidate as you do now, and can even vote for that one candidate with an 'X' if you wish, just like you do currently under First Past The Post (FPTP).

The winning candidate under AV has to get 50% of the vote, or more to get elected.

If, after counting 1st preference votes, the leading candidate does not get 50% of the votes cast, then the bottom candidate drops out, and their 2nd preference votes are then counted, and added to the piles of votes for each of the other candidates.

If still no candidate gets 50% of the votes, then the next bottom candidate drops out, and their 3rd preference votes are redistributed.

This goes on until someone reaches the 'threshold' of 50% of the votes.

This is an important 'fix' to the FPTP voting system, as it allows people to vote for minority parties, whilst still 'allowing' them to 'transfer' their vote to other parties.

The problem with FPTP is that it discourages people in voting for minor parties, because anyone doing so, 'wastes' their vote.

AV allows the voter, should they wish to choose one of the smaller parties, the 'freedom' of voting however they want to, but having the knowledge that their vote will still be counted.

The problem with FPTP, is that it favours the two main parties, by allowing a candidate from those parties to continually get elected on very small numbers of votes, often less than a third of the votes cast. This creates safe seats, and means that the only seats which matter are the few marginal ones around the country, which change hands from time to time through small swings of votes from one main party to the other. Thereby, the FPTP system maintains a two-party state.

As voting patterns diversify away from the two main parties, and more people become disillusioned under FPTP because their vote no longer counts, the more the FPTP system is going to break-down, and throw-up unrepresentative coalitions.

AV would not allow M.P.'s from extremist parties, like the BNP, to gain seats, as they would be unlikely to be able to get wide enough support to achieve the 50% threshold to get elected.

**Mr. Michael Wright, Local Organiser - Yes! To Fairer Votes, South Thanet**

## AGAINST AV

I will support the calling of a referendum; I will not be supporting any change to the existing system of first past the post.

I am not averse to reform in terms of how our constitution works and would in many ways have more difficulty if the referendum was for or against a truly proportional system. But it is not and when comparing AV with first past the post it is important not to jump to a system for novelty sake.

For my part I believe that AV is the worst of all worlds.

It is a system that does not give us all a second vote – to be frank it puts much more power in the hands in minority parties.

For over 200 seats who regularly provide the winner with over 50% it will have no impact whatsoever.

For another large number of seats it will ONLY give voters from small marginal parties a second vote – giving very small marginal parties a highly disproportionate say in our elections

· In very few constituencies Liberal Democrat votes will be counted again.

While Labour or Conservative voters will only have their second vote counted in under 50 seats – if that.

AV provides the majority with an illusion of a second vote while in the main delivering very marginal parties an additional bite at the electoral cherry.

In addition: unlike a proportional system it is very unlikely to result in smaller parties gaining any representation in Parliament. So while marginal parties – some less than acceptable - might get a second shout on Election Day political opinion or diversity of our chamber will not in practice be broadened.

It is also one of the very few systems that delivers success to the least unpopular candidate – First Past the Post and PR do at least reflect popularity.

But it is not just that I do not favour AV as a system – I also believe, very strongly, that we need to regard both Houses of Parliament as inter-related and interconnected. With the forthcoming review of the House of Lords, should we not look at both Houses together to ensure that any reform in one is complemented by proposals for the other? Every element of the constitution is interrelated and each time we change, adapt or amend the remit, the mandate or the voting mechanism of one element of this Parliament it has an impact on other parts of the constitutional settlement.

Our debate today is about the mechanism of how we receive our mandate in this House. But if the House of Lords is to be elected and elected under some form of proportional system, it is important that the electoral system for this House throws up a different result, with a different level of connectivity to specific and identifiable areas and peoples.

May I urge that in the future we avoid piecemeal constitutional reforms and look at the overall constitutional settlement, ensuring that both the Houses of Parliament are looked at as one political system and providing the public with a coherent and exacting Parliamentary system.

**Laura Sandys MP**

# Election of Parish Councillors

## Beacon

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Roger Keith  
Conservative Party

BINKS  
Rosalind  
Conservative Party

EDWARDS  
Gordon  
The Labour Party

MARTELL  
Henry James  
Conservative Party

MATTERFACE  
Jenny  
The Labour Party

POOLE  
Elizabeth  
The Labour Party

## Bradstowe

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Bill  
Conservative Party

HAYTON  
Bill  
Conservative Party

HUNT  
Clare Alison  
Liberal Democrats

LATHAM  
Louise June Rachel  
Liberal Democrats

PROCTOR  
Seth  
Liberal Democrats

SAUNDERS  
David  
Conservative Party

YEOMAN  
Brian  
The Labour Party

## Viking Cont'

LANGTON WAY  
James Henry.  
Independent

PERFECT  
Stephen  
The Labour Party

PITT  
Bill  
The Labour Party

SAUNDERS  
Mave: Conservative  
Party

SEED  
Timothy Bernard:  
Conservative Party

WELLS  
Chris: Conservative  
Party

## St Peters

GREGORY  
Ian James  
Conservative Party

LAWSON  
David MacDonald  
Conservative Party

PERFECT  
Wendy  
The Labour Party

POOLE  
Emma  
The Labour Party

SAVAGE  
Jason: Conservative  
Party

SYMONDS  
Dick  
The Labour Party

WILTSHIRE  
Zita Pauline  
Conservative Party

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BAYFORD  
Robert William  
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Candidate

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## Wallys Plot

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It's important to try to water seedlings and plants evenly if you want them to be strong and high yielding. Seedlings that are watered sporadically grow weak and fully grown plants will bolt early. From experience I know this is easier said than done especially if you're



doing this all on your allotment and not in your back garden. I gave up trying to grow lettuce on my plot as I couldn't get down there regularly enough during hot summer days.

With this in mind it's worth noting that lots of plants can be grown at home without a garden. All that is needed is a warm windowsill and a sunny wall. Seedlings can be transplanted out in to a wide variety of containers. What you are growing will dictate how deep or how wide that container needs to be. Grow bags can be used for plants that grow upwards such as tomatoes, peas and runner beans. Deep buckets or sacks can be used for root crops.

Anything can generally be used. Old dustbins, buckets, watering cans, wheelbarrows and wellington boots can all be utilised. If your chosen container doesn't already have a few holes in the bottom then cut or drill a few out yourself. Then add some stones or corks. Without drainage they can become water logged. On the flip side container grown plants tend to require more watering than ones grown in the ground. Individual plants such as lettuces can be sown and grown in the same medium sized pot without the need to transplant. Lettuce is a great successional crop. This means don't try to grow all your seeds in one hit. Home grown lettuce does not store. I've often wondered how shop bought lettuces can seemingly last weeks in the fridge when mine wilt within hours. Herbs are also a must for anyone who wants to improve the taste and honesty of their meal but lack space. Almost all herbs will happily grow in pots and some, such as chives positively thrive in them. Mint can be such an invasive plant that growing in pots will stop it spreading uncontrollably. Parsley, coriander and basil can all be sown now.

Now is also your last chance to do any jobs that you have been meaning to do but have been put off by bad weather or general lack of enthusiasm! Repair sheds and compost heaps and relay weed control fabric on paths and beds. Give it another month or so and the weeds will be growing so fast you won't have time to do anything other than hoe!

Wally's top tip: Put cardboard collars around the base of brassicas to prevent an attack of cabbage root fly.

# Big Broadstairs Weekend

On Sunday 22 May, a brand new charity event, Dancing Queens, will see a huge group of people perform a specially choreographed dance along the promenade in Broadstairs to raise money for two charities – The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity and QEQM Special Babies Unit. The event will also be a Guinness world record-breaking attempt for the biggest remote dance class, which currently stands at 690. Broadstairs is aiming for 1000 Dancing Queens along Broadstairs promenade!

The dance which has been specially choreographed for this event is on the website [www.dancingqueens.org](http://www.dancingqueens.org) you can also register for the dance on this site at £5 each. Each dancer is asked to raise approximately £25 sponsorship for the charities. You don't have to be a marvellous dancer; lots of assorted groups have already registered & we know they are of very mixed abilities.

## Banner sponsors

You can sponsor 100 Dancing Queens for a cost of £300. In return, you'll have a 4 metre banner on the Broadstairs seafront, your logo on the big screen during Film on the Beach, and your logo (linked to your own site) on the Dancing Queen website. This is particularly good value as the cost of your banner (approximately £60) is included. But please note that there are only 10 available.

## Web ads

For a cost of only £100, you can have your logo (linked to your own site) on the Dancing Queens website plus have your logo displayed on the big screen during Film on the Beach.

## Tombola and raffle

If you'd like to donate a prize to the Tombola for the Film on the Beach event on Saturday night, please [get in touch](#). You would be listed on the website.

Raffle prizes will also be gratefully received for the raffle being held from the 1<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May, you will also be listed on the website if you donate a prize.

**The Big Broadstairs Weekend is happening on May 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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**Sun – world record breaking attempt with 100's of dancing queens**

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## The May Tree

The Hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata*), better known as the May tree has a past full of mysticisms and legend. In Celtic law it is one of three trees often spoken about as the sacred trees sharing this title with the Ash and the Oak. "By Oak, Ash and Thorn"

The Hawthorn has been used in many ceremonies in our county's past. The trees were avoided as many believed they were favoured dwellings of faery folk and many tales of people entering the faery underworld did so through these trees.

Wreaths of hawthorn blossom were used to symbolize death. It was extremely bad luck to have any blossom in your house. This was especially as the blossom was known to smell of death and this is plausible as one of the aromatic compounds in the blossom is the same as one released from a decaying corpse.

Use of the plant was not confined to this region. In Arabic culture the hawthorn was used in death ceremonies partly because it burns well as a funeral pyre.

In ancient Greece it was used in birth and marriage ceremonies and was associated with many gods including Hymenaeus, the Greek God of the marriage chamber. It was an aphrodisiac and said to smell like an aroused woman.

In Serbia, Hawthorn was a favoured wood for stakes to kill vampires.

As it is Easter there are some applicable reasons for talking about hawthorn. It is believed that the crown of thorns placed upon Jesus's head was made from hawthorn. Many of the thorns of which are now relics in many churches and cathedrals around the world.

The staff of Joseph of Arimathea was made of the wood of the hawthorn and legend tells that he arrived at Glastonbury Tor and plunged his staff into the ground. Where he did this a great Hawthorn tree grew. The original is rumoured to have been torn down by followers of Cromwell but offspring and cuttings of the original now grow around Glastonbury including one on the Tor itself. This particular type of hawthorn blossoms twice a year, once in May like all others but also once again around Christmas. A branch of the blossom is sent from the Glastonbury hawthorn to the queen each year and is said to be placed on her table for her Christmas dinner.

Festivities have often taken place around a Hawthorn and ribbons are often placed on the branches of the tree symbolising peoples wishes.

Throughout the ages hawthorn has been a very useful plant. The short grained wood is good to use for carvings. The fruit is used in many foods including jam, pie, wine, punch, and fruit leathers.

In traditional medicine the flowering parts and berries of the hawthorn has been used for centuries. The main use has been for the heart and is indicated in high blood pressure and chronic heart failure. The action of the plant extract is said to slow but strengthen the heart beat.

Many studies have been done into the traditional claims, concentrating on its use in chronic heart failure. These studies show that the plant is of significant benefit, when used alongside conventional treatment, in relief of symptoms including shortness of breath, fatigue and exercise tolerance.

Adverse effects are mild and infrequent.

Contraindications and interactions with medications are known and it is advised that you talk to your local herbalists if you wish to take Hawthorn medicinally.

Will Woodcock Bsc MNIMH  
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June dates

2<sup>nd</sup> 1.45pm

11<sup>th</sup> 9.45am

16<sup>th</sup> 9.45am

23<sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm

May dates

5<sup>th</sup> 1.45pm

12<sup>th</sup> 1.45pm

19<sup>th</sup> 9.45am

26<sup>th</sup> 9.45am

### The Big Lunch

Here's an interesting little event in Broadstairs that looks like fun. It goes by the name of the 'Big Lunch'. It is a national event, started by the Eden Project to encourage neighbourhoods and communities to come together to share food and generally get to know each whilst having a good time. So far St Mildred's is the only venue for this in Broadstairs. The school held one last year which included a Treasure Hunt round Broadstairs. For their first go they only targeted families at the school. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely and had a jolly old time.

This year they're hoping to spread the word and build some more community spirit, they're especially hoping that some of you out there would like to join in. More details are available on the Big Lunch website [www.thebiglunch.com](http://www.thebiglunch.com) (See events listings for date)



## Listings

### Broadstairs Dickens Festival

[www.broadstairsdickensfestival.co.uk](http://www.broadstairsdickensfestival.co.uk)

June Sat 18<sup>th</sup> - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> At Dickens House Museum unless otherwise stated

Sat 7.30pm Thanet Male Voice Choir

Mon 7.30pm Gerald Dickens Entertains

Tues 7.30pm Dickens Readings by Prof. Malcolm Andrews

Weds 7.30pm Talk by Lucinda Dickens Hawksley

Thurs 10.30am Workshop: Caps & Head Decorations

Thurs 7pm Walk Around Dickens' Broadstairs & Tour Of Dickens House Museum

other events all week including Festival Of Flowers @ Holy

### Sarah Thorne Theatre Club, Memorial theatre Hilderstone

[www.sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk](http://www.sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk) 0845 2626263

May Sun 8th 7pm The Ukaye Ukes, Sun 22nd 3pm Piano Concert with David Ruddock, Fri 27th 7.45pm Truckstop Honeymoon

June Sat 11th 7.45pm Lisa Payne as Missy Maybe in "A Glimpse of Stocking"

### Broadstairs Clubs & Organisations

Angling Society 865566

B & St P's ArtGroup 848016

B & St P's Bowls Club 861283

B & St P's Concert Band 581185

B Cricket Club 602681

Lifeguard & Swimming Club 865292

B Sailing Club 861373

E Kent Lacemakers' Guild 865102

E Kent Morris Minor Club 867270

Joss Bay Surf School 07812 991195

Kent Surf School 866707

N Foreland Badminton 01227 374919

N Foreland Golf Club 862140

Rock Doctor Walks 0870 2646111

Thanet Archery Club 863561

Thanet Male Voice Choir 865819

Thanet Squash Club 865484

Thanet Wanderers' Rugby 593142

Vikings' Sea Angling Society 865566

Walkers' Friend 07801 508958

### St Mildreds School Events.

**Nearly New Sale** on Saturday 14th May 2011 from 10.am-1.00pm. Selling equipment, toys and clothes (including St. Mildred school uniforms) for babies, toddlers and children aged up to 7ish. Entrance fee is 50p per adult.

**Ladies Pamper Night** on Wednesday 25th May from 7.00pm - 10.00pm. Tickets just £4.00 from school office on 01843 862035 or on the door.

**Family Treasure Hunt and Big Lunch Event** Sunday 5th June. Treasure Hunt from 10.30; Big Lunch from 12.00noon in the school field.

Tickets available from the school office, but prices not yet decided - will advise you next week after our next PTFA meeting.

St Mildreds Summer Fayre  
17th June.

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm

Annual Council Meeting & Mayor Making Ceremony  
Broadstairs & St Peters Town Council  
Pavilion

### Bandstand 2.30-4pm May

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Thanet Concert Band

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Viagra Fools

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> City Of Canterbury Band

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Cranbrook Town Band

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Bromley Concert Band

### June

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Birchington Silver Band

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Faversham Mission Brass Band

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Bae Systems Band

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Kent Police Band

### May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 10-4pm

Hobbies & Pastimes Weekend

Crampton Tower Museum

[www.hanetcoast.org.uk](http://www.hanetcoast.org.uk)

### May

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Rock Doc Walk 11am (2hrs, 14+Yrs) Kingsgate

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 3pm (2hrs, 14+Yrs) Seaweeds & Their Secrets Dumpton Gap

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> 2pm (2½Hrs, 7+Yrs, 5miles & Return) Coastal Cycle Rides Broadstairs Clocktower

### Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June 11-3.30pm

St. P's & B Horticultural Society

Summer Horticultural Show

St Peter's Church Hall

### Useful websites

[www.broadstairsonline.co.uk](http://www.broadstairsonline.co.uk)

[www.broadstairs.gov.uk/](http://www.broadstairs.gov.uk/)

[www.broadstairschamber.org.uk/](http://www.broadstairschamber.org.uk/)

[www.dickensfellowship.org/](http://www.dickensfellowship.org/)

[helterskellerplaycentres.co.uk/](http://helterskellerplaycentres.co.uk/)

[www.iotas.org.uk/whatson.html](http://www.iotas.org.uk/whatson.html)

[www.isleone.co.uk](http://www.isleone.co.uk)

[www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk](http://www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk)

[www.leagueoffriendsageam.nhs.uk](http://www.leagueoffriendsageam.nhs.uk)

[www.nadfaskentarea.org.uk](http://www.nadfaskentarea.org.uk)

[www.stella-maris.org.uk/](http://www.stella-maris.org.uk/)

[www.thanetcoast.org.uk/](http://www.thanetcoast.org.uk/)

[www.thanetfilm.co.uk](http://www.thanetfilm.co.uk)

[thanetkids.co.uk/](http://thanetkids.co.uk/)

[www.thebroadstairsociety.org.uk](http://www.thebroadstairsociety.org.uk)

[www.thebroadstairsvictorians.org.uk/](http://www.thebroadstairsvictorians.org.uk/)

### Sat 4th May 2-4pm

St Andrew's Church Summer Fete

### Sun May 8th 2-4.30pm

#### Tea Dance

St Andrews Church Hall 865718

### Thanet Film Soc

[tfs@thanetfilm.co.uk](mailto:tfs@thanetfilm.co.uk)

May 3rd: Bitutiful

May 10th: True Grit

May 17th: Of Gods and Men

May 24th: Howl

June 7th: Archipelago

June 14th: Loose Cannons

### Regular Meetings/events

1<sup>st</sup> Sun 7-1pm Boot Fair Charles Dickens School 07709 074866

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

1<sup>st</sup> Mon 7.30pm Broadstairs Victorians, Crampton Tower Museum 869839

2<sup>nd</sup> Mon 7.30pm Isle of Thanet Geographical Ass. Park Hall 602051

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

4<sup>th</sup> Mon 7.30pm Island Greenfingers' Club St. Peter's Church Hall 831618

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

1<sup>st</sup> Tues 2pm TARA St Peters Memorial Hall 603332

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Tues 7.30pm B'st Soc Park Hall 868835

Every Weds 7.30pm Bridge Club. Portland Centre, St Peter's 604954

[www.bridgewebs.com/broadstairs](http://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

1<sup>st</sup> Weds 3.30pm Messy Church Y&L Centre 861055

1<sup>st</sup> Weds 7.45pm Discussion Group Y&L Centre 861055

1<sup>st</sup> Weds 7.45pm Dickens Fellowship Dickens House Museum 860159

2<sup>nd</sup> Weds 7.30pm St P's & B'st Horticultural Soc. Park Hall 601095

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

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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs 7.30pm Recorded Music Soc Red Hall 604101

3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs 2pm TADFAS St. Peter's Church Hall 580389

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

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](http://www.revolutionskatepark.co.uk)

4<sup>th</sup> Broadstairs Scout Grp Belvedere Rd 01843 867590

Beavers: Weds 6.30-8pm

Cubs: Mon & Weds 6.30-8pm

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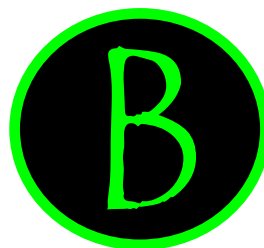
The bar is inviting, spacious and relaxing with the garden a suntrap we invite you to get lost in!! Sundays to Thursdays we offer a calm and comfortable venue to meet friends during the days and the evenings and share a couple of drinks and much needed giggles.

The weekends we transform into a vibrant, lively and exciting bar with a unique selection of spirits, lagers, wines and local ales.



Our menu is now available so feel free to come in and have a look and don't miss our Royal Wedding BBQ, 2pm on Friday 29th April followed by strawberries and cream and a glass of Champagne. We will also be drawing the winners of our Royal Wedding Raffle, come in and get your tickets.

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