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## Warbling along

Hello Broadie,

I am in The Wednesday Warblers Singing Group which meets every week in The Vale Church Hall for an hour. The group started 4 years ago this September and there were only 6 of us to begin with! We are now 30. Our singing teacher, Alison Moyna, is an enthusiastic, professional but fun woman who comes from up north. This leads to lots of laughs about how exactly to pronounce our words. Alison has loads of West End singing experience and a really fabulous voice!

She gives us a great warm up, teaches us about breathing and voice production and in most sessions we learn a new song and sing some we have already learnt. It's a fabulous feeling of accomplishment when you can belt a new song out. We voted earlier in the year to extend the time from 45 minutes to an hour we all enjoy it so much.

We have performed at The Theatre Royal, in old people's homes and at The Bandstand in Broadstairs for The Food Festival and Dickens Week. The performances are great fun and Alison never gets stressed or puts us under pressure regardless of what we get up to!

Personally I have got such a lot out of going to The Warblers. It is a great stress relief from family life, a great uplifter when life starts getting me down and I have met some really lovely people. Furthermore my voice has developed amazingly! At first I had to sing with the men but now I can reach a B flat with the best of them!! My family all love hearing me practice at home (NOT).

We are very friendly and give a great welcome to new members. There's no audition and believe me everyone can sing- your range will improve as you practise! Come and join us on Wednesdays at 6.45 til 7.45, The Vale Church Hall, The Vale, Broadstairs.

Alison also runs OUTBURST, a youth singing group and they meet just before us at 5.45 to 6.30, same venue.

[See you there!](#)  
Paula  
Broadstairs

## FYI...thanks

Hello there.

On behalf of the manager and committee may I thank you for the article in issue 17 supporting the new Information Kiosk.

We are recruiting staff and have a training sessions for any new volunteers. We should have the resources to open according to the information on our website. Please visit [www.broadstairsinfokiosk.co.uk](http://www.broadstairsinfokiosk.co.uk) for full information and updates.

Kind regards Peter Shaw

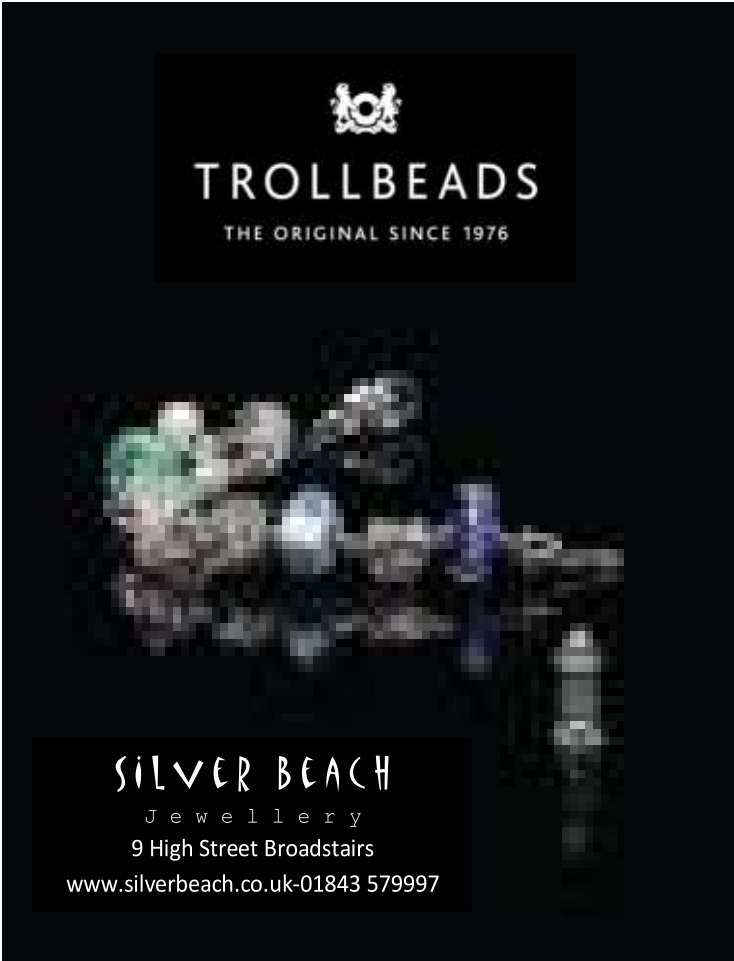
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Dear All at The Broadie,  
I would like to advise that a new morning Women's Institute has just been set up in Broadstairs and was wondering if you could include us "The Broadie" in the future.


We will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month in Holy Trinity Church Hall in Church Street, just off Albion Street, Broadstairs, at 9.45 a.m. until 12.15 p.m. All ladies would be most welcome to come and join us for coffee and to meet current members.

I do hope that we can be entered in your publication and thank you in advance for your help.

Patricia Stitt, President.



  
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## Community Spirit

Dear Sir

We decided to email your estimable organ (to borrow a phrase from Private Eye) to express our appreciation to the two ladies from Stone Road who have transformed the corner area at the top of Nelson Place recently.

They have planted the circular beds with flowers and plants, cleared the huge round planter from all the rubbish that had been pushed into it (bottles, cans - all empty - and even a pair of jeans!) and painted it white, and they have painted all the surrounding posts white as well.

They undertook this personally, funding the plants and paint themselves, and it really has transformed the area.

Thank you to them – it puts the community spirit back into the community.

Name and address withheld Broadstairs

## Worlds End.

I notice that the film on the beach happened on the same day that the world was due to end. Could any of your readers advise me if armageddon actually occurred, as I reside in Cliftonville and its very difficult to tell.

Name & address withheld

## SHOP WATCH

Quite a few shops changing in the town which is usual for the beginning of the summer but our info is a lot vaguer than usual.

**Crafts USL** is closing down but has apparently been bought...don't know if its staying as a craft shop though.

**Dickens Pantry** has recently closed

We shall all miss Janet & her lovely bread & cakes. Hopefully somebody will continue to run it as a bakery. Enjoy the rest Janet xx

**Blooms** have closed & is being replaced by a boutique which sounds lovely,... apparently they're having lavender chandeliers!

The **shop next door** to Blooms is going to be another hair dressers. Good luck guys

**Carthews** the jewellers has closed. At the time of going to press we hadn't heard what it's going to be. There is a vague rumour that it's another estate agent!!

Up by the Cats Whiskers and Bay 158 was a little double glazing shop, well, that's "No More" but opening in its place will be one of those places you go if you want your **feet nibbled by fish**, I'm sure they'll be doing other stuff too. It will be cunningly named **Tankquility**

There are new owners in the card shop next to Prentis....but otherwise I've got nothing exciting to tell

## Stalls & Stuff

It's a very hackneyed phrase 'when the tumbleweed rolls down the High Street' but it does say it all.

If you have a business in town you will be only too familiar with how trading is in the depths of winter. It's quite nice at first when the majority of visitors dwindle away, you can get around quickly without the perils of walking in the middle of the road to avoid the potters & you know nearly every face at least by sight. It's comfortable & you have time to talk to people because you aren't as busy. Then after Christmas as time goes on you start to miss the hustle & rush & long for warm busy days. Most businesses tick along well enough to survive, some do well whatever the time of year but many rely on visitors or residents having a sunny-day spend. February & March can be painful often people don't make enough to cover their basic outgoings but rather than close they keep going, knowing that come the summer all will be better, hopefully. They have their regulars who they wouldn't dream of letting down & it's what keeps them open. Warm weekends appear & bring people out of the woodwork & down the hill from the station, the business rates don't look as scary & you start to order extra stock. Then just when you feel you are on a roll & life is going well in come the 'stalls'.

The fun fare covers Victoria Gardens which in itself is fine, but along with it come the insidious stalls of transient traders. Well you might as well close. The visitors seduced by the lights, noise & crowds are drawn to the area as is their money. Makes you realise that on a hot sunny weekend you would make more money hiring the land & renting out dozens of pitches than slaving away at your business all year.



The ladies of Crafts USL say goodbye

Or perhaps just give up your business & join them on a stall, no business rates, no gas or electricity bills, no upkeep of an old building, no staff to pay, no accountant needed, no need to be involved in the local groups who keep the town vibrant with events & meetings, no worrying about where Mrs Jones is cos you haven't seen her all week & she wasn't very well last week, no taking anybody home cos they have a 'funny turn' in your shop, cafe, pub, restaurant, office.

It'd be a crap High Street then though wouldn't it?

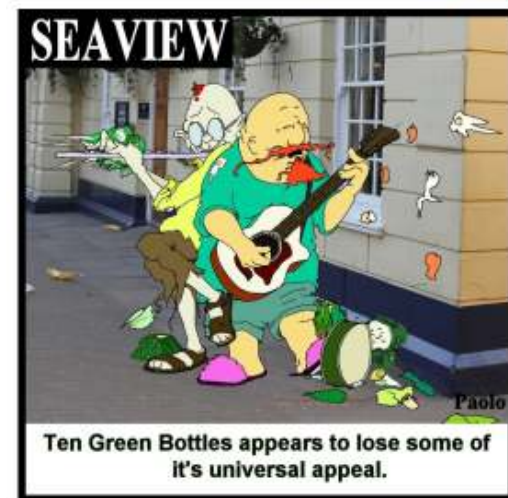
So if you don't want a virtual High Street where you buy everything online, the only gifts available in town appear on High-days and Holidays and all the ice-cream parlours are closed down, perhaps you better make sure you use the wonderful businesses we have .....before they all give up & leave town.

This is not just a rant it is what really happens, a lot of your local traders are fed up with the stalls appearing & creaming off what should be high season profits. With Westwood at the top & stalls at the bottom, the High Street is being squeezed out of existence.

Event organisers please note by filling your markets with transient non-local traders you decrease the viability of our town.

At the moment the Gardens have to be booked through TDC but because we have once again gained Quality Town Status our own Town Council are considering taking over running the Gardens among other places. TDC obviously have no concern over whether the local traders thrive & seem to let anybody book the Gardens whenever they want without any regard to its impact on the local economy. Let us hope that Town Council do take it over & that they seriously consider every booking & who it benefits.

As a resident of Broadstairs please be thoughtful about where you spend your money.



Ten Green Bottles appears to lose some of its universal appeal.



## "You know it so well"

Constant ringing in your ears? Straw hat got a hole in it? Or perhaps your Barley Mow has run out of cider. Well fear not, for its that time of year again when Broadstairs dances to songs about mining disasters, boats sinking and other cheerful ditties. No wonder they're always sticking their fingers in their ears. It's the kids I feel sorry for, frogmarched by parents to the bandstand daily, so mum and or dad can get 90 minutes break by allowing a brightly coloured song-smith/juggler to entertain the little blighters by making them sing songs about a fictitious mythical creature who happens to eat their pocket money. Give them a break, it's not long before the government will be doing that to them when they finally leave education, that's if they ever get over the nightmares about being chased by black two-legged horses that snap at them and smell vaguely of beer and Hessian.

"What have we got for this year then"? I hear you ask, well, do you remember back in 1977, The "Two Ronnies" were on the box, you'd just enjoyed the Ironmongers sketch and was waiting with baited breath for the next instalment of the "Phantom Raspberry Blower of Old London Town". That's when Ronnie Barker appeared and announced "Ladies & Gentlemen, Barbara Dickson". Well she'll be here in Broadstairs revisiting her Folkie roots. Not only but also, we have those old tub-thumping, John Prescott-soaking anarchists Chumbawumba with their own brand of Folkie/Punk/Pop/Rock type thing.

That's just two events, for the other 500 or so other things going on you'll be needing the all singing and dancing Folk Week programme (£3.50) available in many places around town

## Viking bay D-Day

Following the success of the "Film on the beach" there have been many rumours circulating on what movie should be screened next time. We here at The Broadie would like to forward our suggestion of "Saving Private Ryan". Included in our proposal will be a re-enactment of the opening stages of the D-Day landings on Omaha Beach on Viking Bay, with would be GI's coming ashore in inflatables supplied by various beach shops, this is whilst they attempt to shoot the defenders of the shoreline with water pistols as a barrage of water bombs rains down from above. Whilst not exactly true to life, we're hoping that the sight of American GI's wading ashore upon garish blow up crocodiles will alleviate the trauma of the opening stages of the film. Alternatively we could just have "Grease"

## "It was not Cafe Society, it was Nescafe Society"

So said Noel Coward. Perhaps he'd just been to the "House of Coffee" (y'know in Broadstairs Old town...Ahem!). However, you may well find Noel Coward bohemian types in the awfully new "Salon Bohemia" which has taken the place of the aforementioned outlet. And very lovely it looks too, cosy yet opulent, French yet British and just a touch of Jazz club....nice.

They'll be serving coffee's, crepes, baquettes and much more. Apparently you will also be able to become a "member" for some private events, although whether or not you have to turn up in a smoking jacket with opium pipe in tow whilst reading John Paul Satre remains to be seen.

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Here is a sample of our August A La Carte menu

Tomato soup with tapenade £5.00.

Chicken liver parfait with apple & saffron chutney £6.00.

Gorgonzola soufflé with pear & herb salad. £6.00

Mussels with grated apple, cider & cream served with crusty bread £6.50.

Potted crab with mixed leafs & crusty bread £6.50.

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Duck breast with gooseberry sauce, seasonal green vegetables' & sauté potatoes £12.00.

Smoked chicken & mango salad £8.00.

Sirloin steak, with a brandy & peppercorn sauce, French fries, roasted tomatoes & a watercress salad £16.00.

Marinated cod fillet in beer batter, chunky chips homemade tartare sauce & minty mushy peas. £10.00

Gnocchi with gorgonzola dolce £8.00

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Summer pudding £5.00.

Mocha mousse £5.00.

Hazelnut & lemon vodka semi-freddo £5.00

Eaton mess £5.00

A selection of cheeses £6.50.

Please also see our specials board.

Restaurant opens Wed-Fri 6-9pm. Sat 1-4 and 6-9pm. Sun 1-9pm

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## The Other Gig Guide

Here's a list of the other bands on during Folk Week. These aren't featured in the Folk Week guide because these bands are booked by the pubs as extra gigs for your entertainment.

For all Folk Week gigs please buy a Folk Week Souvenir Programme, available from shops and pubs in town for only £3.50

Lord Nelson:

Sat 6th 8pm Jeff Barker Band

Sun 7th, 4pm 'Georgie'

Mon 8th, 4pm 'Rosa'

Tues 9th, 4pm 'Cara Harrison Band'

Wed 10th, 4pm 'Rosa/Morning Departure'

Thur 11th, 4pm 'The Big Blue'

Fri 12th, 4pm 'Jeff Barker Band'



The Dolphin: All extra gigs 3pm - 5pm

Sat 6th 'Jed'

Sun 7th 'Blow'

Mon 8th 'Funke & the 2 tone Baby'

Tues 9th 'Max & Friends'

Wed 10th 'Phil'

Thur 11th 'Les Trois Amigos'

Fri 12th 'Salvador Charlie'



Barnaby Rudge:

Beer festival all week featuring twelve beers and ales. All extra gigs on at 3pm

Mon 8th, Mark Taylor, Lee Charles & Luke Jackson

Tues 9th, 'Sam Parker'.

Wed 10th 'Jedwood', the return

Thurs 11th 'Surf Dude Grandad Duo'

Fri 12th 'Rosco Levee' (EP Launch)

Sat 13th 9pm 'Surf Dude Grandad'



Neptune:

All week after Folk Week band has finished

(Approx 8.30- 9.00pm)

Paul 'One Love'



The Balmoral:

Fri 5th 9pm 'Open Harp Surgery'

Sun 14th 4pm 'Luke Jackson'

Wed 10th 8pm 'Luke Jackson'

Fri 12 th Aug 9pm 'Broken Biscuit'



The Rose:

Extra Bands on all week at 3pm

Fri 5th 'Jacuzzi Soup'

Sat 6th 'TBA'

Mon 8th 'Black Pepper'

Tues 9th 'Bill Douglas'

Wed 10th 'TBA'

Thur 11th 'Carey, Rathbone & Bell'

Fri 12th 'TBA'





# Wallys Plot



I love Folkweek. It's been a part of my life since I was born. Not only because my Uncle and Aunt had been, and still are, involved in the festival since millennia but my birthday always falls over the event, the 9th just so you know (feel free to join in with the celebration, buying me beer is always a winner!). As a very cheap way of doing something on my birthday my mum would bring us kids to the Hobby horse club. For years I was convinced that the whole show had been put on for me and that all the other children were there to celebrate my birthday. How cruel and crushingly disappointing life can be. Then in my teenage years I came back to the festival. Long hair, rage against the machine t-shirt, Dr martins and a weird hair braided thing. Man I was cool. I made some fantastic friends and learnt a lot. Mainly rolling fags and snogging (handy skills to have). There are still many of those old friends that still come back year upon year. One of the things I look forward to the most is seeing which friends will turn up. Some of them you could put money on but there is always a chance that someone you had forgotten about and hadn't seen for years will come bowling in through the door of the pub or come crashing in to you during a ceilidh! A truly social event it is. Then of course every year you get introduced to someone new or get chatting to someone at the bar and before you know it you've added more friends to your list. Great times! Now as a bearded, arcade fire t-shirt wearing adult I'm still involved. I get to do one of the best jobs in the whole of the Folk week work force. Pub collections. I go round 4 pubs every lunch time and evening to collect spare change from nice people like yourselves. If the band is good (most are) and I've timed it right I get to watch a good chunk of the gig and treat myself to a sneaky half (pub collections is hard, thirsty work). If you are new to this and are wondering why I collect money from the public it is because the bands have to get paid somehow and the advertising and sponsorships are not enough on their own. I should probably mention that none of the workforce get paid for doing their job, we all volunteer. We do however get a season ticket for our efforts. So if you see me and you like the band, or even another collector and the band is so so, please give generously.

Ok so I suppose I had better write something a bit vegetable based. Now is the time that you get to reap what you sow. It's the point to all that hard work! Enjoy it!

There are still a few things that can be sown. Perpetual spinach, winter radish (those large weird looking things), chard, Japanese onions and salad leaves. Something I am doing this year for the first time is to grow spring greens. Admittedly you can pick them up cheap in the shops but I always think it's good to have something in the ground over winter and these will be ready in April when dog all else is available! They are also rich in vitamins and minerals which your body will be craving after a long winter.

Ok I'm off to iron my hanky, detoxify my kidneys and liver and polish my dancing shoes. Have fun every one, see you in the pub.

## Wally's top tip

Be polite to pub collectors even if you don't like the music!

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## Viking Bay Fireworks

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## Another Stein please

Well if you like your beer you'll doubtless be very pleased to hear that, following the success of the beer festival earlier in the year, Mac at the Pavillion has organised some more ale sampling for your delectation.

### The Broadstairs Summer Beer festival

www.broadstairsbeerfestival.co.uk runs from Fri 30TH August 2011 to Sunday 4TH Sept and will include ales from the local brewers at 'Gadds', 'Adnams' and 'Caledonian' Breweries.

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## I have built it, but will they come?

Those of you with long memories or have sad, empty and uninteresting lives, may recall my previous series of articles, the main purpose of which was to lampoon, nay, humiliate the genus 'Dobinus Pestus Folkweekii' (the Folkweek Horsemen). Oh how I lambasted them with many a cruel jibe, until infuriated beyond their breaking point, like any cornered beast, they struck back, wreaking havoc upon my retail premises, leaving confusion and disarray in their wake.

There has since followed a period of uneasy truce with the eponymous creatures and myself that culminated in them tidying and cleaning my shop.

This made me begin to wonder if our preconceptions relating to these beasts were true. Then, last year to my complete and utter surprise they (the Horsemen) began to bring me mysterious gifts. Arriving in 2s and 3s they would lay them ceremoniously on the counter before me like some kind of pantomime equine Magi. To begin with it made no sense; a bag of screws one day, some string the next, a bulk of timber, a length of black cloth and so on. Then, on the Friday, a large deputation, maybe half the herd, bustled in, a scroll of parchment lodged in one of their number's black maw. Hands shaking, I dislodged it from the black lacquered jaws and spread it out whilst they gazed on.

What I saw depicted looked at first like a cross between a schematic drawing of a clockwork trouser press and Egyptian hieroglyphics. I could not work it out. I looked at the hooden ones, my obvious confusion irked them. In their frustration at my inability to comprehend, they became dangerously animated, crashing their beaky snouts upon the drawing in an effort to be understood. Then I had my Eureka moment. I brought out the timber, the string, the screws etc. They danced their approval snapping their jaws with pleasure and excitement. "You want me to make this?" I asked. They became strangely still and for a moment man and beast became of one mind. Then, in an instant, they were gone.

That was the last day of Folk Week 2010. Over the past weeks and months, using the materials provided, I have striven to construct something as close to the plan as possible (see photo) and I think the end product, if used wisely, could help facilitate the study of these barely understood creatures. Perhaps, at last, providing some answers to the many questions about them, for instance:

What are their mating habits?

Is it true they survive solely on kebabs and chips?

Do they only drink real ale or will any beer with a bit of twig floating in it suffice?

So much we do not know, but with this equipment maybe I can get close to them. Are they reaching out for greater interaction between our species,

or is this some elaborate trick to lure an unsuspecting retailer to a sticky end? There could be danger,.... after all they are only animals ..... aren't they?

Peter Ellis  
All Weather Clothing  
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# Mrs Wally

## Does non-green sal ads

Last issue's salad recipes caused a bit of a stir – lots of people have said how useful it was and requested recipes for some of the salads Mr Wally and I provide at our barbeques.

So with that in mind and the fact that it's the summer and we should all be on the beach rather than slaving in a hot kitchen here are my top old faithful non-green salads. I usually make in massive quantities and then store in the fridge to be used for packed lunches or for post pub midnight snacks. I'm going to make sure there are lots of salads in the fridge for folk week this year so that Mr Wally can supplement his rather limited traditional diet of Masterbrew and Brie and Bacon paninis from the Neptune and avoid getting scurvy.

**Thai Carrot** - I'm sure I've documented this little gem in a previous issue. My favourite salad ever and very popular with everyone who tries it. Only difficult thing about it is the grating but it you're lucky enough to have a grating attachment on your food processor which hasn't been bent out of shape by some idiot poking a wooden spoon too far down the spout you're onto a winner. Carrots loads, about 800g, grated on the fat side of the grater. Sultanas two thirds of a mug full plumped up with boiling water for 10 mins. Spring onions a bunch topped. Coriander and sliced into rounds. Coriander Medium bunch chopped roughly. Mint as per Coriander. A chilli chopped finely. Garlic a couple of crushed cloves. Juice of a lime or two. A big glug of extra virgin olive oil. Mix them all together in a big bowl and season generously. This takes quite a lot of salt. This keeps in the fridge for a few days and just like Mr Wally seems to get better with age.

**Tomato and Garlic** - this has been the source of much disagreement between Mr & W Gardner Esq and people who insist that onion should be involved. It shouldn't. As this is a simple salad it is essential to use the very best, ripest tomatoes you can find. If the ones in your greenhouse aren't ripe enough pop in and see Mr Prentis - I use vine ripened plum tomatoes which are deliciously sweet and flavoursome. Slice tomatoes thickly and place in a bowl. Crush 2 or 3 cloves of garlic and spread over the tomatoes. Pinch of sea salt, quick grind of black pepper, a splash of balsamic vinegar and a generous glug of extra virgin olive oil.



### Potato Salad

Cheap, delicious and easy peasy to make which makes you wonder why it's impossible to buy a decent potato salad in a supermarket..... New potatoes – just give them a quick rinse and big ones cut into roughly the same size as the tiddlers. Mayo – you can make your own or cheat like I do and use the nation's favourite brand (full fat one please not the one full of added sugar and xanthan gum) and pep it up with a glug of extra virgin olive oil. Parsley and chives – a handful of each chopped fairly finely. Sometimes I add some finely sliced spring onions as well to give a bit of an extra kick. Occasionally I sneak in half a small clove of crushed garlic as well

I steam the potatoes in their skins then leave to cool for a bit in a colander before transferring to a big bowl and stirring in the mayo. I add mayo in two stages, enough to coat lightly at first and then once the potatoes have cooled further I season well with salt and pepper and a pinch of hot paprika before stirring a big glug of olive oil through followed by more mayo and the herbs. Let it cool before putting in the fridge until you're ready to serve.

**Greek salad** – I find irregularity of chunks to be the most interesting approach, let the chunks be individuals. A large cucumber peeled and chopped into nice chunks – if it's particularly seedy I scoop out the seeds from half of it to cut down on juiciness. Tomatoes – whatever you've got, little ones left whole and big ones chopped into fat chunks. Red onion – sliced finely. Black olives – stones removed. Feta – a nice block, crumbled not sliced.

All you need to do is chop vegetables and then combine in a bowl, adding a squeeze of lemon juice, salt, pepper and oil. I like to chop up a few sprigs of oregano and a small handful of mint finely chopped. Top with the crumbled feta.

There you go – nice easy, tasty healthy salads that should give you the vitality you need to have a go at African drumming, Bollywood dancing or hone your hula-hooping skills at one of the fantastic Folk Week workshops....it's not all beards and bells you know. See you at the Gypsy Punk night at the Pav. Have a good one and remember to keep putting pounds in those tins!!!!

**My top tip:** If your name's Wally try to eat something that isn't beige or beer flavoured at least once during the festival – we don't want you to get gout again this year do we darling?



## For Nicole

On 14th June 2011 a group of friends and colleagues from Broadstairs set off on a sponsored cycle ride from Land's End to Broadstairs, their efforts were inspired by local teenager Nicole Dryburgh who passed away in 2010. Nicole was devoted to raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust, and specifically the construction of a specialist unit at the Royal Marsden Hospital. The groups' route took them from Land's End, Launceston, Chard, Andover, Dulwich (then they completed the London to Brighton on 19/06/2011) then Brighton, Hastings, Broadstairs - That's 500+ miles in just 7 days! To celebrate their return there was a great turn out on Broadstairs Pier on 21st June 2011 'Money is still coming in, but the group have now raised more than £10,000 from the support shown by Broadstairs residents & businesses and would like to say a massive thank you to everyone that helped us along the way. The website is still open for donations; [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/cyclefornicole](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/cyclefornicole) (all funds raised will be going to the Teenage Cancer Trust) 'We have our sights firmly set on a new target of £15,000 for this emotive cause & can get there with YOUR help!'

Nicole suffered numerous illnesses including cancer during her life. She was a focussed individual who's story is enough to move anyone. She raised over £100,000 for charities before her death and remains an inspiration to us all

Keith Taylor

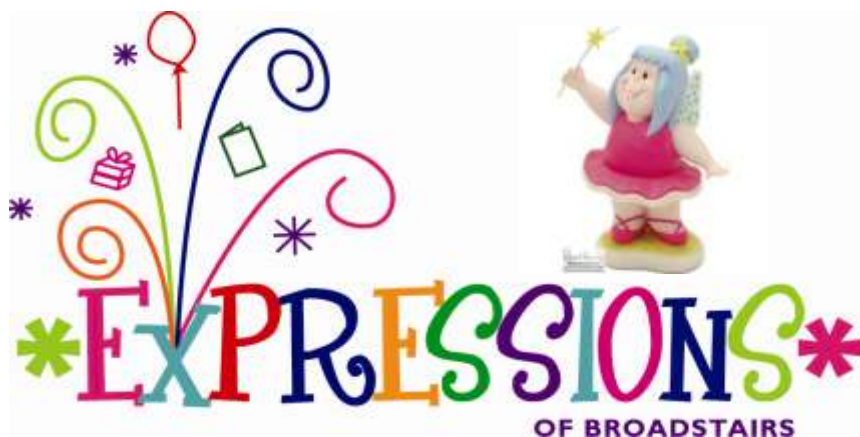


## Clowning Around

What's going on here? Big red nose....Sitting down on the job...mismatched clothes. Perhaps a local councillor has come down to Albion street to inspect the extortionate prices in the car-park.....Well I say 'car-park', but really mean 4 x 4 test drive track considering the absolute awful state of the Tarmac. Or maybe he's got lost, doesn't know where he is and can't find his way back to Margate. Alternatively it could just be a fibre-glass clown somebody dumped there. Whatever happened he'd gone in about an hour. Any answers please contact us at the usual address on page 3.



**Paul Noon.** Another Broadstairs character has passed away. Very sad to hear that Paul Noon died recently. He will be sadly missed by family and friends



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*Jo Gee, Broadstairs Town Council*

WTF. No really, WTF.

Conservative, Jo Gee, a Broadstairs town councillor decided this was a fitting description of the town where she lives.

Not only that but she thought it'd be a great idea to announce it at a meeting which included representatives of the local and Kentish press.

Has Jo been reading too many Cosa Nostra stories or perhaps she's addicted to The Sopranos, who knows. But some local traders and residents may well be clubbing together to deliver her a horses head.

Her comment was made in a local community meeting to discuss amongst other things, the proposal to create a small trading village under the shelter at the end of Broadstairs pier, much the same sort of market type affair that has been successful on the jetty at Whitstable.

Now, whilst we have a few issues with the proposal, not least the problems of small start up businesses with low overheads potentially stealing custom from the High Street shops. We don't feel that there is enough of a vandalism problem to warrant such a shocking statement.

And, anyway, if she believes there is such a problem in Broadstairs, what is she doing about it? Perhaps it's about time she and the other councillors fought for some investment in our town as opposed to spending it all in Margate. Y'know, investment on things like security measures, events, paint, or maybe new bulbs for the faulty harbour floodlights. Alternatively she could just invest in an internet connection from which she could discover that even Whitstable has suffered in recent years from a youth gang culture which has seen criminal convictions ranging from vandalism to theft and attempted murder.

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# Night-time Manoeuvres

It wasn't the burnt cork that caused the problem, far from it, that was one of the most enjoyable parts of the evening. The other kids from the neighbourhood were all busy creating the commando camouflage look that we'd studied so many times before with flashlights under the covers, whilst reading dog-eared back issues of "battle" comic, the boys magazine for the bloodthirsty imperialist twelve and under

There we were, torches in hand, standing or slumped over lawnmowers and old motorcycle parts in the "Two brothers" dad's shed at number forty nine, twelve lads mostly applying dirty burnt wood to their cheeks and noses, discussing the rules of engagement for the night ahead, ready to take on the same enemies that our dads and granddads had fought in far off climes, and all in the comfort of our very own council estate, yes said Darren, the oldest and therefore the Captain, "Even down the dark back alley where the nut-jobs live".

"Your playing Manhunt tonight" enquired my mother in a questioning manner, "Well that's fine, just so long as you stay away from the back alley, you know what they're like down there, it's all Anglia TV and linoleum"

"What's the matter with Lino" I enquired. "Well for starters it's what they have in the houses down the back alley" came the reply, as if this had answered the question fully and no more explanation was needed. I fully understood the reason for having a general distrust of "The other channels" as my mother called them, I mean, how could any normal person get that excited about the prizes Nicholas Parsons had to offer on 'Sale of the Century'. But as no further information regarding the perils of linoleum ownership was forthcoming, I turned and left, stooping only to pick up my plastic cadet rifle in the vain hope that any would be assassins would see I was nine years old and armed.

"Six a side" said Darren, which seemed nice and equal. Well it was until he started picking the sides, unfortunately for us his little brother was "captain" of the other team. It seemed outrageously unfair that all he had to do to reach the heady heights of Captaincy was be related to his oldest brother, but what could I do, without any higher rank to take my complaint to, I was stuffed. It did occur to me that I could perhaps just drop home and discuss the matter with my father, who having served King and Country may well be more understanding, but I thought better of it in the end, assuming, probably quite rightly that he

may well not understand the complexities of sixth grade pecking orders and sibling fascism. I imagined the brothers hanging upside down on the village green surrounded by an angry mob and let it go. For the time being.....

It has to be said that the Captain of this team wasn't really a great leader of men, the picking of sides began with the age old democratic process of "Ip, Dit Dog - shit", a process that the older boys had mastered thoroughly. I therefore ended up being the oldest of a gang of children ranging from just over six years to the grand old age of nine, the other team had of course rigged the choice and now consisted of two eleven year olds two twelve year olds and another tall boy of thirteen who had turned up complete in army greens and scout knife with three cigarettes, I felt at this point that perhaps our team should collect some pillowcases from home and knock up a couple of white flags, we could then start the night games in full retreat, but hey what could I do, I was still a private taking orders from a short seven year old with a constantly snotty chin. I felt that there may well be a coup in the offing if only my quarter of fizzy lemons could stretch to four other dirty kids with a penchant for all things sugary. But that would have to wait as it was time to hit the streets.

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tree.

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To this day I'm not really sure how the rules played out, or what we had to do to become the victorious conquerors, but really, at the time I was more interested in avoiding a good kicking and of course causing enough dissension in the ranks to enable me to become Captain. "Do we have to go down the back alley" asked young Captain Peter. "Well" I started, "You're the Captain, it's up to you, we're just here to follow orders". I'd heard that one on one of those war films my father insisted on falling asleep in front of on a Sunday Afternoon and it definitely started him thinking "Of course, if you like, I can help you out with the decisions but

you'll have to make me your Sergeant". That was easy, only two lampposts up the street and I'd made it to "Sarge", I was rather pleased with my cunning and imagined that this would hold me in good stead for the future. I had a mental image of my senior officer at Sandhurst pinning a large medal on my tunic "For Bravery in the field" the medal read as other soldiers looked on admiringly. Now all I had to do was get the other four kids to salute me, and make it out of the back alley alive.

As we reached the end of the road and turned down into the next row of houses where the entrance to the dark alley was I turned to see that our once merry band of Brothers had already started to fracture. We'd got stragglers.

"I don't want to go down the alley" said Peter, this phrase then echoed through the remaining four kids as we neared the dark entrance to the portal of doom. "It smells like mad dogs and wee" said another. "My mum will tell me off if I go down there" said a third. "Okay" I piped up, "I'll go and take a quick look as far as the first corner, and you cover me. If you here me say run, get out of here as quick as a fox"

Feeling very brave and heroic I started off on my own down the dog-crap alley, stepping carefully should I set off the mines and avoiding the enemy in their Linoleum clad echoey houses who were doubtless inside watching 'Magpie' and drinking' Mellow Birds'. Just up ahead was the corner, if I reached it I could turn back with pride, safe in the knowledge that I would be looked upon as a hero by the remaining members of my platoon. On reaching the corner I scouted the area with my flashlight, left and right, up and down. Nothing. Nobody, not even one small mad dog for me to do battle with., let alone a bunch of smoking pre teens with a buck knife.

On reaching the safety of the road I couldn't help but notice that this hero of a fruitless campaign had been deserted by his none too loyal troupe, nowhere to be seen would also describe the situation well. It was then that I noticed the Blue light atop of the Panda car halfway down the road on the other side, there lined up against the wall were my troops, all five of them, and from my safe distance of a crouch at three lampposts I could hear crying. What should I do? That's my boys down there, perhaps I should explain what we were up to and rescue them from certain jail. These thoughts I had as I turned and strolled nonchalantly away towards



the safety of my own home, glancing over my shoulder every three steps to make sure I wasn't being chased by the long arm of the law. Okay, I wasn't brave, I'd run away from trouble and my troops had been captured by the enemy, I felt ashamed and low and not worthy of the medal that was due to be pinned to my chest in years to come. On the bright side however I did still have all of my Fizzy lemons. Also, the last my gang had seen of me was me bravely heading towards certain death at the hands of goodness knows what in the terrors of the dark alley. Hell, I was off the hook, and I could make up any manner of untruths to bolster my own heroism. I found out the next day that the older kids had decided to stop by the mad old lady at the end house and throw all of her big bloomers up into the tree in the garden. That's why the police had turned up, and that's why there was nobody in the alleyway ready to pounce on us and beat us to within an inch. The police weren't too happy about having to pick the old girls unmentionables out of a tree on a cold night. Of course when they came upon five crouched youngsters in combats they immediately had their culprits. Burnt cork smeared ladies underwear and dirty faced children equaled certain guilt and no amount of arguing was going to change their minds. The older kids had of course legged it and were probably off smoking their cigarettes in the privacy of the back alley whilst watching the girl from number thirty two who always got undressed with her curtains open. Nothing was done however apart from a bit of ritual humiliation by the police and a fair amount of crying from the other five boys. We didn't play manhunt much after that night and the older kids didn't ask us to join in much anymore either, they'd just started to discover the opposite sex and the younger lads were, well, just too young, which left me in the middle ground in search of new friends who didn't cry if you happened to chance upon a mad dog in a dark alleyway in late November.



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## The Green Fairy

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who do not know, the Green Fairy refers to the popular spirit absinth. This spirit gained a great reputation and increased in popularity in France from the 1840s until it was made illegal in 1914. Around this time absinth was made illegal in many other countries including Switzerland, Belgium, Brazil, the Netherlands and the United States. It was never banned in Great Britain, partly due to its lack of popularity. After being banned in France, such drinks as Pernod became popular as they did not contain wormwood but had a similar aniseed taste.

Absinth was given both a bad and good reputation for its effects of inducing euphoria, hallucinations and eventual madness. It is very much still in debate if this effect was generated by the high concentrations of alcohol in the drink, the content of Wormwood or the chemicals introduced into cheap versions to evoke a more vivid green colour. Vincent Van Gogh and Toulouse Lautrec were reported as keen drinkers of absinth.

The main ingredients in this vivid green spirit are Wormwood, Anise and Fennel. When prepared these would give the drink a green colour and a distinctive bitter, aniseed taste. Depending on the process of production it can be varying shades of green or even clear.

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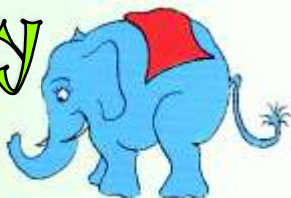
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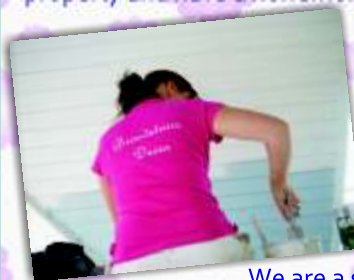


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## Watch out, Watch out there's a Guerilla about.

It would seem that Mr Camerons big society is alive and well in Broadstairs if these two are anything to go by.

The lovely duo who go by the names of Sandra (top) and Jane, have been busy tidying painting and planted what was a rather derelict area up by the top of Nelson Place and making it all look new and cared for. (See letters page)

The ladies who describe themselves as Guerilla gardeners have also been lovingly caring for Balmoral Gardens halfway up Albion Street.

"There's talk that the town council wants groups and members of the public to adopt areas that have been neglected by the district council, but we just want to do our own thing" said Jane.

And going on what they've done already that's not a bad thing.

More power to their trowels and watering cans and of course, a big thank you on behalf of Broadstairs.



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 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  
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 Kent Surf School 866707  
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 N Foreland Golf Club 862140  
 Rock Doctor Walks 0870 2646111  
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 Thanet Male Voice Choir 865819  
 Thanet Squash Club 865484  
 Thanet Wanderers' Rugby 593142  
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### Useful websites

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### Bandstand

### Entertainment

Starts at 2.30pm

September

4<sup>th</sup> Gravesend Borough

Band

11<sup>th</sup> Whitstable Brass Band

### Regular Meetings/events

1st Sun 7-1pm Boot Fair Charles Dickens School 07709 074866  
 Every Mon 7.30pm B'st Chess Club Memorial Theatre, Hilderstone  
 1st Mon 7.30pm Broadstairs Victorians, Crampton Tower Museum 869839  
 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  
 4th Mon 7.30pm Island Greenfingers' Club St. Peter's Church Hall 831618  
 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  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 9.45am  
 WI Holy Trinity Hall  
 2nd Tues 2.30pm Island Floral Group. St Peter's Church Hall 592987  
 2nd Tues 7.30pm B'st Soc Park Hall 868835  
 Every Weds 7.30pm Phoenix Quilters, Crampton Tower Hall 596518  
 Every Weds 7.30pm Bridge Club. Portland Centre, St Peter's 604954  
 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  
 1st Weds 7.45pm Dickens Fellowship Dickens House Museum 860159  
 2nd Weds 7.30pm St P's & B'st Horticultural Soc. Park Hall 601095  
 2nd Mon 7.30pm Thanet Amnesty Group. Friends Meeting House, St Peters Rd 295536. call for more info  
 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  
 Every Fri 7-9pm St P's Old Boys & Comm Ass, WHIST St Peters Memorial Hall 864162

### Halloween Party

Sun 30th Oct 3-6pm

Pavilion

£3 children & adults

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### Silent Disco

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Tues 16th Aug

3-6pm Kids, 7-11pm

Adults

Viking Bay

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### Sarah Thorne Theatre Club,

Memorial Theatre Hilderstone

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September

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 7.45pm: Victorian Music Hall

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> & Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm: Dick Barton Special Agent

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm: Broadstairs Weekend Jazz

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm: Davey Arthur & Friends

October

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm: Delusions of Time

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 6.30pm: Eleanor of Aquitaine

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm: Thanet Writers Awards Night

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 7.45pm: The Spikedrivers

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 3pm: Patrick Dunn piano concert

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 1pm: Annie (Concert Version)

Canterbury Festival

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm: Callas

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm: Coward at Sea

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am & 1.30pm: The Business of Diversity

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm: Ragas and Rhythms of India

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 3pm: David Barry in conversation

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm: The Music of Leonard Cohen

### September Events

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> to Sat 17<sup>th</sup> St P's & B Bowls Club, Annual tournament, Bowls Club Lawn Rd 861283

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 10am Harvest Festival Holy Trinity Church 862921

Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

[www.coastalongforwateraid.org](http://www.coastalongforwateraid.org) Joss Bay to Dumpton

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Heritage Day

9.45am St P Village Tour 07546 514948

2pm St P Churchyard Tour 868646

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm B & St P Concert Band

Pavilion 581185

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 10-4pm Autumn Rally, Crampton Tower Museum 871133

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-6.30pm (4.30pm on Sun)

Food Fayre Victoria Gardens & Promenade

### October Events

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm B & St P Concert Band

Pavilion 581185

### Quiz nights

Fri Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm 07925 185052

Bucket & Spade quiz in support of BBW (Film on the Beach)

£5 bring your own food & drink Crampton Tower Hall

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm 07964 962155

Quiz night for 6<sup>th</sup> Nov event Park Hall

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 7.30pm 07925 185052

Halloween quiz in support of Halloween events

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