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Stalls & Stuff 1

Your article 'Stalls & Stuff' in issue 19 is deeply misguided and likely to do more harm than good to Broadstairs shopkeepers.

Firstly, you make many unfounded assumptions - do you really know that stallholders pay no rates or bills, employ no staff or accountants, and are not local people? How do you think they store their stock or get their books done?

But more damaging is the assertion that stallholders cream off the best of the trade to the detriment of shopkeepers who can't compete with them. At the local events I have attended, most stalls offer an alternative selection of goods that greatly complement those found in the High Street. Good stalls add to the atmosphere of events, and draw visitors in, many of whom then go on to spend money in local shops. Without the stalls, the events would be smaller, fewer visitors would come, and less would be spent in local shops.

The fact that local shopkeepers pay business rates and other overheads does not give them protection from competition, nor should it. Our 'free market' trading environment enabled shopkeepers to establish viable businesses in the first place - they should not be scared of competition, but should see it as an incentive to improve and develop their businesses. And why should others (often local) not have the same opportunity to start up small businesses and improve both themselves and the town?

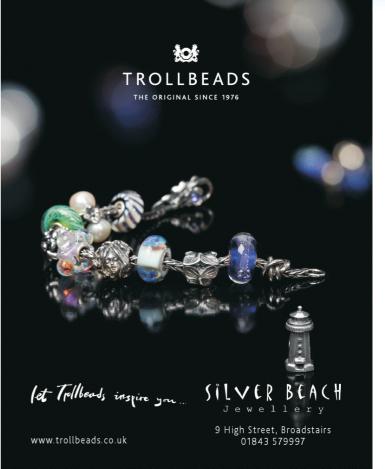
You unintentionally talk sense when you sarcastically suggest that local shopkeepers should 'join them on a stall'. But shopkeepers do not need to 'give up their businesses' to do this. In fact, if they set up stalls themselves, shopkeepers would find they have a competitive advantage over other traders by having an established name in the town, and by having favourable terms and conditions with suppliers. Thirty five years ago my mother set up Viking Crafts in Albion Street (in the shop that is now the Seafarer chippy). She found that crafts supplies alone were not enough to make her business viable, so she branched out into selling ready-made ethnic craft items. These were a big success and before long stallholders were selling similar items at local events. She didn't sit around moaning about this, instead she created a local job by employing someone to mind the shop, then set up a stall herself. As an established local trader, and able to buy stock at better rates than the stallholders, she increased her profits and grew her business.

By all means highlight the positives that a prosperous High Street brings to the town, but encouraging local shopkeepers to feel hard done by is not the way to defend or promote our High Street. Instead, shopkeepers should be encouraged to innovate, take risks, and seek out new opportunities. A competitive, dynamic trading environment will have room for shopkeepers and stallholders alike, and the whole town will benefit as a consequence.

R B, Broadstairs.

Stalls & Stuff 2

I Wholeheartedly agree with the writer of the article in the last issue. What is the point in allowing a stallholder to pitch up on the promenade and sell the same goods as are available within eyesight at a local shop. This is especially mad when you consider that these stalls often set up camp during events that are part aimed at showcasing what the town has to offer and have been historically organised to do just that, they are not for just giving profit to random traders from out of the area. If I want chips and doughnuts I'll happily go to a shop that sells them thank you very much. Name and address supplied



Stalls & Stuff 3

This transient trader (I live in Broadstairs) was most irate after I read the article entitled 'Stalls & Stuff'. I spend most of the week making my items as everything I sell is handmade. I then hopefully sell my items at the Harbour Market on a Sunday weather permitting. 8 out of 10 traders were local last Sunday. I will now be putting my efforts into making the market a better place to visit rather than arguing about who should or shouldn't be allowed to trade. Debbie

Down on the harbour

Beware the Gulls

Can I please ask anyone who is thinking of feeding the seagulls your left over lunch or the odd chip not to. They are getting a taste for

human food and swooping people for their food. I had my sandwich taken clean out of my hand today and head scratched by seagull on Viking bay. If you see holiday makers feeding them please tell them not to as they can be quite scary (seagulls, not holiday makers)

Bec Broadstairs



Dear The Broadie.

I am writing about the article in your last edition about stalls on Victoria Gardens and the surrounding areas when there are events on.

As a shop owner I must say, I don't think people realise the effect the stalls have on shops that are often in the Broadstairs town area all year round.

We rely on busy periods to support our guieter periods. We already have to compete against Westwood Cross but to have stalls in direct competition with businesses already in the town seems unfair.

I actually like events being on in the town as it does bring people down, but when everything is tucked down the front, it encourages the visitors to spend their money there and not in the town. Therefore actually affecting a normal business day. For example: - The Water Gala on a Wednesday - That week Monday and Tuesday business was ok Wednesday we had one of our worst days for the year, Thursday onwards good.

Maybe if stalls want to come into the town on events day then maybe it should be within the town. You could close the road and have a market on the high street. Visitors are within the vacinity and then its their choice where they shop - Fair competition - though you wouldn't put a grocery stall outside a grocers, a cake stall outside a cake shop and so on.

This isn't a war but asking for fair play to help the town exist.

Yours Faithfully Shop Owner (Name & Address supplied)

Times gone by in a Hilman Minx

The recent surge in petrol prices reminded me that I could buy four gallons of petrol for £1in 1970 when I passed my driving test. I was on £12 a week as a shop assistant. having just passed my test in a Ford Anglia after only ten lessons. Those were the days of truly happy motoring when my father would drive up to Manchester as far as the uncompleted motorway system would allow him. He'd go from one market town to another along B roads selling his wares in small family run shops, he'd get there in his trusty Morris Minor and then later a Hilman Minx at the grand speed of 65mph where he would spend his time in customers shops chatting and drinking tea and discussing orders, he'd then be on his way telling the customer that he'd be back in a months time. After a week on the road he would get home and decamp to the front room to process each order. The AA Atlas was his bible giving him all the information he needed such as early closing days. B&Bs and vital A & B roads.

It seems a far cry from todays inflated prices, Sat Nav, mobile phones and the worry of getting one more point on your driving licence which can put you off the road. I miss my father and the gentler age all gone now **R** Smith

St Peters

A man named Cliff?

I have just witnessed three men walking along the beach, each one had a tray of chips. The man in the middle was one step ahead of his two friends. A local resident of the white feathered vulture variety saw the chips and swooped in actually landing on the centre mans head.

The poor unfortunate obviously thought his friends were mucking around, going to grab what he thought

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was his friends hand he pulled the gull from his head, panicked, dropped everything, gravity took care of the chips, the gull flew around in a circle and then proceeded to reap the rewards. I should have asked the unfortunate mans name. I wonder? Mr Nutkin Viking Bay

and you're worried about a tarnished cake stand?!

The Further Adventures of **Mr Clowny McClown**

You may remember the naughty clown from the last issue, well, not content with just visiting the car-park, Mr Clowny Mc Clown (Apparently his real name) has been dropping in for tea in Albion Street. You'd think though with those rosy cheeks he'd probably prefer something a little stronger.

Where will he end up next, and what will he be up to?

Where have all the flowers gone

You may also remember in a previous issue we featured the unveiling of what seemed to be a new Pansy laying device. Well this strange and

curious contraption has obviously been laid to rest because the previously featured flowerbed now looks like this (see After). What a shame to loose a flowerbed....

However, lets not complain and bluster. Why not use the space for something useful. Some suggestions already in include:-

A large Wicker Man that gets burnt on a yearly basis, preferably with the worst performing councillor safely trussed up inside.

A nice new set of stocks to reintroduce that quaint tradition of throwing rotten fruit at local Ne'r-do-wells Suggestions please..... David Silk **Broadstairs**









Paolo





The Broadie

Far & Wide

I see that not content with the residents of Broadstairs, The Broadie is now reaching across to Canada.

I too send a copy to Ontario, in fact to Hamilton. So please could the Brigadier be on his best behaviour, we don't want to confirm to our friends in the Commonwealth that we have an eccentric in our midst. C Hughes

Broadstairs

(Wouldn't dream of upsetting our colonial cousins, after all I'm sure we'll be wanting the colonies back in the not too distant future and there's nothing worse than having to deal with angry natives. **The Brigadier**)

Birds discouraged from defecating

Many readers will be pleased to know that the seating under the end of pier has been deep cleaned by TDC to get rid of the considerable amount of bird droppings, they have fitted anti-perching spikes to the rafters to discourage Pete the Pigeon from pooping on your heads as you sit and read the Telegraph

Name & Address supplied

Super-fast Broadband Investment

BT recently announced plans to fund the roll-out of super-fast fibre broadband across Thanet. The upgrades are due to be completed in Autumn 2012 and will ensure that residents and local businesses can benefit from next generation technologies. The news follows extensive lobbying by both the public as well as our MP Laura Sandys.

Following a meeting with BT, Laura said: "This investment is exactly what East Kent needs to drive forward its regeneration. Whereas before, Thanet was languishing behind with internet speeds of around 40Mbpsm, the new fibre broadband will deliver speeds of up to 100Mbps. This is good news for residents and will help secure local small businesses a competitive advantage."

'With a faster internet connection, families could download a film, watch a TV replay service, surf the internet and play games online all under one roof with one signal connection. Small businesses will also be able to work online faster than ever before. This news should be welcome by us all and marks a success for my continued campaign to upgrade Thanet's communications – internet, TV reception and mobile network coverage all need improving. With a hugely upgraded broadband infrastructure, Thanet is no longer left at the end of the line."

RIP to Pam Freeman who died at the beginning of September. Pam had been a resident here for 27 years & was a big fan of The Broadie. She was lovely & I & many others will miss her. Christmas Bazaar 10th Dec 10.30-4pm Age Concern & Council Chamber



We would like to thank all of our wonderful friends and family for making our wedding day even more magical.

We are completely overwhelmed by the love, laughs, smiles and outstanding generosity from you all.....It truly blew us away. We are very lucky girls Thank You. xxx

Crack to Grannies?

Hi There

I enjoyed your article about the Broadstairs underbelly. I have often been worried that those Italian students who hang around outside Rooks at lunch time and not really from the KSE but rather Cosa Nostra using the KSE tag as a cover to sell crack to the grannies. Anyway attached is a small collection of graffiti I have noticed around the town. TBH I think it's funny although yes it is not very artistic it amuses me that people who come from such a beautiful town by the sea like to think they are living the urban ghetto life. The first piece in chalk was clearly the work of a criminal who should be locked up. Thomas



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Passengers at 10,000ft

How lovely to see a picture of a Lancaster Bomber in flight on page 12 of the Isle of Thanet Gazette on Friday September 9th. However the caption underneath seemed a little misleading 'Kents only passenger crossing to Belgium'

Us being nice - Surely not

I know, I can hardly believe it either, but credit where credit is due. It was nice to see Councilors out and about doing good and meeting the people over the last couple of months. We spotted Councilor Bayford taking a healthy and active interest up at the Folk Week tent, we also strolled into both Councilor Saunders who were on walkabout with our MP Laura Sandys talking to all and sundry about general problems and concerns.

On The Other hand

It must be Yin and Yan. Other councilors managed to get themselves embroiled in a slight contretemps at a council meeting with accusations of name calling (Tosser) which resulted in the alleged name caller being asked outside by the alleged victim. Apologies have been demanded all round, not least from those that voted for the councilors in the first place and would probably expect them to behave a little less like a bunch of classroom delinquents.

The Dangers of sausages

Members of the public have been warned of the dangers of cheap sausages cooked on portable barbeques on the beach late at night. The nighttime temperature mixed with large fat content and high humidity have caused sausage based explosions all over Kent over the long hot summer. These Sausages of Death (SODs) are at present being recalled all over the UK. 'They don't call 'em bangers for nothing', said Sam, a male representative of the fire service.

Alternatively it could just be a nice picture supplied by Thomas Quaye, of a Broadstairs fireworks display



It's the big Sale

Roll up, roll up, everything must go. It's time to wave goodbye to the DSS offices just off the Broadway, oh, and so long to the Post Office sorting office at The Broadway. Adieu, to The Railway ticket office at Broadstairs Station, and finally Toodle loo to the Westwood Fire station.

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and her Super Soups

Summer's finished already and autumn's just around the corner so it's time to put salads aside and focus on the subject of comforting hot grub. I love soup, it's cheap, easy, nutritious and a great way to use up gluts from the allotment or fading bits and pieces from the back of the fridge. I've written about soup before but there are so many varieties I could write about them every issue so here you go - some more of my favourite autumn soups.

Broccoli and Stilton

This is my number one - the quickest, easiest soup I make and I make it a lot. It's a great last minute soup and you can be cunning about it and keep some frozen broccoli in the freezer for emergency soup preparation when it's raining and you can't face going to the shops to replenish your supplies. You don't have to limit yourself to stilton either - I make this with the delicious locally made Ashmore Blue which you should be able to find at the fantastic Broadstairs Food Festival or at Cliftonville Farmer's Market.

A head or two of broccoli, about a litre of stock or water, some stilton (I use about half a standard block), salt and pepper.

All you need to do is cook the broccoli - stalk and all, in the stock until it's soft - about 10-15 mins then crumble in the stilton. Blend, then return to a low heat to simmer for a further 5 mins. Season. Scoff.

Tomato and Stilton Soup.... I like stilton, what can I say!

Fresh tomatoes are a funny old thing - we watch them growing all summer, waiting for them to turn from green to red so we can put them in our salads and then they do, just as the weather changes so the best thing to do is turn them into soup.

Tomatoes - about 3lbs. 2 or 3 cloves of garlic crushed. A big onion diced. Salt and pepper. Olive oil. 2 pints of stock - chicken or vegetable. About 120g of stilton. Yum. Splash of double cream.

Skin the tomatoes by putting in boiling water for a minute or two then deseed and chop the flesh, spread the tomatoes in a roasting tray and mix in the garlic and some salt and pepper and a nice glug of olive oil. Stick in the oven at gas mark 5-6 for about half an hour.

While the tomatoes are roasting, fry off the onion in a bit more olive oil over a low heat so they go nice and pale - about 10 minutes. Add the roasted tomatoes and the stock and let it simmer for another 10-15 mins. Crumble the cheese in and let it melt before blending. If you don't have a hand held whizzer, pour it into a food processor or liquidiser...make sure you put the lid on or it's going to be like that scene in The Shining. Add the cream to taste.

Cauliflower Cheese Soup

A big cauliflower chopped really fine - I whizz it in the food processor, a big diced onion, a clove of garlic crushed, 2 pints of boiling water, grated cheese - about 100g, big splosh of double cream, salt and pepper, grainy mustard.

Melt the butter in a big pan and fry off the onion and garlic until they soften and turn clear.

Heat the butter in a large pan. Add the onion and the garlic and leave on a medium heat for 2 - 3 minutes, until they are soft and clear. Add the cauliflower and the water, bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer for about 45 mins then stir in the cheese and mustard and season. Stir in the cream. Easy peasy and cheesy. What a winner.

Spicy Butternut Squash soup

A Butternut Squash (or pumpkin if you like), a big diced onion, some chilli flakes, tin of low fat coconut milk, some chicken or vegetable stock, salt, pepper, cumin and coriander.

Wash the squash then cut in half, scoop out the seeds and chop the squash into big chunks - no need to peel. Put chunks into a roasting tray, slice the onions roughly and put in with the squash. Sprinkle with chilli flakes and ground coriander and cumin to taste and drizzle with olive oil. Cover the roasting tray with foil and pop into the oven at about gas mark 4 for 45mins. Once the squash is soft, spoon the chunks into a saucepan then pour over any juices left in the tray. Pour in the coconut milk. If it's too thick for your liking, thin down with a bit of stock or water.

Top Tip

Never season soup until it's finished cooking - if you add salt at the beginning, as the liquid reduces the saltiness will intensify and ruin the taste.



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Her Grandfather was Sidney (Bunny) Knight-Smith who was the local scoutmaster and her Grandmother Wilhelmina was a town councillor which lead to them being involved in all the town's goings on at the time.

The most exciting thing Ann remembers was the arrival of the Hugin on the Main Bay. The replica Viking ship which was rowed across the North Sea to Broadstairs arrived on July 28 1949.

The excitement was nation wide, approx 30,000 people were here to view the spectacle and Ann's Grandparents were part of the welcoming committee & invited to the ceremony two years later when Prince Georg of Denmark presented the Hugin to the towns of Broadstairs and Ramsgate.

There were several cartoons about the event including one by Giles.

Within a couple of years Ann's Aunt, Mrs Lacey moved here too and opened a fancy goods shop at No 11 Victoria Parade. It specialised in doll's clothes which her aunt made herself and as a teenager Ann helped out by knitting clothes which were also sold in the shop.

Ann was one of the first six boarders at Joseph's School from 1945-7. After training as a nurse locally Ann moved away and became a midwife.

In 1962 she and her husband returned to No 11 and continued to run it as a fancy goods shop selling all the beachside requirements, now as Mrs Harris.

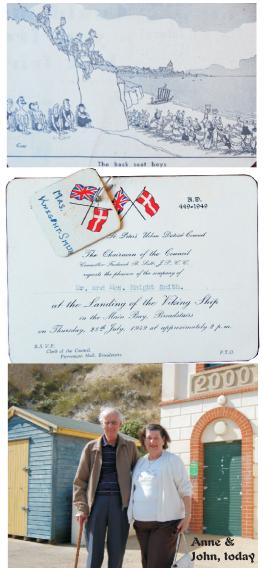
No 9 and 10 were then Blades Hotel and one of the houses in the row was a second but smaller Morelli's.

Eventually John and Ann Harris moved to Australia for 35 years but have been back in England for a couple of years and have been pottering around Broadstairs for a couple of weeks enjoying the memories that the visit has revealed.

Ann says people may remember her as the little girl in the green dress with flowers in her hat who sold poppies or primroses at the entrance to Pierremont Park. She says she hated it but her grandmother encouraged her to do it whenever such a collection was necessary.

If you remember Ann and/or John please feel free to contact the Broadie and we shall pass your messages on.

The Hugin having been restored by Lottery and TDC money has been on display at Pegwell Bay since June 2005. &....this is of course why Main Bay has been Viking Bay since.



A Swim too Far?

⁴Up to 80 people were rescued after they were swept out to sea during a charity swim to raise cash for the RNLI. All the swimmers had been taking part in a 3.8km charity race round Joss Bay, Broadstairs, Kent on Sunday. Dover Coastguards said they were called to the bay at about 10:30

Bover Coastguards said they were called to the bay at about 10:30 BST and spent about two hours searching for all the missing participants.' (BBC News, Kent)

However a slightly different story emerged through the seas after the fuss died down. Here's 'Dave Melmouth' from 'Joss Bay Surf School's account of the day:-

I was asked (Joss Bay Surf School) to provide 5 lifeguards as safety cover for a long distance swim for the company V02 Events and Adventure Ltd who specialise in long distance swims and triathlons (mainly based at inland water ways in flat water). I would like to point out that although we provided the Lifeguards we were NOT responsible or consulted in any capacity for the Overall Event Safety, Risk Assessments or EAP's.

To cut to the chase:

Half way during the long swim which contained around 80 swimmers, 50 of them found themselves in a strong tidal current around 800m offshore. Within the space of as many minutes we had a mass of swimmers half a mile from the start location and heading out to sea. The lifeguards effected swift and calculated rescues gathering as many of the swimmers as possible using the rescue boards as floating platforms, while myself and George in the IRB collecting the rest. This process of collecting and ferrying took a fair amount of time and all involved remained calm and professional. We were also joined by both Margate and Ramsgate Lifeboats and the HM Coastguard. The quick response by the lifeguards and the emergency services resulted in an efficient, effective and well run operation. All swimmers were accounted for and no injuries or illnesses were occurred by any of the parties. 48 swimmers in total were rescued from the water......

Although this was a major incident, the fast effective response of the lifeguards and the zero injury or fatality is a testament to the skills acquired by attending Surf LIfe Saving GB courses... and the persistent strive of excellence that SLSGB endorses. As such i though it would be great to take something positive out of what potentially could have been a disastrous situation. Therefore for the purpose of positive PR for Surf Life Saving GB I though it was prudent to email the above account of the rescue and the names of the Surf Life Savers involved.

The SLSGB Lifeguards responsible for the rescue are as follows:

Dave Melmoth Senior Guard, IRB. Joss Bay Surf Life Saving Club George Stonehouse, IRB. Seaford Lifeguards Dan Shepersson, LG. Joss Bay Surf Life Saving Club Sam Buthcher, LG. Joss Bay Surf Life Saving Club Johno Fell, LG. Joss Bay Surf Life Saving Club Abbey Burton, LG. Joss Bay Surf Life Saving Club Also Attending: Margate ILB, Ramsgate ILB, Margate Coastguard

Regards

Dave Melmoth, Head Coach.Joss Bay Surf School. First Aid, Beach & Pool Lifeguard Training

The race had been organised by event and coaching company VoTwo to raise funds for the RNLI.



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Or does Wally dream of eclectic sheep



Well dear readers, I hope you are sitting down because I have some rather bad news for you. The time has come for me to say goodbye. I know, I know, tragic. But chin up, wipe your teary eyes, I will return. Why, oh why, Oh why I must you leave us? I'm sure you're all wailing. Well old friends it is rather topical. It's to do with sheep. What you probably don't know about me is that I am an animal ultrasound scanner (stay with me on this one!).

Back in 1985 my father pioneered a process of pregnancy testing sheep with

what was then pretty much brand new technology. Essentially it's the same equipment used in hospitals when a woman is pregnant. The reason for finding out how many lambs each ewe is carrying is fairly obvious. If a ewe is dry (empty) then the ram can be put back with the ewe in hope of maximising the farmers stock, or in some cases the ewe will be culled. This could be due to keeping a good gene line in the flock and/or not wanting to farm an unproductive ewe for another year. A ewe with a single lamb can be put on the tougher grazing and fed less food. Most farmers want a ewe to carry 2 lambs. Ewes are naturally designed to carry, give birth and mother 2 lambs. They would then get better grazing and fed accordingly. Ewes with 3 or more lambs can cause problems both in birth and in nurturing. Also there is often a smaller, weaker lamb which may need extra care and feed from the farmer. A weak lamb may struggle to survive a cold spring. So in short scanning allows the farmer to plan and organise his flock to maximise his time and resources. So, a couple of years ago, my dad taught me how to scan. I placed adverts in both Ashford and Colchester livestock markets with the idea that I would build up my own scanning round and the two of us would conquer the whole of the Southern half of the U.K. him being based in the Black mountains of Wales and me pushing in from the South East. But sadly, and I mean sadly, the silly old bugger bloody well popped his clogs whilst out on his annual scanning trip to the south island of New Zealand (something he had done every year for the last 20). So now it's time for me to save his business, embrace the future and make the most of all the things he has taught

me.

But when I return, having driven the length and breadth of the country, meeting and working with all the hardworking, under acknowledged people that put quality meat in your bellies. I will have some good tales (tails?) of Suffolks, Dorsets, Dartmoors, Welsh mules, Derbyshire gritstones, Herdwicks, Charrolais, Cheviots, Blue faced Leicesters, Badger faces, Southdowns, Texels, Beltexes, Beulah speckled faces to name but a few. And of course the N.Z Romneys that my dad bred and was so proud of. So good luck and au revoir. I

will leave you not with a top tip but my dad's best motto.

'A faint heart never copulated with a pig'. (I had to adjust it slightly to get it published!) Tally ho!



Here's a thing. Scratch wording into your Marrow when it's small hev presto fully grown the letters get bigger!!





COUGHS

Coughing a quite a complex and necessary mechanism for ridding our chests of nasty infected mucus. Often chest infections are caused by a cold or throat infection progressing to the lungs. Many surfaces of the body's

internal structure contain mucous membranes which secrete a sticky mucus that traps harmful bacteria and foreign bodies. The surface cells of the upper respiratory tract are covered in fine hairs which are present to waft the mucus to the back of the throat. Here it can be swallowed down to the stomach where the acidic environment takes care of most bacteria, viruses and parasites. When we have an infection in the lungs the body's response is to evacuate the invader as quickly as possible. Unfortunately this is also to the advantage of many infecting microbes as the cough can spread them to neighbouring humans.

Coughs are generally split into two categories: wet and dry. Wet coughs are characterised by production of mucus or sputum. If this sputum is yellow or green, an infection is generally present. If the sputum is pink, some blood

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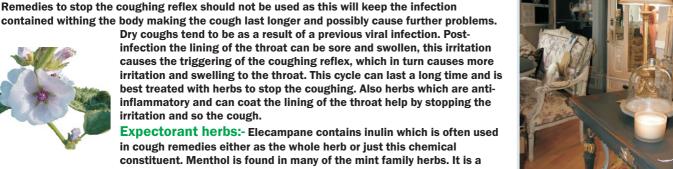
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La Belle Epoque may be present and you should consult your GP immediately. If the sputum is clear or white, a 7 York Street, Broadstairs Kent CT10 1PD previous infection has cleared. Production of a wet cough can be the result of someone stopping smoking. Wet coughs should be treated with expectorants which increase the coughing reflex and aim to clear the mucus from the chest quicker. Antibiotic herbs are also used here to reduce

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Dry coughs tend to be as a result of a previous viral infection. Postinfection the lining of the throat can be sore and swollen, this irritation causes the triggering of the coughing reflex, which in turn causes more irritation and swelling to the throat. This cycle can last a long time and is best treated with herbs to stop the coughing. Also herbs which are antiinflammatory and can coat the lining of the throat help by stopping the irritation and so the cough.

Expectorant herbs:- Elecampane contains inulin which is often used in cough remedies either as the whole herb or just this chemical constituent. Menthol is found in many of the mint family herbs. It is a

great decongestant and expectorant. It is used in many chest and cough formulas. It used to be taken often as a liniment or in steam inhalations.

the infection and help the bodies immune system get the body back to its natural state.

Antibiotic herbs:- Thyme, also known to herbalists as mother of the lungs, is a great herb to use to kill off infection. The active constituent thymol is present in many other herbs and is thought to be the main chemical responsible for its antibiotic properties.

Antitussive herbs:- (reduces the coughing reflex)

Wild cherry in its natural state can contain cyanide derivatives and this could go some way to explaining how it can reduce coughing.

Although it is not strictly herbal I thought it of interest to state than many old, old herbal cough remedies used to contain small amounts of chloroform. This generally being used to sedate people in old gangster movies, can be fatal, but used in small amounts can suppress a cough.

Demulcent herbs: (coating and soothing):- Marshmallow root forms a thick mucilage which clings to the lining of the throat helping repair the mucous membranes and reduce inflamation. Honey is a great base used in cough medicines using its natural ability to heal tissues and help other contents of the mixture stay on the surface of the throat.

These are just a few of many herbs used. There are many which can help sooth a cough. If you find yourself coughing blood at any point please contact your physician.

If a cough is persistent beyond 8 weeks it may be best to speak to a gualified professional for further advice. William Woodcock BSc MNIMH



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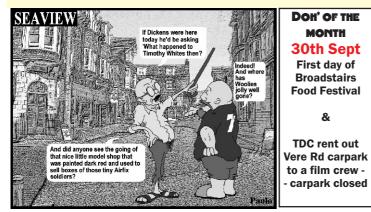
Dear Broadie

Re Victor Stewarts (Estate Agents)

Stan & I would like to thank all at Victor Stewarts for the help & support given during our attempt at selling & buying property. We are currently off the market as we needed a break to recharge our batteries but we will need to proceed further at some point & it is good for the town to have local; businesses supporting local residents.

Thank you & best wishes for a successful future. Valerie & Stan Bishop

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Stuck in the street

One upset reader sent us in this picture of Albion Street on a busy Sunday afternoon. Cars displaying disabled badges parked all up the top end of Albion Street adding to the motoring problems that fellow Broadies just enjoy so much.

Now we're not suggesting you tell your friendly old disabled neighbour Mrs Badcrumble that she's got to walk from Albion Street Car Park, but just for clarity here's what the law states when it comes to parking with the use of a disabled badge:-

Do not park where it would

Endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. Examples of dangerous or obstructive parking include the following, although there are others:

School entrances, bus stops, on a bend, or near the brow of a hill or hump bridge

Parking opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space;

Where it would make the road narrow, such as by a traffic island or roadworks;

Where it would hold up traffic, such as in narrow stretches of road or blocking vehicle entrances;

Where emergency vehicles stop or go in and out, such as hospital entrances;

Where the kerb has been lowered or the road raised to help wheelchair users; and

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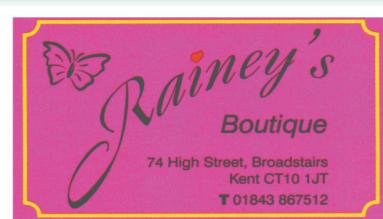
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Shop Watch



Rainey's.

On the High Street where Blooms flower shop was, is a new women's boutique. Rainey's is now open & as predicted is all lavender & girlie & full of surprisingly, reasonably priced clothes for all ages. Lorraine (Rainev) is hoping everybody feels welcome to wander in & have a look.

Next Door to Rainey's there is a new hairdresser's 'Francesca Garnier'. Francesca & Lorraine are working to make their neighbouring shops a lovely friendly environment.

There is a new letting/Estate agent's on the High Street, TMS next to Crusty's.

The Secret Garden in Cliftonville & Ramsgate now

have a branch (sorry) in Broadstairs. They have opened up behind Sweet Yesterdays. They not only sell flowers & plants from the shop but if you order a bouquet or display from the shop or their website

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There is also the rumour of a chandler's opening in town, can't say anymore till we get more info.

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Fair-trade or Unfair trade?

Blimey, what a lot of responses to the letter "Stalls and Stuff" in the last issue. And quite a mixed bag too.

Not surprisingly it certainly divided opinion, so we thought we'd add our voice to the matter. We've spoken with shopkeepers around town and stallholders alike so hopefully we're sort of in the picture with regards to the argument on both sides so here goes

Now I've no real problem with stalls on the pier or promenade or wherever, i don't believe they particularly encroach on my business or effect me detrimentally, however, I wouldn't class my business as the sort likely to be affected. I'm also not convinced that on their own market style stalls particularly attract vast quantities of would be visitors to the area either. And before The Broadie is accused of being onesided we'd like all to remember that for quite some time we advertised the Harbour Arm market for free

The argument in favour goes something along the lines of, If someone wants to set up stall and sell their wares, whether that be homemade or otherwise that's rather up to them, so long that they are paying the council for their pitch i can't really see why someone should object. And that's a fair point, we live in a free market society where competition is actively encouraged.

Okay so Joe Bloggs the stall-holder sets up shop and sells his goods, the council get the pitch money which goes into the public purse, Mr Bloggs makes a few quid, TDC makes a few quid. Surely everyone's happy

But here's the other argument.

Do some of the other traders within the town gain or lose from that stallholder?

Now on a few occasions throughout the year Broadstairs is lucky enough to have large events planned, from Dickens week through to the Water Gala & the Food festival, and during these events concessions are given to stallholders to set up and do business. Most shopkeepers don't really have a problem with the likes of the Folk Week Craft Tent or the Food Festival as these, without doubt attract a large quantity of footfall into town, however when it comes to events that aren't necessarily as regimented or as well advertised this is when the hackles get raised. There are many reasons why events are

organised, but i'd say each one should have some sort of worth to the town as a whole.

Perhaps this question should be answered

Is the monetary and social benefits of the event to the residents, shopkeepers and stallholders within the town worthwhile for the town as a whole?

or in purely monetary terms and in relation to this argument:-

What's the point of encouraging attendance at an event, of stallholders from beyond the confines of the area who have no local interest in the economy of Broadstairs, when it encourages a watering down of existing business within that town and in doing so may impact the local economy detrimentally. It will certainly impact on events being organised, often by Broadstairs businesses, if those businesses then get little or no return from the event, and going by the concerns of numerous, and I do mean numerous shops who reported takings dropping through the floor on Water Gala Day then it would be no wonder if events sponsored by those shops become few and far between

For example, I have seen this happen to retail establishments in town on days where that retail establishment should be raking in a larger profit. Its absolutely un-argueable that if for example a mobile coffee shop opens up within eve-line of a seafront establishment selling the same product then that establishment will lose a proportion of its trade to the stallholder. So as far as that retailer is concerned, what was the point of the event being organised, it did their Broadstairs business no good because they watched as a proportion of their potential trade went to a caterer from out of the area. It's not particularly surprising therefore that, that trader is not terribly happy. TDC actually recently acknowledged this argument when they put a block on concessions for catering vans etc at the recent Margate seafront Arts event "Blink". And what happened, yes, the local paper reported that Seafront businesses did extremely well.

So why doesn't the retailer also take on a stall at the event? I hear you ask.

I'll leave that up to a nameless local shopkeeper to answer:-

"I already work sixty plus hours a week with my shop and now you're telling me i need to expand and take on a stall, i'm sorry i just dont want the extra hassle,.... is that what the people of Broadstairs really want, shops closing and markets taking over, and anyway, turning the argument back on itself, that's just the same as saying why doesn't the stallholder get a shop"?

Which, whilst not necessarily very entrepreneurial, also isn't a particularly surprising answer considering the hours of work required involved in shop ownership

Rick Beugg who runs Kiddies Corner on the beach at Viking bay also feels his business has come under pressure from stalls on the promenade "I like craft markets, they attract people to the town & make it an enjoyable place to be but I'm tired of seeing faces I don't know on stalls taking money, when shops are closing in the town. The money I earn is spent in the town, they often aren't from Broadstairs and take the money away".

I'm not happy that a big part of my revenue which I pay the council for is being reduced in that I pay for the concession to put deckchairs out on the Promenade however when the Prom is covered in stalls I'm unable to do this, and it's slowly become something we don't do anymore because of the fight for space, nobody says Rick do you mind if we take up your space? Or may we, it just happens & more & more frequently, especially this year". "I've been here so long that I'm like a piece of furniture people are walking all over".

However I'm sure there is a way that both sides of the argument can agree, a middle road that could work for both shopkeepers and stallholders alike, and all it would take would be for someone perhaps from TDC or maybe The Chamber Of Commerce to take charge of the situation, then perhaps stallholders could be communicated with first to allow for fairer citing of their stall, local stallholders could be favoured over larger regional stalls and it could also prevent a surplus of similar stalls



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from cross competing with each other and shopkeepers alike. In some cases it could even help stall holders out by getting them in touch with shopkeepers who may be willing to also get some of their products into local retail establishments, local crafts always go down well after all. Also, If, as some believe that the stalls actually bring people to the area, then why not site them in places in town that actually bring people into the centre of town as opposed to always citing the stalls away from the other retail areas, that would create fairer competition as opposed to creating another singular trading area where shopkeepers cannot compete with stallholders because of the simple lack of shops that can be cited on the seafront or pier.

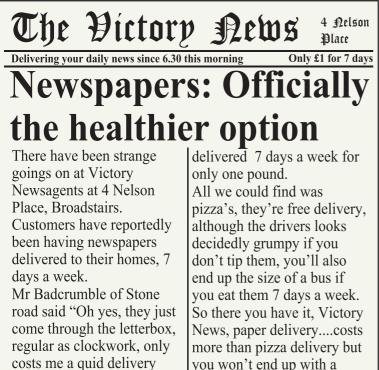
Surely, then everyone's a winner

What also used to go down very well at these events is something you don't see much of anymore, and that would be to encourage local charitable groups to set



without relying on just retail and charitable organisations make a few quid for the coffers. Perhaps someone at the TDC or the Chamber of Commerce might like to bring everyone under one roof and get them to talk for the benefit of all concerned?

Apparently it's good to talk



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EVENTS & STUFF

The Kinsk

Call 10,000+ plus visitors, 40+ volunteers signed up and working there and at the time of writing this, not a single time when it was closed due to poor weather, except one day when the rain & wind delayed the opening by one hour - a pretty impressive outcome for our new Visitor Information

Centre in its first season. The Kiosk has been used constantly by both locals

& visitors with a steady (frequently very busy) stream of enquiries about bus timetables, toilets, dog friendly beaches, best place for fish & chips, how long it takes to walk to Botany Bay and many hundred other enquiries. Most of the volunteers have undergone Visitor Ambassador Training at Droit House in Margate over the season which has enhanced their knowledge and confidence to work It is now us to the

It is now up to the organisations involved in its running to decide whether the Kiosk will open again next year. So keep your fingers crossed that KCC, TDC, Broadstairs Town Council, Chamber of Commerce, BTLA and Shepherd Neame agree to the continuation of this very successful operation. Thanks to the volunteers for their time and enthusiasm but mostly thanks to Barbara Wallace, the Kiosk manager. Without her tireless care, encouragement and hard work the project would not have been the success it has been. The Kiosk's final day is Nov 5th when there may be tears.

Halloween

Halloween Party Sun 30th Oct at the Pavilion 4-7pm Disco & games Adults £3 Children £3 per head. Suitable for 3 – 10yr olds Sold out early last year so get your tickets from Bay158,Expressions, Malcolm's & Helter Skelter Window Comp There will be a window competition for businesses in town in the Halloween

theme.

The Events Page has become rather boring, we seem to put the same stuff in every issue with a few bits of what's actually going on but it's not really very awe inspiring so...we decided to have a bit of a change. It's a bit of a work in have a bit of a change. It's a bit of a work in progress so don't begin to think this is its last progress so don't begin to think this is its last progress so don't begin to think this is its last progress so don't begin to think this is its last progress so don't begin to think this is its last progress and there will probably be many. Protocarnation, there will probably be many. The Broadle Qigmail com or write to Broadle Mag. The Broadle Ltd, 4 Nelson Place, Mag. The Broadle Ltd, 4 Nelson Place,

This is not strictly something we would normally include in the mag but as Brigitte is a Broadie resident & this is something a little different we are making an exception. Kent Cabaret Soiree 2011

 $Fri\,30^{th}\,Sept$ - Sun Oct $2^{nd}.\,8pm$ (6pm on Sun) & The Tom Thumb Theatre Fri: Brigitte Baden-Rennie, Jason Allen

Sat: Leane Jones

Sun: Baroness Tamara von Stein zu Leiteshofen & @ 7.30pm Brigitte hosts Cabaret Spotlight

07790127515 brigitte@esc.net.au

WINE TASTINGS The Bottleneck Sun Oct 2nd 11.30-3pm Local wines, beers & ciders

Guy Week

Last year there were several Guys lurking around the town...of the Fawkes variety that is.

There was a tiny one in The Doll's House Shop, Mr Turnip Head in CWool, a drunken article sat outside No 23 all week amongst others. Several of the schools also made Guys which were displayed in shops. This year we are hoping for loads more so.....if you are a business in town get making your Guy. If you would like to join in but don't have a shop window to display your Guy please keep your Guy to no bigger than 2 foot & get it to the Chiropractic Clinic in Queens Road by Tuesday (2nd Nov) afternoon. The Guys will be judged that week by Cllr Mave Saunders & the best School Guy will receive the shield, the best shop Guy will receive a bottle of champagne from the Chamber of Commerce & the best 2 foot guy will receive £20 from your very own Broadie. Please make sure you put your name on your Guy. The winners will be announced by Cllr Saunders at the andstand before the fireworks on Sat 5th

Brigadier

NB : this is the latest on those confusing WI meetings & hopefully this will new be clear. The original WI group meet on 2nd Thurs of the month at 1.45-4pm but now at York St Methodist Church. The new group meet on 2nd Thurs of the month at 9.45-12.15am at Holy Trinity Church Hall Broadstairs. These changes are due to the increased number of members.

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Phew, could you all please stop running around & stay put for a bit It might seem a bit early to start talking about Christmas but if we don't you will only moan that we didn't tell you early enough.

that we didn't ten you carry one again The Big Broadstairs Christmas raffle will go on sale on Dec 1st. Please support there should be some excellent prizes & all profits go to put on events in town.....like.....

'A Magical Traditional Family Christmas'.

The Chamber of Commerce's 'do' Sun 4th Dec

10-5ish Christmas Market Stalls, Santa's Grotto, entertainment & Carousel in Pierremont Park. Craft stalls available in Pierremont Hall. Christmas Parade from Albion St car park & Switching on of the Town Christmas Tree Lights <u>http://www.broadstairschristmas.co.uk</u> 07925 185052 <u>info@broadstairschamber.org.uk</u>

Quiz bit

 (1)Fri 14th Oct 7.30pm @ the old Age Concern, Pierremont - Quiz for 'Nov 5th' event - 07964 962155
 (2)Halloween Quiz Fri 21st Oct 7.30pm at Crampton Tower Tickets £5 per head - nibbles and fun supplied. Prize for best dressed

table - Halloween Theme – 07925 185052

(3)Dec 2nd Mayor's Quiz Upton School If you would like further details, please contact the Mayor's Secretary on 01843 868718 or email: <u>Mayor@broadstairs.gov.uk</u>

(4)Dec 9th 7.30pmBroadstairs Victorians Quiz, Cramption Tower £6.50 includes fish & chips

Sarah Thorne Theatre Club,

Memorial Theatre Hilderstone www.sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk 0845

November

Sat 5th 7.30pm A Little of What You Fancy Sun 6th 7.00pm The Haunted Bride Sat12th 7.30pm David Ruddock and friends. Sun 13th 7.00pm Broadstairs Weekend Jazz 2 Sat19th 7.30pm My Tutu's Gone AWOL Sun 20th 7.00pm The Man Who Left the Titanic Sat 26th 7.30pm & Sun 27th 2.30pm The Wizard of Oz - STTC Juniors show December Fri 2nd 7.30pm. Ellington & Hereson School Christmas Concert Sat 3rd 7.30pm Murder Mystery Evening, A Victorian Murder

Sat 3th 7.30pm Murder Mystery Evening, A Victorian Murder Sun 4th 3.00pm Sunday Afternoon Music Making Sat10th & Sun 11th 7.30pm Festive Frivolities 2011 Tues 13th 10-4pm. A Masterclass with Bill

Dickons Festival 2012

'Charles Dickens visited Broadstairs in Kent regularly from 1837 until 1859 and immortalised the town as "Our English Watering Place".

In 1937, to commemorate the centenary of the author's first visit, Gladys Waterer, the then owner of Dickens' House, conceived the idea of putting on a production of David Copperfield and of having people about the town in Victorian dress to publicise it. Thus the festival was born and, with the exception of the years of World War 2, has been held annually in the third week of June ever since'.

http://www.broadstairsdickensfestival.co.uk/

Next year is the 200th anniversary of Charles Dickens birth Feb 7th 1812 so to insure that our Dickens Festival is up to this great occasion there is already much plotting & planning to make it extra special.

It's a bit like Folk Week, you may love it but even if you don't enjoy it you realise that it is fun for many people & brings needed tourist pennies into the town.

There used to be far more participation by the all businesses in town but that has dropped over the years so it's hoped that this big occasion will get them all back in their mob caps & westcotts again with.

There is so much scope to get involved so hopefully more of us will get involved.

I hear through my sources that there may be a parasol parade!! There used to be one as part of the parade years ago & hopefully it is being revived so watch this space & many others for parasol ideas. I got rather carried away with the brolly parade at Ramsgate Jazz Festival as anyone who follows us on facebook will know. So watch out for LOTS of parasol pics.

If you want to get involved in the Dickens Festival either email <u>broadstairsdickens@hotmail.com</u> or phone 01843 861827 Or contact us via <u>thebroadie@gmail.com</u> or on facebook to Broadie Mag

Nov

Sun 13th 10.45am Service of Remembrance, War Memorial, Pierremont, 01843 868718 Sun 13th 7.30pm Remembrance Sunday concert with the

Broadstairs Concert Band, Pavilion Sat 19th 10.30am, Village Fayre – St P's Old Boys, Memorial Hall,

St. Peter's 01843 864162

Sat 26th 10-5pm, N Kent Model Railway Group Exhibition St Georges School, 07803 229235

Sun 27th 6.30pm, Lighting of the Christmas Tree St. Andrew's Church, 01843 609513

Dec

Sun 11th, 2.30pm, Annual Carol Concert Thanet Male Voice Choir and Guests, Pavilion

Sun 11th, 7.30pm, An evening with the B' & St. P's Concert Band at Christmas, Pavilion

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