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Your Letters

I had to write to you on the subject of seagulls - my daughter - Amy had her phone snatched from her hand - whilst she was chatting on it by an audacious gull- on the beach this summer. the beast dropped it just yards along the beach and it still worked. I worry that instead of trying to steal chips off of unsuspecting passers-by they're now stealing phones so they can order a take-away.

Paul Broadstairs

Flying-Fish

Following on from your article in the broadie I wanted to let you know that one of my staff was walking along the promenade at Viking bay a couple of weeks ago when she heard seagulls making a lot of noise above her. Suddenly a great splat on her head, she bent over expecting to have a vast amount of seagull poo run down her face and instead a fresh Plaice! Please ask the local gulls to stop feeding the humans, they might get dependent on it, then where would we be? Robin

Broadstairs



I read with interest in the last issue "Wallys Plot". I wonder if readers would be interested in seeing the man in action, just readying himself to start his sheep scanning

Tim Broadstairs

Sssshhh we're trying to sleep

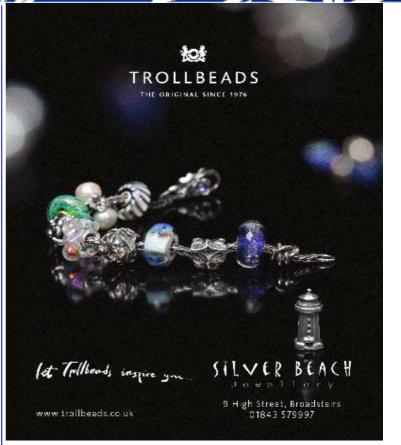
Don't you just get fed up with Broadstairs. Trying to sleep at night i'm awoken in the awful hours due to anti-social behaviour. "Oh those drunks are a damn nuisance" I hear you cry, Or "Bloody seagulls squawking"....Well no, neither of them.

Its mainly down to those of the older generation who seem to insist on queuing outside my local newsagents at what seems like the middle of the night, but is probably nearer to six o'clock in the morning, and quiet they aint.

So next time you hear one of 'em moan about the "Yoof" of today, just find out first if they are one of the Hells Grannies that blight my nights sleep on a regular basis

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Remember remember the 5th November

Dear Editor

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As the Event Co-ordinator for the Broadstairs 5th November Event, you can imagine having spent twelve months planning and fundraising for the event, its cancellation was a tremendous blow

Despite the disappointing weather conditions, The Jeff Barker Band arrived at 4.00pm to set-up in readiness for the 6.00pm start - However after a thirty minute delay and with no improvement in the weather, we came to the conclusion that we had no alternative but to cancel the bands performance, particularly as electrical instruments and equipment were involved

At this time (4.30pm) the Childrens Round-a-bout and Food outlets were stood down, but we were still optimistic that the the Firework Display at 8.00pm would go ahead as scheduled. However, the wind direction changed with the tide and at 5.20pm, the firework company confirmed that the gusting wind off of the sea was above the safe threshold and that sadly therefore the display could not go ahead

Stewards were at the Bandstand and on the Promenade until 6.30pm and the small number of people in attendance were notified of the situation and notices were posted on the promenade Notice Boards It was also immediately announced in bulletins on the Local Radio and posted on facebook, also anyone who phoned after 5.20pm were informed that the event had been cancelled

This is the first time in the ten years that the event has been running that it has been cancelled and doubly disappointing to the organisers, particularly as insurance and other up-front costs still had to be paid Kind regards

Mave Saunders Event Co-ordinator

The Worm of Viking Bay

Has anyone noticed, about this time of year When our summer avian visitors migrate for skies more clear

Local legend do have say, the creature did appear

After a ship manned by Jutes landed, full of cheer Lying at rest deep in its cocoon of sand

Good folk march across it swinging children by the hand.

It feeds on clothes, towels, spades,

phones, chicken bones & beer.

One quarter mile long,

Yes the myth is growing, all those batteries,

Soon it will be glowing

Never seen in the busy season

Disturbed by an abundance of footsteps is the reason Certainly a talking point,

Some call it a sand berm,

This is not true! I hear those Jutes did not just bring a ship, On a line they towed an ancient Viking god

Standing with his hands in his pockets in a quiet way "That is no berm"!

I say "There is the worm, yes the worm of Viking Bay" Mr Nutkin, Broadstairs

(A "Berm" in this case is the raised area of sand on Viking Bay, which is used to help defend the higher areas of the beach from High winter tides)

Are Broadstairs Residents really that ugly?

Now I know this aint gonna be popular....but.

There was a letter in your rag quite a few issues back talking about the lack of imagination when it comes to shops opening in Broadstairs. I couldn't agree more with the sentiment.

What is it with Broadstairs High Street? Are we really all that ugly that we need so many Hair and Beauty businesses. I counted twenty two different outlets on and in the vicinity of Broadstairs High Street catering to our own vanity. Really, doesn't anyone remember the last episode of the "Hitchhikers guide to the Galaxy"?

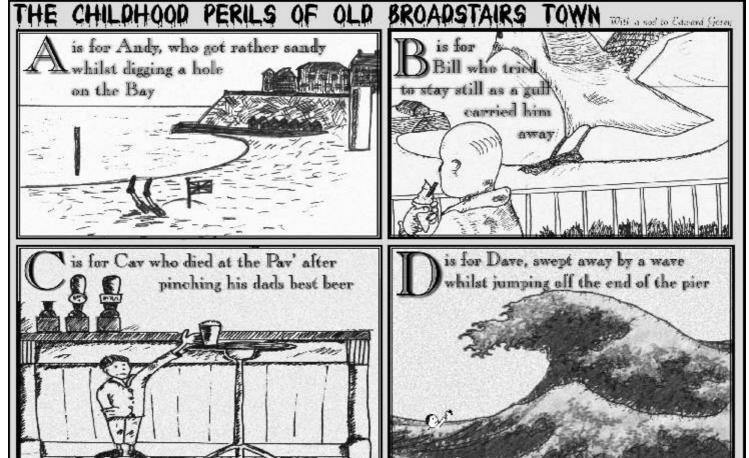
And what about estate agents...how many home sellers does one town need? And of course all the other boring, YES BORING, shops (and I use the term "Shops" loosely) that have hit the high street. Dentists, money management, builders, and all the rest of the service industry. They're not shops, and they don't belong on a high street. Broadstairs High Street has become boring,.... once you could actually shop on the high street but for every actual retailer that closes down we now have another non-shop to take its place. These places do not attract visitors. Perhaps when the last shop has closed and there's no longer any visitors to our high street they'll all finally realise that.

Go and take a look at the independent retailers in Canterbury main street, Shops, shops, shops. Whitstable...shops

Broadstairs....Estate agents, hairdressers, beauty and makeup boutiques, dentists, builders, panini bars, money management retailers.....all well run businesses I'm sure....but not there to attract a customer who'd like to spend a day and their money in the town.

Come on Broadstairs, we need more Arrowsmiths and Harringtons etc. Name and address supplied





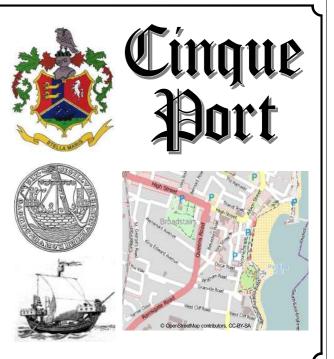
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Is it all Ship-Shape in Broadstairs?

He's been up to his old tricks again, has Mr Gerrard, and here's another of his popular history boards which are dotted around town. Does the map of Broadstairs include the layout of a sailing ship? What was King Henry Eighth doing here? And if there's any buried treasure can you send it along to The Broadie. Here's what Simon has to say:-

I'd like to ask eagle-eyed Broadie readers to consider that the sailing ship map design I've identified from my research, comprising central Broadstairs' town, may be the real reason their fitted furniture and carpet items are often so awkward to measure up for and install at home! This hidden symbolic feature, which you are looking at today for the first time ever, was the foresight of its original development architects and planners around two hundred years ago - including one Mr Crampton no less - to preserve for generations to come what was even then considered as Old England's proud maritime and royal heritage played out in part right here. It's a Work of Ages still being finalised today as our town quietly grows in ever-increasing popularity.

Regards Simon Gerrard "© OpenStreetMap contributors, CC-BY-SA Broadstairs served many centuries of England's medieval Cinque Ports & first type of organised navy. It was a Limb of the Port of Dover by association with the Port of Margate also under the jurisdiction of Dover granted by the Monarchy. This harbour & its first wooden pier allowed trade & supply advantages for English ships in the Channel. It also held an important regional role in early Christian maritime faith due to its famous Virgin Mary Shrine & stone Cross landmark at the Old Norman chapel in Albion St. Recognition of Broadstairs' (Bradstowe) Shrine even attracted a command visit once of King Henry's flagship fleet in 1514. This Seal of Dover (right) shows an early merchant ship design used here called a Cog also adapted for naval warfare & Crusades The present Town Crest (above) displays two mythical gold Demi-lion royal vessels and a ship with Thanksgiving furled sails commemorating our distinguished Kentish & national maritime heritage. Please consider the modern town map. Does it suggest a symbolic outline of these medieval ships once built here?



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The Brigadiers Christmas Message

Well, here we all are again. Another year wiser and another part of the body in need of replacement, and I'm not talking about my hip.

For those feline lovers amongst you I thought I'd include a picture of my cat Mr Biccles who has just taken up the admirable art of the pipe...I knew he liked the odd eighth ounce of cat nip but really Mr Biccles, you could just eat it!

Its always quite an interesting few weeks this

time of year what with Halloween, Bonfire Night and the clocks going back, and there's always lots going on up here at the manor. We decided to have the assorted grandchildren over for this Halloween, yes twelve of the little blighters all running around putting the fear of god into Benson (the butler). Of course it doesn't help that the old place is already haunted and you cant walk over to the west wing without bumping into some old fright wandering around groaning, but that's enough about the wife, I've always said she's got more spirit in her than most, normally about forty percent more. She did however spring into action when I initially suggested a Halloween party, she insisted that everyone dress up, yes even the servants and remarked how she couldn't wait for Wellesley the gardener to put the willies up her again, with his yearly attempt at Dracula. I offered him my teeth but we just couldn't get the top plate to fit, instead we retired to the workshop where we filed down a set taken from the skull of a dead monkey that I'd brought back from the jungles of Borneo as an engagement gift to my beloved,...well I didn't like to throw it away, you never know when it would come in handy. The mother-in-law came as an old hag, which as you can imagine didn't take a lot of dressing up, but she did at least have the forethought to leave her abode early to do some trick or treating thus giving us enough treats to share round after dinner,

it wasn't tilllater however when, after commenting on the amount of homeowners who provided the old dear with assorted nuts instead of sweets, that we found out that the mad old button had sucked the coating off of the chocolate covered Brazils thus disgorging the nuts into the trick or treat bag.

Guy Fawkes night went off with a bang though, we retired to the garden to watch Benson throw hand grenades left over from his days in the Home guard, well I say throw, but Benson had rigged up an ingenious catapult system using a pair of his wives unmentionables - a formidable women, with even more formidable undergarments. He managed a good two hundred yards up the grounds and scored three near misses on the outside dunny at the back of his cottage, the event was only soured by the appearance of the aforementioned Mrs Benson who on needing a little nighttime release had been scanning a back issue of Woman & Home by candlelight whilst perched upon said latrine. Not a happy woman and certainly wasn't interested in entering into the spirit of the event, especially when she confiscated the thick elastic and flannelette scaffolding from our catapult. Still it did give us an excuse to retire to the study to toast the gunpowder plotters and wish them better luck next time though.

So with those two events out of the way we now have about a month until Christmas. I find it all rather fun, especially the shopping part, when the beloved wanders off to buy my present whilst I proceed to the nearest bar to steady my nerves in readiness to visit the ladies lingerie department at Fenwicks, a place where she insists I visit on a yearly basis. It's a scary space inhabited by dazed looking men in search of something that they know that there loved one is never going to wear, and not surprising when you consider that some of

these garments seemingly preferred by men could easily double up as implements for cutting cheese into bits. I gave up with the whole idea last year after the oh so funny madam behind the counter enquired whether I wanted the garment wrapped or was I going to wear it now. The old girl ended up with a new pair of Wellingtons that year, but still insisted on wearing them in the bedroom as she assumed they were some sort of new nightwear fashion come fetish. I however thought they'd be quite useful for her for when she empties her gazunder into the drains.

I do so like this time of year. Jingle Bells ding donging merrily on high, cattle lowing in a manger, and pale cousin Letitia blowing off in the chair after her Christmas nut roast. Ahh the sights and sounds of Chrismas. Happy Christmas one and all

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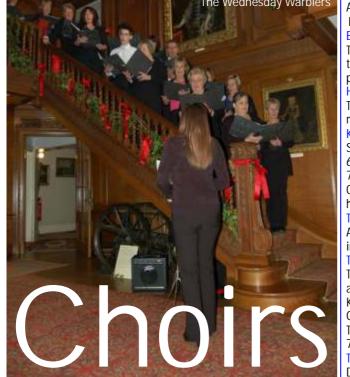


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he Wednesday Warblers



We were asked sometime ago to write something about one of the local choirs and thinking there may be a couple more we started to enquire about others. So far we have found 11, however, we think there are probably more and will wait for you to tell us about them. With the thought of all those beautiful carols and Christmas songs to sing and hear we thought we would let you know how many we had found in this our Christmas issue. They are listed in alphabetical order to prevent any favouritism.

Big Sing

Probably the newest choir on our list having been started to celebrate the opening of the Turner Contemporary. A new choral work was commissioned and written by Orlando Gough for the occasion. It was called the Red Volcano inspired by one of Turner's works. The group still meets at Thanet College on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm (£4) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQCrDpzMdi0

Broadstairs Folk In Harmony Fun Choir

Jane Petto runs ' Broadstairs Folk In Harmony Fun choir' choir most Mons. 7.30 - 9.pm upstairs Bradstow Mill Broadstairs Kent CT10 1NQ Everyone's welcome. They sing songs, in harmony, from all around the world. 01892 862990 (£5). Everybody is very welcome to join them on any Monday evening. "We believe that singing is everyone's birthright and we are committed to teaching styles that are accepting and inclusive of all, regardless of musical experience and ability". Jane Petto

Thanet Community Gospel Choir

Another fairly new choir which started in January 2010. Rehearsals are every Thursday 7.30 - 9.00pm

At The Vale United Reform church hall, Broadstairs and on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month 3.00pm – 5.00pm at St Ethelbert's Parish Hall, Hereson Road, Ramsgate. You will require an audition to join this choir. They've a carol concert coming up on Thursday 15th December at 7.30pm. At the United Reform Church hall, The Vale Broadstairs.

Admission is free.

http://www.thanetgospelchoir.co.uk/index.html East Kent Singing Groups

There are a number of choirs specifically run for lively older people in East Kent and one of these is on Wednesday afternoons 2-3.30pm in St Peters Church Hall. No auditions or previous experience needed. (£4)

Harmony Ladies Choir

There are 31 members and they meet at Stone Bay School on Tuesday for rehearsals. For more info contact Miss Helen Newby 01843 602224 helen.newby@btinternet.com Kent Show Choir

Show Choir meets weekly on a Wednesday at St George's School in Broadstairs 6.30-7.30pm Junior Show choir (8-16yrs)

7.30-9.30pm Main show choir (16yrs-100!)

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The Choir was formed in 1977. The Choir performs approximately fifteen concerts a year

and raises many thousands of pounds for various local causes and charities in the East Kent area. During its thirty years the choir has also performed in France, Italy and Germany as well as in the UK.

The choir rehearses every Tuesday evening (except for a short break in early August) from 7.30pm - 9.30 pm at St Andrews Church. 01843 865819 neil.armstrong19@virgin.net The Seventy Chamber Choir

Definitely our oldest choir that we know of going back to 1944 and its thirty or so members give at least four concerts a year as well as singing at weddings and other special occasions. The membership has a broad range of musical ability from those who cannot read music to members of the Academy of St Martin-in-the-fields. The prime requirements are an enthusiasm for music, and a desire to learn about different styles, language and of course the technique of singing. Always happy for new members who need a short informal assessment with their musical director and rehearse on Mondays (8-10pm) during academic term time, at the United Reform Church, the Vale. http://www.seventvchamberchoir.com/

Wednesday Warblers

The Wednesday Warblers was set up in 2007 by Alison Moyna. Alison trained at Mountview Theatre School in London and had a successful career performing in productions in Londons West End and Nationally, including Les Miserables, Martin Guerre, Fame, The Pirates of Penzance, The Royal Variety Performance, to name but a few.

Alison wanted to form a local Adult singing group that was friendly and fun, singing music from Show tunes to Motown! Whether you have sung before or had no experience at all, everyone would be welcome! You do not have to be able to read sheet music, and no audition is required to join the group. As long as you love singing..... You can become a Warbler!

'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 at 5.45 to 6.30, same venue. 07768 862422

We even found a course available at Hilderstone 'to encourage people to join a choir or perform solo'. The course is part time in the evenings for 10 weeks and costs £79 http://www.kentadulteducation.co.uk/

So no excuse for anybody now, walking round Broadstairs should be like walking through the Welsh Valleys with all that singing going on.

Turner Contemporary wins The British Guild of Travel Writers' top tourism award

The British Guild of Travel Writers has presented its top 2011 Globe Award for an outstanding tourism project to Turner Contemporary, Margate.

The award was presented by Guild chairman Roger Bray to gallery Director, Victoria Pomery, before an audience of more than 300 top travel industry and media leaders at a gala dinner held on, Sunday 6 November at London's elegant Savoy Hotel. The gallery also won the top award in the Best UK Tourism Project category.

"We are delighted to have received these two prestigious awards from the British Guild of Travel Writers. It has been a fantastic opening seven months for Turner Contemporary. With over 300,000 visits to date we are establishing ourselves as a top UK tourism destination, and with exhibitions of work by JMW Turner and Tracey Emin coming up next year, we are looking forward to even more success in 2012." Victoria Pomery, Director Turner Contemporary.

Turner Contemporary was nominated for the award by Guild member David Prest, who impressed on the judges the extent to which the gallery has helped a once rundown seaside town "come alive with cafés, arty boutiques, retro-shops and old fishing shacks on the harbour which have been transformed into studios".

The gallery has received national and international acclaim since it opened in April 2011, and in August 2011 Margate was named the UK's top "Cool Culture" destination by the Times newspaper

Record Breaking Queens

Dancing Queens has been announced as the new Guinness World Record holder for the Biggest Remote Dance Class!

It might have taken a few weeks but Guinness have finally confirmed that we broke the record. The official number of Dancing Queens is 882 – breaking the previous record by nearly 200 – though it's believed we probably had over 1000 participating on the day.

Fiona Crawford of Helter Skelter Children's Indoor Play Centre, who came up with the idea, said "it's amazing what can be achieved when you've got such great community spirit."

Notification from Guinness came through last week and we are waiting for the official certificate and for the GWR website to be updated.

So, if you were a Dancing Queen, you can give yourself a little cheer because you are now officially a world record breaker. Congratulations to you and thank you for taking part Source. www.bigbroadstairsweekend.co.uk



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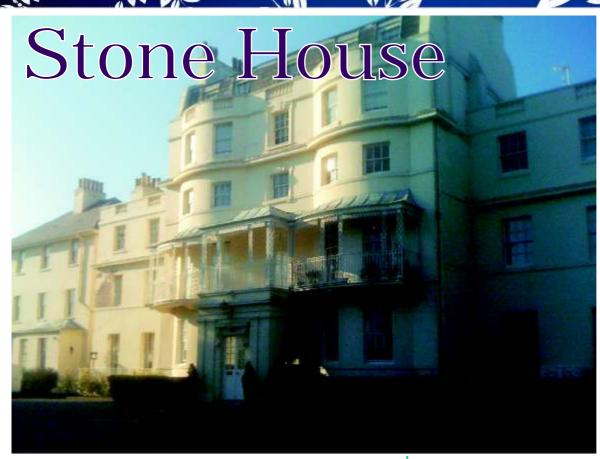
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Broadstairs and St Peters has a wealth of rich and interesting history, from smuggling to famous inhabitants. As anyone who takes a walk in Broadstairs knows, with every turn of a corner it produces a fascinating glimpse of times gone by.

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Stone House nestled above Stone Bay is one of such a place. One of the oldest buildings in Broadstairs it has a varied history and it must have looked an imposing building when it was built in 1764 for Sir Charles Raymond of The East India Company, at a cost of £4,821.

There are a network of tunnels throughout Broadstairs and St Peters one of these tunnels is situated under Stone House. Both Stone House and Stone Farm were used for many smuggling activities. Although Sir Charles Raymond was a J.P. he was known to finance many of the local smuggling runs and both were used by the Callis Court Gang, led by the famous Joss Snelling to store their contraband. The tunnel was revealed in the 1950's, when it collapsed under the weight of a bulldozer. It has since been sealed off from inside the building.

Sir Raymond died in 1783 and the house was sold to a William Breton Esq. for £5,000. It was then sold to Sir Henry Harpur Bart and then to Sir John Cuthbert who owned it for three years, making many additions to the building. Sir James Dupree Alexander acquired the building next for £7,125 in 1830. The present flint wall which surrounds Stone House was built by him.

In the spring of 1868 Dr Tait who at the time was Bishop of London purchased Stone House. It was while here he received a letter from the

Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli appointing him Archbishop of Canterbury. Archbishop Tait's wife went on to found the first orphanage in Broadstairs. The children being taken into their care after their parents had died in London by the plague of Asiatic cholera which swept the country in 1866. When Archbishop Tait passed away Stone House was handed down by will to his niece, who then sold it in 1883 to Rev Edward Stone.

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Rev Stone began redesigning the property to fulfil the needs of a boys' preparatory school. He also went on to purchase Stone Farm in order to help supply the school with their own vegetables.

In 1895 Rev Stone sold the property to Rev W.H. Churchill, who in turn carried on with the next stage of the development. Numbers at the school increased and so more alterations and additions were made. This was when at the

northern end of the house the chapel was built.

In 1916 Churchill's son Arnold took over from his father and in 1921 made further alterations to expand the school. By 1935 Arnold retired and with the war looming plans for further improvements were postponed and the school was evacuated. The evacuation lasted seven years, in which time Stone House narrowly escaped being destroyed, having been bombed outside the front and back gates. The troops who inhabited it during this time also left the inside of the building in a bad state. By 1946 the building was rejected by the military as 'unfit for human habitation'. But Stone House wasn't about to give up and with the help of the staff the school reopened in 1947.

Stone House was awarded Grade 2 listed building status in January 1950 and on 17th October 1969 the school closed for good.

In the early 1970's the building was converted into private flats. The developers went to great lengths to restore the graciousness of the period and managed to preserve its character.

Today Stone House still looks as imposing as when it was first built, except it now has all the luxuries of a modern building. One can only imagine what the original inhabitants would make of its modern make-over.

Debbie Barham

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Wally Cook

passed away peacefully at Newlyn Care Home on the 29th September 2011.

Wally served his country in WW2 in 296 Army Field Co R.E. He was at the demolition of Tobruk where he was captured on 21 June 1942 and was transported to Italy. On hearing that the POW camp was to be disbanded and all prisoners were to be moved he and a pal hid inside a tea chest in the camp rubbish dump and waited until the camp was cleared, after commandeering a fishing boat by paying 73,000 lire for it, Wally and a group of other POWs sailed down the coast of Italy until they finally reached the British lines in March 1944.

Wally was in Naples in March 1944 where they saw the eruption of Vesuvious.

Wally was a well known and very liked character about town. Always had time for a chat and enjoyed a snifter or two at the Lord Nelson Pub, ("purely medicinal", as he said) He lived in Crow Hill, Broadstairs.

HRH invited back for a day on the beach

Lets hope HRH will visit Broadstairs next year and bring her bucket and spade. That way we'll at least guarantee that the seaweed is cleared from Viking Bay if her visit to Margate is anything to go by. Thursday saw diggers frantically collecting up the smelly stew from Margate sands in readiness for her majesties visit on Friday. Something that just couldn't be managed on a regular basis for the thousands of holiday-makers that hit our main beach during the long hot stinky summer.

A throng of em

We spotted a whole bunch of councilors in Albion Street car park just the other week. All discussing something. Lets hope it wasn't the redevelopment of any part of the carpark, other than levelling the area to remove some of the potholes. Yes, even Bill Hayton put in an appearance.

Seperated at Birth?





Dockyard Mannequin?

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Has any other reader noticed a similarity between that old Bradstonian Paul Headley and the mannequin of a blacksmith at Chatham Historic Dockyard Museum. Or perhaps Mr Headley is moonlighting and has an uncanny knack of being able to stay completely motionless for hours at a time?





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PCSO's and Neighbourhood Policing, what's it about??

Hi There. My name is PCSO Brian Lamberton 56193 and I am currently typing away from the Broadstairs Police office. I have a bad ankle at the moment so that means I have a little more time to organise community links and the various projects than are in the pipeline or 'desk patrol' as some of us call it. I have just entered my 6th year as a Police Community Support Officer working for Kent Police as a Police Officer (not constable) and I will say with no doubt that this is easily the most interesting Job I have had up to date. I started my service patrolling the St.Peters Ward (correlating with the council wards) in 2006 and learnt my trade there. Our aim as PCSO's are to create community links, get to know the local populace through as many means as possible and be a face to the image that is Kent Police. This of course may sound simple and a lot of people we first come across will say "you cant do nothing" or "you have no rights". This of course is wrong and does highlight the publics (not everyone) fickleness when believing everything they are told. Once again, it is our job to explain our role to these people who may not have needed to speak to the police or are too afraid to.

A basic explanation but hopefully with the help of The Broadie we are taking another small step to make persons aware of what we do and what value we add to the community we serve. I look forward to taking any questions via letters and will best try to answer them in the most impartial/professional way I can with hopefully a little bit of reality thrown in there using the experience I have gained over the years. We will try and keep you informed of local meetings and Police 'surgeries,' which everyone is more than welcome to attend. These meetings will help form priorities which your local neighbourhood police will try and rectify for you. The priorities run for approximately three months and this will form the majority of the policing we do. As PCSO's we may not necessarily be able to enforce some priorities that appear, however our main aim will be to work with partner agencies to solve the problem via other means. Ultimately if this has no effect (which it usually does) then we will call on more equipped officers... I could write a whole lot more about what goes on with local policing however I am aware that I am leaving an eco footprint so I will leave my musings until another time. Hopefully the information on this page will be of use to you. If not... tell us. Thanks again.

Oh, if you want to contact your local neighbourhood team, or report a non urgent Police matter, do not ring 01622 690 690 anymore, simply dial 101 and you will reach us. Simples

Local priorities until 19th January as follows :-

Viking/Bradstowe = Drunken Behaviour - Mainly public urination Beacon Road = Anti Social Behaviour - Persons acting in an anti social manner, causing others alarm and distress. St.Peters = Vehicle nuisance - St Peters footpath and churchyard. Kingsgate = None set

If you would like the results and actions on what has happened with these priorities or think that the priorities should be different please come along to the next public meeting. 19th January 2012, 7pm at the old, Age concern building, Pierremont Park, Broadastairs High Street, Broadstairs. The police, local councillors and other partner agencies will be there to take on concerns. Please come, no matter how trivial you feel your concerns are. In response to the seagull issue in the previous Broadie.. I feel that Anti social behaviour in Broadstairs has become secondary to this. Although Broadstairs five years ago was a safe place to live, it has come on leaps and bounds becoming even more safe. The only 'trouble' you will get is the skaters on the Bandstand and trust me .. they are all pleasant youngsters. A little messy from time to time (which we are working on) but generally you can have a good conversation with them.

Surgery dates (One to one drop in centre)

Monday 05 December 2011 10:00 - 11:00 Surgery at Baptist Church Hall, Queens Road, Broadstairs Wednesday 7 December 10.00 AM - 11.00 AM Venue: St Peters Church Hall Friday 09 Dec 2011 13:00 - 14:00 Surgery at Queens Road Baptist Church, Queens Road, Broadstairs Saturday 24 December 2011 1.00 PM - 2.00 PM Venue: St Andrews Church Wednesday 11 January 10.00 AM - 11.00 AM Venue: St Peters Church Hall

Before I go the first TOP TIP I can impart would be... if you come across a situation and you think to yourself 'should I phone the police' the probability is YES YOU SHOULD. No matter how insignificant you feel it is... the information you provide could be the piece of the jigsaw we are looking for. So, call **101** for all non urgent matters, you WILL get some form of response. In an emergency dial **999**. PCSO Lamberton **56193 Viking Ward**



The High St is looking a bit of a mess at the moment with various shops &

businesses empty. We are usually lucky in that they fill up with new ventures fairly quickly but the large, prominent gap left by Tunnel Shoes now closing & The Dickens & The Prince Albert being closed is a bit more than normal.

Can't imagine that the Dickens will stay empty for long as it's in such a wonderful position.

Other empty shops are being taken up though; we hear that there is to be a new pound shop & a new pet shop soon. There are also some quite exciting ideas being muttered about but so sneaky that we can't possible say, watch this space though, if it happens you will (hopefully) love it. It could be a big bonus to the town.

We have a new hairdressers by the station

La Magnolia has now been replaced by Albarino a Tapas Bar & Restaurant. The new owner & chef Stephen Dray trained at Thanet College over 20 tears ago & has since been travelling the world. Working in Canada, Delhi & most recently the West Indies. He & his wife Stephanie are happy to be back in town & are sourcing as much of their supplies & produce locally as they can.

Zar Zars are back in their salon in Carlton Ave after having the whole place



refurbished after their nasty arson attack. They have kept working in a neighbouring shop but welcome back home girls.



It's winter now; a time for bracing walks along the deserted beach, pints of frothy ale in front of a roaring fire and CHRISTMAS!!! Woo Hoo!

I love Christmas; I love making decorations for the tree, I love hinting relentlessly to Mr Wally about what presents I'd like to find underneath the tree, I love the fact it's acceptable to drink wine in the morning, I love the fact that eating your body weight in cheese and sugared almonds is positively encouraged, but most of all I love cooking for my family and friends on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

I love a bit of tradition and we all have our own on Christmas Day whether it be to serve goose, capon, turkey or a nice rib of beef and we all know the drill, sprouts with chestnuts, roast spuds and parsnips, a mountain of carrots, lots of gravy - Some things are sacrosanct and should not be interfered with but I think a bit of Boxing Day experimentation should be embraced so here's what I'll be serving up alongside my cold cuts, salad, pickles and Nigella's cherry coke ham this year (and yes, the coca cola version really is worth the hassle, the woman's a genius).

These accompaniments can be prepared in advance and just bunged in the oven or fridge so you can spend quality time playing scrabble, watching the Queen's speech and mixing cocktails with your guests rather than slaving in the kitchen – it's a holiday so kick back and enjoy.

Celeriac dauphinoise

This is heaven. This is also very fattening so is perfect for the season when extra calories seem to be encouraged - Christmas is a feast after all. A Celeriac or two, not too large as the giant ones tend to be a bit woolly and spongy in the middle, a big onion, butter, salt and pepper, double cream, 150g of mature cheddar or parmesan or a mix of the two. Cut the onion in half, slice thinly and fry in a big knob of butter on the lowest heat possible for ages until it is meltingly soft, transparent and sticky. Do not burn!!! While you're cooking out the onion cut the celeriac into quarters, peel the gnarly outside and cut into slices about the same thickness of a pound coin. Put into a bowl of water with a squeeze of lemon juice in to stop it going brown until the onions are ready. In a baking dish put a layer of celeriac, followed by a sprinkling of the cooked onion and salt and pepper, continue layering finishing with a layer of celeriac. Pour over cream until it just covers the top and sprinkle over the grated cheese. Cook in a low oven gas mark 3-4 for about half an hour, the cheese should & her Boxing Day feast

be golden brown and the celeriac should be soft to a knife tip.

Oven baked bubble

Bubble and squeak is a wonderful invention. It takes boring leftovers and transforms them into something sublime – I know oven baking it is breaking the rules but it works, trust me Cold mash – make it in advance with butter, milk, a dash of cream and a couple of egg yolks for extra richness, seasoned with salt and pepper and a few grates of nutmeg. For some reason it doesn't work as well if your mash is freshly made.

Steamed greens

shredded cabbage or brussels. Fried onions – sweated off slowly as per the celeriac method.

A couple of leeks fried in butter. Mix all the lovely ingredients together along with a couple of crushed cloves of garlic. Put in a well buttered baking dish and top with a few knobs of butter and a sprinkle of salt and pepper. Bake on the top shelf of the oven until the top is golden brown and crusty. If you don't like the idea of oven baking, pat into cakes and fry in a little oil – don't move them too much or you won't get the crusty bits we all love.

Easy Amaretti Trifle

1 packet amaretti biscuits – I use the ones made by Doria, a big splosh of amaretto, a large punnet of raspberries, a tub of luxury custard, a big pot of double cream, a handful of flaked almonds and a generous grating of dark chocolate.

Find a nice pretty bowl and empty the biscuits into it, add the raspberries and the splosh of Amaretto and mix together with your hands. Pour over the custard. Whip the pot of double cream and spoon over the top. Toast the almonds in a dry frying pan and sprinkle over the top of the cream. Finish off with a generous grating of dark chocolate. Put it in the fridge until

you're ready to scoff.

My top tip: Relax and enjoy yourselves over the holidays – don't worry about the presents, it's the presence of those you love that counts. Merry Christmas everyone!

W A Hazell Butcher's

There has been a butcher's shop at 36 High Street since 1904 when it was The London Central Meat Company Ltd.

In the 1940s it became Baxters for a few years then in the late 50s the premises was bought by Mr Hazell after whom the shop is still named.

Nick Heasman took it over 26 years ago and is still going strong today. Nick makes sure that all his produce is sourced as locally as possible.

For some reason there have been rumours rumbling round the town that Nick is closing down but nothing is further from the truth. He has no intention of closing and is still as busy as ever.

1913 pic man on left nearest window is F J Taylor from Ramsgate aged **15** later became manager

1921 pic on left My Taylor now 23 & Thomas George Wooton from St Peters

2011 pic standing nearest the Albert = Alan Day, Nick Heasman in centre & John Moore lowest down the hill

Watch out- There's scammers about

Postal Scam:

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Can you circulate this around especially as Xmas is fast approaching - it has been confirmed by Royal Mail. The Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a Premium rate number). DO NOT call this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize .If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call.

If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 020 7239 6655. For more information, see the Crime Stoppers website

The Microsoft Engineer Scam

Here's one doing the rounds locally. You receive a call to ask whether your internet is playing up. The caller will tell you he is from an Internet service provider or Microsoft or another well respected company. They'll then ask you to access your computer, they'll go through some settings with you and then get you to alter the registry of your computer. Your computer will then stop working. The caller will then tell you that this proves your computer has faulty settings. (It does not, the caller has just changed some registry settings). They'll then ask you whether you want to purchase a fix for your computer from them which can range from tens to hundreds of pounds. If in doubt who is calling you HANG UP. Microsoft do not call up random people.

The Printed material Scam

They phone up thanking you for your donation towards an order of benevolent printed goods (Advice on drug abuse for schools) that you made a few months ago, as they're about to send them out to a school of your choice. Oh, and its time to pay up. Except....You never made an order, there are no printed goods and you're about to be ripped off.

Watch out and stay focussed when that phone rings!



So if Edmonds wasn't the first Noel do you suppose it was that Crossroads woman?

Paul Conyers-Silverthorn

The Broadie

About eight years ago there was a competition to choose Broadstairs' first town crier since the 1930's & although there were several entries, the position was won by Paul Conyers-Silverthorn. His voice, at its best, measured 115 decibels which is the equivalent to the perceived noise created by a crowd's roar when a goal is scored at Wembley!

Most of us who were here at the time could not help but remember him in his official capacity in his red robes.

To honour his time in service as our town crier, his family have made the donation of a beautiful bell to the town.

It is hand spun brass & silver plate with a hand turned English oak handle. The engraving is hand drawn by a master engraver. It has been entirely produced by British craftsmen in Hatton Garden & will be used on ceremonial occasions. It was presented to the Mayor of Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council,

Councillor David Saunders, by Paul's wife Jacqueline.

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The current Town Crier, John Myhill was the first to ring it.

Jacqueline said "My husband took much pride in the towns of Broadstairs & St Peter's & particularly wanted to put Broadstairs on the map. He felt that there was a lot to shout about! We hope the bell will ring out for many years to come & continue to spread the news of Broadstairs'

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EVENTS & STUFF

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The Victorian Tearooms, High St, are openo n Christmasm orning fom 1030-1.30pm

All welcome

We're sure her e's plenty of other stuff going on Butif you don't tell us we can't put it on the page. It's Free!!! thebroadie@googlemail.com

Dickens Festival 2012

Feb 10th 7.30pm Un-Winter Evening, Special Bingo Sesson at Crampton Tower, refreshments, rafle & fun interval. £6. ph:8638 41

March 9th 7.30pm

Mad March-hare Beetle Drive. at Crampton Tower. With nibbles! You supply own dr nk & supper! £4 from Wynne 863 841

March 14th 2pm

St. Andrews Church Hall.. Talk on the History of the Dic kens Festival, flers & previe w of 2012 po ga mme. Sale table of Victorian items. Costumed people attending.

Thanet Film Clu b JANUARY 10th The Skinl Live in 17th To II Hunter 24th Melancholia 31st The Guard

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NUMBER ONE FOLK ACT COMES TO THANET

The Tom Thumb Theatre in Margate is hosting a new Folk & Roots music venture. This charming venue is the perfect setting for top quality musicians in an intimate concert environment. The opening night of the 'First Friday Folk & Roots' is headlined by Chris Wood, the 2011 Folk Singer of the year and writer of the 2011 Best Original Song.

and watch the turning on of the Christmas lights. Therew il be music,

carols and costumed folk, followed by

mince pies at the RedL ion pub.

An example of Chris' work is a song entitled "Spitfires", a symbol of wartime grit and determination but one that was hijacked by the National Front. Chris, without any aggression, plants the seed that the spitfire in truth evokes anti-bigotry. Mike Wilson's description of Chris' talent: "This music and sentiment of which a nation should rightly be proud. Wood writes with an

understated poignancy and intelligence that genuinely gives the listener something to think about, whilst also offering a glimpse of what a better world might look like."

The Tom Thumb Theatre, originally a Victorian coach house, has only 50 seats. It was purchased by a family who pooled resources when they became concerned that the theatre would be snapped up by property developers. Their intention is purely to keep this lovely little theatre alive.

Chris Wood opens the First Friday Folk & Roots on 2nd December with a warm-up act from The Sally Ironmonger Duo, also very talented local singer-songwriters. Tickets are £10 each and available from the theatre

www.tomthumbtheatre.co.uk or 01843 221 791.

On-going First Fridays will be a combination of top quality nationally acclaimed Folk & Roots artists with a spotlight on local talent. Already booked for 2012 are Rory McLeod, Damien Barber & Mike Wilson, and The Singing Loins. Become a friend of 'Tom Thumb First Friday Folk & Roots' on

facebook or keep an eye on www.tomthumbtheatre.co.uk to be kept informed of future events & concerts.

Barking Dippers

The NewY ear Swim is one ofhenghlights of the winter& is the best place to be atl unchtime on NY's day. Ken from The Neptune always organises a good crowd to paa de down Hab our Street&h ave as wim. The rest of us stand warmly dressed in gloves & hats Santa ha s kindly given us & think how barking mad they are but it's always 'the pa cet o be'. Every yearthere are those whog o in the sea too early & are then upset because themain p arty aeawl ays late & they get all the fuss. Soif youare ma d enough to want b be with the barking dip pers then wait till hey anve Please bring los of money for h e collecto n.

Tidings of Comfort & Joy! Graham the Piano Vitu oso will be performing singalong carols and songsin his o wn inimitable style on Saturday 17th December att he Neptune, Broadstairs

4th Dec 10-5pm

Chamber of Commerce Traditional Family Christmas Fayre

Food, Drink, Craft, Music, Carousel, Father Christmas, 4.15pm Children's parade from Albion St Car Park to Pierremont Park

4.45pm onwards drawing of the raffle & the Big Christmas tree light switch on by Santa

This years Fayre should be even better than the past two year's with about 20 stalls with Christmas goods, a beautiful Carousel & Santa's grotto in the market.

The tree lights have been bought with a very generous donation from Asda.

The stalls include a tombola stall with prizes from dozens of the town businesses

There is also a stage with choirs & bands playing most of the day



Sat 10 & Sun 11 Dec, then Sat 17 to Fri 23 Dec, 1pm-4pm, £5.50

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December

Dec 10th 10.30-4.30pm

Christmas Bazaar at Pierremont Park ph:863841 Sat 10th 3.30pm, The Seventy Chamber Choir, St Andrew's Church

Ph: 600059

Sun 11th 2.30pm, Thanet Male Voice Choir, Annual Carol Concert, Holy Trinity Church, 867570 Sun 11th 7.30pm, Broadstairs & St Peters Concert Band, Pavilion, 581185

Tues 13th & Weds 14th, 7.30pm, St P Old Boys Christmas Carols, Memorial Hall, 864162 Mon 26^{th,} Dickensian guided walk through town with mulled wine & mince pies at Dickens House Museum at the end ph:861232

Sat 31st midnight, Fireworks Viking Bay 600999

January

Sun 1st 12 ish New Year swim on Viking Bay Mon 9th, 7.30pm, Beetle Drive, B'st Victorians, Crampton Tower Museum 869839 Weds 11th, 7.45pm, New Year Social, Dickens Fellowship, Dickens House Museum, 860159

Sarah Thorne TheatreCl ub, Memorial Theat e 0845 2626263

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Fr 2, 7:30pm, Ellington &H ereson Christmas Concert

Sat3, 7:30pm, MurderM ystery Evening Sun 4 3pm, Sunday Afternoon Music Making Sat 10& Sun 11, 7:30pm, Festive Frivolities Tue 13, 10-4pm, Masterclass withB ill Pepper Tue 13 Dec2 011, 10-4pm, The Kings Speech Mon 19 - Sat 31 2.30 &7pm, Scrooge

January

Sat 14, 2.30 & 7.30pm, MADS Annual Pantomime

Sun 15, 2.30pm, MADSA nnual Pantomime Sat2 1, 7.30pm, Wine and Wisdom Sun 22, 7pm, London Philharmonic Skiffle Och esta

Sun 29, 7pm, Jazz Evening with Paul Zec & Fiends

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