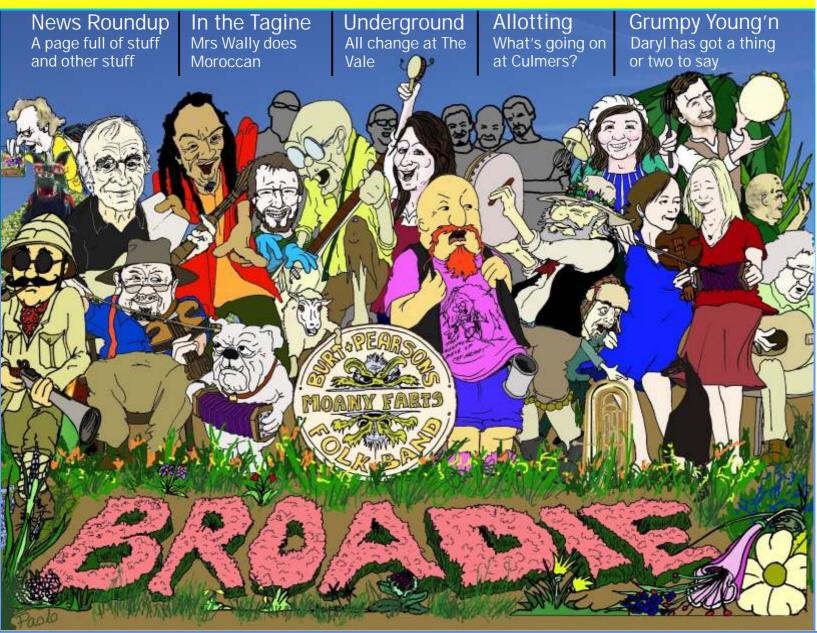
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Your Letters

That's Amazing

Dear Broadies

I thought at my age (undisclosed) nothing could surprise or amaze me any more. But there it was buried in a catalogue of dates and facts on page 18. In 1824 the Culmer-White boatyard closed after nearly 400 years of business! Where is this man's blue plaque?

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Yours

Harrow Dene Broadstairs

Death of an Airman, Broadstairs 24thAugust 1955

Dear Sir,

I do not know whether you would be interested in the following. I was a child on Joss beach in August 1955 when Napoleon Greene, the US airman was shot after going on a rampage. The whole event still puzzles me:

Run! Run! Run! There is no place to hide Between the cliffs and the cold, cold tide. I shot the Man, and now they've come for me, And I will die, today, beside this sea. Lost in a land that I do not know. Nowhere to turn, nowhere to go. This anger burns like oil inside my brain. I cannot think, nor can I explain Why I have killed and will be killed today. Just let the waters wash my life away. The sun is warm, and I can see hear the birds, Their cries are harsh and deafen my dumb words. I'm 21, but cannot tell you why Anyone of us should ever have to die. **Many Thanks Neil Clark**

Is that your real name

Dear Sir,

On a recent visit to Broadstairs I noticed what appeared to be derelict building called Pierremont Hall. I was told it contains a quantity of inert material. Could this be dangerous for the future of Broadstairs? Your sincerely, A.Visitor

Wrong sort of Rubbish

I e-mailed TDC to ask where the bin had gone from Albion Street Car-Park. Here's the reply.

The litter bin that you refer to has been moved not removed from the car park. This is due to the fact that it was being constantly abused by local residents filling it with household waste.

Those pesky householders using bins for household waste...What other waste is there? Radioactive?

Gina

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If you Build it they will come....

Dear Sirs/ Madams

I read with interest a discussion between yourselves and Councillor Chris Wells on the home of the great unwashed that is Facebook.

What can I say, you must be complete morons. Broadstairs desperately needs a community centre, it's plain for all to see.

I for one have been searching for months and months now for a venue to hold our bi-annual meeting of the "Chris Wells Appreciation Society" to no avail, it's not like we'll need a large room, maybe even a broom cupboard.

I am also aware of many other groups who too are looking for premises and are hoping dearly that the centre will finally be built. For starters there's the 'Grand Order of Builders' who are searching for a meeting hall, although to be fair it's not to meet in, they want to tear it down and redevelop it into flats. We have the local 'Take the Public Purse for all we Can Society' who are hoping to find 100 halls for their meetings. (Sorry that was a typo, I meant '1' Hall, they do so like to add another two zeroes to everything). Then there's the local councillors favourite group "The Old Boys Society for Levering in a Personal Political Agenda into Any Conversation no Matter How Inappropriate" and "Offended Councillors Support Group" whose ranks have recently swollen (careful how you say that), both groups are now looking for a new meeting hall after the owners sold their current home from under them.

You're all bloody hypocrites Joy Tobehold Albion Road, Broadstairs

Butterflies

To all the Broadstairs residents particularly the Parents such as myself. I was rather shocked and sadden to hear that The Butterflies Nursery which adjoins Holy trinity Church, had been given notice to close after 13 years. Despite 2 two outstanding Ofsted reports over the past two years, the Church has decided not renew their lease and sell the rooms/hall for development into two cottages, do we need further residential properties in that area, or a very good nursery..... Chris Smith

Broadstairs

In answer to

Holy Trinity Church owns two halls adjacent to the church. One is used as a community hall and the other has been let to Butterflies Nursery since 1999. Both halls were part of the church school, which was closed when Upton Junior School was built in the mid 1970s, and have been used by the church and other groups ever since. Like all churches, we receive no external funding and have been glad to have the rental income from the nursery. However, in recent years the cost of repairs of this old building has escalated and last August we reluctantly had to inform the tenants that we were no longer in a position to make any further substantial repairs as we do not have the financial resources. At the same time, we informally told them that we may have to look seriously at the future of the hall. We have tried to keep them informed of our intentions and recently gave them the statutory six months notice. This has not been taken lightly but the only other alternative we had was to let the building fall into disrepair, which would have prevented the nursery from continuing. We regret having to take this action and in keeping the tenants informed we hoped they would be able to find alternative accommodation in good time. None of this affects the other hall, and we hope to be able to make some improvements to the remaining hall and make it more accessible. The church is not in the business of making a profit but we do have to make best use of our resources.

The Reverend Canon David Roper Holy Trinity Church Broadstairs.

RNLI

The little RNLI kiosk in Harbour St has reopened. It is being run by a volunteer from the Ramsgate shop as a satellite of Ramsgate. At the moment the kiosk can only open for limited hours as Roy, a resident of Broadstairs is running it by himself with help from his partner. If you can spare a few hours as a volunteer to allow us to open more often, please contact Roy on 07816383011 or email roy.irving@talk21.com or ask at the Kiosk.

Water Gala

The Broadstairs Water Gala will soon be happening again. The commitee is well advanced with plans for a great family event. One important part of ensuring a happy and safe event is the stewarding. Volunteer Stewards are required for various shifts on Wednesday 22nd August. To volunteer, or for more information; please contact Roy Irving on 07816383011 or email rov.irving@talk21.com

Parking Space

Hi this is Jean and this is my rant.

I have a friend, an elderly gentleman who lovingly over a number of weeks as he is getting on in years, paved, with expensive materials, his front garden, making his front look much better than it did before. He carefully checked that his car would fit on to this drive. (May I add that along his road there are several cars parked with their wheels half on the pavement. His car fitted his new driveway perfectly. Out of the blue he was contacted by the council who asked him to seek permission for the new arrangement . This he did only to be turned down as he was told there was not enough space for use of the driveway. As he had managed to park his car on the driveway there clearly was, no mention from TDC about all the cars on the same road that where half on the pavement. Finally and more importantly, if we want visitors to the town of Broadstairs shouldn't TDC allow this sort of thing so as to free up parking spaces.

Jean Broadstairs

Thanet - Rubbish

Dear Sir.

I have a Galacian student staying with me who thought that 'Thanet' meant 'Rubbish' because it's written on all the litter bins Sincerely

Doug Hudson



Ancient and modern wind powered machines seen off of Broadstairs or a ghost ship from the lost Spanish Armada?

Broadstairs Girlguides

Girlguiding UK is passionate about recruiting more adult volunteers so more girls and young women can get involved in guiding

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There are many ways you can get involved. For more information, please contact. Sam Lewis -Broadstairs Commissioner on 07760227709 or broadstairsgirlguiding@hotmail.co.uk

The Shops at the bottom of the High St.

Oh blimey, how do we tackle this one. We tried we really did.

Now there's healthy capitalism and then there's the other sort too.

'Dear sir', we said. 'What can you do about the shops you own at the bottom of Broadstairs High Street? They're a mess', we said, 'They ruin the ambience of that part of town, they're ugly and they bring down the area'. We said. 'Cant you tidy them up a bit, couldn't you perhaps work with a local group to bring the buildings back into use as they are just sitting there rotting, we even know some people who'd love to open a pop up shop or two'. Simon Peters of Panther Securities said 'If we spend money on a building that is going to be demolished, that won't be very popular with the shareholders'

We said 'The shareholders don't have to live or work or run a business next door to your dilapidated properties do they'

And that was that.

We contacted the TDC Empty properties officer, for there is one.

She said

We are aware of the plaining application, we will investigate your concerns detailed below and get back to you in due course.

She may have investigated but she did not get back to us.

Next thing we heard:-

Demolition starts soon, with nobody as yet

interested in taking on the site. So a big well done to Panther Securities who own the site for being the Broadie number one irresponsible local landlord of the year. A landlord that according to its chairmans report can spend £21,000,000 on properties in one year but can't tidy up a property it already owns.

No they haven't got enough cash to go into their building and sweep up the crap, even though they managed to give $\pounds 25K$ to the conservative party as can be seen in their chairmans statement:-

Once again I am proposing a resolution to allow the company to donate £25,000 to the Conservative Party who are the only party capable of holding back the country from the abyss of excessive debt caused by their predecessors. Whilst they have not yet been able to produce policies to stimulate the economy I have no

doubt the intention is there when circumstances allow them to.

Shame he's willing to take no responsibility for a building that at present certainly doesn't stimulate the Broadstairs economy. Panther Securities can be contacted on 01707 667 300

Citizens Advice Gutted.

In what would appear to be a wanton act of vandalism the Citizens Advice centre situated by

the council offices in Pierremont park has been gutted by fire. However according to the emergency services the fire was down to an electrical fault, even though there is some evidence to suggest that the centre had been burgled.

The incident happened sometime on the night of **Tuesday 10th July.** I guess what really does seem a shame is that the Citizens advice centres are there for the benefit of the whole community, they can help out with legal advice for those that can't afford it, there's help for young and old alike, and what's more it's free, so it's a great shame to lose this fine service in Broadstairs. A replacement venue is now being sought but for the time being Margate Citizens advice will be taking up the slack.



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Dear Chris.....we're bored now

Oh Chris, you are a cheeky scamp. You with your jolly smile and scratchy beard, you just make me want to give you a cuddle you big old bear.

But Chris, bears can be grouchy and quite tetchy when injured, and injured you must be, as what a grumpy fellow you have been of late. You're working too hard Chris, all those meetings all over Kent, struggling to speak at what seems to be ninety words per second, and now this constant need to blame everything on a recent 'Labour diktat', which we can only imagine is some sort of genital jewellery for hard working men.

It's time to sit back Chris, relax, take it easy, Broadstairs can survive a week or two without you, it won't go to the dogs much more than it has already, you need a break, I mean that beard is looking a bit grey nowadays, we're worried about you.

And stop worrying about your little puppy that was (Or is and will probably be again) the Broadstairs Community Centre. £84,000, that's small beans in the world of politics, it's only money, we can always start all over again, I mean it won't be the first time TDC has wasted a whole bunch of cash on a project that never got off the architects sheet. It's okay, we'll just have to manage without it. After all our lord and master big Dave C, has already told us poorer minions we should stop getting into debt, we should pay off our credit cards and behave like good little boys and girls, it's no wonder really that a good percentage of us are a little jumpy about our local town council borrowing a large wedge of cash for a building that we can probably do without for just a little bit longer...but hey, don't be put off by the opinion of some of the constituents, it's okay, just revisit it at a later date.

We'd love a new community centre, and no, we're not joking, I mean, who wouldn't want a new community centre, but here's a suggestion, just listen a bit more next time and you'll get it, but maybe just maybe we could perhaps re-site it, or perhaps even compromise with those horrible little people that just will get in the way, you know, what are they called....oh yes, the electorate.

Oh and Chris, why we're on the subject of the electorate. Yes I know, they do smell sometimes and quite often have the weirdest opinions, and rather too often those opinions are mouthed off with expletives that would make even Sandy blush, but hey, that's the great British public for you. Those people who placed a cross in your box didn't all vote for you because they were voting for a community centre, I'm betting, and its only a hunch, that more than a few of them looked at the political party you stood for and put a cross in the box, that's the way we think Chris, we still don't take much notice of what goes on locally, so many just follow their national party without caring very much who's doing what in TDC. Although I'm sure you know that, especially when you consider its only the minority that even vote. So Chris, politics is a funny old game, it's especially funny in Thanet, a place that certainly manages to attract a fair few interesting characters into its political ranks, and a fair few rogues too, especially recently what with homophobics insults flying about from all quarters. Not that we're saying you're a rogue Chris, oh far from it, a busy hard-working career politician, that's you Chris, and we don't believe you've punched anyone in a clothes shop, well, not yet. And Chris, Please have a word with your other buddies, when they say stuff like 'The majority of residents were in favour'. Its just not true, I mean, how would you know? Was there some sort of compulsory local referendum on whether the road system change was a good idea?, Was there the same for the community centre? No. So by just saying it, doesn't make it true.

So Chris, lets have less of the knockabout , 'He said this Miss' politics, I mean you didn't seem to mind it when your party had a very

slim and then non-existent majority, you didn't seem to have a problem raising parking charges all over Broadstairs and even having extra meters installed in town even after Laura Sandys suggested a short period of free parking would be a grand idea, oh and who was that other women who was very much up for the idea too, old what's her name, Mary Portas. But hey ho, it wasn't to be, no free parking for us under the Conservatives, no free parking for us under Labour and the Independents. Only parking increases. And really, Vere road car-park free parking on Saturdays....well whoopee.

We're not hypocrites Chris, we're just a small concerned group of locals who work, live and love Broadstairs, there's also no political agenda here either, remember we gave all political persuasions free space to sell themselves. We all want what's best, we might all disagree now and then, but hey, sometimes we all, get it wrong.

But Chris, that does include you too. So have a rest, have a rethink, have a Gin and Tonic with a slice of lime, and when we've all got a bit more money again, you bring out your community centre idea, shuffle it about a bit, try not to cut down any trees, don't sell off any more potential land to housing developers, don't upset any fringe events and then perhaps, just maybe we'll all be happy with our new community centre and you can smile again you big tetchy bear.

What a load of Turds

We are of course referring to the shed load of S*** that Southern Water have managed to slop onto our Blue flag award winning beaches just at the start of the warmer season and not those in charge at Southern Water...Honest.

TDC took the precaution of closing the beaches, and good job too considering the amount of bad jobs there were to look at. However the clean up operation has been going swimmingly, and the water cleanliness is now being monitored regularly. Whether or not managers at Southern Water will be willing to visit Viking Bay this summer and take a dip is another matter, although we reckon they should spend some time in the stocks up at St Peters, we've got a whole load of things in a bucket we'll be only too ready to dish out to all those waiting in line who'd like to have a few words with 'em If you feel your business has been affected by the outpouring of pooh, then please contact Southern Water Liability Claims department who we feel sure will make it as difficult as is humanly possible for you to get

any money out of their tight little pockets. Jubilee Beacon

A beacon is an intentionally conspicuous device designed to attract attention to a specific location

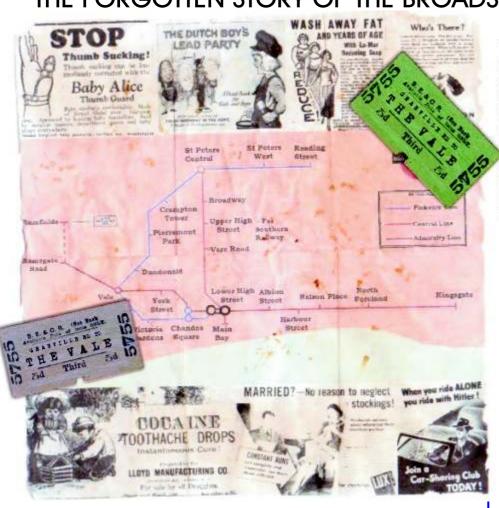
Yes, well, what can we say about the waste-paper bucket on a stick that was the jubilee beacon. We're not sure the beacon attracted much attention, nor was it very conspicuous. In fact we've seen bigger fires in the Brigadiers pipe.

After all if nobody managed to notice a scumbag set a whole beach hut up in flames, we're positive the jubilee beacon on Broadstairs beach wasn't really going to bring the community together in the culmination of the whole weekend.

On the subject of the Jubilee, some members of The Broadie team did manage to get to the big scary city to help Mrs Windsor celebrate, we'd love to show you the photo's, but being on the shorter side the only part of the pageant we watched was the backs of peoples heads. Great atmosphere though, even if her ladyship did have to empty her bag out at three separate security searches......We've always said she looks like a bit of a terrorist



ALL CHANGE AT CHANDOS SQUARE THE FORGOTTEN STORY OF THE BROADSTAIRS METRO SYSTEM



Any potted, or indeed unpotted, history of Broadstairs will invariably chart the town's growth from a sleepy fishing village of the middle-ages to the bustling metropolis it is today. Few, though, will mention the ill-fated Broadstairs Metro system that was constructed at the turn of the20th century when the town was in a period of rapid expansion.

Taking its cue from the London Underground, which began in the 1860s, the Broadstairs Metro was officially opened in 1905 under the slogan'Transport to a Future Age' after eight years of planning, tunnelling and the odd bureaucratic feud. The town mayor, having unsuccessfully appealed to the King to formally open the system, had a local publican cut the ribbon at the entrance of the flagship station: 'Lower High Street', which was situated on the site where Iceland now stands. From that first unveiling the metro system very quickly garnered popularity due to its unrivalled convenience. No longer would you have to traipse all the way from Queens Road to Albion Street on foot- you simply needed to hop on the underground train and saunter along at a leisurely yet efficient pace, with time and opportunity to fill your pipe or chastise an urchin. Emerging at your destination, albeit with a face caked in soot and clothes damp from steam, you were bound to remark on the newfound ease of moving about the town.

Within the prevailing decade, the system swiftly expanded beyond the town centre. By 1908, it was possible to travel by underground train from Crampton Tower all the way to Nelson Place, or indeed to any of the stops in between. Four years later it was not uncommon for tourists or adventurous locals to complete 'The Great Run': a mammoth Metro journey from St. Peter's to Kingsgate (indeed, Kingsgate became jokingly known as the Cockfosters of Broadstairs).

The early days of the Metro system might seem laughably primitive to the 21st century traveller, but for contemporary observers it was a modern marvel. The original trains were low-roofed and passengers sat on wooden, slatted benches. The locomotive was operated by a dual-system of coal furnaces and pedals, with pedal-pushers being employed at a rate of fourpence a day. Gas lamps lighted the carriages, and this necessitated the presence of a 'lighting boy' who was charged with ensuring that the lamps remained illuminated through the course of the journey. Due to the sustained and relentless exposure to carbon monoxide it was unlikely that either a pedal-pusher or a lighting boy would reach their fifteenth birthday, but that was no matter, for it was a golden age of technological triumph.

By the late 1920s the improving technology of underground steam-locomotion negated the need for pedal-pushers, and with the introduction of electric lighting there was of course no need to employ lighting boys. Whilst both developments meant that many scores of adolescents would no longer be able to give up their lives in the name of social convenience, it did mean an improved and far more comfortable mode of transport. Aged Broadstairs resident Cyril Duck gives his account of childhood memories of the Metro rail in the 1930s:

The first trip I can remember on the old Metro was to the seaside with my mum and little sister. We lived in Granville Road back then, so we got on there and had to change at Chandos

The Broadie

Square. I remember my old mum setting us down with comics and puzzles for the journey. She'd brought a tin of bully beef for lunch, which she'd nearly managed to open by the time we got there. Then we had a mad rush at the station to catch the next train to Harbour Street. I always marvel at how she managed to keep us nippers occupied on those big trips. Tickets were a penny then.'

The era that Cyril describes was surely the Metro's heyday, but by their very nature heydays are not built to last. As motorcars became a more affordable mode of transport by the 1950s, the decline of the Broadstairs metro system was inevitable. With many families now able to afford their own private transport the Metro slowly became the preserve of the wandering reprobate and the naive visitor. It was not uncommon for local street toughs to organise pick-pocketing evenings on the line between Dundonald Road and Victoria Gardens.

In late 1961, local councillors presented their report on the state of the Metro system:

'It is with regret that we report the saddening condition of the Broadstairs underground rail network. Many of the stations are shabby and defaced with obscenities; by the entrance to York Street station some barbaric oaf has scrawled 'Harold Macmillan is a ninkompoop'. The trains are no better. On inspection of one carriage my delegates found (amongst a sparse collection of derelict passengers): two prophylactics, a Moroccan hashish pipe, a Wellington boot filled with effluence and a dead badger. I see no future in this particular public amenity'.

That was the death knell of the once glorious Broadstairs Metro system. Revenue simply wasn't sufficient to contemplate an overhaul. The last train ran at 11.05pm on the 27 August 1962. It carried only one passenger: a man whose mind was so addled with drink that he was wearing his hat as a shoe.

But what remains of the Metro today? Most of the stations' entrances are now shops or private homes and some are demolished completely and have been replaced with more modern buildings. A few remnants remain here and there such as the Viking Bay entrance near the main steps, and the tunnels remain more or less untouched. So there may be hope yet for this pioneering feat of engineering to enjoy a revival. As aged Broadstairs resident Cyril Duck said as we were politely trying to leave his house: 'People these days having to walk from Broadway to Vere Road, they don't know how lucky us lot were back then'



The last known photo of the Pickwick line carriages sitting in a siding at Minster, taken in the 1970s

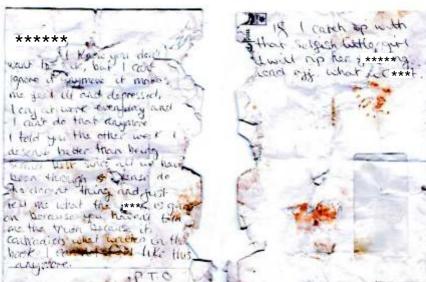


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Lost and Found



It's been a while since we've had a lost and found. Its also been a while since this letter was found too. That's because we thought we'd better sit on it a while considering the content. The first side is sad, confused and is trying to make sense of a relationship being torn apart at the seams, however the 'Please Turn Over at the bottom right corner of the first side lulls the recipient into a false sense of security, because on side two her mood changes with the revelation "If I ever catch up with that selfish little girl I will rip her f***** head off, what a ****."

Suffice it to say, it would seem that true loves path often strays into the wilds. The unfortunate boyfriend seemingly didn't care much for the letter as we found it in a bush by the side of a main road.

Broadie welcomes the Bearers

Unfortunately, down to timing, this issue of The Broadie is away at the printers when the Olympic torch comes trundling through the town. Therefore please fill in the blanks as appropriate.

What a marvellous event the Olympic torch procession through Broadstairs was, and such weather. Although wasn't it a shame that due to the excessive
The procession did however take a short stop to sample the free
being given away outside Bay 158 which caused a bit of a rumpus when a
to
The torch bearers then proceeded past the Broadway watched byon a large bouncy castle who merrily as the fire of Mount Olympus bobbed slowly past.
On reaching St Peters the torch bearers were met by a contingent from the St Peters Village tour who were all dressed up in their
clothes, including a chap dressed as
aand three women who couldn't resist the urge to put
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The new health and safety rules seem to have dampened the Morris a little - eh Burt?

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The countdown has begun

...the sound of distant bells and clinking tankards can be heard approaching. So, it's make your mind up time - either run for the hills or give yourself up to the Broadstairs Folk Week experience...

There's a new look Souvenir Programme - which we hope is easier to read and flags up things that we want you to look at - like the fabulous range of concerts, dances and workshops.

Entertain yourselves by looking for a carol concert, some Tiddly Folk, the Thoresby Colliery Brass Band, the Folk Police, some trumpeting Trousers, Farmer Giles' line-dancing barn dance, the Oge and Kpanlogo rhythms of the Ga people and some guinea pig dancers. Not all at the same time.....but they are all there if you look.

This year, there is a distinct Kentish flavour in the programme - from the headline acts onwards. Who could resist cheering on local hero Tim Edey who has been recognized as BBC Folk Musician of the Year and appears as the support act for Eddi

Reader as well as with virtuoso Irish box player Seamus Begley. Other Kent connections include the Oysterband, Chris Wood, Pierre Vincent, the Bubbleband, Crisis, Captain Patch and the Mermaid Mollies, the East Kent Hoppers, the Jones Boys, Keith Pearson's Coup de Grass and more....

Folk Week pub gigs are great places to discover new bands and old favourites - and there are some fantastic bands that the festival has booked this year in the following pubs - the Bradstow Mill, Harpers, Little Albion, Charles Dickens, Lord



Nelson, Royal Albion Gardens, Wrotham Arms, Pavilion Gardens and the Tartar Frigate; the Neptune is hosting its ever-popular lunch-time singaround and Number 23 is open for sessions. And as this is a local publication read with great interest by the peeps of the town - here is a clarification about bands in pubs during Folk Week. Over the week, the festival has booked 76 pub performances by bands and 22 by duos - in the evening and at lunch-time. Some pubs are booking their own music. The official festival gigs are all in the Souvenir Programme. Opening and closing the festival concerts are some truly fab young bands - on August 10th - Braebach storm onto the stage from Scotland and kick off Folk Week to a rip-roaring start and on 17th there's a great double-bill with Megson and Tarras - a bunch of very talented melodic musicians.

Catfish Kings

Sheelanagig

Monster

Tickets are now on sale for everything and individual event tickets will be available from June onwards. You can book over the phone with a credit card or download a booking form and send it to us with a cheque. Or you can pop into the Festival office in Pierremont Hall between 10am to 2pm - Monday to Friday and you can pick up your tickets and we save on postage! Our website is being updated regularly, so please keep checking it out for more info – or give us a call on 01843 604080

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	Fri 10th	9pm	Ben Mills's, X Factor's Ben brings his full band BENZEGO for a night of funk and soul to drag us kicking and screaming into Folk Week 2012 Party !!
	Sat 11th	5pm	Steve Morrison, one of the greatest blues guitarists alive, fact.
	Sat 11th	9pm	Tundra, probably the best young pop/funk band out there.
	Sun 12th	7pm	DJ Scorn presents the Sunday Session, Pop, Dance,80's, Ska, Reggae, the lot.
	Mon 13th	1pm	Border Crossing, acoustic folk duo, rich in harmonies and tales.
	Mon 13th	3.30pm	Toby, Soph & Callum from young folk rock sensation Wheeler Street.
	Mon 13th	9pm	Ben Russel & The Charmers, live reggae act taking the area by storm.
	Tues 14th	9.30pm	Fate The Juggler, acoustic folk rock of the highest order.
,	Weds 15th	1pm	"Wired on the road" session, the biggest and best open jam marathon from 1pm - 7pm !!
	Weds 15th	9pm	Coco & The Butterfields, Fip Fok. Where folk meets modern hip hop rhythms, you'll not see these guys for free for long !!
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	Thurs 16th	5pm	Hang Ten, perhaps the busiest working duo on the circuit, why, coz they're just so damn goodModern & Classic acoustic hits.
	Thurs 16th	9pm	Gracie and The Vandals, Jaeger Grace brings her full line up to accompany her stunning vocal talent, smooth grooves.
	Fri 17th	1pm	Sean Taylor, absolutely amazing young solo acoustic artist who has wowed the stages of Glastonbury and rest of the world, do not miss.
	Fri 17th	5pm	Rosco Levee Band, homegrown talent making more than a ripple across the pond, Americana, Blues, Rock. One hell of a show !
	Fri 17th	9pm	Breed, There are rock covers bands on the circuit and then there's Breed. Big Sound, fresh set, amazing musicianship Not much to touch'em !
	Sat 18th	9pm	JEDWOOD. Local hero JED brings his full band back to life again this year. As the Folk Week wagon rolls out of town, we go out with a very, very, big bang !

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Live music listings for 10th - 17th August

Some local pubs are booking their own bands over the 'Folk Week' period. These gigs don't appear in the Folk Week programme. Fri 10th

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The Rose:-	9pm. Kellys Eye						
Lord Nelson:-	9pm. Triality						
Barnaby Rudge:-	9pm. Ben Mills (X Factor Finalist) & Benzego						
The Balmoral							
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The Neptune:-	6.30pm. Funke & Two Tone						
Barnaby Rudge:-	5pm. Steve Morrison.	9pm. Tui					
The Dolphin:-		5pm. Surf Dude Grandad. 9pm. DJ					
The Balmoral	4.30 Paint it Blue	9pm The Big Blue					
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The Neptune:-	TBA						
Barnaby Rudge:-	7pm. DJ Scorn.						
The Dolphin:-	2pm. Nick, Will & Friends.	5pm. Blo	OW.	9pm. The Locals			
Lord Nelson.	3.30pm. Night Watch						
The Balmoral	4.30pm. Luke Burgess	9pm. Bread & Butter					
<u>Mon 13th</u>							
The Rose:-	3pm. Matt Brookes						
	9pm. Ace Faces (Rod Stewa						
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Barnaby Rudge:-	9pm. Jedwood.						
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Wallys Scanning Diary (Part

I couldn't do my job without a 4 wheel drive. In the old days the scanner had to plugged into the mains which meant any sheep that needed scanning had to be moved to the farm yard. Nowadays the equipment is completely mobile so I go to the sheep. As the sheep scanning season is winter this generally means the ground is wet and muddy. Sometimes I need to put it in 4 wheel drive just to get through a gateway, sometimes I have to drive up long, steep, rutted and slippery tracks and then sometimes I have to do serious off roading, which was the case in Rhigos near Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales. Rhigos is situated on the edge of a large open cast coal pit. When I was there the snow that had settled a week earlier had almost completely melted and it was doing that persistent Wales drizzle that seems to get you very wet without you really realising it's raining. After scanning the 1st mob of sheep at the farm the guy I was working for said he would go and get the tractor and tow chains. He then explained that the next mob were at the sheep pens on the top of a field right on the edge of the coal pit. I still couldn't understand the whole tow chains bit until I got there. At the end of a rough track, there was a ford. After that there was a steepish slope 200 yards long with water oozing out everywhere. Once that levelled off it was an absolute quagmire for 400 yards then a fence with the relative dryness of the sheep pens on the other side. For me this looked liked great fun! I told the guy that my truck would cruise up it, piece of cake. He said that my dad had said the exact same thing last year and he only got half way up and they had to tow him out with the tractor. He also pointed out that they had tried to get up it a few days earlier in an old Landrover and that ended in the same way as my dad. Now the challenge really was set. I hate Landrovers. I reversed back down the track, put it in low range and then booted it towards the challenge. I hit the bottom of the slope at about 40 mph, off road at that speed feels more like 80! I knew if I could get up the slope then the rest would be easy. I flew up it! Mud, ice, coal and grit were coming up past the window. If i had stopped at any point, that would be the end so in the quagmire I just had to point the truck in the rough direction of the open gate and keep my fingers crossed. Through sheer luck rather than judgment I made it through the gap and into the pens. I was feeling pretty chuffed with myself. On exiting my vehicle the farmer and his mate were standing at the bottom of the slope cheering, clapping and belly ache laughing! I felt like hero!! 2 weeks later I scanned for the same guy but at a different location. Half way through the job he leaned over to me and said 'you're legendry in my local now boyo'. For me that is my greatest achievement! In Wiltshire I scanned for a really nice couple who breed N.Z. ^{EK1} Suffolks and N.Z Romneys. The lady was, apart from Mrs Wally, the most beautiful woman I have ever seen. Tall, naturally blonde, model good looks and a really nice, soft Irish accent. When I scan there is always someone standing on the other side of the holding crate marking the sheep as I call out how many lambs is in each ewe. On that day it was this lady. Every now and again I would look up and think 'my goodness she's is REALLY fit'. Later that evening over a bottle of wine we were talking about my dad and she said 'it was very spooky earlier, every now and again I would look down and you would be giving me the exact same look as your father would give me'. Yeah, I know what he was thinking.



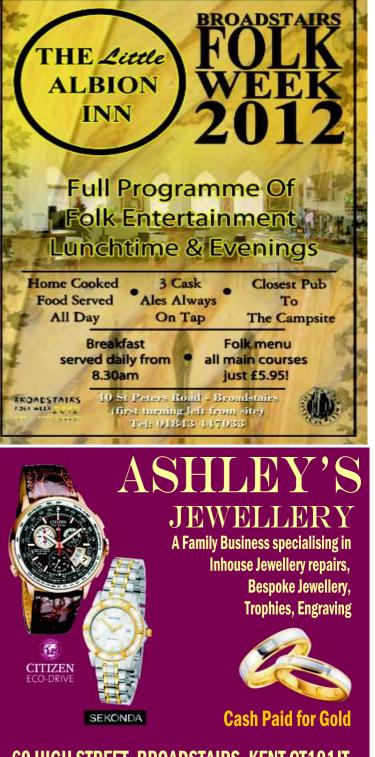


It's coming! It's nearly here. The people are waving They're ready to cheer.

There's bunting, Flags waving. **Excitement abounds. Temperatures rising** And so are the sounds. She's smiling and showing The torch to the crowd.

We've waited And waited And so has the throng It's coming, it's here And now it's gone!

Sue Flory



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The Grumpy Young Man

Broadstairs last year issued a dispersal zone pretty much throughout the whole town. For what reason 'Anti-social behaviour' I believe this rule should be totally scrapped and changed because all I know is that it irritates good sensible teenagers, and doesn't punish the ones who abuse local property. Last year when I was 16 approaching 17 I often found myself in the evenings with nothing to do. But I forgot we are



not allowed in Broadstairs because were 'disruptive abusive morons' who cannot string a sentence together nor talk or stand around without booze in our hand or vandalising something. Or at least this is the picture that has been portrayed for some time, which is totally incorrect. I love to go out and I love to socialise with my friends, the thing is last year I wasn't able to do that. All my friends are nice people who don't vandalise public property or swear at the old folk. We are nice normal teenagers with nothing to do. If some youths are out side your house or are at the bandstand, give us a chance. All that happens is we get moved along and were told off again for standing around. We want to be allowed to come into Broadstairs in the evenings with friends and hang out down the beach. We want to be able to have fun and share a laugh. But we cant if people keep insisting on calling the police and moving us on, what good is that doing? None what so ever. The people that cause the problems don't care about a stupid order, they will break it and they will cause problems anyway. This is a minority were talking about and those people need to be severely punished, not everyone else. You're just stopping ordinary youths from going out. I was always taught as a child to respect your elders but I think my generation is finding it hard to do so as respect is a two way street. Every time my friends and I got moved on we got more annoyed at the curtain twitchers in the apartments watching over us, when we were doing nothing but socialising. I was asked numerous amounts of times to move on or go home for no reason. Just remember not all teenagers are the ones who have done something wrong, if you see someone vandalise something do call up! I myself hate people who deface public property and I'm not the only teenager who thinks this. Not all of us are being stupid, so next time you look out that window, please make sure your calling for the right reason. We are not all the same! We simply want some time to hang out with our friends in the beautiful town of Broadstairs. **Däryl Yeoman**

Alcoholism amongst Wombles nearing epidemic in Maidstone. Thanet next?



Litterbugs in Thanet are getting away with it compared with other towns in Kent. In the past year there have been just six cases of members of the public being fined for dropping litter. Compare that to the 3967 fines handed out in Maidstone, and it would seem Thanet looks to be lagging somewhat.

When you consider that a single fine

for dropping litter can be as much as £80.1t would seem a shame that TDC is missing out on the potential £317,000 revenue in fines that could be raised by prosecuting those that haven't quite evolved enough to find a bin, after all, It's not as if Thanet is a beacon of cleanliness and there's probably few people who would argue that fining litterbugs is a good idea.

On the downside however, due to the lack of employment opportunities in the litter collecting business, cases of alcoholism and homelessness amongst Wombles have risen sharply in the Maidstone area.

Lending a tenner

A few older members of the public have contacted us over the last couple of months to warn others about a middle aged chap knocking on doors asking to borrow money. The gentleman can be quite persistant and even a little intimidating and has used a few different ploys to get into peoples homes. He has been spotted around the Linden Avenue / Crow Hill area and Broadstairs chessboard area. If he knocks on your door we advise you take note of his description and call the police.



You! It was you wrote and suggested Boris Island be moved to Viking Bay! Oh lummy - the shame! ...And the nuclear waste storage facility in the foundations. Oh the humiliation.

Meanwhile, somewhere under Switzerland

In national news it would appear that boffins who live underground in Switzerland somewhere, presumably surrounded by looted Nazi gold have discovered the God particle. That's great news we think, although we have absolutely no idea what that is or whether it'll reduce the price of oven chips at the supermarket, we're hoping that Professor Brian Cox will be starring in yet another BBC series to explain the meaning to us all, it's not that Brian helps me understand quantum physics, it's more that the gentle lilt of his soft voice repeating the word squazillions over and over again whilst he gazes wistfully into the wild blue yonder sends me into the most perfect slumber. What strikes me as a shame is that those aforementioned trogladytic physicists can spend a near eternity living below Switzerland, studying the universe and the meaning of life with their huge IQs and letters after their names, but really, their dress sense...... ive never seen so many articles of clothing purchased from the Millets closing down sale. What does this mean for Broadstairs I hear you ask.....er, well, not much, for whilst the secrets of the universe may slowly be unravelling, it still doesn't explain why you have to pay £10 for a few hours parking on the pier. Now not long ago we managed to get down to St Tropez, y'know, home to the rich and famous, oh yes, and us for a few days too. We parked in their main car-park in town, an underground affair, bordered by beds of Bourgainville and fragrant Honeysuckle, freshly painted parking bays showing off the array of therein parked high powered sports cars, the peaceful vista was gently accompanied with the faint sound of a string quartet playing over the expensive speakers in every corner of the parking lot....and it was still cheaper to park than Broadstairs...yes, really. Tourism, that's what we do, tourism. Councillors, if you want to hear what people think of our town, there's no better place to stand than by the old sea mine down on the pier, have a pint from the Tartar Frigate, hang you coat on the mine prongs, and listen to what the poor visitors have to say about what you are charging on the pier. We did, and we're telling you....It's not good.

Good Work by TDC Visitor Info Service

New Beaches and Bays app and postcard

Promotion of the beaches and bays continues with the launch of our new beaches and bays ebrochure and app, the first one for Thanet District Council, downloadable by searching 'Beaches and Bays Guide' in the App Store. To support the app and encourage downloads we have had printed and are distributing 25,000 postcards, locally and in the August editions of Kent and Surrey Life, on sale in July. The postcards also include a competition for a two night family stay in Thanet, to help build our visitor database. Whilst all the team are able to help with enquiries, please find listed their individual areas of responsibility and contact details below:

Pat Axton (For enquiries on: - Attending events, Tourist Information Points (TIPs) and requests for Visitor Information Literature) - Pat.Axton@thanet.gov.uk

Lisa Harper (For enquiries on: - Retail and advice on how the Visitor Information Centre can support you) - Lisa.Harper@thanet.gov.uk

Lisa Powell (For enquiries on: - Visitor Ambassadors or Meeting Room Hire at Droit House) - Lisa.Powell@thanet.gov.uk Please note that our generic visitorinformation@thanet.gov.uk which is given out to visitors, for public use and is listed on all of visitor information literature is still valid and in use.

Assistance with Visit Kent visitor surveys

With the Olympic and Paralympic Games fast approaching, Visit Kent has put together an online visitor survey designed to help establish the economic impact of these, and the associated Kent events, on the county. Amongst other avenues of distribution, the online survey is to be promoted through a run of postcards which advertise the link to the survey and the incentive for completion. In-order to reach the widest possible audience, Visit Kent are looking for accommodation providers, attractions and businesses to help display some of these postcards, ready for visitors to take away. Please let us know if you would like supplies sent to you by contacting visitorinformation@thanet.gov.uk

Quirky new attraction coming soon to Margate

An amazing new attraction opens on 21 July at the Media Centre in Margate Old Town. The 'Museum of Monstrosities' is a theatrical attraction and unique exhibition. Unique because it contains objects that were never intended to be seen by the general public. An unusual collection, and in some cases startling, with specimens that make their case in an overwhelming fashion!! Further information can be found at www.margatemonstrosities.com

The Museum of Monstrosities is in Margate until September, but if successful, we are hopeful that it will return next year - maybe with new specimens! If you are able to get along and have a look for yourselves, I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

New arrangements for the Theatre Royal Box Office

As part of Thanet Leisureforce's review of the Theatre Royal operations, the Box Office function will now be merged with the Winter Gardens Box Office using the same ticketing software. Therefore, all tickets for Theatre Royal events will be available at the Winter Gardens either in person or by telephone on 01843 296111/292795. Additionally, many shows will now be available to book online through <u>www.margatewintergardens.co.uk</u> Also, from 9 July, the Theatre Royal Box Office will only be open from 4pm prior to any evening performance and for two hours prior to any matinee performance, and they will now be selling tickets for shows at the Winter Gardens too.

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Mr Wally and I spent a lovely week in Marrakech earlier this year. The weather was brilliant, the architecture was stunning, the souks were colourful and strange and it's vendors hounded us relentlessly, we saw mountains and eagles and the stunning Atlantic coastline and we feasted like kings. Whilst we were there, we ate a lot of salads, cous cous and lovely fragrant tender meat stews cooked in tagines. Moroccan food is fantastic, anyone who has been there and lots of people who haven't will know that the traditional cooking pot is the tagine. The tagine is a brilliant bit of kit which cooks at a low temperature for a long period of time, the steam from the food forms on the cool steep sides of the lid and the condensation falls back into the food to leave the food moist and succulent. If you don't have a tagine, you can use a casserole dish with a tight fitting lid on the hob on a low temperature - it should have the same effect. My version of the favourite things we ate are below - enjoy.

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You can buy preserved lemons in most supermarkets or you can make your own really easily. All you need is a few unwaxed lemons some salt and lemon juice. Just cut into each lemon as if you're cutting them into quarters but don't quite cut through to the end so that they're still attached. Stuff the middle of the lemon with a handful of rock salt and put into a clean jar. Repeat until the jar is full, then juice enough lemon juice to cover all of the fruit. Pop in a cupboard and leave it for a few weeks – bingo, preserved lemons.

Chicken ωith σlives αηδ ρreserved lewσηs

Glug of olive oil, a large onion thinly sliced, a couple of crushed cloves of garlic, 8 chicken thighs, a big handful of chopped coriander, 4 quarters of preserved lemon, a big handful of green or pink olives with the stone in, chicken stock – about 175-200mls, a tsp turmeric, salt and pepper.

Fry the onion on a low heat for about 5 mins until it softens, add the crushed garlic and let it fry gently for a couple more minutes – the onions should be translucent. Add the chicken thighs to brown, turning so that they get an even colour. Add the turmeric and the stock and stir together before adding a big grind of salt and a few grinds of pepper. Sprinkle the olives on top. Rinse your lemon pieces under the tap and scrape away the fleshy bits so only the peel remains before you slice lengthways into thin strips, add to the chicken and scatter half of your chopped coriander on top. All you need to do now is pop on the lid and leave it for a couple of hours. If you think there's too much liquid, you can remove the lid and turn up the heat for a couple of minutes. Once it's at the consistency you like turn the heat off and leave to rest for a few minutes before adding the rest of the coriander. Serve with fluffy cous cous with steamed veg and some cumin seeds stirred through, quinoa or rice. Yum.

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Moroccan salads are quite sweet and delicate but absolutely divine. This is one of my favourites.

Grate carrots – about 500g. Peel 2 big juicy oranges making sure that none of the bitter pith remains and slice thickly across before cutting into small sections. Mix the carrots and orange pieces in a bowl and in a jug mix together a glug of orange juice, a squeeze of lemon juice, a couple of tbsp of extra virgin olive oil, a tsp of icing sugar, salt, pepper, and about half a teaspoon of ground cumin. Pour this over the carrot and orange mixture, chop up a generous sprig of mint and a clump of

coriander and sprinkle over the top. I know it sounds strange to add sugar to a salad but it's the most refreshing salad ever – trust me!

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If you have a glut of herbs in the summer, you can preserve them by freezing herbs in ice-cube trays. Chop the herbs coarsely and add one tablespoon of water to each tablespoon of herbs in an ice cube tray. When you need fresh herbs, all you need to do is pop a cube or two out to stir through your dinner.



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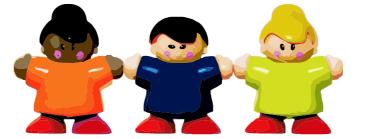
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BELOW YORK GATE

Spring has sprung, or was it a mild hop! Below York Gate everyone has been hopping! Hopping mad!!! With the beach being closed below the tide line for two weeks during half term, all the

businesses have been suffering. For two weeks we have watched the workers cleaning away the results of Southern Waters discharge into the sea. The only good thing to come of it was the seaweed being removed, which made a change for Broadstairs and gave us a cleaner than usual beach.

The weather hasn't been exactly favouring the sun seekers at their beach-huts, with quite a few remaining firmly locked and bolted. The Rough seas brought tragedy to Louisa bay, with a visitor being swept away, despite the heroic efforts of Paul from the Louisa Bay Cafe and other passers-by, who bravely entered the water to try and effect a rescue.

The Jubilee brought out the bunting and some interesting table cloths in the Harbour cafe, Aimee tells me that they are "Staying until after the Olympics".

A new Lifeguard hut was erected on the beach, making the bay look more like a scene from Baywatch, rather than sleepy Broadstairs, with Lifeguards being shipped in from Cornwall to complement our local guys and girls. I had a chat with them, they love the area and want your help to keep the beach safe, always swim between the flags and observe any warnings, never swim when the Red flag is flying. They welcome any questions from the public and if you want you can visit their website at www.rnli.org for any further information. Grease on the beach was one of the highlights in May, however with the cool wind and some sound issues, it proved a little too much for some folk, who left the screening early and sought shelter in some of the local hostelries. It would be good to see more events on the beach as the summer rolls on, using Broadstairs greatest asset to a fuller use.

The businesses around the bay are all geared up for the summer, which I'm assured is coming soon. The Boathouse has found it's "second hand" section has proved popular for people looking for that unusual gift with a nautical them, John is always looking out for second hand boat bits so if you have any, bring them down to him. The Tartar Frigate still have their music nights and the Pavillion still has brides lining up on the beach for their pictures to be taken. The kiosk at the end of the pier looks colourful with their multicoloured parasols giving welcome shade to their customers.

The Harbour cafe are happy with their seafood addition and Alison's old customers are also frequenting the stall to pick up their favourites.... she is always pleased to see them. The Old Stick has been salvaged and is returning to Broadstairs, it will be erected on the pier for public display with a plaque supplying its history. New Palm pots have been placed on the pier, I think someone hopes it will make the place look tropical! The wooden slipway from the pier to the sands has been refurbished, it should make life slightly easier for the Sailing club to launch their dinghies and safety boats.

Fishing from the Pier, slipway and rocks at low tide has been reasonably fruitful, with anglers catching good numbers of Dogfish and the occasional Bass. Children have been catching good numbers of crabs with hand lines and drop-nets. There's been very little boat fishing in the last quarter as the weather hasn't favoured the small craft fishermen.

Visitors and locals have been complaining to anyone, who would

listen, about the hike in the car parking charges on the pier, now a wallet emptying £10 a day (who keeps ten quid in change in their pocket!), even though there is now an hourly charge, it does scare the average day tripper away, maybe with Vere road car park offering free places during the weekend, the powers that B could consider a shuttle bus to the beach for the less firm and families with all the gubbins for the beach.

In this months issue we put the spotlight on Broadstairs sailing club which was founded in 1939 by a group of people who were interested in sailing. It was a busy harbour in those days with a lot of activity many boatmen/fishermen employed at the harbour.

Broadstairs is unique in the fact that it is situated at the end of the English Channel, the Southern North Sea and the Thames Estuary also begins at the North Foreland. The tides rotate in a clockwise direction off Joss bay which creates some very interesting sea conditions to say the least.

The sailing club has come on in leaps and bounds over the years finally achieving recognition as a RYA Volvo Championship Club last year, they are also a member of the RYA On Board scheme which promotes sailing and training for younger people. There are qualified instructors for sailing, power boat and race coaching people using the three Club Ribs, all are qualified with at least PB level2 as the norm.

This year despite the unpredictable weather sailing has continued, things to look out for, the Sail for Gold event on the 21st July all possible boats out on the water to be joined by the Royal Temple Yacht Club keel boats as well, it should be a grand sight in the bay. Another event will be the Dyson Dash on bank holiday Monday in August, an annual event in the memory of Steve Dyson with all monies from entry fees going to the local hospice in Margate. The Sailing club has a web site at www.broadstairssailingclub.com this will give details of upcoming events and race times. The club would like to express its thanks to all that support its activities and apologise to people inconvenienced whilst launching and retrieving the boats from the pier.

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Allotting a lot of loot from the allotments involvement in running or administering the allotments. Having said that, the town cound don't appear to have made any of this public with with the only your participation.

After Holy Trinity church took a fair bit of stick over the sale of the 'old school' part of their building, which houses (Or housed) the Butterflies nursery, it was with some concern that rumours started flying about over the future of the Culmers allotments. However, at a rather packed meeting back in June which was chaired by Reverend Canon David Roper of Holy Trinity Church it seems that the allotments have a hopefully permanent stay of execution. Father David informed the meeting that the charity does not want to sell the land on for redevelopment but would much prefer for the area to remain as allotments, however as the land is owned by a charity he did remind everyone that charities cannot be run at a loss, therefore the allotments needed to provide an income for the CT10 charity. The uncomfortable truth is that if nobody was willing to lease the land for allotments then the charity would be legally duty bound to find another way to make money from the land, the most obvious answer being the selling off of the Culmers plot.

Where representations have been received by any six registered electors or persons liable to pay council tax, it is the duty of local authorities to take those representations into consideration when accessing demand"

There's a lot of misinformation out there over this green space, with many believing that the land had been left to the people of Broadstairs by George Culmer solely as allotment space. This however is not the case. Originally the land was left in covenant to help provide aid and assistance to the 'Poor & Needy' of the town. This covenant was updated in 1937 and again in 1963 with assistance from the charities Commission, this means that the land is now administered as a charity under the name of the CT10 Parochial Charity. Monies therefore have been provided for the poor and needy from the rental income gained from the yearly lease of the allotment space to the local town council. However our according to the CT10 Charity, our local authority no longer wish to have any

involvement in running or administering the allotments. Having said that, the town council don't appear to have made any of this public yet, with the only reply coming back from them telling us they are still in negotiations Some believe that because the town council now provide a statutory degree of green space for the CT10 vegetable growers at the St Peters allotments, therefore the Culmers allotments are over and above what the council needs to supply. More on that in a bit. Both sides are still in negotiations over the grassed walkthrough area that leads from the Vere Road Coach park, with the town council expressing an interest in taking on just this part of the Culmers land.

At present it costs the town council approximately £18K to lease the land from the charity, the council then reclaims about £3K in income from renting out individual plots, which most would admit doesn't make good business sense.

Yes it is a shame that the council feel they should no longer carry on with administering the allotments, especially considering that if the allotments had been run a bit more professionally by the Town Council with a reasonable yearly rental increase the council might not now be trying to ditch Culmers at all. A more responsibly minded organisation is the Culmers allotments association (CATA) who are in the process of coming up with a plan to take over the lease and administration of the allotments, this does however mean that rents for allotment plots will undoubtably rise, but in all honesty they should have done years ago. Whilst it's great to see locals clubbing together to solve an issue it does rather seem that our town council is once again letting itself down....Here's what the law has to say on the issue.

Planning Policy Guidance 17 (PPG17) requires that local authorities make provision for all types of open space that may be of public value. It also requires local authorities to undertake robust assessments of local needs for, and audits of, existing open space, sports and recreational facilities and to establish standards for new provision. It is expected that by implementing the guidance in PPG17, local authorities should make adequate provision for allotments.

Furthermore, if an allotment authority is of the opinion that there is a demand for allotments in its area, it is required under Section 23 of the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908, to provide a sufficient number of allotments and to let them to persons residing in its area who want them.

Written representations may be made to the local authority on the need for allotments by any 6 residents on the electoral register or persons liable to pay council tax, and the local authority must take those representations into account (section 23(2) of the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908). The Council must assess whether there is a demand for allotments in their area. If the council decides that there is a demand for allotments; they have a statutory duty to provide a sufficient number of plots. In terms of the duty to provide under section 23 of the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 there is no time limit for provision once it has been established that there is a demand.

It may be that the town council are erroneously taking their information from a report from 1998 entitled "The future of Allotments" which suggested that each local authority should decide for itself what proportion of its resources to devote to their purposes. The report also advised that "Allotment authorities have room to exercise discretion about the level of provision of allotment gardens and facilities on site" The views expressed in this document are guidelines at best, especially considering that the document was just a report, which has no bearing on current law, however, once upon a time there were in fact a statutory provisions which have since been repealed, these repeals have seemingly led local authorities to presume erroneously that there is now no obligation of provision or letting allotments.

However these views conflict with the 1908 act whereby "Where representations have been received by any six registered electors or persons liable to pay council tax, it is the duty of local authorities to take those representations into consideration when accessing demand"

Should a local Authority decide that any provision it might make does not fulfill the Statutory (And therefore mandatory) obligations of provision and letting of allotments (section 23 subsection (1) of the Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908) then the local authority is in breach of statutory duty. This is actionable in the county court by every person aggrieved by the breach.

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So what does this all mean.....well, perhaps the best way forward is for every allotment holder to write to their local parish councillor expressing that if the town council give up Culmers they We are a family run business based in Broadstairs will find themselves without allotment space. If the town council receive six or more representations they then have to take those representations into account when deciding what resources to give to allotment provision. If they receive more than six representations it would therefore only strengthen the case for the local authority to keep up with its responsibility to provide adequate allotment provision. If they continue to remain unconvinced then perhaps a good solicitor might be in order to bring an action against the town council in the county court. It's also worth pointing out at this stage that The Town Council are solely responsible for allotment provision in Broadstairs, I know we might all like to blame TDC, but on this occasion TDC bear no responsibility. This is because a district council has no

authority over allotments when there is a town or parish council in existence.

Its also worth mentioning that allotments may be provided in a geo-municipal area by a private landlord, or quasi-private landlord, however this does not and cannot absolve the relevant municipal authority from the statutory and hence mandatory obligations of provision and letting.

We'll leave the last word to Bryn Pugh (law)LL.M. legal consultant NSALG, who has provided a good deal of the information herein.

"Any reference to a local authority being able to decide for itself the level of resources has, in my opinion, been deliberately misconstrued so as to provide a local authority with an excuse not to provide".

We can only hope that whoever administers Culmers land it will remain as allotment space whilst ensuring the charity continues to provide for the poor and needy of Broadstairs. Lets also hope that the town council

continues to do its bit in providing a green and fertile space for those people who enjoy a healthy hobby that should be positively encouraged.

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It's been a while. Good Morning, Good Afternoon and Good Evening, I say all three as us PCSO's do work all three, yes indeed. Not 24/7 of course as we do have a life outside of our career which leads me nicely onto how I tend to 'deal' with people.

In training we are told to exact our personality onto our populace, we are of course the face of Kent Police, (more-so now than ever before!) I say this tongue in cheek due to the changes that took place late last November which have had a major effect on the visibility of LOCAL policing. Of course, crime is going down and of course crime detection is rising which is always a good thing, but we still need to see a uniformed presence to appease our minds and to combat anti social behaviour. When I visited Japan a couple of years ago it was an eye opener in regards to local society. I dont know what the crime statistics are but as I walked/cycled (on the pavement) I saw no graffiti, saw no persons hanging around in groups in an intimidating fashion, I felt very safe. I can't for certain say why but I did notice a uniformed presence wherever I went. Taxi drivers, parking attendants, castle guards, bus drivers, tourist information .. all wearing white gloves, a pristine uniform and a hat. Not Police, but persons whom you would respect (and not be naughty in front of) because of their effort in appearance alone. Persons taking pride in themselves and where they live. It's what we miss here sadly. I'm not saying everyone is the same, far from it. I dare say the silent majority are very proud of their achievements in life. Even if it is keeping their property pristine for all to see and be in envy of. People can be proud of where they live (Thanet) and a lot of people care about it. Broadstairs especially, let's stay appreciative of the fact this is a lovely town with great character and let's keep caring and pushing for bigger and better social well-being because without that, we fall.

Look at that, I have digressed into speaking my mind!

So, the Summer is finally here (is it?) I have actually lost confidence in planning any type of outdoor family event due to the transient nature of the weather.. and more-so this year is it not? Viking Bay once again has been an area where we focus our efforts, due to locals and non locals leaving their rubbish, underage drinking and general Anti social behaviour. We are working hard with the Community Safety Partnership and are looking at ways to decrease these incidents in the future. One young lad even offered to help raise awareness of segregating the beach so that there is an area to play ball games! A great idea to help people relax where they want to. Hopefully this spark will bring good things.

Attitudes need to change though... in a big way. Please ring 101 to report all non urgent Policing issues such as the above. Believe me, if every person reading this now picked up the phone to report Anti Social Behaviour in Broadstairs, we would all have a much easier ... and worry free life.

If you don't want to ring and would prefer to speak to someone then you can. The Mobile Police station will be round Broadstairs on 6th, 7th, 16th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd of August. (keep an eye for locations on posters TBA) and the next public meeting will be held at 7pm 11 September at the Community Hall -Pierremont Park, Broadstairs. Or call 101 to speak to me.

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News reaches us of ridiculous behaviour at the above department. Staff at East Kent Housing have given out wrong and misleading information to a couple seeking the Right to Buy a council property.

East Kent Housing management admitted that staff members who initially refused the couple help and were not properly trained had given out wrong information regarding the right to buy, and then went on to wrongly deny the couple the right to buy their council property. They then persisted in denying the couple the right to buy even after it had been pointed out that East Kent Housing had mis-understood the law and had made a mistake. They even continued with their wrong assumptions after their legal team had reviewed the issue. This incorrect and misleading information had also been put up on the **Canterbury City Council who published a** paragraph from the Housing Act on their website and then added their own incorrect and misleading wording onto the text taken from the Housing Act, East Kent Housing then took their information from this website without bothering to check its accuracy, they then went on the record, refusing to answer any further queries from the couple. After finally managing to bombard East Kent Housing with enough proof they'd 'gotten it wrong', East Kent Housing admitted their mistake, initially offering no apology they instead went on to petulantly refuse the couple the right to buy on another false assumption, eventually after exhaustive too-ing and froo-ing, EKH finally guardedly admitted wrong doing offering a derisory compensation payment which the couple returned to East Kent Housing in disgust, pointing out that the offered amount didn't even cover the costs of the legal advice they had had to take to investigate EKHs incorrect decisions. The case was then referred to the Local Government Ombudsman, who as anyone who knows anything about the LGO knows, was a pointless exercise. The LGO decided that there was no case to answer and the fault actually lay in the laps of the couple who, according to the LGO should have sought legal advice from the outset, thus ignoring the fact that staff at East Kent Housing who administer the Right to Buy, make decisions on peoples future regarding the Right to Buy and actually decide



whether a person can or cannot buy their council house, had mislead the couple causing delays to their right to buy process and causing them to lose money, time and quite an amount of inconvenience. The couple now own their council property after initial enquiries to TDC regarding the Right to Buy commenced over three years ago.

The LGO according to their website are there to investigate many different subjects. In the case of the Right to Buy, here's what they have to say:-

Some of the issues we might be able to look at are if the council:

•Gave you wrong advice on your right to buy your home •Made a mistake in deciding whether you can buy it, or •Failed to tell you information you need to know.

Which makes it all the more unbelievable that they decided not to investigate East Kent Housing. Especially considering that the helpline supplied by the TDC website should now surely be considered pointless by the fact that any advice you are given is potentially wrong, which means if you follow that advice and later find that it was incorrect it is apparently your fault not TDCs or East Kent Housing. So there you have it, if you are unfortunate enough to be in the position of having to talk to East Kent Housing department, take a tip from this couple and make sure that everything is subjected to the utmost scrutiny from the outset. May we also suggest you wash your hands after dealing with them - - Just in case any of their incompetence has rubbed off.

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28 Aug, 2pm - Botany Bay, Kingsgate CT10 3LG

30 Oct, 2pm - Coastal Community Beach Hut, Margate Main Sands CT9 1XN Rocky Shore Safaris

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(Safaris last for 2 hours; suitable for ALL the family & particularly 4-14s) Mon 23 July, 9.30am - Minnis Bay, Birchington CT7 9QP

Meet: by tidal pool, near the chalk cliff

Tue 24 July, 9.30am - West Bay, Westgate CT8 8QG Meet: by West Bay Café

Wed 25 July, 10am - Margate Main Sands CT9 1XN Meet by Coastal Community Beach Hut (opp. Arlington Hse) Thur 26 July, 11am - Walpole Bay, Cliftonville CT9 3HF

Meet: on beach besides tidal pool

Fri 27 July, 11.30am - Botany Bay, Broadstairs CT10 3LG Meet: by Beach Kiosk

Mon 6 Aug, 9:30am - Stone Bay, Broadstairs CT10 1DP

Meet: On promenade, near bottom of toilet steps

Tues 7 Aug, 9.30am - Louisa Bay, Broadstairs CT10 1PU Meet: promenade slope onto beach

Wed 8 Aug, 11am - MargateMain Sands CT9 1XN Meet: by Coastal Community Beach Hut (opp. Arlington Hse)

Thur 9 Aug, 10am - Dumpton Gap, Broadstairs CT10 1TJ

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Sun 26 Aug, 11am -Minnis Bay, Birchington* CT7 9QP

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Visitor Information Kiosk - good news! There have been over 7500 visitors to the Kiosk since it opened on 31st March.



Thank you to all of you who helped look out for the Brigadier's cat Mr Bix. We finally managed to get hold of the little so and so after he want off on a few days adventure. We're not telling you how we managed to get him back from where he'd gotten into though.....as we wouldn't want Mr Bix's collar felt

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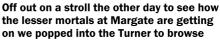


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On a happier note, the present Mrs Brigadier and I have recently attended what can only be described as the wedding of the year of Mr David Wilkes and Rebecca Woodcock, a very moving ceremony, which was only slightly merced but he shole and uset of the

marred by the choir and rest of the congregation who all seemed to be singing ever so flat to my pitch perfect rumblings. Very moving speeches from the father of the bride and from the bridegroom and by the time i'd finished at the barrel of Gadds, moving floor too. The Bride looked absolutely fabulous, however, ive no idea what the groom looked like as i was so busy looking at Rebecca that my monocle began to steam up, this problem was cured by the application of her ladyships handbag to the back of my bonce which resulted in said monocle ending up in my glass of Pimms which left me with a rather minty eye for the rest of the day.



some art. Now, we're great fans of that game old bird Ms Emin, we very much enjoyed toddling off to the big city to see her works, however, we were a tad disappointed after leaving the Turner after only about ten minutes having thoroughly eyed her,.....wel, her you know what. Thought all the blinding reviews she received for her Margate show were a bit 'Emperors New Clothes', which is a shame as it seemed an opportunity missed for Tracey to answer all her critics. Still, what the hell do I know. We did however stumble across a marvellous little shop by the name of Breuer & Dawson run by a fine hirsute chap by the name of Matt. The shop in question can only be described as an outfitters for the sartorially aware, they stocked a fine line in Vintage wear for discerning ladies and gentlemen as well as some truly modern classics, although personally I find the garment ghastly, the younger ones amongst you will probably also

appreciate their original vintage t-shirt range that they stock. So there you have it. that's me done. Im reduced to page thirty this time, I'm too bloody old, I've still got mint in my eye and my beloved is attempting to update my wardrobe. Happy days in the Brigadiers household



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