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and other stuff

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# Your Letters

## Down the Metro

Why would the broadie print a spoof story, why would you do that. People take these broadies back home with them which gives a false account of our local history. You may think it funny, but you obviously do not know the real people of Broadstairs who think that The Broadie is an informative booklet for the local area, well guess what, the Broadies credibility has just gone down the drain. WELL DONE YOU .

Carol  
Broadstairs

## Down the Metro 2

OK, it's a spoof.....can I ask why ? I know you've already lost one potential advertiser because they now don't want to be associated with a magazine which does this !!

Kevin  
Broadstairs

## Up the Metro

What an excellent article. Well done, it really put a smile on my face

Geoff  
Broadstairs

## Up the Metro 2

That metro story, I live in Albion Street, isn't it about time they re-opened the Admiralty Line and put in a new stop at Balmoral Gardens. Its an awful distance from there to Harbour Street  
James. Albion Street

## Up the Metro 3

What a terribly fun article on the Broadstairs underground system, I was surprised how many people I spoke to were taken in by it, I mean, really..... catching a train from Granville Road and changing at Chandos Square for the seafront. Cyril Duck eating Bully Beef, or Drunkards wearing shoes as hats. By the way, I'm selling jars of genuine Broadstairs coloured Candy Floss from the Kingsgate Bay Candy floss mine if anyone is interested, only £25 a jar.

Jeff  
Broadie

*The Broadie is what it is, a local magazine with a degree of fun and not meant to be taken too seriously all of the time. We've run spoofs before, from the leaning tower of Crampton (Which was designed to lean, so the water in it would be higher one side than the other) which some people believed ! To the spoof Twin towers of North Foreland lighthouse. And we'll probably run them again. Now have you heard about the submarine pens off of Joss Bay or the missile launch site at North Foreland?*

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## 25 AND COUNTING

Well The Broadie is 25, who'd have thought it. We sat down one winter's evening & with the aid of a couple of bottles of red (probably home-made plum & artichoke) or four and with a newspaper and pair of scissors, we settled upon its size and then got on with talking about what should go in it.

Six months later the first issue hit the streets. We were incredibly lucky in that some people believed in us so much that they advertised with us from the beginning even without a product to show them. Some of those lovelies are still with us and we thank them so much for their help and support. As we thank everybody who helps us, our contributors, what's an issue without Mrs W's recipes, our families, 'You're not working on that again, why?'

One of the reasons that it works is that we deliver it ourselves with the aid of our nearest and dearest and a few other saintly individuals. We pace the streets of Broadstairs getting about 4,500 copies out to you. We vary the route as much as possible to try and give everybody a chance but if you do have a front garden so full that we can't get passed the vehicles and objects, you probably don't get many through your letter box.

We usually get a lovely reception from people when they see what we are delivering but every now and then it's not so good. I personally have never been back into the shop where the hoighty toighty assistant informed me that if I left a copy she would 'bin it'. Had been leaving two copies there for the staff room for several years but no longer. Recently one of our long suffering family members who does a lot of the deliveries potted into a shop he always delivers to, handed over a copy and wandered on his way. A couple of shops later he was stopped by the aforementioned shop's proprietor who asked him to return to the shop. Being a fairly congenial individual and somewhat curious he happily complied. In the shop he was accused of stealing £1,000 cash which one of the now two men in the shop had left there. To say he was dumbstruck would be to put it mildly. There was absolutely no reason to suspect him and would he have carried on delivering and nattering to people as he went if he had a wodge of stolen cash. Of course after a rather unpleasant time when he suggested they search him, one of them found it in their car. Their reaction was just 'sorry about that'. He had had to stand there whilst they checked their CCTV and whilst they discussed getting the police. He returned home rather upset and quite shaken and will now deliver to that part of town when they are closed but they won't get one through their letter box.

## Visitors Begone

Dear Brigadeer, hope all is well down at the Mansion! Well our normal three weeks of summer have come and gone along with all the bearded folkly types and hordes of Continental cousins. It's come to my attention that some of our, how should I put it seasoned residents, are a little disgruntled at having to share our Gem by the sea with the aforementioned visitors. Dont get me wrong, having to slalom down the high street through babbling throngs of Euro Brats is some what frustrating, all be it good fun watching them flee for the pavement as I approach in the Bentley. But the problems are compounded by the lack of adequate parking and street layout, traffic calming poppy cock! How did the council come to the epic decision to build on Vere Rd car park and install meters throughout the rest of Stella Maris?

Oh must be the impending influx of summer cash from visitors of all demographics, hell the shops and Boutiques dont need it, all these people cluttering up our hamlet. Send them all somewhere else and good riddance to them! As for those meandering Foreign Student types that buoy up our economy throughout the fiscal year? Use them as targets on your next shopping expedition, it's very therapeutic you know. The twin Vickers are being mounted on the Mobility Scooter as we speak, chocks away chaps

kindest Regards  
Ornest Haveit Away

Glad you Brought it up. here at Broadie Towers we've no problem with our younger euro cousins at all, Bring-em on, that's what we say. And whilst they're here lets treat the little darlings well, after all most of them are just kids, mostly very polite kids at that. And if they do just happen to be in your way when you are trying to get down the high street just politely ask them to step aside, most of them speak better English than many born and bred. Alternatively here's our polite guide to the term "Excuse me please"

French:- Excusez-moi s'il vous plaît

German:- Entschuldigen Sie bitte

Italian:- Mi scusi,

Spanish:- Perdóneme por favor

Swedish:- Ursäkta mig

Polish:- Przepraszam proszę

Welsh (Well you never know):-

Esgusodwch fi os gwelwch yn dda

## Looking for Work

Hi, if you could take a minute to read this I would be very grateful! I know this is a long shot but every effort is worth it, I'm 26yr old looking for work! I've currently been out of work for the last 3 months! I was previously employed as an electricians mate for nine and a half years but I'm looking for any work at the moment, I would say I was loyal, hard working and reliable and prefer more hands on type of work but beggars can't be choosers! I would prefer long term employment but would be willing to do the odd couple of days or weeks, so if anyone knows of any work in the local area or you yourself are looking to employ someone please consider me and contact me on ada1412@yahoo.co.uk or e-mail the Broadie. Thank you very much for taking the time to read this.

Alex

Broadstairs

## Wheels and Fins - Zooming at Joss

Dear Broadie

Just thought id drop you a note to congratulate those people down on Joss Bay who put on the festival down on the beach. My family and I had a marvellous time watching the antics of the speedsters zooming down Joss Bay Hill on various contraptions and skateboards. Well done all.

Kev,

Margate

## More on Joss

To quote a few fresh faced teens I had a conversation with the other day, "OMG what a great festival". And it's hard to disagree. Great weather, great music, well stewarded, friendly and lots and lots of fun. For year one it was an absolute triumph which I hope will be repeated next year with the same professionalism.

You may already know the main man behind the scenes along with a fine team was none other than Dave Melmouth from "Joss Bay Surf School" and the newly set up "Better Beaches".

Dave has recently been awarded the contract to look after cleaning on our beaches and has already significantly improved on many of the failings of the previous efforts.

What with the help of a volunteer force from the Broadstairs Town Team it may just look like Broadstairs could get back to being quite a bit tidier than it has been in recent years. Well done to the volunteers and well done to Dave and his crew.

Name and address supplied

Please see the write up with pic's further on in this issue

## Lauras bugbear

You heard it here first after we contacted Panther Securities about 8 - 10 High Street, You may remember the wonderful quote we reported from a Mr Simon Peters who said 'If we spend money on a building that is going to be demolished, that won't be very popular with the shareholders

Now according to the Thanet Times, those errant landlords Panther Securities have been failing their moral duties in Ramsgate High Street as well as Broadstairs. Not only do they own the three eyesores at the bottom of our town, they also own what has been described as the "Rat infested" old East Kent Times / Thanet Printing Works building in Ramsgate High Street. Even "Thanet Watch" the other Thanet booklet has been having a go at 'em for their inability to give two tiny tosses about the effects that leaving buildings to rack and ruin have on the locality.

Now our local MP Laura Sandys has released a press announcement saying she will attempt to deal with these dilapidated buildings owned by Panther Securities.

Could also be something to do with the fact that Panther Securities make a hefty donation to Conservative party funds - not a good look to be associated with a company that behaves with such lack of respect within the towns they supposedly invest in.

Here's Lauras press release:-

**Laura Sandys has requested an urgent meeting with Panther Securities to discuss a number of empty, derelict properties owned by the Company in Thanet.**

**Laura said: "Panther Securities appear to have several empty properties in Thanet and urgent action needs to be taken to prevent them from further affecting local residents and traders.**

**I raised concerns with the Company several weeks ago about 8-10 High Street in Broadstairs as it has not only been empty for a significant period of time but is also in a terribly dilapidated condition. I was astonished to read this Tuesday's Thanet Times which reported that Panther Securities also owns 79-85 High Street, Ramsgate, another empty property blighting our Towns.**

**"Empty properties are one of my absolute bugbears. They are completely unjustified when so many people are desperately looking for homes at present. I will be putting my concerns and those of local residents to Panther Securities so that we can get these properties cleaned up and back in use as a matter of urgency."**

Here's some of Panther Securities Chairman Andy Perloffs thoughts on the matter in a 3500-word tirade, or "Chairman's ramblings". where he mentions "The Guardian's moronic social views about dreadful landlords, the need to track down absentee landlords and enforce legislation to eradicate 800 vacant properties in Margate." Mr Perloff goes on, "I would suggest for each dreadful landlord there are two dreadfully incompetent, highly paid, plumply pensioned bureaucrats enforcing 50 ridiculous, unnecessarily expensive rules and regulations to nanny managers and all tenants and, of course, for each dreadful landlord, there are 500 dreadful tenants who, because of no financial interest in their accommodation, damage or misuse it and expect the landlord or council to repair their misuse."

However the good news is that someone has finally listened and Panther Securities will now be tidying the place up, apparently they'll also be putting up large plans on the frontage of their properties showing what the site will look like after development has been built. Presumably after they find a tenant for the property. Perhaps Laura could encourage them to change their plans to allow for three smaller retail units instead of one large one....now that would be something!

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Steve Roux & the white knuckle blues band  
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# 11TH BROADSTAIRS SCOUT GROUP

When did we begin? Well it was in 1965 in a school playing field in Broadstairs, a used wooden hut was donated to the group from Manston Airport and erected on the site for use as a scout hut. After many years it is obvious that a new one would have to be built and so the fund raising began.

We have had many ideas on how to do this from jumble sales, raffles and sponsored events. When I joined the group in 2000 they were even selling bricks for £5 a time. As the years passed we realised that the ideas we had used were becoming obsolete and we needed new and interesting ways to raise the cash. People now wanted something in return so about five years ago the Beavers started performing for the parents on the last night before Christmas (captive audience) and encouraging them to buy raffle tickets. Although it was small pickings in the grand scheme of things it then extended to the AGM. Then in the summer we held a family fun day – another chance for a raffle!

But still we had to come up more ingenious ways to raise the money so we started collecting used ink cartridges to be recycled (genuine ones only) which was a great earner for 5 years but then came the refillable stores so it's tailed off a little. We then started to collect aluminium cans for recycling and this has got the young people involved and gaining points for their sections in scouting. The plus side in this being that the price of aluminium has gone up so making it a very good way to raise money and increase young people's awareness of the environment.

Not a group to sit on our laurels we have continued to come up with ideas to raise the much needed money. We started to collect textiles for a scheme called 'Phil the Bag' <http://www.philthebag.co.uk/> they collect bags full from the group and we get paid by the weight. They use 98% of what they collect so very little goes to waste. You would be surprised how much we get, in fact we have to have it collected about every 10-12 weeks as it grows into such a high mountain. The company explained to us that they sort the bag contents, good quality is passed on, anything not up to standard made into cleaning cloths for industry and anything else shredded and used in car interiors. Once again the young people of Broadstairs are learning how to look after their environment whilst supporting their group's fund raising.

We didn't stop there...oh no....we can't help ourselves we now collect costume jewellery, foreign coins (old and current), cutlery, mobile phones, stamps.....well whatever it is we manage to find somebody who will buy from us and then reuse.

We are now building the new hut but the fund raising must continue as there is still a way to go to pay for it and its continued upkeep. We plan to add even more ways of fundraising to our list and would like to thank everyone who has helped so far and encourage those who haven't to do so. You will feel empowered after a while knowing that you are doing so much good for so little effort.

So if you think you could help us in any way or as a leader, we would love to hear from you.

Group secretary and scout leader: 01843 866744  
Beaver section leader (collectaholic) 0778870543



The old Scout hut



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# FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

'Tis the food festival on 5th October. And we're sure organisers and stallholders alike are hoping for a repeat of the autumnal heatwave that greeted all three days of last years event. Last years festival was a triumph for the organisers and for Broadstairs, so for the next few days let your cupboard supplies dwindle in readiness for 'chutneys, jams, pies, cakes, herbs & spices, fruit and veg', meats and sausage and all manner of goodies.

We'll be about, either helping out on the odd stall or trying to flog a Brodie back issue or two, fuelled by the odd pint of Mr Gadds finest. Mrs Wally may well be there as well, ready to answer your culinary question, so do pop over and say hello.

Last year's Food Fayre attracted around 50,000 visitors. The 3 day Food Fayre in Victoria Gardens and Victoria Parade, Broadstairs happens from Friday 5th October to Sunday 7th October. Open at 10.00am through to 6.00pm, Friday and Saturday with an earlier close of 5.00pm on Sunday.

The ever-successful Kitchen Theatre will also be making a welcome return.

For younger ones there's also a teddy bears picnic on the Saturday:-

Children should bring their teddies to main Food & Bar Marquee for 10.00am October 6th. Judging will commence at 10.15 with the expectation of being over by 10.45am.

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The festival is offering a Live Music Weekend at the Pavilion, in partnership with Thorley Taverns.

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# Folk Week.....

## Where to begin

What a great Folk Week.... "What?" We hear you say. Well yes, what a great week. If Folk Week is designed to be a tourist attraction that brings in visitors to Broadstairs and allows those visitors to have a great time at a vast range of events for all ages, and also enables businesses in Broadstairs to make hay whilst the sun shines, then Folk Week is an outright success. Two highlights for me happened on the same evening up at the enlarged concert marquee, Benjamin Zephaniah lit up the stage with his sheer cheekiness and verse followed by Chris Wood, a solitary guitarist on stage with a voice brimming with emotion, both fantastic entertainment and in our local park. Super to see quite a few younger performers this year, which just goes to show that it's not all about bearded men in jumpers singing songs about mining disasters. The bandstand, as ever, hosted entertainment for the whole family from the Hobby Horse club for the younger ones through to the afternoon shows for all.

But you don't want me to talk about how great most of it was do you?

You're expecting to hear what a disaster one corner of Broadstairs was at night.

Well yes, some of the goings on in Albion Street certainly weren't good, but lets please just be sensible. Some of the 'Outraged of Albion Street' comments are really so far over the top and before you moan - Yes I do live slap bang in the middle of it

Okay, well. Lets look at it historically.

The night-time problems with crowds started quite a few years back, probably around the time when the government lifted drinking restrictions so late night drinkers didn't need to swan off to nightclubs. For one week in the summer lots of people started to use Folk Week as an excuse to take the week off and let their hair down, after all, there was music in virtually every pub, the weather was likely to be at its best, and the friendly atmosphere of the event made for a pleasurable night out, and why not. What happened was so many people turned up to the music events in the pubs that the pubs just could not hold enough people, this ended up with an overflow onto the roads and the surrounding area. Once a few people are standing in the road with a pint pot, it doesn't take much for more people to think "Hey, its hot in here, lets go outside with the

others".

What happened the next year was revellers remembered that last year they had a party in the street and forgot the reason why they were originally there for, which was for the music in the pubs and great atmosphere that Folk Week brings to town, and so on. The event that first brought them down to town took on a life of its own and ended up evolving into what many have described as the free-for-all, that was this year's nightly event in Albion Street.

Was it solely Folk Weeks fault? No, of course not.

Was it just down to the pub landlord, landladies and licensees around town. No, Licensees are there to serve alcohol and to make a living, which is exactly what they did, they can hardly be blamed for attempting to maximise their business in tough trading times.

TDC maybe? Well there's stuff they could do to help the situation, but we'll come to that.

Yes, some of it was horrible down there, the broken glass, people using the surrounding neighbourhood as a toilet, idiots openly showing drugs up there noses, and fighting mainly by young men although going by the two fearsome girls going at each other in Albion Street car park some young women too....And before you moan that its just having a go at the young, sorry, but we saw it, and to deny that is ridiculous.

But, here's the thing. Any problems that have built up over the past few years are all solvable, and to be honest should have been solved before this year.

Here's what we reckon:-

TDC, if you're going to hand out licences to numerous drinking establishments and late licences to off-licencees when you already know that an event is likely to attract a large number of potential under-age attendees, don't be surprised when those under-age attendees manage to get hold of alcohol through one way or another and go on to cause a few problems. Especially when they've known about this problem for quite some time. As a council you've now got yourselves in the ridiculous situation of "Having set a precedent" when it comes to handing out licences. A term used by one of the local councillors with regard to the amount of licensed premises now in Broadstairs.

TDC, Folk Week receives a sum of money from you each year to help put on this week long event that attracts thousands to our town, the money you provide has fallen far short of what TDC spends on events that TDC organise mainly in Margate, events where TDC have paid for road closures, events that have been wholly paid for out of the public purse, yet the events that TDC have been largely involved with do not attract the same amount of footfall or media interest as Folk Week. So spend a bit more

money on our town and pay for the road closure, just like other councils around the UK pay for road closures for events that are held within their boundaries.

TDC, where are the bins. You know there's going to be a mess, so why isn't there a large dumper bin placed every 50 metres along Albion Street and Harbour Street. And why was it left so late each morning before the cleanup operation began. The only reason more people have complained this year is because more people witnessed the mess because you started cleaning up nearly an hour and a half later than you have in previous years.

Landlords and landladies and Folk Week, music should stop at 11pm, preferably Folk Music for Folk Week.

Police, enforce the law. Put a decent highly visible police present slap bang in the middle of the throng. If someone throws a bottle, nick them. Snorts coke - nick them. Fights- nick them.

Alternatively, stop people from drinking in the street, and put an end to the road closure once and for all

Failing that proper barriers could be put up and manned at each road off of Albion Street and Harbour Street with highly visible urinals available, not urinals that are tucked away in dark corners

Perhaps the event should be gated entry, no glass bottles allowed in, and a charge to those wishing to participate in the revelry even if that means the pubs charging a levy on each plastic cup used, the levy then goes towards the costs of extra security. The pubs are happy, because drinkers aren't stocking up on cheap supermarket vodka, organisers are happy because they're receiving an income from the plastic cups and locals are happy because the event is being run professionally. And of course, Folkies are also happy because they get the sort of festival that they know and love and start attending Albion Street events and late night Pavilion events again

You don't need to stop Folk Week to solve one problem, it's too big an asset to this town.

So what it really needs is a concerted effort from all those with an interest in this event, that means Folk Week organisers, Landlord/Ladies, shop-keepers, police, TDC and the general public - and all pushing in the same direction.

And what will it take to do that. To push in the same direction the problem of who pays for the road closure on a yearly basis needs to be solved first. Over to you TDC, you never know, you could actually make a profit out of it.



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## Something fishy going on



The Broadstairs and St Peters Sea Angling Society's annual children's fishing competition was held on the 10th August which was an almost perfect, warm summers evening providing great conditions for the 22 excited children who fished in six local boats that anchored just offshore of Broadstairs pier for two and a half hours whilst skippers and helpers were able to show the children how to safely bait hooks and fish in the near perfect conditions. Out of the 22 children 15 brought a mixed bag of fish to the scales including codling, whiting, pouting and dogfish.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Broadstairs Cllr. David and Cllr. Mavanne Saunders presented the prizes to the contestants on Broadstairs pier where children, helpers and boatmen enjoyed a BBQ after the event.

Overall champion of the day was Harry Grafton with a catch of five dogfish and was awarded with the Jack Croom trophy. Runners up were Rio Temple in second place (for the second year running), the H K Woolley trophy for the heaviest fish was presented to Matilda Chisholm and the John Nicholls shield for the greatest number of fish went to George Ruseicki.

Aimed at providing an enjoyable evening and showing the children what is involved in sea fishing, the evening was generously supported by Broadstairs and St Peters Town Council and proved to be a great success - our thanks go to Tracy and Julian Rigby for the great BBQ, the skippers and helpers who provided their boats and time freely on the evening.

The photo shows the competitors and their prizes with the Mayor and Mayoress.

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# Farewell to David



## David Chamberlain, some time contributor to 'The Broadie' and brother of one of us here, was killed in Afghanistan on 22nd July

"Stand in a bakers oven and be sandblasted all day whilst wearing a three stone piece of body armour whilst carrying a M6 and that's my day". announced my brother David a few days before he and two American co-workers met their end at the hands of an Afghan policeman with a gun.

Dave wasn't over there for any particular glorious reason, just to provide for his family and bring a degree of comfort to those he loved in these ever straightened times. He did however come to believe that what he was doing was for the greater good. Okay, so it's maybe simplistic, but training an Afghani as a policeman so he can help take over the enforcement of laws in his own country seems like a pretty good cause, however i guess not everyone over there believes the same.

He'd been in Afghanistan well over a year, give or take the odd bit of leave, working for an American company training Afghan police officers, he'd clearly made some extremely good friends amongst the largely American employees and had come back with stories marvelling at the social, national and language differences that exist between the Brits and the Americans. He'd taken great pleasure as men do when left alone, in exchanging cultural nicities, Dave taught them the term "Tradesmans Entrance" when referring to someone who wasn't too good at their job and he came back with 'Shutdahellupman'. (Well, almost that). Another of his friends out there e-mailed me this morning "I'll miss Dave calling me a 'Dirty Boy' and of course 'Old Bean' he said.

What was truly amazing, yet terribly emotional to see was the photographs that came back from Kandahar showing the reverence that was shown to David and the two Americans that were killed along side him. I'll let the description speak for itself:-

We departed Kabul at approximately 9:00pm on a US Military C-130 aircraft that was designated for us to fly to Kandahar. There were over 50

of us from Kabul, the entire staff of our programs here, program managers, Government agency leadership, and Embassy representatives.

We arrived in Kandahar about an hour and a half later and waited a short time before being escorted by some very "squared away" troops from US Army and US Marines who led our entire group to a VIP waiting area. We were stunned to find that there were approximately 100+ soldiers and civilians waiting there already. US, UK, and several other countries were all there to pay homage to our Men. Many, many ranking officers.

We stood there on the tarmac together, everyone was quietly sharing memories, emotions, and our profound sadness. A young Marine Corps Sergeant stepped into the middle of this now quite large crowd and very politely but firmly asked us to part to the sides as there were troops coming through the area we were standing in. Kandahar is one of the largest and most active military airbases here and we all complied and stepped aside right away to let them pass through.

They were not passing through.

A gate opened and an additional 50 troops marched in formation right through the middle of our crowd and proceeded to muster up at attention in front of us. They were there for our Men.

They marched to the rear of the transport aircraft in formation and lined up at attention again. The honor guard posted the colors. The Officers were called next and formed up next to the troops already posted. Our group then lined up alongside the Officers.

Nearly 200 soldiers and civilians then snapped to attention in unison as Amazing Grace was played. Military Chaplains from the US and UK then spoke about Joe, Ben, and David and we all prayed.

All 200 then came to attention and saluted as British troops and American troops carried the flag draped coffins past us and into the waiting transport. This level of ceremony and joint national effort is just something that doesn't happen here. Especially for civilians. It did last night.

What we experienced last night, in honour of our dear friends was a true testament.

I'm not sure if I'm supposed to be angry right now, sad yes, but not angry. Maybe its because justice came very quickly with regards to that guy with a gun, or maybe it's just an acknowledgement that the situation in Afghanistan surpasses all logical understanding.

Its all rather raw still whilst I'm sitting here typing away, trying to remember all that went before the 22nd of July. Dave Chamberlain, forty seven years old, three years my elder, although when we were kids there was one week in early May where i gained a year on him as my birthday was a week before his, "He's catching up" my mum would say to the slightly disgruntled David.

Its the not quite knowing which memory to focus on. Should it be back in 1970 something where we're in our bunk beds in our room back in Broadstairs, with me recounting all that I can remember of the 'Spam' sketch I'd seen on TV as he'd missed it, or maybe when we'd giggle at each others ever-so modified silly version of a fairy tale we'd make up on the spur of the moment on a cold and misty autumn night with the comforting sound of the foghorn sounding off over North Foreland. Perhaps i could move it on a few years to all those birthdays we spent pick-nicking with the other families from our neighbourhood over in the woods at Sturry - It was all Tupperware boxes of Shiphams paste sandwiches and being attacked by woodland ants the size of a thumb, that's where we had nick-names thrust upon us by the head and oldest of the gang Kevin.

This is where i can finally settle the matter once and for all,

oh, and Dave, I get the last say from now on. My Nickname became Bob-a-long and my brother became The 'Proffessor', because he was constantly inventing or 'Babbers' because, well, I've really no idea. I can still remember us standing in a line with Kevin dishing the names out, "Dave, your Babbers" he decided. However, this argument raged between us most of our adult life over who was given this unfortunate monicker with the predictable yearly Birthday card from each of us informing the other that they were in fact 'The Babbers'

As pre-teen years turned into the spotty teenage variety we drifted apart, I took up fishing which seemed to take over ever waking hour and Dave, well Dave did his own thing. He did turn up for a days coarse angling once, but it really wasn't his cup of tea, I distinctly remember it not going well, with his first cast not landing any water dwelling beast but actually impaling a dragonfly in mid air on his hook. It didn't matter that he would never become hunter trapper extraordinaire for instead of wasting his time catching slimy Bream every weekend, he instead busied himself making all sorts of contraptions in our dads shed, these engineering marvels normally had their first test run once I returned home after a day out at the lakes. Oh yeah, none of that try it on yourself first nonsense, he wasn't stupid. However, I was, - still got the scars to prove it too, from the armour plated go-cart made with bent over six inch nails to the wonderful cross-bow that fired plastic darts that embedded up to the hilt in the shed door, oh, and in my arm.

"Too many memories to choose from at the moment", said our mutual friend Vincent, as we sat in the back of the beer garden a couple of days on contemplating events and sharing a few thoughts, and he's right. I'd known Dave forty four years, I'd lived with him, argued and fought like cat and dog with him and laughed plenty with him too. I suppose for now he'll just have to be that forty seven year old bloke that laughed at his own anecdotes before he'd even finished telling them (just like our father). Dad to Chloe and Aimee, husband to Paula, son and brother. And from now on he'll remain forty seven, and in just short of three years time my mother will be right, I'll have caught up the age difference and as the older brother I'll definitely be able to say without any argument, he was 'The Babbers'



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Many thanks  
Clive Richards

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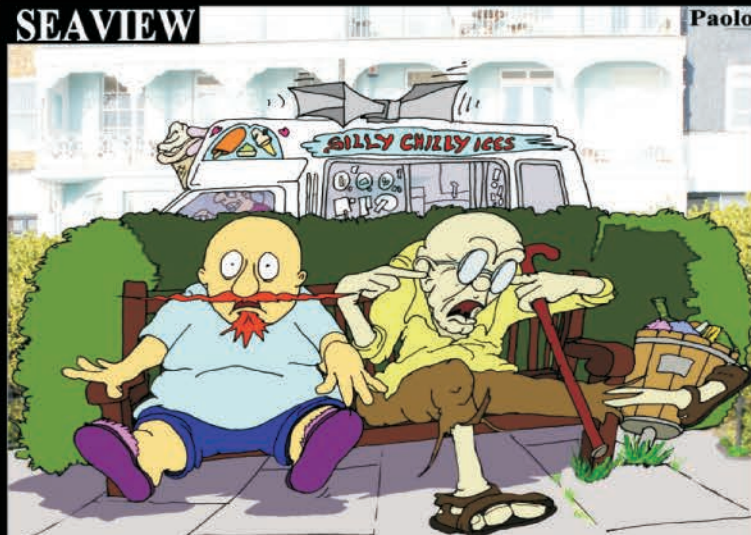
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## The Grumpy Young Man

Daryl Yeoman

As a somewhat questionable summer ends weather wise in the beautiful town of Broadstairs there'll be many students leaving our town to go off to further education, hopefully they'll be taking back great memories that will last a lifetime.

So I feel it fitting to not moan as much this time as in my last article. Summer in Broadstairs was one of the best this year. (Excusing the weather). With the Big Weekend being even bigger and better and thousands turning up to the 'Grease Viewing' as well as the summer fayre. It made me feel proud to be a Thanetarian, that and British of course. I think this season in general, although it's not quite over - so far has been one of the best, certainly in my lifetime and I would hope it's been great for other people too of all ages. We've had a lot going on this year in the capital and around the local area.

So the point I'm trying to make is I think we should all be proud this year! There's nothing like a bit of flag waving inclusive patriotism and I think as a country we've lacked that before. I've seen a few union jacks pop up and would love to see Broadstairs a flurry with them. I also think we should all be very happy with how our towns in Thanet have looked over the summer despite a few troglodytes not being able to use a bin and not respecting their surroundings. But all in all I think I can peacefully say I'll look forward to the oncoming autumn with its beautiful colours it brings and the warming of peoples hearts around Christmas. I'd better stop before I get all soppy. Keep our town tidy & be proud, we did good Broadstairs! We did good.....



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# Mrs Wally's Crumble



I'm not sure what I love the most – The Great British Bake Off or the season in which it is aired. The Great British Bake Off is truly great - great entertainment, great recipes and it makes us thank our lucky stars that when we cook things Paul Hollywood isn't hovering around! I would be rubbish on a show like that as I'm not a great one for precision in cooking (I have far too much of that at work all week) – all that weighing and measuring and split second timing seems too constraining. I am most definitely from the chuck it in and see how it goes school of cooking as you have probably noticed! Autumn is brilliant. It smells great, looks great and most of all provides us with lots of things that taste great and can easily be chucked together to make lovely comforting feasts. It's the time of year for us to rejoice in the produce of the year and lay down a bit of fat to see us through the upcoming winter. It's also the time of the year when we can all easily do a bit of seasonal foraging – berries and nuts are in good supply and can be used in small quantities to give a hunter gatherer spin to familiar recipes.

It may not have the finesse of a precision star-bake but nothing stirs the soul like a crumble hot from the oven and it's a great way of using autumnal fruit. There are so many options – I have just suggested a few below – but you can't go far wrong if you have paired a tart fruit with a bit of spice (spices that go well tend to be ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves or a combo of all), a sweet topping and something cool and creamy.

## Apple, blackberry and walnut - My favourite combo

Apples are in good supply now and if you don't have a tree in your garden then you can pop in to Prentis to buy some lovely local ones or pop over to Brogdale and stock up on some locally grown heritage varieties. There are blackberry bushes dotted all over Broadstairs, look in alleyways and pathways and on rough bits of ground – try to avoid any on main roads and don't pick bushes dry, leave some for the birds!!!

Peel, core and slice a couple of pounds/1kg of apples and put into a baking dish squeeze over the juice of half a lemon and mix in to stop them discolouring, add about a pound of washed blackberries, and then mix in about 150-175g of Demerara sugar, roughly crumble a couple of handfuls of walnuts into the fruit and sprinkle over a generous dusting of cinnamon.

## Apple, elderberry and ginger

Elderberries can be found growing all over Broadstairs – the fruit is ready when it's drooping downwards rather than looking perky on the stalks, some people find elderberries upset their stomachs in their raw state but cooked up shouldn't be a problem. As with the blackberries – leave some for the birds!!!

Make the same way as above but increase the quantity of apples slightly, stir through a couple of handfuls of ripe elderberries and chop up a 2-3 knobs of stem ginger (the

kind you get in a jar) and stir through.

## Plum

There are a few secret wild plum/damson trees dotted around the town that nobody seems to take much of an interest in – and I must confess, although I found the mounds of little yellow plums collecting under the railway bridge a bit sad on my way to and from work, I never quite got round to going back with a bag and collecting them. Some wild plums are sweet and some are a lot more sour depending on what they've bred with over the years so you need to taste your crumble carefully and add more sugar according to tartness.

Stone a couple of pounds of plums, damsons, greengages or whatever floats your boat and mix together with a generous teaspoon of cinnamon and about 50g of sugar.

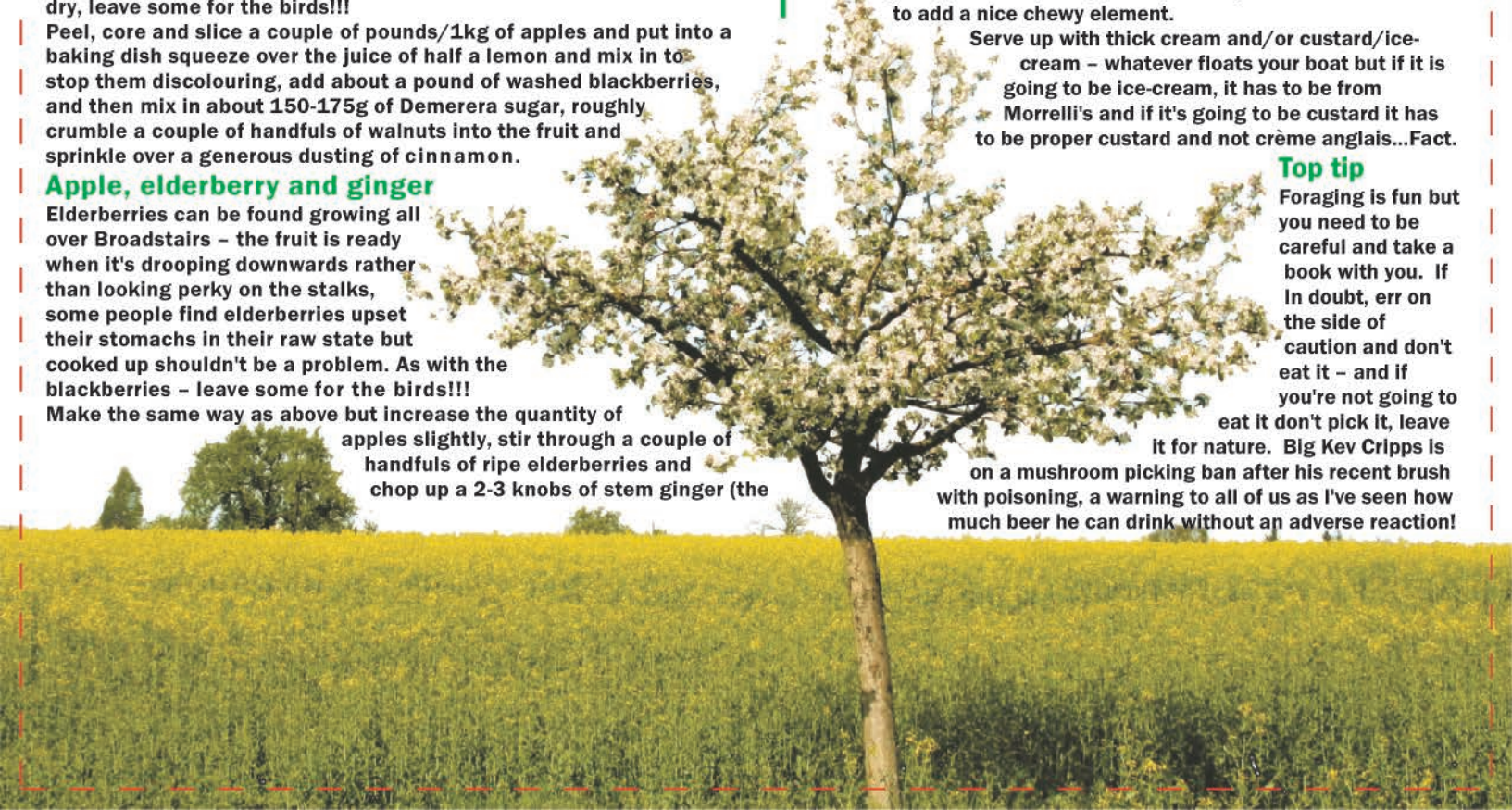
## Crumble

Now for the crumble. I make this in the food processor rather than rubbing it as I find that the colder the butter stays the crunchier the crumble becomes. It's dead easy. You will need (roughly!); 225g/8oz plain flour, the same weight in very cold unsalted butter, 150g caster sugar, 75g oats and 75g ground almonds. Put all the dry ingredients into the mixer and top with diced butter. Whizz it up in bursts until it looks like a thick breadcrumb mixture. Sprinkle the crumble over the fruit mixture and then scrunch the top up a bit so that there are some nice lumpy bits – these will add extra crunch and texture. Cook in a medium oven – 190/200 or Gas mark 5 for about 25-30 mins – you'll be able to tell when it's ready as it'll be golden on top and smell like heaven. If you are short on one thing or another, you can use more of one thing and less of another it isn't an exact science and you can change the nuts depending on what kind of fruit you've chosen (pears go well with extra almonds and a tbsp of lavender) or how nutty you like it. Experiment – I've used posh muesli in place of the oats before to add a nice chewy element.

Serve up with thick cream and/or custard/ice-cream – whatever floats your boat but if it is going to be ice-cream, it has to be from Morrelli's and if it's going to be custard it has to be proper custard and not crème anglais...Fact.

## Top tip

Foraging is fun but you need to be careful and take a book with you. If in doubt, err on the side of caution and don't eat it – and if you're not going to eat it don't pick it, leave it for nature. Big Kev Cripps is on a mushroom picking ban after his recent brush with poisoning, a warning to all of us as I've seen how much beer he can drink without an adverse reaction!





# WHEELS



# & FINS

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September 2012 saw the 'Wheels and Fins' management Team hosting its first festival on Joss Bay. The 'Wheels and Fins Festival' attracted over 2000 visitors on the first day, with crowds experiencing the UK Downhill Slalom team racing the Joss Bay Hill underneath the lighthouse. Others decided to stay on the beach and watch the Stand Up Paddleboard demo's hosted by Fanatic. Most of the young attendees were glued to the Skate ramp in the middle of the beach and were entertained by some of the countries top skateboarders. All of which was accompanied by a host of live music and the hospitality of the beach bar. All ages were catered for and families and individuals alike enjoyed the fantastic events and equally stunning weather. Sunday was host to the box cart challenge with a number of local organisations building very competitive carts. The hill was closed from 10am till 3pm while competitors battled for places in the finals. In between the heats the local downhill skateboard crew entertained the crowds with charging the hill and creating a exciting spectacle. Dj's accompanied the racing creating a pumped up and expectant atmosphere. The Skate ramp on the beach was again being shredded by the pro's and the crowds were hyped by all the give-aways that we were able to distribute.

Live music took us well into the evening on both days and with a great family atmosphere and positive vibes we happily experienced zero trouble and the security teams and little to do other than watch the spectacle themselves.



A bigger and better festival is planned for next year along with a number of events to run throughout the year also. Next event will be the Dirty Sanchez crew of Dayton and Prichard coming to Thanet on the 24th November.... Watch this space for further information!!

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We're always looking out for talented individuals who'd like to have a go at writing an article or two - anything really so long as it's not libellous or wholly inappropriate (Although those are fun for us to read even if they don't get printed - we recently received a very good account from a B&B landlady of what men get up to when they book a room, unfortunately we're not sure Broadstairs is ready for all the details of that one)

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## @Reeves

'Nothing is more joyful or exhilarating than fresh fish simply cooked'. @Reeves fish restaurant is opening on Albion Street where Phileas Fogg used to be.

## Deasons

There is also a pretty strong rumour that the restaurant at York Gate is going to be another branch of Deason's British restaurant in Canterbury



## Is Broadstairs going down the pan?

I have lived in Broadstairs for almost five years since my appointment as Rector of Holy Trinity Church, and I am becoming increasingly concerned about the state of our town. The fall-out from Folk Week has focussed minds on a number of problems and at a recent PACT meeting I was not surprised this was the main topic of discussion, with lots of anger and frustration vented. The police have told us they are doing what they can and drawing together different agencies to plan for next year, but what about the rest of the year? I know there are difficult circumstances to overcome, but surely something can be done to give our town back to local people?

I am also fed up with broken pavements filled with broken glass and cigarette ends – are you? It is not the fault of the street cleaners who do the best they can, but the infrastructure is falling apart. Why do we have so few rubbish bins? Why are too many of the open topped variety giving seagulls a free meal, which makes litter and means the council has to send someone out to sort it out?

How can two Dog Wardens who cover the whole of Thanet keep on top of the dog mess? I hope we can encourage some of the different organisations who care for Broadstairs to work together to make improvements, but I think there are things we can do too. If as individuals we look after the town (and I include myself) it would be much cleaner. So, perhaps we need to make a start and, if we can get a petition signed by loads of people, it might make them – the authorities – sit up and pay attention too.

Are you with me? We've got to start somewhere and sometime, so let's start now!

To register your support or share information email to [reclaimbroadstairs@hotmail.com](mailto:reclaimbroadstairs@hotmail.com)

David Roper

## Town Team Cleanups

You know what they say, "If there's something needs doing..." Well, there's been a fair bit of activity on that front this year, with local residents jumping to action to clean up a few hot spots of litter and filth.

First we had the pre-Olympic torch tidy, up by Broadstairs station that resulted in about thirty five rubbish bags of litter being taken to the tip and the replanting of shrubs and flowers. There's also been various beach cleans involving numerous people, which just goes to show that community is alive and well in Broadstairs, with lots of us who care deeply about our little town.

There could be a danger of a certain amount of Monty Pythonism what with so many different groups springing up with rather similar objectives. However, so long as everyone is pushing in the same direction we feel sure everything will be just grand.

Now where is that form for the 'Peoples Popular Front of Broadstairs' - We'd join the 'Popular Front Of Broadstairs' but their SPLITTERS

# A short history of Spoofery

By Mr Crispin Smith

(Is that a word?)



In the last issue of *The Broadie*, there was an historical account of the Broadstairs Metro system, an underground train network long since abandoned, but serving the town for almost sixty years. I was the author of that article and its entire content emerged from my imagination.

That's right: it was a dastardly hoax. There was no Broadstairs Metro system. Young boys did not slowly die of asphyxiation from repeated exposure to carbon monoxide. Local street toughs did not organise pick-pocketing evenings aboard the trains and no local counsellors reported the presence of dead badgers in the carriages. Aged Broadstairs resident Cyril Duck was a phantom, who dispensed his concocted memories merely in support of this fabrication. Having signed off the article, that gentle old man and his hackneyed, misty-eyed reminiscences ceased to exist.

Writing the article, I looked forward to the reactions it would generate. I knew for sure that some people would read it and laugh at the absurdity and that some others would, for reasons quite understandable, accept the piece at face value only later to be told that the entire account was a falsehood. I hoped that having learnt this, those people would chuckle to themselves, shake their head and say 'Ahh, of course, tish, what larks!'. And by all accounts most people did. Either way, I hoped that people would enjoy it.

I didn't expect genuine anger though, of the sort one might usually ascribe to a global atrocity. A streak of vitriol seemed to emerge from some readers' pens, such as I simply hadn't anticipated. To those people, I apologise sincerely, although with a minor caveat – that here you will grant me an audience as I explain my reasons for writing it, and why I compelled the editors of this fine publication to print it. The article was rather absurd, let's admit it. It prescribed to the classic school of spoof. Spoofery has its origins in ancient Greece. Poetry of the time was occasionally amended by japesters to include absurd verses, and yet maintain its serious tone. The crucial element was accurate imitation; the spoof worked only if it was in the appropriate context, ie. poems were traditionally recognised as being serious works and as such, humour would be derived in transplanting the absurd in to them.

One of the first and most accomplished novels in history, *Don Quixote* is a spoof through and through. Moving forward a few hundred years to the twentieth century and by now British audiences were also appreciating the humour. It is evident that they also began to enjoy the simple pleasure of being fooled. And so the modern spoof has indeed proven to be hugely successful. There is an element of spoof in a great many comic productions from Monty Python to *The Office*. Those programmes were obvious fiction of course, but there are subsequent examples of supposedly serious programmes that offer the same service and are defined more specifically as hoaxes. In 2004, a BBC documentary was aired in which Michael Aspel was revealed to be the secret father of, amongst others, Naomi Campbell, Daniella Westbrook and two of the Spice girls. It was nonsense, total hogwash, but performed with utmost sincerity. It was also fun, whether you knew whilst watching it that it was clearly bunkum, or were utterly taken in by it and later found out that you had been roundly tricked.

But the fun started much earlier than the Aspel documentary. In 1957, Richard Dimbleby, who was recognised as a reverent and cerebral presenter of serious and sincere broadcasting took part in possibly the most famous hoax documentary ever made. In his authoritative tones he narrated footage of Swiss farmers harvesting spaghetti from trees and preparing it for sale. People were taken in, and why wouldn't they be? It was a serious programme, presented by a serious man and it seemed plausible enough in an age when pasta was largely unfamiliar to British palates. For as long as people were inclined to believe it, spaghetti grew on trees. The reason why it worked, why all hoaxes work, is because it arrives entirely unexpectedly. The entertainment value would be entirely ruined if the audience were to be informed, prior to the broadcast, that what they were about to see was mere balderdash. The purpose of the broadcast was not to misinform, patronise or estrange the audience, but simply to entertain it in ways that were perhaps a little bit daring.

I am of the sincere belief that spoof, or in its broader terms, parody, is important to our culture and reflective of our national personality. It is such a crucial and relied-upon style of humour in Britain because of our globally-admired ability to laugh at ourselves. What other country would contemplate a stunt, broadcast to billions, that involved the Monarch leaping from a helicopter to present the opening ceremony of the Olympic games?

*The Broadie* sportingly published the article with all that in mind. It is a magazine that I am proud and privileged to contribute to, and whose remit is diverse: to inform and publicise relevant concerns of the town of course, but also to indulge in a degree of whimsy, jocularly and fun. To entertain. The Broadstairs Metro article certainly didn't set a precedent in that respect. To those who were annoyed by my article and who perhaps would wish me excommunicated from the world of amateur journalism, I offer this final recompense: the article fits in with what Broadstairs is all about. Not only the fondness for a little silliness here and there, but also that within the fascinating, rich and often bizarre vignettes of historical anecdote that add such colour to our town, the existence of an outlandish folly like an underground train doesn't actually seem that implausible. We should all be proud of that.

# The Crab

With the end of summer comes a feast of shellfish off of our coast with the local boats landing an abundance of Crab & Lobster, it is not unusual for us to have upwards of a thousand crabs and several hundred lobsters coming in daily. Tackling crabs is relatively easy if not a little time consuming. For those wishing to cook their own they can be bought live to cook at home.. Alternatively they can be purchased pre-cooked. Now comes the fun part - Its always good to get the kids involved.

1. Put the crab back, shell down and break off the claws.
2. Break off the legs taking care to remove the knuckle
3. Lift up and remove tail flap.
4. Push the blade of a heavy knife between the body and the shell, twist the blade and release it.
5. Place the thumbs either side and press upwards until the shell comes away
6. Pull off the gills (known as dead mans fingers - Not poisonous just bitter)
7. Scoop out all the brown meat from the body section with a small spoon
8. Cut the body section in half
9. Remove all the white meat from all the little sections with a small pick or tail-end of a spoon.
10. You should be left with a hollow shell - which is great for making stock
11. Crack the claws and legs with the back of a heavy knife and carefully remove all the white meat
12. Put the back shell onto a board, press the shell behind the eyes until it snaps and remove the stomach and mouth piece
13. Scoop all the brown meat out and add to the rest.

You can now decide whether to dress the crab or just mix the lovely meat together with a little seasoning and lemon juice and maybe some homemade mayonnaise (See Mrs Wallys recipe in back issue) Cost of whole crabs are rather cheap from as little as £1.50 each up to about £5.00 for a large one. What could be better value?

By Jason from 'Fruits de Mer'



## Your Pics



Full moon over Stone Bay



Ooer missus, we had this photograph sent to us from Samantha Palmer who snapped this great shot along the Eastern Esplanade, we don't know who the unfortunate lady is, but she apparently seemed totally oblivious to the sight she was displaying to all and sundry. Apparently it was a very warm day. We can only hope she had sun cream on.

Here's two photos from Martyn Thorp pictured with Ricky Gervais and Carl Pilkington who were down on Viking Bay filming for the TV comedy 'Derek'

Martyn writes:- Ricky, he was a nice guy, he asked me to explain that the hair is part of his character and not his usual do, I was so glad I got the photo with Carl, he was really down to earth and a lot taller than I thought' Not his normal hair-do either

# BROADSTAIRS LIBRARY

**Broadstairs Library 01843 862994 08458 247200**

**Opening hours Mon – Fri 10am – 6pm,  
Sat 10am – 5pm. Closed on Sunday**

Having been working under difficult conditions for the past few months whilst the works were being carried out, I'm sure our library staff are delighted with the new set up. It's very bright and cheerful and much more welcoming now that the entrance is more obvious and accessible.

With its modern furniture and new look it's altogether a better experience to visit. It boasts new classrooms for further education although 70% of courses will still be held at Hilderstone. I couldn't find out what classes are being held there even though I have trawled through the appropriate pages on the KCC website, so your guess is as good as mine. Perhaps in true Broadie tradition we should make them up, but people might believe us so better not. Would be fun though.....

There is a café area with a hot drinks machine, must admit I would be tempted to follow people round with a J-Cloth, worrying about spillage but perhaps that's just me.

There's a lift up to the first floor classrooms and there are now toilets and a baby changing room for people using the library. I have been assured, even though there seems to be less room for books, that there are many new books and more than there were previously.

The library also has facilities for people to use photocopiers, scanners and send faxes. There are also DVDs, CDs, audio books and an out-of-hours book drop box to return books when the library is closed. There are 24 computers with free internet access and Microsoft Office.

## Mobile Library Service

In issue 23 when we initially discussed the works at the library, we listed the routes taken by the mobile library van throughout Broadstairs every two weeks.

## Home Library Service

This is something that we didn't know existed but think that it's great and there are about 80 people already getting this service in Broadstairs.

'This service is available for people unable to visit a library due to ill health, disability or caring responsibilities. Books and other items are delivered to people in their own homes and to Residential Homes.'

'We shall be providing you with books and other items of your choice, such as spoken word cassettes or videos, on a regular basis. If you have any special requests they can be obtained free of charge through the Library Reservation Service; either telephone the library and ask for a member of staff who deals with the Home Library Service, or send a note with your volunteer when you return your books.'

Your volunteer will have been interviewed and had a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check along with references. They also carry an identity card for you to view for your personal safety. Volunteers provide this service in their free time and often have other commitments. We will let you know the name of your volunteer, and the day they will be visiting as soon as this has been arranged. If, for any reason, your regular Volunteer cannot come, we will send another Volunteer and will let you know beforehand who this will be.'

## Registration of births and deaths

This is also carried out at the library and one of our senior librarians is now also our registrar. There were problems until recently because of the low number of registrars in that people were having to wait a long time before they could get an appointment. This led to a few distressing stories of families having to travel miles away to register a death. This should all be history now as the number of registrars has increased. There is now a dedicated room at the library for registrations.



# EVENTS & STUFF

## Sarah Thorne Memorial Theatre

<http://sarahthorne.blogspot.co.uk/>

October

Fri 5th The Big Sing Community Choir

Sat 6th & Sun 7th Breakfast with Charlie

Sat 13th An Audience with Sherlock Homes

Sun 14th Probably the Best Comedy Songs in the World Ever

Fri 19th Roll Our the Barrel

Sat 20th Charles Dickens and Friends

Sun 21st The Humour of Noel Coward

Sat 27th Tenorissimo ? Three Tenors in Concert

Tues 30th – Sat 3rd Nov Patience

November

Sun 4th Patrick Dunn

Fri 9th – Sun 11th Habeas Corpus

Fri 16th Jamie Moore ? Sea Changes

Sat 17th A Boy Growing Up

Sun 18th The Ghost's Touch

Sat 24th – Sun 25th The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

## Memorial Theatre Hilderstone

0845 2626263

October

Thurs 25th Hilderstone Player's Autumn Production  
November

Fri 16th Gerrard Logan in Shakespeare's

"The Rape of Lucrece" (Edinburgh Festival Winner)

Sat 17th Talbot House

Sat 24th Sarah Thorne Junior Drama Group Autumn Play

## October Events

Sun 7th British Heart Foundation Bike Ride  
eastevents@bhf.org.uk

Sun 14th Autumn Rally @ Crampton Tower

Sat 20th Simple Saxes @ York St Methodist

Sat 27th Autumn Sale @ Memorial Hall St Peters

Wed 31st Halloween Party @ Helter Skelter

## November Events

Sat 17th Village Fayre @ Memorial Hall St Peters

Sat 24th Model Railway Exhibition @ St Georges School

Sun 25th Hand Bells @ York St Methodist

Sun 11th November

10.45am Annual Service of Remembrance

War Memorial Pierremont

7.30pm Remembrance Concert

Broadstairs Concert Band, Pavilion

## Halloween Quiz

Fri 26th 7.30pm

B'st & St P Chamber of Commerce

Crampton Tower Hall

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## Thanet Film Society

<http://www.thanetfilm.co.uk>

9th Oct *The Angel's Share*

16th Oct *Free Men* [Les hommes libres]

23rd Oct *Silent Souls* [Ovsyanki]

30th Oct *Electrick Children*

6th Nov *Nostalgia for the Light* [Nostalgia de la luz]

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27th Nov *Kosmos*

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