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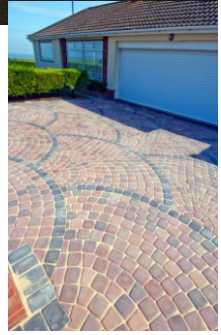
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Rubbish Innit

Seagulls opening black sacks with their sharp beaks on a weekly basis. Well who'd have thought that would happen week after week after week.



So what does the owner of that black sack do to counter the problems of having their rubbish strewn all over Broadstairs. Mmm', absolutely nothing, they just keep putting out the bargain '3000 bags for a quid' and letting the local thug of the avian world do their worst. Is there a cure for the stupid ones? Enforced euthanasia maybe....I mean how difficult is it exactly to phone up TDC and ask for one of their 'Seagull Proof' bags? (Do you see what they did there with the name). Obviously too bloody difficult for the local dimwits. Of course the other cure might be to fine them for littering - or one week in ten get TDC to drop a van load of crap in their front room, kick it about, tread it in to the carpet whilst paying close attention to rubbing half eaten mouldy quiches into the soles of their favourite shoes.

Alternatively - can we please build stocks

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About right

Well who'd have thought UKIP would win in the local Broadstairs election? Didn't see that one coming.

[\(Received on 23rd April\)](#) Ted

Full Council Bunfight anyone

A recent council meeting to discuss the Ramsgate Royal Sands development (Or lack of development) has once again descended into a bitter farce with political point scoring and insults becoming the order of the day. The meeting came to an abrupt halt when Cllr Driver and another member of the public started filming the pitiful display of local democracy in action. The video of the full council meeting has yet to be shown on the TDC website. That might be because the censors are considering whether it can be classed as a 'Video Nasty' and won't give it an 18 certificate.

For those of you who have never logged on to see a council meeting in action, I strongly urge you to do so, it's a real eye-opener.

I just thought your readership might be interested.

[Pauline, Kingsgate](#)

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Poetry please

Dear Sir /madam.

here is a poem for you illustrious magazine. It's a poem for Bob Bayford and those put upon few left in the local Tory party that haven't nipped off to pasture new.

So Bob
How your head
must throb
Not only have
some done a bunk
To Mr Farage
the UKIP punk
with Rog' the Gong
And Zita too
And Sandy off
to Isles new
Leaving those left
upset and Blue
And Mrs T
leaving the ball

With her final,
last blow out
Curtain call.
Ding Dong some said
Except Big Ben
No Ding or Dong
for mother hen
Perhaps Ding Ding
at the next
council meet.
But for goodness sake
don't film or tweet.
And Chris gone too
From the Parish set
Leaving you and Bill
the Tory bet
One thing's for sure
yes make a note
I don't think
you were after
the Youthful vote

[Bob aged 49](#)
[Broadstairs](#)



Beds have been running out at Margate Hospital with the A&E department seemingly busier than ever. Here's our top tips to avoid the queues

1. Look up your symptoms online - however as with most online information you will doubtless discover you've only got a week left to live due to multiple organ failure or some such horrendous condition - yes even if your symptoms are you have a six inch nail imbedded in your finger.
2. If you must have an accident then make sure there's plenty of blood - You could even purchase some fake blood for such an occasion to make the wound look worse than it actually is - nobody likes to see a dripping wound - you'll be through in a flash
3. Follow the advice of your GP who'll undoubtedly get it wrong and send you up to the STD clinic where you'll say to the nurse "That's an interesting way to take my temperature".
4. Tell everyone you meet about your condition, continue to bore them senseless for anything up to a month before you even bother to consult a medical book, only for your symptoms to suddenly change to something completely different when you find out that what you really had was just wind - a lot of wind.
5. Try some New-age Woo Woo, (As Professor Brian Cox would say). How about the new 'Slating therapy' where you describe your medical issues to a certified Slating Therapist who listens intently and then slaps you around the face with a large piece of Slate until you become unconscious. We guarantee it's worked for someone, somewhere
6. Dont fall ill on a Friday or Saturday night anytime after 10pm as you'll just end up sitting in the waiting room with drunk, loud irritating bozos who need a Pit-bull surgically removing from their leg. You may even get to hear that apparently 'Craig is not worth it' from a couple of girls in heels tall enough to remove pickles from a jar.
7. If you accidentally cut something off make sure you take the detached piece with you to the hospital, place the sliced body part inside a bag of frozen peas of something similar - (on no account place the body part in a bag of frozen cocktail sausages)
8. Self surgery - I mean, how hard can it be? - If you understand the basics of plumbing I'm sure you'll get to grips with arteries etc. Just remember less PTFE tape and more sticking plasters. It's why Swiss army knives were invented.
9. Don't forget to save Grandpa's old Vests and Y-Fronts for turning into fine quality bandaging material. Don't forget to wash them first. String vests dont work so well stemming blood flow but will make a jolly good sling or can be used for carrying Onions.
10. For goodness sake, You're British, just pull your socks up, take two Aspirin and back to bed with a copy of the Radio times a bag of Cough Candy and a bit of Loose Women....that's the TV programme.

Calling all artists

We recently chanced upon the new Margate map - it's a fun birdseye view of the town centre and seafront of Margate. Each business is labelled and some of the main attractions appear in small sketch form. And very nice it looks too.

So, here's the thing. Do any of the you, that large band of local artists fancy a go at it?

We're looking forward to seeing your artistic efforts in this mini competition - If we actually get any entries, we'll decide which one we think best shows Broadstairs off to its fullest potential and then we'll print a whole bunch off to go in all the local shops, hotels and cafes etc.

You get your art shown off to all and sundry, Broadstairs gets a town map. And we get our name on it - Everyone's happy.

If you'd like some ideas of what we'd like to see, take a look at the map of the town of Lewes on the South coast at: www.lewesonline.com Or alternatively get yourself over to Margate and pick up a copy of their map from any one of the shops over there.

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SHOP WATCH

Here's a few words from the new family who have taken on the old Djs sandwich shop at 9 - 11 Albion Street. Now named '**Samworth & Mee**' they've done a grand job - and you can't beat a bit of bunting:-

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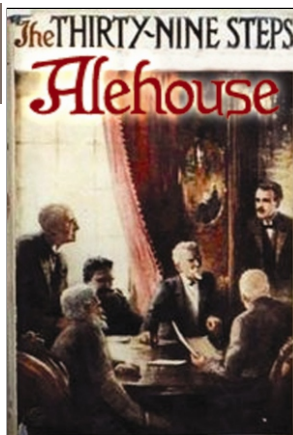
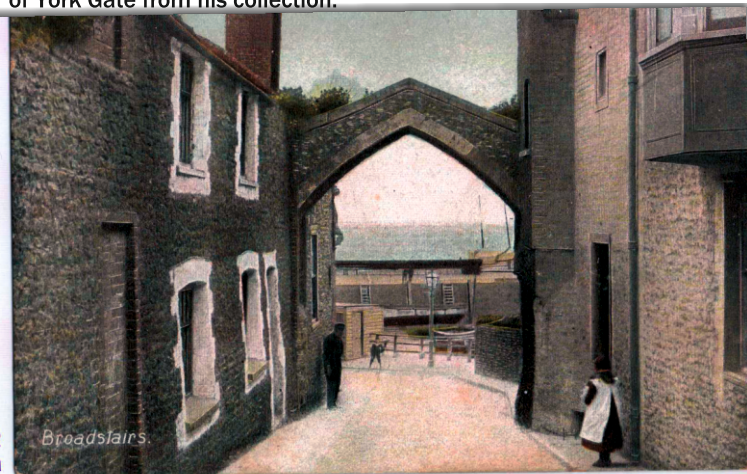
Broadstairs History on Facebook



There's a new group on facebook which is well worth perusing if you like old photographs.

www.facebook.com/BroadstairsHistory posts pictures sent in by members which vary from old postcards to family pictures. The group only started on March 11th but had 1,000 followers by April 3rd. There are some great old pictures on there, most of them are from books or photos that people have found on the internet which unfortunately means we can't reproduce them here. Many of them are from people's private photo albums though and we have Helen Rigby's kind permission to reproduce this lovely picture of her mother standing on the Jetty at Broadstairs whilst on honeymoon in September 1950.

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It's a Black and Yellow Issue

Broadstairs Folk Week (BFW) organisers recently announced that there will be no annual torchlight procession during Folk Week this year, instead there will be an earlier parade at 5.30 on 10th August 2013. It was thought that as it was the Torchlight procession wasn't reaching the target audience, and that an earlier time would encourage a more family friendly event.

When we reported this on our Facebook page it certainly got everyone talking. So taking that into account we asked a couple of the online discussion participants to come and have their say. (Names withheld) We then get to have our say at the end.

There's a small gang of people who

organize a huge profit making exercise for Broadstairs town, they work their fingers to the bone for our enjoyment but when they try and make some changes to help do away with the thug element that seems to have hijacked Broadstairs Folk Week in recent years, they are damned if they do and damned if they don't.

Yes the Torchlight procession has been scrapped, but that's because the crowds at night are so large and at times peppered with rowdy idiots whose main concern is how much they can drink and how much trouble they can cause. Perhaps the poor old performers who dance and sing their way down the high street are a little fed up with the, at times, aggressive atmosphere that exists in the town. They're sworn at, abused and sometimes assaulted. It can't carry on. I guess that's why the event has been re-organised, gone are those infernal torches and now families and children will be able to feel a lot safer and maybe get involved in a more joyful less troubled earlier procession. personally I'm looking forward to the new time and i hope everyone will really get behind it.

It's a shame that Albion Street has got the way it has, it's a shame the bands didn't happen in Albion Street venues last year, but let's face it, it can't carry on the way its going. I remember a couple of years back when a bloke with an electric guitar started up in the crowd on the back of a van, he absolutely drowned out the poor bands playing in the pubs and they had to stop playing. Surely the landlords want punters in their pubs as opposed to outside drinking cheap supermarket booze bought in for the occasion.

Alcohol has taken over from Folk Music, which is what Folk Week was supposed to be about. It was never intended to be "Stand in the street and drink cheap Vodka Week" that's not what is in the Folk Week organisers remit. Nor should it be

Unfortunately however some believe that it's a problem that was created by Folk Week. I disagree, I believe the only problem is that Kent Police don't actually do any - policing that is. We all, already pay a huge amount of council tax to Kent Police yet how many times do we ever see them in town. When we actually do need them, where are they. And when they are here why aren't they making a huge number

of arrests. I heard that the Kent Chief Superintendent Rob Fordham said the amount of petty crime was "staggering", well presumably the amount of arrests was staggering too....No, not a bit of it. Open drug use, fighting, urinating in public places, and general boorish behaviour. If Kent police took up a zero tolerance policy for the week, the trouble would stop dead.

None of which is Folk Week's responsibility, it's the responsibility of the people causing the public nuisance.

I now avoid the town at night during Folk Week which is a shame because i really enjoyed the pub gigs.

I avoid it as it's not how i want to remember the second week in August.

What's the problem with the Albion St

party? It's great. I bet half the people complaining about it have never ever bothered turning up to see for themselves.

So there's a mess, it's noisy and some idiots behave like five year olds - but seriously - weren't you ever young.

The torchlight procession should be held earlier, that way kids and families will be able to see it without having to stay up to eleven o'clock at night, and there won't be so much trouble because fewer people are going to be inebriated at 5.30pm.

Most people I saw last year were having a great time, sure I witnessed a couple of fights, but why should the behaviour of the minority affect the good nature of the majority. And yes if the event was properly closed off I would buy a ticket to get in, maybe we could even have some live - preferably lively Folk music outside.

I'm amazed so many people think it's such a huge problem.



At times Albion Street looks like a war-zone, yes there is a huge mess, yes young people are out drinking, having fun (As young people tend to quite rightly do) and not necessarily thinking about the poor souls who live in the vicinity. And let's not forget the vast majority of people in Albion Street at night are not causing trouble, they're there because it's a fun place to be.

To put it into context, It's one week in fifty two. It's an important date in the daytime and nighttime economy of Broadstairs. It's bringing in much needed money into the local area especially in the current climate. And speaking as a resident of just off Albion Street, it's not necessarily always as bad as some people like to make out. Do you know why more people moaned about the mess last year? That's because more people saw it, which was all down to the organisation of the cleaning team who didn't start tackling it till about 7.30 - 8am. In years before that they were out a whole hour and a half earlier, I know, because that's when I go to work and say good morning to them. The other option which quite unbelievably has not yet been tried is for the local authority to supply a few large bins dotted up and down Albion / Harbour street.

There's been some mixed messages coming from the Police regarding this event with some saying that there's little for the Police to actually worry about when compared with other events in and around Kent

Was there more trouble? Well there was certainly more trouble than there was ten years ago but what do you expect when the police presence was so ridiculously small considering the amount of people they knew would be out on the public streets, I say public streets intentionally as surely we should expect the police to adequately police a town correctly and efficiently when they full well know there will be a huge gathering of people.

There's been some mixed messages coming from the Police regarding this event with some saying that there's little for the Police to actually worry about when compared with other events in and around Kent, contrast that with the comment by the Police Chief Superintendent Rob Fordham that the amount of petty crime during

It's not just always enough to moan and complain about something, there's always the option of becoming involved in the solution

the road closure was "Staggering", and the picture certainly starts to become a bit clouded.

According to sources, Kent Police have assigned twenty officers for this years festival, although we don't know if that's an increase on last years or not, either way it is worth remembering that we do pay Kent Police a not inconsiderable portion of our council tax to police our area, we certainly pay them to deal with crime that is pointed out to them going on within their vision, like the illegal selling of alcohol out of the back of a van in Albion Street car park, to name but one incident last year.

It's a shame the week long event always seems to get bogged down in with the question of Albion Street and the nightly shenanigans involved. We can certainly see the desirability of moving the procession to an earlier time and believe the event will be all the better for it, so yes, we pretty much support the move to the earlier time.

Some have suggested this is solely a move to further distance the Folk Week name from the goings on in Albion Street. Now whilst I dare say that could well be on a wish list somewhere, organisers are still actively involved in trying to find a solution that makes everyone happy. There's been meetings with licensees, TDC Licensing officers, Police and other interested parties.

Folk Week organisers are not alone in the responsibility either, it's the responsibility of TDC, in that for far too long TDC has underfunded Folk Week whilst throwing tens of thousands at other events, mainly in Margate, that have, to coin a phrase 'Died on their arses'.

Traders, retailers and licensees have a responsibility to trade sensibly and legally and if they are getting something out of the week, particularly extra trade, then perhaps it might be a good idea for all of them, (Not just the select few) to put their hand in their pocket and make a donation to Folk Week to help perpetuate the festival. If they're not getting anything out of the week, then okay don't donate, but personally I'd be asking myself "Why aren't I making any extra money when there's a hundred thousand more people heading into town".

Residents? Well, just maybe it's not always just enough to moan and complain about something, there's always the option of becoming

involved in the solution to a problem. Communities thrive when they work together and we're still lucky enough in Broadstairs to have some sense of community. - so why not get involved

Another thing you can do is, if you see criminal activity going on in town then get on the phone and dial up either 101 for non-emergency or 999 for emergency and report the crime - don't just tell Mrs Miggins about it in the queue at the post Office. That way, in future Kent Police will have to listen as each crime will have to be recorded and investigated, perhaps then they may be more willing to Police the week slightly less frugally.

The plan at the moment is to attempt to allow some vehicular access at all times in Albion Street, with a temporary one way system and greatly reduced speed limit in place. Drinking in the street will be positively discouraged, as will anyone drinking from glasses / bottles. However, Kent Police will retain the option of shutting the road off if the crowds become too much.

In future years it may be a good idea to try and engage with the Albion Street crowd. The argument being, that if the energy of that gathering could be channelled into a ticketed event that captures the youth and exuberance of that crowd, perhaps with a stage somewhere close by with Folk music targeted at the more youthful element, maybe then in future we wouldn't be discussing the event as a problem but as an asset.

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A LOOK BACK



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A new initiative by The National Association of Greetings Cards Manufacturers has been taken on board by the government and will become law within the next term of office. The scheme basically takes the existing list of Anniversary gifts as applied to each year of

marriage and updates the presents for the more modern era we now find ourselves in, especially since paper became a commodity only affordable to the rich and famous. The government has however taken the idea and run with it and from next July a new list will be drawn up for Birthdays too. The Government are hoping that this will encourage a number of independent franchisees to bid for rights to open up specialist shops supplying different years on the list. Percy Duckeyegg the minister for High Street development responded to our questions with this statement.

"We're so pleased that this new initiative has come about and would like to thank the NAGSCM for their help in implementing this new scheme and subsequent law, we believe that this will reinvigorate the High Street, and on a personal note my wife and I can't wait for our ninth anniversary next year as we both hope to give each other a stuffed rodent of our choice".

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Government insiders contacted 'The Broadie' informing us the list is not yet complete but high streets up and down the country will soon be seeing the opening of new retailers with the first shop "Bones n Cheese" due to throw open their doors in January.

We'd love to see your photos of the lovely presents your loved one has purchased for you from the list.

2034

A scientist working in the government tunnels below Ramsgate searching for a cure for the new human strain of the downloadable virus CrazyCat#11 has accidentally discovered a new colour. The new colour is said to be somewhere between Green and Violet and has been named 'slaunt' after the new number 'Slau' which was discovered last year existing partway between six and seven. The 'Crazycat#11' virus which only came to light after viewers from the Minster and Monkton area who had tuned in to the omnibus edition of the popular TV show 'Eastenders' suddenly and without warning 'crashed' after the optically spread computer worm infiltrated and infected the South East transmitting station. This insidious virus left the fans of this popular soap unable to pronounce the letters G and C & D. Doctors and IT engineers working on the problem have been able to temporarily cure the worst of the symptoms with a binary patch to the cerebral cortex which swaps the sufferers Gs for Js, Ds for Bs and Cs for Ks.

One of the infected, a Mrs K from Kliftonville who had been visiting her Kousin in Monkton at the time of the event said "It's a Jolly Joob fix but the Kost is Konsiderable, now sob off I've got shopping to bo.



2055

Sufferers of H2O intolerance have been given fresh hope after local pharmaceutical firm 'Tescos' has announced a complete cure for the debilitating affliction.

From next Wednesday prescriptions will become available from the self service pharma counters enabling the sufferer to purchase dehydrated water in packet form.



2068

Back in the twentieth century fashion gurus came up with the Mini-Skirt for the lovely ladies of that particular era. Since that time clothes seem to have been getting shorter, smaller and more flimsy. However, nobody from 2040 would ever have envisaged that the new craze out this year is to wear absolutely nothing at all except a hat when going out for a night on the town. Nightclubs in Broadstairs have reported a huge increase in the amount of men now visiting their premises although on the downside heating costs have risen dramatically after complaints from male drinkers that the colder clubs and pubs did nothing for their egos.

2070



A new statue has been erected at Westwood Cross of Dame Geri Halliwell of Westwood in remembrance of her efforts for the poor and needy of the surrounding slums - A sometimes controversial figure, her work with children with spending addiction has been praised in the years since her death and the Dame Geri institute is now recognised as an anti-capitalistic worldwide force for good.



2077

Soccer re-enactors have once again met on Victoria Gardens for the 24th June 'Ball Day' celebrations with shows put on for youngsters to inform them of the once popular game of Football. The game of football reached its heyday way back in 2016 when Scotland won the final World cup ever to be played. The unpopularity of the Scottish win led many English fans to give up supporting this once popular sport and attendances dropped as men

and their sons found other interests such as Dominoes more entertaining. Crowds at major matches became so poor that in the mid 2030s once dominant teams slowly fell into financial despair with equally run down stadiums and aging teams adding to the misery of attending football matches. The last official match ever played happened in 2043, attended by a crowd of just thirty six people, the match pitched five Yugoslavians who had accidentally strolled onto the pitch after a translating error against a pack of cub-scouts from Grimsby who had been badgered into it by the Arkela's grandpa.

2079

After the birth of the Princess Chelsea Muffin, her great Grandmother the Queen Mother Kate Windsor announced her retirement from Public life, her intention is to move to the small coastal town of Margate, Kent. Where she hopes to live out her days in peace at her Mansion "The Royal Sea-bathing" which has just been completely renovated from the derelict flats that have blighted the area for the past fifty years. Margate has undergone many great misfortunes in previous decades, but is now home to some of Hollywood's finest and many premiership cycling stars with some of the highest land sales this side of Peckham.

In local news, The Chris Wells memorial theatre in Pierremont Park was reduced to ashes after a squirrel was seen nearby playing with a discarded box of matches.

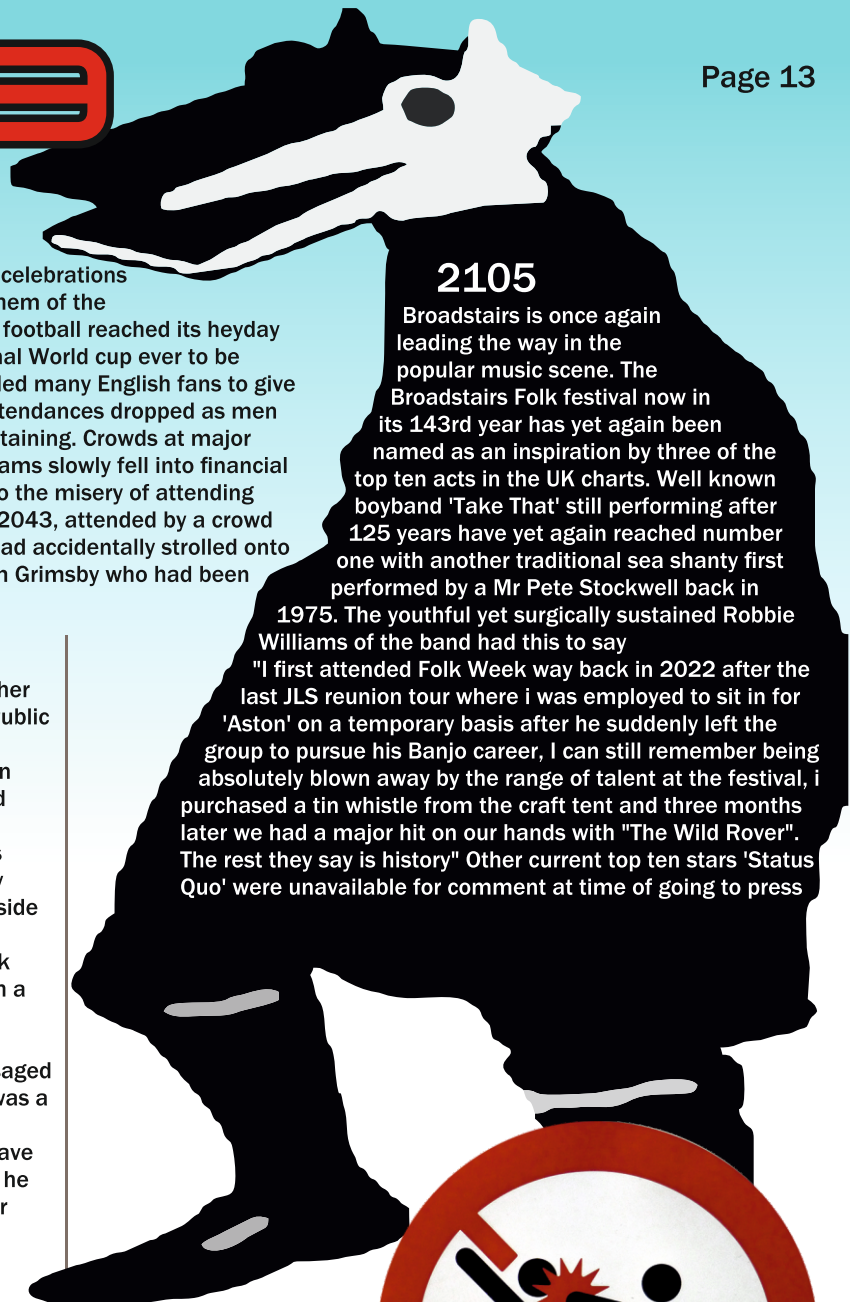
The blight of aggressive Squirrel Incidents (ASIs) has become a Major problem in recent years and such an outcome was not envisaged when the theatre was finally built way back in 2038. The squirrel was a small cuddly creature up until the invasion by the United States of Mexico of the Isle of Man. This short lived war was later found to have been caused by a military communique forgetting to mention that he

was dyslexic in his job interview, this resulted in the operator informing the newly elected President Moustachio that 'I'Man' not 'Iran' had just announced they were intent on becoming a nuclear capable country. The subsequent fallout of radioactive material from the Sub

Atomic weapons used in the three day conflict caused genetic changes to

Flora, Fauna and wildlife of those countries in the path of the nuclear cloud. The DNA of squirrels were badly affected and they can now often be found

hanging around in gangs, smoking cigarettes and generally misbehaving.



2105

Broadstairs is once again leading the way in the popular music scene. The Broadstairs Folk festival now in its 143rd year has yet again been named as an inspiration by three of the top ten acts in the UK charts. Well known boyband 'Take That' still performing after 125 years have yet again reached number one with another traditional sea shanty first performed by a Mr Pete Stockwell back in 1975. The youthful yet surgically sustained Robbie Williams of the band had this to say

"I first attended Folk Week way back in 2022 after the last JLS reunion tour where i was employed to sit in for 'Aston' on a temporary basis after he suddenly left the group to pursue his Banjo career, I can still remember being absolutely blown away by the range of talent at the festival, i purchased a tin whistle from the craft tent and three months later we had a major hit on our hands with "The Wild Rover". The rest they say is history" Other current top ten stars 'Status Quo' were unavailable for comment at time of going to press

2113

A full council meeting recently descended into chaos and farce after a councillor on the left called a councillor on the right a "Blithering idiot and an old fool".

The councillor on the right responded by saying that the councillor on the left should "Sit down and shut up before I lamp you one right in the gullet". Attendees at the meeting were ejected from the proceedings As they attempted to holographically stream the proceedings onto the central roundabout/amphitheatre at Westwood Cross.



The Perils of Hopscotch

A ten year old Ramsgate girl has recently been given a telling off by a policeman and warned that she could be arrested for causing criminal damage.

Lily-May Allens crime?.... Smashing windows? No. Scratching cars? No Drawing a hopscotch grid in chalk on the pavement?

Yes, that'll be it.

Police are now looking for the following criminals:-

Peter...who says that "Derek is a Twonk"

(Eastern Esplanade prom)

Gareth who apparently "Woz Ere"

Perhaps you know this Peter. Were you walking along the promenade between the 5th and 12th April? Did you see any suspicious individuals carrying chalk? Is Derek actually a twonk?

And where exactly was Gareth on the night of the sixteenth of April?

Why can't Gareth spell correctly? And where exactly was Ere?

Police have also launched an investigation after a huge hole appeared in a public place. A spokesman said "These wanton vandals dug this hole in full view of the general public, not only causing a public nuisance but also a major health and safety hazard" If you witnessed this crime which occurred on Viking Bay beach or any of the other crimes please get in contact with Inspector Sergeant Letsbeavinu, of the Not so serious crime squad.

No - Ronald isn't coming

Have you seen the plans? They want to knock down the York Gate and replace it with the Golden Arches of the McDonald's logo, then they're actually buying the pier and opening up a major drive through on the end.....WAIT, WAIT...Don't reach for you pens, Not really, none of it's true.

McDonald's has once again denied that they have any active plans to open up a branch in Broadstairs town centre. Our contact at the burger chain said "Sorry, this is still just a rumour, we're not sure where these rumours are coming from".

Local conspiracy theorists have however poured scorn on this denial citing the fact that the denial did in fact come from a person who may possibly have had their fingers crossed at the time.

These rumours have perhaps not been helped by the arrival of a film crew in town who were shooting an advert for the fast food chain down on Broadstairs jetty just the other week. It's the second time McDonalds has used Broadstairs in a television ad campaign, in fact with the never ending supply of TV crews lining up to film in our little town, locals have seemingly got so used to the limelight that not a day goes past without at least ten local thespian types flouncing up and down the promenade clearly on the lookout for a camera or two. Rumours that the News at Ten will soon be read by Manfred and Sparky from their perch at the top of Viking Bay steps suggests that it will become reality in but a matter of weeks.



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The talk among certain chattering classes of Broadstairs, is that our editor was released from prison on account of a personal friendship with Ted Heath, our glorious ex-Prime Minister. I myself, can't see this as being true, as given the difference in their ages, it means that the editor would only have been a strapping young juvenile when Ted lived here, and what possible interest could Ted have had with this, or any, young man. The editor himself merely claims he has returned from a spring vacation on the Isle of White (or the Isle De'Blanc, as he insisted calling it). Well, on account of the vertical lines of suntan across his face and knuckles, I know which version of events I favour..... Whichever way, the editor is back!

I was most shocked, to the point of getting a fit of the vapours, by being paid by him on account of my previous two articles, and this article. "Philpott" he said, cheap cigar entrenched in the side of his slobbering mouth. "Philpott, I like the cut of your jib, in fact I like the cut of both your jibs. It's spring. Tits are in the hedgerow. Take a look out your window. Take in the beauty of spring in Broadstairs. Now go forth, and write..... oh, and don't pay that cheque in till next week"

Unfortunately, the first thing I spied was the present Mrs Philpot sprawled across the parks grass, wearing nothing more than the bikini that her father had made her from his demob suit (he was far too good at needlework for his own reputation). Seeing such a sight, I could but think of one but subject.....the Armageddon.

Much has been written about Broadstairs and its' proud honour and tradition in both world wars; but what if World War 111 had taken place, against Johnny Foreigner? How would Broadstairs have come through it? Would we all be ok? Would the film on the beach have to be cancelled?

Like most men, the closest I have come to Armageddon was when I failed to comment on Mrs Philpott's new haircut; all this despite having rehearsed compliments and facial movements for some two hours previously. But during at least three occasions in the 1980's and 1990's England was nearly set on a course of full nuclear war, with our now friends, the Ruskies

What I am going to relay here is set before the current events of the Northdown Road. Believe it or not, once, before opening supermarkets on the north of the island, the Russians, and their cohorts were our enemy.

Now, despite actual nuclear Armageddon being a very quick process, our biggest assistance to personal survival would have been the

political and military build-up to meltdown. I would estimate we would have been aware of potential full scale war some 3 weeks prior to the actual event. This would have given us adequate time to not only cancel the papers, but to also arrange our own personal evacuation to a more safe area of the country.

When the final military conflict unfolded, we would have faced two major hazards. The first of these would have been the radiation and fall out from over 130 Russian nuclear missiles hitting London and its outlying areas. The dosages of high level radiation hitting Thanet, would have wiped out most forms of life. Initial radiation poisoning symptoms would include hair loss, bleeding gums, putrefying smells, and teeth loss..... A very similar experience can be had on the late night Thanet Loop.

Our biggest problem would be caused by a direct nuclear missile strike on RAF Manston.

Manston throughout the Cold War, would have been used by NATO, as a tactical strike aerodrome, for equipped nuclear armed bombers; Manston having nuclear weapon storage facilities installed in the 1950's. The Russians would have known this, and would have prioritised a strike on it.

This strike would I'm afraid be our death knell. The missile would not only have destroyed Manston, but taken all of us and Thanet with it. The Fat lady would have sung.....

Finally, myself and Mrs Philpott have devised an exact scientific experiment, for you to carry out at home. This experiment replicates exactly the effects of a full nuclear attack, as outlined in government handbook number 227b, on the Isle of Thanet.

To complete this experiment, you will need the following:

- 16 Battenberg cakes, 6 Fondant Iced Fairy Cakes,
- 6 Toothpicks, with name tags attached (optional),
- 1 Map of Thanet, 1 Large Table, 1 Baseball Bat.

Firstly, lay the Battenberg cakes out, in the shape of Thanet on a large table. A knife may assist duplicating our intricate and beautiful coastline. Place Fairy Cakes on the major towns (Broadstairs, Ramsgate, Margate, Manston, Westgate and Birchington). You can add optional name tags to each town, should you wish.

You now have 3 minutes in which you must rapidly strike said instalments, with the baseball bat, as hard as possible.

This, this is what beautiful Thanet would have looked like after the first wave of a nuclear strike. I myself am glad that Johnny Foreigner and us are now friends. And to celebrate such, I shall be hopping on the Thanet Loop, heading to certain suburbs of Margate; so I may shop for mine and Mrs' Philpotts supper..... A kurczak żółądkiem pieskie.....

Finally, should my writings be indulged again, and should the editor's cheque clear; then in next edition of this illustrious publication, I shall be telling the tale of the Westgate Flasher. A man so dedicated to his 'craft', that even after he was due to retire, he decided to stick it out for another two years. A man who, on cold nights, would merely describe himself to women..... but hey, that's for future editions.....

Albert Philpott,

Somewhere near Balmoral Gardens.

UKIPpered

When Nigel Farage isn't having a pint or getting involved in crashing aircraft he can mostly be found winning pretty much every local seat in the KCC elections, and local by-elections to boot.

The sad thing about local elections is they are not what they say they are on the tin - Local!

So, who have we ended up with representing us on local issues. Ex-conservative Zita Wiltshire, UKIP die-hard Alan Terry headed up by their local leader ex-conservative Roger Latchford OBE. Many readers may remember Mr Latchford and his involvement in a few Faux pas over the years. They include:-

Retired Army lieutenant colonel Roger Latchford, who has an OBE, has helped police with an inquiry into the content of the message that he sent more than a year ago from his home computer email system to friends that include district councillors and officers in Thanet.

The message was titled 'Suicide Bomber' and it questioned "why Muslim terrorists are so quick to commit suicide".

It then continued with pages of suggestions that have been described as racially offensive.

"Sending this email around is not the cleverest thing I have ever done. No offence was meant to anyone at all. I find it astounding that someone, somewhere copied it and sent it to another district councillor anonymously a year later than it was sent by me.

(Kent online 2007)

Cllr Iris Johnston was invited to the shop as ward councillor to receive the 1,500 signature petition from Cheryl Husseyn, manager of the Edinburgh Woollen Mill, on Thursday, when council leader Sandy Ezekiel and his deputy Cllr Roger Latchford arrived and accused Mrs Johnston of politicising the issue.

During a heated discussion in front of the media and shop customers, Cllr Latchford tried to grab the petition from Cllr Johnston, who said he could see it when she handed it in to the council, and accused them both of intimidating her.

Kent online 2008

It was agreed Cllr Latchford's conduct could reasonably be regarded as bringing Thanet council into disrepute. His letter was taken into consideration and no further action will be taken.

Neither Cllrs Latchford or Ezekiel, who has previously been censured by the Standards Board for England after an incident at the Mayor of Margate's ball, were at Monday's meeting.

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MRS WALLY'S SUMMER FUN

I loved cooking as a child and spent lots of time in the school holidays making things under the watchful eye of my super-cook grandmother who always had lots of ideas for things I could make. It must be hereditary because my niece Elsie loves making things when she visits her nanny too - especially cakes. All of my recipes are easy but I have had a special think about which ones would be good for kids to make and eat- I'm hoping for a lovely hot summer this year but just in case kids are cooped up indoors here are some summer holiday recipes to keep them busy.

MILKSHAKE

Put some milk, a scoop of ice cream and some chopped up fruit (e.g. a banana or a handful of strawberries) or a tablespoon of peanut butter in a liquidiser. Whizz up, pour into a glass and drink through a straw.

LOVELY LOLLIES

Lollies are so great that they even taste good in the rain. It's really easy to make lollies, you just need some lolly moulds which you can get from pretty much all supermarkets and a bit of imagination. You can work out how much liquid you'll need by filling the moulds with water and pouring into a measuring jug. Frozen liquids expand so you'll need to leave a little gap at the top. Here are some ideas to get you started;

Why don't you start by filling up your moulds with your favourite ready made smoothie?

Put a drop or two of food colouring into a pot of strawberry yoghurt and mix. Chop up some strawberries into little pieces, mix into the yoghurt and spoon into moulds.

Mix fresh raspberries with a couple of spoons of icing sugar or maple syrup and top up with yoghurt or fromage frais.

Whizz up a tin of pineapple in juice, a banana and some coconut milk along with a couple of spoons of sugar in a food processor.

If you don't have any lolly moulds, you can make mini lollies by pouring some mixture into ice cube trays. Put in the freezer for an hour before putting cocktail sticks in the middle and putting back in the freezer.

HALLOUMI AND PEPPER KEBABS

You can make these to go on the barbeque.

A pack of halloumi, a red pepper, courgettes, an onion, cherry tomatoes. Skewers.

Carefully chop the halloumi into squares. Chop the red pepper into 2cm chunks. Chop the onion in half and then chop down four times to make strips of onion.

If you are using wooden skewers soak them in water for a while so that they won't burn on the bbq then carefully thread the ingredients onto the sticks alternating them so you have a good mix of different things on each one.

Put them on the cool bit of the barbeque until the veg is softened and the cheese is golden brown.

WHATEVER FLAVOUR YOU WANT BISCUITS

These biscuits are lovely and easy to make. Once you've made the biscuit mix, you can store it in the fridge or freezer and just slice some off, top with your favourite topping and pop in the oven when you're in the mood for a tasty snack.

250g soft butter, 150g granulated sugar, 220g flour, 1tsp baking powder, 1 beaten egg, a few drops of vanilla extract.

Mix the butter and sugar until you can't see any lumps of butter anymore then stir in the egg, flour, baking powder and vanilla extract and mix. You can do this by hand if you've got big muscles or in a mixer if you prefer.

Put a big bit of clingfilm on the work surface and use it to help you roll up the mixture into a thick sausage about 8cm fat.

Put the biscuit sausage in the fridge to chill where it will keep for about a week or put it in the freezer where it will keep for longer. When you want a biscuit, heat a knife up by running under the hot water tap, slice some off, top with some nuts or raisins or broken up sweets or leave plain, put on a baking tray and pop in a 200c/gas mark 6 oven until golden brown. Yum.

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Throughout the planning, construction and operation of the wind farm, extensive research has been conducted to understand the environment of the site as well as how it could impact upon the environment, and great care has been taken to minimise the risk of harm to species such as herring and harbour porpoise, with tests like underwater noise monitoring. Another effect on

fish, particularly rays and sharks, is the potential for electromagnetic fields from the power cables to impact these species who are electro-sensitive. The tests so far have shown no effect on the fish from the cables or the magnetic field from the many offshore wind farms already operating within Europe.

Aerial and boat surveys conducted during construction showed very low numbers of seabirds either using or flying over the Thanet site and the majority of the birds recorded were flying at heights below the sweep of the turbine blades and were therefore not at risk of collision.

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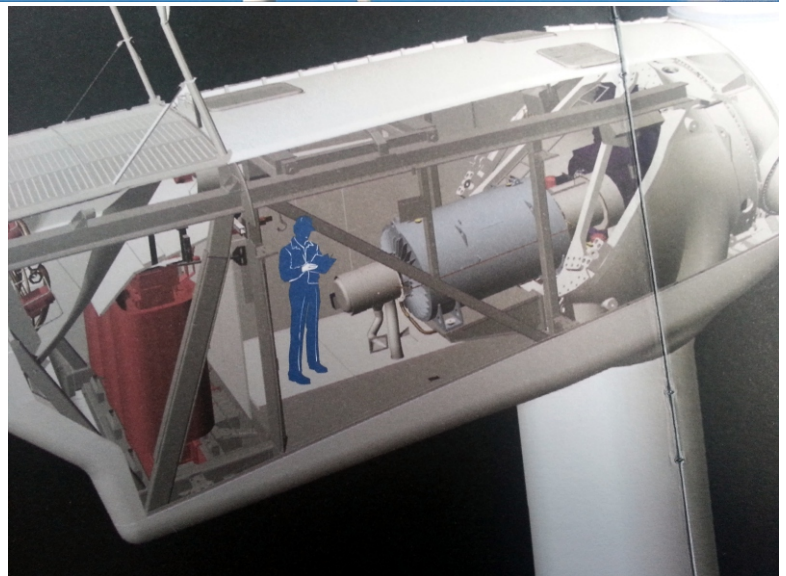
The cabling from the turbines is connected in strings to an offshore substation. From there, two export cables arrive at the shore at Pegwell Bay and then up to the former power station at Richborough where they join the national grid and provide us with their power.

The turbines all require routine maintenance. They require a six month service. However, as with all complex machinery, the engineers have to take care of unexpected problems. Some issues can be resolved remotely by computer but others require the full attention of an offshore engineer, whose job involves a bit more danger than calling out your local washing machine or car mechanic!

This is where our guys in Ramsgate come into the equation. They leave Ramsgate around 07:30 am and return just before sunset. They are all trained to a high standard and of course their safety is paramount. Before they can go offshore, they go through a thorough medical and have to attend a wind farm offshore survival course, complimented with a British Wind Energy Association approved climbing course..... after all let's not forget the hub is 70meters above the sea. New workers to the farm even have to wear a special vest that tells the rest of the crew that they have been offshore for less than a month. That way all greenhorns are made obvious to the rest of the crew as they may need more help to perform their tasks from the more experienced members of the team.

The turbines, being almost the size of a double decker bus, are quite spacious when the engineers get inside of them. There is adequate room for them to work and service or repair them. The problem is getting to and from the turbines and being able to board the turbine. In rough weather, the boats' crews use all their skills to get the engineers to and from the farm. If there is lightening in the area, the engineers have to take shelter inside the turbine and remain there until the danger subsides. All engineers wear an immersion suit, a life jacket (which will automatically inflate when immersed in the sea) and also carry a PLB (Personal Locator Beacon) so should the worst happen and they end up in the sea, every effort will have been made to enable a quick recovery of the casualty and their safe return to shore.

Back to our men in Ramsgate Harbour. Two boats will be taking them on their hour and a bit journey out to the farm: Twelve in the Endeavour and 12 in the Enterprise. They will be working until an hour before dusk, when the boats will round them up and take them back to the safety of the shore. As darkness falls you can see the wind farm all lit up with navigation lights and the bottom 12 metres above the sea water level, having been painted yellow, is the last bit of structure that is visible as the sun sets.



So how does this affect Broadstairs? Well apart from the carbon free energy (the wind farm produces enough energy to power 200,000 homes), there is the direct local jobs and the indirect jobs that are a boost to our local economy, a growing local expertise that could be used all over the world, and the offer of opportunities to our youngsters that wouldn't normally be available in Thanet.

Now I'm no eco-warrior, and I realise that they'll be howls of disapproval, but unlike groups like UKIP, I do see the wind farm as a benefit to our community, and the planet. It may not be the most beautiful sight to see off our coastline but I firmly believe that the benefits it brings far outweighs any of the arguments against it being off our little part of the world.

George Rusiecki.

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The Brigadier - The Untold history of Morris

The tradition of the Morris dance (or Moorish dance) is old and ancient. Initially invented by farm workers from the county of Yorkshire, the dance was intended to help keep these Dalesmen warm whilst out and about herding sheep on the moors. It was later the same day (about closing time) that the dance became embellished with the use of batons and sticks after two rival groups of farm-hands became embroiled in a kerfuffle after one group accused the other of cheating in a late night attempt at breaking the Yorkshire downhill in a wheeled bathtub speed record. The dance was re-enacted over a number of evenings outside differing hostleries, evolving on each subsequent occasion. On one particular evening the use of hankies appeared for the first time after old Squire Botherington from Opont'hill Farm removed his nose cloth from his pocket to stem the bleeding of his son's facial wounds. The sight of these grown men misbehaving in such a strange fashion became quite popular with the local villagers who used to gather at sundown to egg on the dancers with uproarious shouts of "Get down shep" which as any translator of Yorkshire to English will tell you means "Come on you Shepherds, it's time to get down on the dance floor"

Over the years the numbers grew and many differing groups of men took up the pastime of the Moors' dance. This later became known as the Morris dance, after the music hall performer Charlie Morris, a Lancashire born and bred man who caused a minor inter-county



dispute by claiming the dance as his own. The contretemp was later settled in court by Sir Justice Once, who found in favour of neither defendant or prosecution on the grounds that the dance was a tradition rather than anyone having ownership.

This of course opened the dance up to all and sundry who were willing to debase themselves with various new ploys to attract an audience. It wasn't long before grown men had started putting on petticoats and deer skulls, using the somewhat unbelievable excuse of 'Tradition' as a front for their, at times, seriously weird bestial dressing up fetish. However it wasn't until the mid 1800s that the Morris dance truly became a force to be reckoned with.

In 1852, a woman by the name of Fanny Ottam formed the first female Morris dance team. This caused outrage amongst the male morris dance teams who saw this as literally a step too far. It was too late, Fanny had opened the floodgates of female emancipation and many more all-women teams became prominent, although it wasn't until 1873 that women were allowed by law to dance without the stick on beards that had been forced upon them after the 'Foul Harridan Act of 1856' had been repealed. The popularity of all-girl teams became so great that male teams actually started to emulate the tradition of bearded female troupes, the formation of male Morris dance teams whose one admission rule was that new members had to sport hirsute faces became quite commonplace, and can be seen to this day in such sides as The Hartley and Victory Morris dancers, "We're proud of our roots", said one member we spoke to "So much so, that we often meet up in our petticoats and beards as a nod to those female pioneers of yesteryear". The Hartley and Victory Morris sides can be seen dancing this year, for those of you interested in seeing them perform....be sure to approach them and give their beards a gentle tug as was a sign of respect to the lady dancers all those years ago...Oh how they will laugh.

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Whilst Morris dance teams are now few and far between you'd be wrong to think the Morris side is dead and buried. The 'Dance' has stuck, and is now mainly performed by professional re-enactors and the unhinged who often gather at social events to show off their agility and lack of dignity. Many still wear the bells and ribbons of their forefathers who were originally presented with these appendages by the local constable as a form of tagging those with criminal or ungentlemanly intention, the Asbo of the 1800s if you like.

The Morris dance takes many forms nowadays which we'll look at in the coming issues. From the clog dance of the 1780s which was invented to stamp on rats in the flour mills, to the 1970s floral dances first performed by such sides as the dangerously subversive Pans People.

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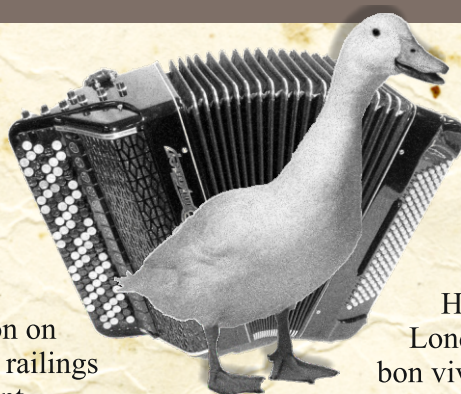
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The Legend of Sir Hartley Beauville-Lobe, Part 1



It is a busy and vibrant summer afternoon on the Broadstairs promenade in 1962. The railings over Viking Bay are lined with recumbent pensioners, who are melting into their deckchairs. A banjo player standing by the Albion gardens strums for his supper as passers-by take in the air and enjoy their ice creams. All is as it should be. But then you might very well spot someone who stands out somewhat - a gentleman standing on the corner of Chandos Square, wearing a purple velvet tailcoat and hat, playing the accordion rather badly. With him sits a tamed duck.

Most days in the summer, for at least a decade, the same man could be witnessed at various points about the town with his accordion and one of a selection of tamed animals. In this case a duck, but previously it had been a ferret and an otter. And so he played on with innumerable accordion classics: 'Dance of the Angered Stoat', 'The Bishop and His Wives' to name but two.

The uninformed tourist might be naturally inclined to proffer a small donation for his music. When they did so, each one of them would bear brunt to the same angered rebuke from Sir Hartley: 'How dare you sir! How dare you!'. In beating their hasty retreat, under a furious pelt of their own coins, the chastised visitor was bound to wonder who on Earth this ill-tempered, exquisitely-dressed madman was. And of course that's a good question.

His name was Sir Hartley Beauville-Lobe, son of Robinson Beauville-Lobe, the wealthy Edwardian industrialist and renowned tyrant. Sir Hartley was, as the story goes, in line to take-over the family canning business when Sir Robinson died suddenly in a hot-air ballooning accident in 1922. The company, 'Beauville-Lobe Can Mongers of Halifax' was an enormous undertaking for a twenty-four year old to be burdened with. Many relatives and friends had serious questions over whether the raffish, jumble-minded youth would be able to steer the business with any success.

Swiftly though, Hartley answered their questions with

upmost clarity. He could not. As soon as he received the deeds, he had the company liquidated and he took himself and the resulting fortune to London.

Dropping his West Yorkshire accent as soon as his car entered the capital, Sir Hartley was quickly ingratiated into London society as the wealthy, quick-witted bon viveur that he had set out to be. He took residence at Claridge's hotel, where for time to time he would 'entertain' diners by playing the bagpipes. If any of them complained, he would simply pay for their dinner.

The rest of his twenties passed by in a haze of gin, opium and fancy. There were periods where he would be surprised to wake up in his own bed rather than on a park bench or in an alleyway. He lived a life that was perhaps inevitable for a young man with practically limitless money and no one to answer to but himself. Then, in June 1928, whilst making his way home from his 30th birthday celebrations in Piccadilly, Hartley was struck on the head by a stuffed, 7-foot high Syrian Brown Bear that had fallen from a fifth-storey window during a feud. He was knocked clean out and indeed, lucky not to have been soundly terminated.

Finding himself in hospital a week later, Hartley received many fawning visitors, some of whom asked to borrow money, others to have a lend of his flat. It was there, in his hospital bed that he realised it was time to move on. In the mirror, Hartley saw a tired face that had been fed far too much decadence. With the thought that he was very nearly killed still resonant in his mind, he decided it was time to achieve something. It appeared that all he'd achieved so far was a collection of dull hangers-on.

Six months later, Hartley had opened 'Lobe's', a private club in Jermyn Street for the more 'gregarious' gentleman. Unlike most other clubs of the time, a little misbehaviour was considered almost essential, and quiet reverence was frowned upon. Within a year, the club had established itself as a retreat for the moneyed bounders of London. Fittingly, notably and curiously, the stuffed, seven-foot high Syrian Brown Bear that almost killed him (received by Hartley in the court settlement) stood proudly in the foyer.

The Broadie

The club was oak-panelled and consisted of the main reading room, bar and private lounges. There was an open space where members could compete in feats of strength or if the mood took them, gymnastics. The bar was lined with stools in the shape of Champagne corks, and an erotic portrait of a Flamenco dancer hung over it. The bar staff were expertly trained in the art of mixing drinks, as well as returning inebriated upper-class nitwits to a taxi-cab.

Lobe's evolved a strong culture of wagers and, whilst Hartley himself was rarely seen socially at the club, did like to oversee any that took place. For some reason inexplicable, many of the wagers recorded in the Lobe's Record of Wagers were related to pork products in some way, such as this example from August 1930:

'The undersigned Messrs Chalfont and Bastwick-Pfife do agree that should Mr Chalfont, having purchased a 5lb ham and had it strung from a chandelier, fail to retrieve said ham using his ingenuity, Mr Chalfont will reward Mr Bastwick-Pfife the sum of £50'.

As time passed, the club's reputation grew. Some in society called for its immediate closure, often because they themselves weren't accepted as a member. Many peculiar and tantalising stories emanated from that club like wafts of ethanol and Hartley sat back and took it all in. To think he could have been sat in a canning factory...

In part two of this series, we will discover how the enigmatic Mr. Beauville-Lobe gained his knighthood, and found himself eventually living in our seaside town.



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