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And that thing that happened the other night in the pub, y'know involving the man with the funny hat, a budgerigar and a jar of pickled onions. Well that had nothing to do with us, alright.

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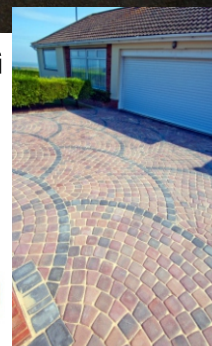
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Your letters

Thank you

I very much appreciated the letter in the last issue regarding some home truths about immigration.

We seem to be continuously fed this continuing bilge-water by the popular press and parliamentarians chasing what they believe is the will of the people. Well the real reason that MPs weren't too worried about what many see as high immigration levels is just as your contributor suggests - It's not the problem, far from it.

I think it's also worth mentioning that many economists are very much of the opinion that there actually needs to be more immigration due to the lack of skilled labour in the correct locations in the UK. Of course I am a bit biased as my father came over from Poland during 1939 and served with the RAF. He would probably be one of the ones the EDL would have sent home.

Name and address supplied

It's our beach too

Sir/Madam

There are many reasons why life is challenging if you have a disability or if you look after someone who is disabled.

Sadly, without explanation, the Broadstairs beach lift was closed and locked last weekend and this. Both weekends there were a lot of people, visitors and locals in the area. The notice that was up all summer stated that the lift would be open at weekends until the end of September. I am aware of elderly people, families with buggies and people who have to use wheelchairs and scooters who were disappointed that they could not access the beach and lower promenade. For many, it is impossible to manage the steep slopes at the jetty end of the beach and the lift is invaluable if the beach and seaside are to be enjoyed.

There seems to have been an acceptance that people with limited mobility should not want access to the beach and lower promenade during the autumn, winter and early spring. This is prejudicial and a misconception that needs challenging. The very least the Council should do is keep the lift open at the times publicised.

Yours

Helen Kemp

Signs of the time

Dear Ed

What a paradox: public spending which can sit brand new signage alongside, and on, ruined scrap metal apparently once-upon-a-time also public property intended to serve the public. Don't tell me: the KCC footway repair chap doesn't have any control over the right-of-way chap who doesn't have control over the purchase chap who doesn't have control over the Area Inspector chap who doesn't have control over the finance chap who doesn't have control over the route designer chap who has no idea who put it there anyway (because he's so young and his grandad might have remembered it in 1970 before retirement from Broadstairs Urban District Council who never made proper maps up in those days so KCC Highways can't rely on them) so frankly, no one hasn't got any authority to do anything and there isn't any money anyway. Hang on - isn't that a new green set of freshly-vandalised signs? So who paid for those, eh? And just as importantly, who vandalised them?

Regards

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The Mayoress of Broadstairs Cllr. Rosalind Binks 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 Honor Llewellyn with a catch of 10 dogfish and was awarded with the Jack Croom trophy and prize, keeping the prizes in the family Honor's brother Seth Llewellyn came second with a catch of 8 dogfish. Runner up was Rio Temple in third place with 4 dogfish and the John Nicholls shield for the heaviest fish went to Thomas Jakeman.

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 the skippers and helpers who provided their boats and time freely on the evening. The photo shows the competitors and their prizes with the Mayoress after the prizegiving.

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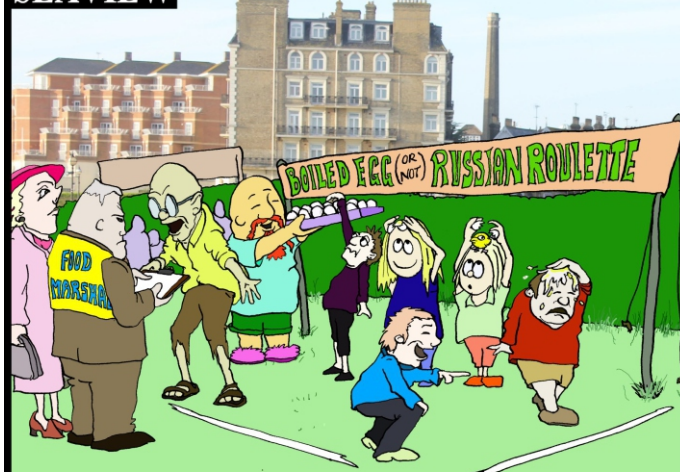


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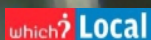


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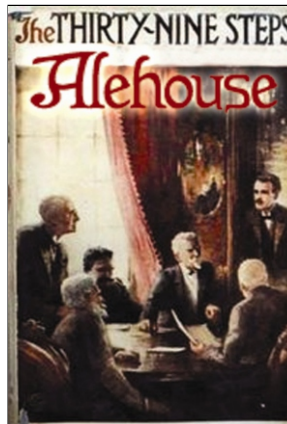
Yes, well how was I to know there was a person with a camera ready to capture me schmoozing around two lovely young ladies. I can tell you her ladyship had something to say about that particular pic, not least because I'd gone out again in my best pith helmet - "A sartorial appendage too far" she calls it. Whereas I prefer the term 'Emergency Urinal'. Still, that's quite enough about my helmet. I must say, I had an exceptionally fun time this summer, maybe the blue skies, warm sun and sticky nights played their part or perhaps it was just that the sun seemed past the yard arm exceptionally early each day resulting in responsibly managed alcohol induced whoopee and merrymaking. Even the lack of fireworks didn't seem to dampen the Broadstairs spirit with the one display this summer being fantastically attended and perhaps more spectacular than ever. Personally I've avoided the whizz-bangs ever since 2009 which was when I suffered a firework and gin flashback to those earlier times when Johnny foreigner was bombing the bejazzle out of the french farmhouse where I was stationed, (I say stationed, but my commanding officer wasn't entirely convinced Madame Monique was a strategic stronghold that should be defended to the last man - She certainly took a lot of defending I can tell you). Anyway, It was the first firework, you know, the really loud one that sent me all of a flutter, I lost control and dived for cover under the nearest shelter I could find and by lummie I wasn't coming out till it was all over. It wasn't that the old girl minded me down there under her Green Paisley skirt but she did take slight umbridge to me shouting to all and sundry they should take cover under something large and immovable. It's a cruel yet funny thing the memory, it can play tricks on you, suddenly throwing up old memories that have lain dormant for years, or even disappear without warning, normally after you've just entered a room.

I can't let this opportunity pass without mentioning the other joyful event of this summer which was of course the 'Bearded Gentlemen's Swimming Club'. "What's that?" I hear you cry. The club was founded back in 2009 after a group of us Broadstairs chaps happened to notice whilst out swimming one day that we were all endowed with vast quantities of facial hair. Now whilst we realised that the many women present on the shoreline were undoubtedly impressed with our displays of manliness, we guessed that they were all far



too shy and retiring to approach and inform us of our bearded prowess. T'was that day the club was formed. The BGSC has gone from strength to strength over the years and in these times of rightful equality and feminine rights we allowed female members to swell our ranks (careful) this year. (With the one stipulation of course that they must have a beard). As we all know beard growth undoubtably increases handsomeness ten-fold, however there are other numerous and varied reasons for embracing the world of facial hair, from the scientifically acknowledged truth that stroking your beard aids cognitive memory, to the fact that owning face fuzz increases your ability to climb mountains, fend off wolves and chop

down trees. The beard also comes in a variety of styles and is almost guaranteed to fit any face All that is left to say is we were not disappointed by the turnout and will be recruiting in late July of next year in time for our annual swim during August



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Illegal meat packing factory discovered in town

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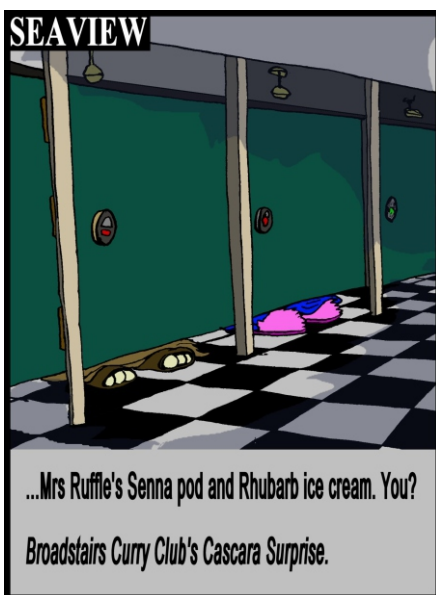
Good News / Bad News

Good News

A defibrillator, which has been found a home in the old disused phone box on the pier, is now in place and ready for use. Staff and residents in the locality have, or are being trained to use the equipment in the hope that the life of a heart attack victim could be saved.

Bad News

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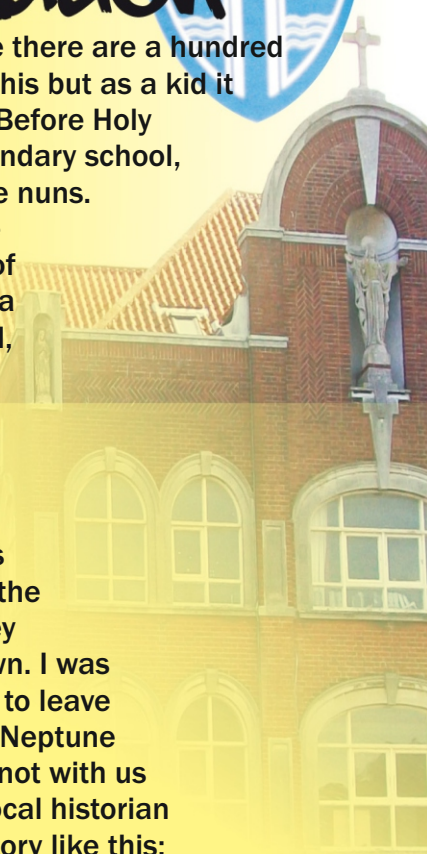
Many tend to think that the Holy Cross building was old and should have been listed. Actually, the school was built in 1929 for the daughters of the Cross Convent. As 1939 took hold, the site was changed into a hospital which held a morgue in the basement. Some people may remember it better as their form room. During the war years, the school was bombed only once, totally demolishing the back section above the kitchen area. This was later rebuilt to only two floors. 1947 saw the building reopen and in 1962 the school reopened again as the Holy Cross Catholic Secondary Modern School, holding around 520 pupils. In February 1992 a large fire ripped through the roof; to many pupils delight, this meant an early start to their summer holidays! I can still recall the fire engines lined up down Ramsgate Road. In 1998 the Holy Cross School closed its doors for the final time, however, it later reopened in 1999 as the Hereson School. Whilst working at the school, I sadly never saw the legendary black nun! My brother tells the story that she lived on the E floor, which was the top floor where the fire started. He recalls, "all of the kids would come running down the stairs screaming, especially the new year 7s saying that they had heard the black nun. Me and my mates would bunk lessons and head up to the E floor. The stairs would head up to a landing and off the landing was a door that went to the nun's section. Now this was always locked and looked like it had been for some time, but on this one occasion, which I never really could explain, we saw footprints in the dust. The footprints went from the landing, under the door, and they certainly didn't look like work

men's boots. I'm sure there are a hundred and one reasons for this but as a kid it plays on your mind". Before Holy Cross became a secondary school, the E floor housed the nuns.

Small rooms split the floor up and in each of the rooms there was a little sink, a cupboard, room for a bed and a cracking view of Broadstairs (down Ramsgate Road).

Some of the old mahogany cupboards could still be seen in the rooms just before they pulled the school down. I was told a story too good to leave out by a friend in the Neptune one night; sadly he's not with us anymore. He was a local historian and he told me the story like this: during the run up to the second world war, the Mother Superior that ran Holy Cross Convent was German. Her nephews, both in the army and both officers, decided that it was a good idea to come and collect her and take her back to Germany as they could see what was about to happen. It would have been a real sight to see these two German officers goose stepping back down the driveway with the Mother Superior, I wish I had a photo!" Maybe this could have been the black nun... Anyway, the black nun remained a mystery for me, as well as the entrance to the secret tunnels, which was supposed to be found in the basement and run all the way down to the coast. Sadly, no evidence!

I'll finish with a few of my brother's delightful memories.



"Coming down from the D floor, there was a wall called the 'greeny wall'. It was where everyone would spit the greeniest of greenys on it! After a while it would get all caked up".



"I have happy memories of the teacher and his 'medicine bottle' that he would swig during the lesson. I think we drove him to it".

"Me and my mate lit a farm fumigator on the field one day. It covered the field in white smoke. One of the teachers ran out with a fire extinguisher and the smoke was so heavy that it nearly killed him!

"I had an incident with one teacher. It all started when I forgot to get my homework diary signed. I got an internal exclusion and had to copy out science books. I had to have lunch with him and had to be escorted to the toilet".



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"When the fire happened they took us all onto the back field and all the kids were jumping up and down cheering".

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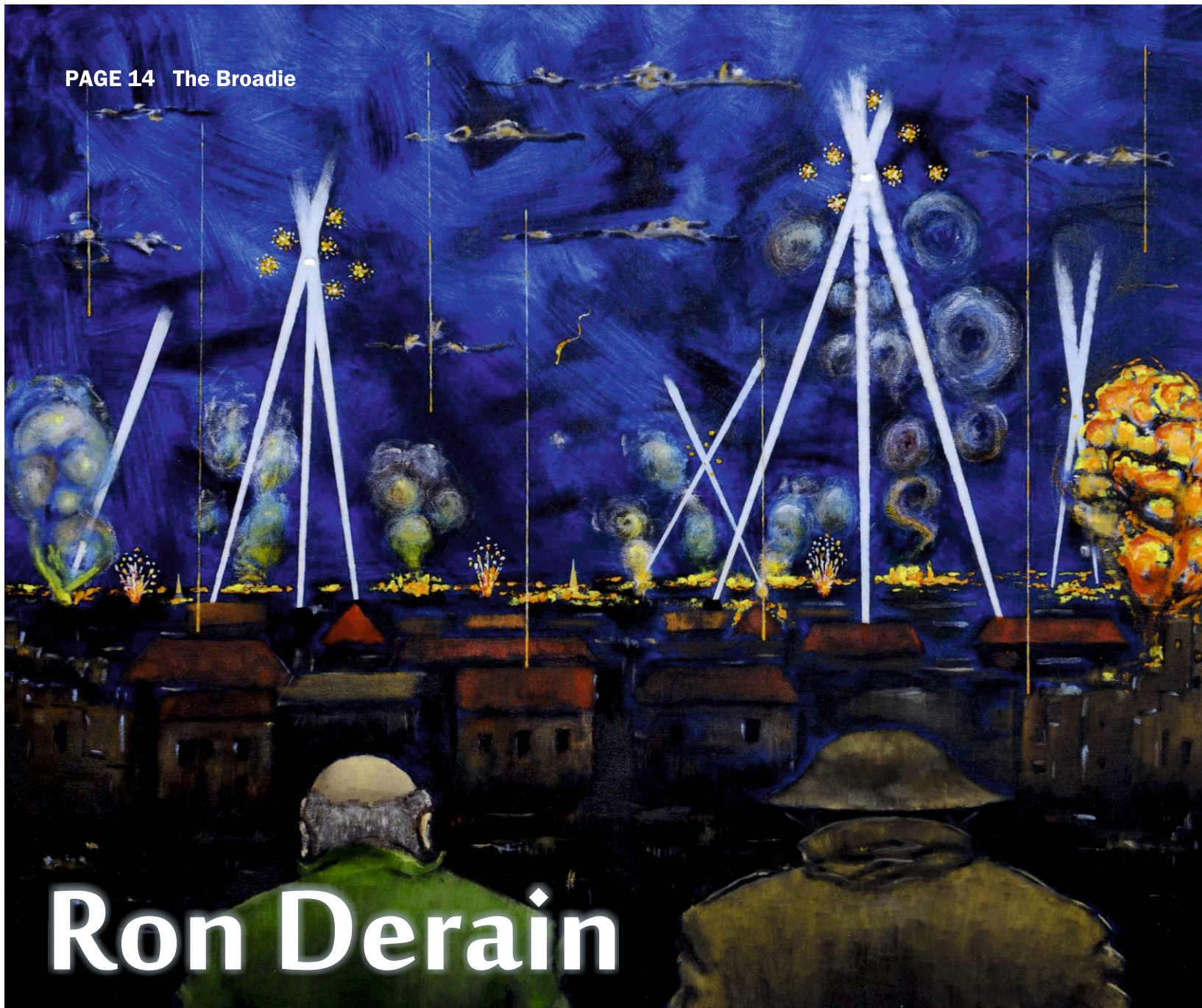
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Ron Derain

We had these wonderful paintings drop into our inbox just the other week. Suffice to say we absolutely love them. So much so, we even tried to buy the original of the painting you see above you. Sadly for us Ron wouldn't part with the original but they are available as prints on box canvases.

Born in 1930 Ron went to Sidcup Art school in 1944, aged 14, when V1 and V2 rockets were still being dropped on various parts of Britain – including Sidcup! This was undoubtedly the inspiration for his work, 1940 Searchlight

Painting. The painting depicts his father and grandfather, watching a bombing raid over London, his grandmother chastised his grandfather for not having his cap on, he replied, 'I'm not putting my bloody hat on for Hitler!' Ron studied under Ruskin Spear and James Wedgewood at Sidcup.

During his national service he served with the 7th (QO) Hussars Regiment and became a tank commander. His military experience was to influence his artistic career later on when he undertook commissioned sculpture work to depict various military icons for Airfix and other major companies.

He has two (of many more) amusing anecdotes of his

military career, Montgomery once inspected his boots whilst on parade also, he was court marshalled for the charge of, 'losing a tank'. (Another long story!) Once back in civilian life Ron worked for various London theatres, as property master. These included; Saddlers Wells, Drury Lane, the Royal Opera House, the London Palladium, and the Palace Theatre. Interestingly, Turner also had painted scenery at Drury Lane. He also took charge of a small team to design the Carnaby Hive Club in Carnaby Street, London – during the 'swinging sixties'. This involved set design and painting, lighting and electrics. He met and married a ballet dancer and had three beautiful daughters and later on, three (also beautiful!) granddaughters – much of his recent paintings of Broadstairs are inspired by them.

Ron always had a strong interest in cricket and was team captain and first bat for his local team. He also taught sculpture for Kent County Council until his medical retirement during the late 1970s. After a massive stroke he retrained himself to paint and sculpt with his left hand – 'this was my therapy!' he has said.

His move to Broadstairs in 1991 represented an artistic shift to his current contemporary style which many have compared to Lowry although his dear friend Gerald Brown, a film producer at Elstree Studios, once said, 'you have a broad appeal like Lowry yet it is totally original – more intricate, more thoughtful yet it isn't a copy of Lowry, it is original'. Ron's affection for Broadstairs is obvious within the painstaking characterisation and observation of people, animals, and well-known local scenes – all in an abstract style.



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'Bmx action' at 'Wheels & Fins'



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Darren Simpson

Folk Week feedback 2013 - How was it for you?

Sally Jones Rowell Policing was good and they really supported the community. Brilliant hobby horse club for the kids and a great atmosphere in town. A few people drank too much but hearing great music around town drowned them out! The weather was good too so all in all it was a superb folk week! Oh not enough litter bins!

Nicola Farmer Lovely atmosphere felt very safe ... Hope the next one the same

Jo Mitchell Piper A great week. No negatives. Much better than previous years

Coralie Relf Best folk week I've experienced for a long time. It was excellent this year

Sarah Gregory First time I have embraced folk week (instead of avoiding it) and thoroughly enjoyed it - great atmosphere although there will always be a small minority who try to spoil it - well done everyone involved!

Eva Perkins The only con was that I discovered I'm getting too old to do 3 2 hour dances in one day lol

Gemma Cayzer Parking was a nightmare if you work in the town. Maybe need to reserve somewhere for workers to park. Or provided a permit or school field.

Lee Wellbrook I'll admit to a degree of bias, as this is the 4th year my band has played at BFW, although it's my first year as a Broadstairs resident (moved here in December) - from a musical perspective (playing and watching), this has been the best year yet.

Pros - street cleaning crew (did an exceptional job), increased police presence seemed to keep the late night crowds under control, great selection of gigs and workshops, and, if nothing else, it must be a massive boost to the town's economy. I'd be interested to know what proportion of their annual revenue the pubs and restaurants take in during Folk Week. Cons - Albion Street late at night has nothing to do with Folk Week (there have been no evening Folk Week gigs in Albion Street for a couple of years), but it seems to be part of the burden of Folk Week. My feelings about the late night crowds varied between "just a lot of kids enjoying themselves so of course it will be noisy" to "this is a bit scary". I've no idea what the answer is, but I'm sure that the majority of bad feelings about Folk Week are generated by the closing of Albion Street and the subsequent late night crowds.

Jill Wood Despite having been born in Broadstairs, and spent childhood holidays here, I'd never ever been to Folk Week. I loved it. Absolutely loved it. The only down side for me, was all the glass on the beach. I did pick up that which I saw, but I had to watch my step rather than look at the scenery.

Thea Scott Yes, agree about lack of litter bins - or even provision of bigger ones. However, the volunteer picker-uppers were brilliant even polite to scavenging seagulls to avoid scaring them into sudden flight when there were so many kids around.

Karen Stewart Friends who now live in the USA rented one of the flint holiday cottages for the week as they were visiting relatives. Whilst they enjoyed the music and general atmosphere during the day at folk week, they were not very impressed with the youths urinating up the door of the cottage they were renting and staring in the windows, and also not being able to sleep until the early hours due to the noise. Myself I enjoyed my visit to the seafront during the day and my two nights out. Heard more jazz and reggae than folk music though.

Malcolm Page I believe the only con this year, as I believe in previous years, is the inconsiderate parking by people, and I am not being discriminate, with blue badges, it seemed that cars were just abandoned near to the sea front, all in all a great week.

Sue Borda Pro - Had a totally fab time by day and really enjoyed it. The policing was very good and they were very friendly in the evening, not confrontational which helped keep the huge drunk element peaceful. The streets at night were cleaned well, great improvement on last year. Cons - knew b4 parking would be an issue but the buses were erratic and full of kids (about 14yrs) shouting screaming and so drunk 1 had wet herself that was on the way. There were many pubs who obviously avoided the Folk element entirely which I think is disappointing as I am sure they lap up the increased revenue it creates! More bins would help people clear their own rubbish as all were full early!

Chris Rozee A brilliant week- then I would say that as a member of the yellow t-shirt brigade, Workforce, and as a member of a Morris dance side. The strong police presence kept the anti-social behaviour down. This year as I understand it Kent Police funded it, next year Broadstairs Folk Week have got to find the funding.

Chris Rozee Its nice to read the comments that at last people are realising that the anti-social behaviour during folk week has nothing to do with folk week. The earlier Parade seems to be a hit, it certainly was from a performers point of view. Using Charles Dickens School certainly proved popular with all concerned. The facilities were brilliant. Pupils who go to Charles Dickens are very very lucky.

Susan White Great new venue for camping and workshops and eating, loving the new school, such a treat to be able to go and chill on a comfy seat whenever you wanted and wifi as well. Also proper showers and toilets brilliant. The afternoon procession was a great success and the police presence was very reassuring. You will always get some problems round Albion St but this was no more than a normal weekend in Broadstairs. Those that cause trouble are not folkies and so to blame the festival is wrong. Great festival, bring on next year!

Darren Hehir This was my sixth folk week and possibly the best yet. The weather was really good, which always helps. The police presence was reassuring and the police themselves were very friendly and approachable. I'm pleased to see that the comments so far are very positive and consistent with my experience of the week. With regard to the Albion Street issue it strikes me that although the venues there are not part of folk week they advertise their gigs (on their facebook pages, etc.) as if they are, which I think is unhelpful and unfair to official folk week venues.

Karen Terry I enjoy folk week every year, the craft tent, morris dancers and general atmosphere, I'm not a great fan of listening to too much folk, but I love the local bands our Albion Street Pubs put on for us (I personally as a Broadstairs resident see this as part of my folk week celebrations).. Rather too many youngsters at night for my liking, but I guess the problem is that I'm getting older rather than the kids having a cheek being out

Susan Farbrace Thought it was all great apart from pedestrians who wandered across the roads as if they were closed to traffic, and who abused me when/if I sounded my horn a little; several times I was told to 'wait' but I had been for some time...I need to use my car as I cannot walk far....

Neil Barker Only one negative. The trader tents...same traders same position every year.....I could shop blindfolded. zzzzzzz

Linda James Same as the other comments a good folk week all round ... excellent campsite, parade and a good mix of music, if you wanted folk you got it if you wanted alternative that was in good supply as well. It was really good to see the town so busy. There were problems with parking but there always is in the summer months and yes we need bigger litter bins! But overall I think the town received visitors in a friendly and positive way as the week can be difficult for residents. Trade must be pleased as people were spending money.

spending money. Each year the festival must get harder to put on ... but somehow as a community we manage it and enjoy it....

Duncan Smithson More morris troupes than I have seen in years, highest level of police support ever, local bands putting on some great shows & meeting lots of people. Negatives - too many smashed glass bottles & less fun

David Ballard · I have impaired vision and I found the trader tents positions very conveniently positioned, same again next year please.

Claire Jones The only negative feedback I can give is about the lottery prizes as there were only 5 available... Would've been nicer if there were more to increase chance of winning! Everything else was great! xx

Christina Blythe Re: GLASS - Does the council still have the tractors cleaning beaches nowadays?

Mike Roberts It was good that there were bigger, and more regular, shuttle buses, but, with the additional distance from the town to the campsite these are needed more than ever. I can dance on the seafront and collect money for folk week for 7 days on the trot, or walk up and down the hill for 7 days. But, I can't do both.

Usually, the late night shows at the pavilion have not been that folky, but this year they tended to all be folk music. There are many people who attend Folk Week for the dancing and are not that interested in folk music and the late night at the Pavillion was for us. In previous years there has been Ska, Disco, Cajun-Folk-Rock-Reggae-Ska fusion. This year, it was all folk and as a consequence, the Pavillion was virtually empty on some nights. The only appropriate group was Blackbeard's Tea Party - excellent "Gangnam Style" session!

Howard Evans TDC did a great job clearing the crap can they please encourage more recycling on the promenades during the summer months with recycling specific bins.

Seth Proctor To be honest, I don't really know what to say. I used to live in Victoria Parade, so have (old) memories of BFW thus, since moving, it has been a couple of years since I actually had a few days off to sample BFW delights. And, of course, this is my first year as a town trader.... If you want a frank assessment: what Folk Week?? Okay, that is over the top - but, please, consider this: apart from the main seafront area (ie promenade, Harbour/Albion/Charlotte/John/Victoria section), you would not really know there was a folk week in the high street. In other words, no yellow shirted volunteers, no musicians busking or hustling down the street... or at least in the numbers I remember. One the couple of occasions I ventured down during the day, it was "wow - so this is what is happening!" And, yes, it was great. What was not so great was the distinct lack of Folk revelry in the evenings which, frankly spoil things and mar the excellent efforts of BFW and others. Unfortunately I don't have an answer. To conclude: keep up the good work, figure out how to get a bigger spread of BFW without running the risks of the problems of 2012, and long may BFW continue!

Kelly Jones Every year my daughters and I look forward to fw. love all the colourful characters, all the dancers, performers are fantastic, the atmosphere is inspiring. love it look forward to many more

Thank you to all who contributed. We thought that Folk Week 2013 was exceptionally good. The levels of Policing this year seemed about right to us which just goes to show that previous years have been seriously under-policed.

Of course now the arguments will start about who pays for it. Lets just quote Francis Maude MP, who when questioned on BBC Radio 4 show 'Any Questions' about the costs involved of policing Margaret Thatchers funeral said.

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My dog smells

So, another summer season draws to a close and Broadstairs is reclaimed by its local populace; the town is ours again and we, the local shopkeepers and the hotel and restaurant owners, weigh up profits or losses and plan for the next year.

Yes, the holidaymakers absence will be felt and no more so than by my Spaniel Wilbur, for it is in the months of June through to September that his food intake is boosted by a good 50%.

As any Spaniel owner will tell you, these dogs can sniff out a day-old bread-crust or a half-eaten chip at 40 paces. Chances are, that if someone gripping a taut lead suddenly lurches across your path, it's because there is a Spaniel at the other end that has located an unwanted stub-end of a pickle or microscopic portion of a crisp, wedged in a pavement crack.

Their sense of smell is second to none, in fact, all dogs, according to a recent programme on Radio 4, have two noses. The obvious one (just above the mouth and between the whiskers) and another, an internal one, located somewhere in the roof of the mouth. Here saliva is flicked up by the back of the tongue and "tasted". This "second taste" gives the dog such a flood of sensation and information that, for them, to take in the barest whiff of say a T-bone steak, is almost as good as actually eating it.

To equate this into human terms, this would be the equal of us, upon just glimpsing a grainy snapshot of Scarlett Johansson, to be able to imagine exactly what it would be like to spend a long weekend, as her guest, at her beach house in Malibu.....

OK, where was I? Oh, yes.

Wilbur's favourite time during "The Season" is his midday walk in Pierremont Park just as the language students (you know, those nice, young people from the continent that try to trample you to death whilst shouting at one another) are settling down to their picnic lunches; they lay sprawled on the grass without a care, that is, until Wilbur appears. Life seems to go into slow motion as he bounds towards their unsuspecting ranks.

I yell: "W-I-L-B-U-R.....N O O O O O!"

But it is too late and he has snagged a sausage-roll that was part way between a Rooks bag and mouth.

He has been known to carry off whole pasties. While his latest trick for chips is to just catch the edge of the Styrofoam box with his paw, spilling them onto the ground, ready for yumming up.

It's hard to keep him slim in the summer when pickings are so rich.

Yes I could keep him on the lead but where's the fun in that?

Even without the students food, my dog will seek out anything edible.

The situation is not helped by those home grown, misguided fools, the "Do-Gooders" who leave their food scraps out in public spaces, to "help feed the wildlife".

What do they imagine, that the squirrels come down and nibble on the box-end crumbs of Bran Flakes they've put out, or that fawns emerge tentatively from the bushes at Pierremont to graze upon some burnt toast that they've chopped into neat squares for their little mouths?

WAKE UP! It doesn't happen. Wilbur has been eating this stuff for the past four and a half years, that's where it goes.

Starving sparrows do not want your rock hard slices of Hovis, so stale it would break a beak.

Wildebeest will not change their migration habits to take in the pathway that runs down by the allotments just 'cos you've left out some old "sponge fingers". Wilbur eats that too.

I'm sure he would take on a charging rhino for half a stale bakewell. So

,give up!

And lastly to those persons that regularly leave stuff out over the Rec, is this some offering to the gods? Are you hoping that with your constant "food sacrifices" you can summon up some deity? The woodland god Pan, perhaps?

Are you expecting that he might manifest himself at the back of the Bowls Pavillion and that you might glimpse him, his pipes trilling merrily as he capers in the dawn light?

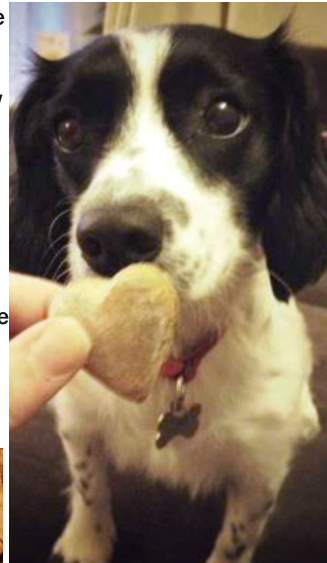
It ain't gonna happen! Wilbur eats that pizza, no matter how old it is. I seem to have "gone on a bit". This wasn't meant to be a rant. I'll stop now.

The summer is over; Wilbur will lose the extra weight and the town is ours.

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And the cat came back

On Monday 2nd September Linden Smith wrote a post on Facebook in the Broadstairs! Group.

"The owners of Spice Cottage have lost their cat Noodle. She is just over a year old. Grey and white tabby. No collar on. Very friendly. Last seen Wed 28th Aug"

Within 20 minutes there was a reply from Gary Frame to say that he thought he had seen a sign on a house in St Peters about a found cat. He then at 8.30 in the evening got on his bicycle and rode the half mile back to get the details on the notice.

It all ended as in the best feel good movies with the 'Noodle' the cat being reunited with its owners.

The final post the next afternoon from Linden said:-

"Noodle happy to be home .A new friendship has been made between the owner of Spice Cottage and the elderly gentleman who found her wandering about Albion Road. Apparently he was in the army in India for a few years. India was discussed and Noodle's owner is going to reward gentleman with a delicious taste of India. All's well that ends well. I wonder if Noodle went on the underground to St Peters? - Long way by paws".



Mrs Wally's Autumn comfort munch

The nights are drawing in. The leaves have started their annual flutter downwards to lie crunchily on the streets. The mornings are damper and greyer and bed seems more and more like heaven each morning. Frankly, salad seems like a chore. It's all about comfort food - stews, risottos and soups. It's all about log fires. It's all about sitting by the fire knitting. I love the change in the seasons; it's a time to be reminded about forgotten ingredients - pumpkin, beetroot, red cabbage, slow cooked brisket. Here are three comforting dishes I've cooked in the last couple of weeks. As usual, measurements are approximate - choose your own definition of glug!

Autumn slaw.

I'm a bit bored of lettuce; I need a bit more of substance to my salad at this time of year. We have started to get a veg box in an attempt to inspire a more varied diet - it's very easy to pick up the same ingredients week after week now that Mr Wally is too busy travelling around the world interfering with sheep to tend to the allotment. I made this one up out of necessity and am a convert - it's a real winner, it keeps really well in the fridge, develops even more flavour over a few days and is brilliant as a packed lunch salad, side for grilled meat or stirred into heated lentils.

Red cabbage, beetroot, carrots, a big apple, sultanas, walnuts, coriander, red wine vinegar, EV olive oil, salt & pepper.

Cut the red cabbage in half lengthways and remove the white core then shred finely with a knife. Don't worry about too much uniformity, different sizes give a bit of variety. Rinse and put in a big bowl. Peel a couple of medium beetroot and a couple of large carrots and grate on the coarsest side of your grater, add to the cabbage. Core the apple and grate into the mixture. Put a handful of sultanas into a saucepan and add a couple of table spoons of red wine vinegar. Turn up the heat and allow to bubble away until the sultanas have hovered up the vinegar and stir into the veg. Scrunch up a couple of handfuls of walnuts and add. Liberally splosh with EV olive oil, another tablespoon of vinegar, salt and pepper and stir to combine. If you like a bit of spice, you could add a thinly sliced, de-seeded chilli and a handful of chopped coriander.

Pumpkin risotto

I had a little gnarly pumpkin in my veg box and a couple of cobs of corn lingering in the salad tray so came up with this.

Small pumpkin or squash, risotto rice (250g for two pigs with leftovers), knob of butter, splosh of oil, couple of cobs of corn, red onion, chilli flakes, garlic, thyme, glass of white wine, about a litre of veg stock, big handful of parmesan - If you want some meat, then use chicken stock and some chicken thighs or pickings from a roast or some nice thickly diced pancetta.

Peel and cube the pumpkin (about 2cms) and put in a roasting tray with a glug of oil, sprinkle of chilli flakes, a few unpeeled cloves of garlic and a few sprigs of thyme. Roast in a medium oven - gas 5 for 30-40 mins. Whilst your pumpkin is sizzling in the oven, get cracking with your risotto. I find it best to prep all the veg before I start cooking, so

stand your cobs upright on a chopping board and slice the corn off by slicing downwards, turning after each slice and put in a bowl making sure all the lovely juices are saved, dice your onion, grate your parmesan, heat your stock. Put your knob of butter in your biggest pan, add some oil and gently fry the onions for a few minutes until they start to soften, add the rice and stir to coat in the oil, after a minute or so, chuck in your white wine and stir while it sizzles away. Add a ladle of stock, stir until absorbed, repeat until the rice starts to ooze its lovely starch. When you taste it and it's just slightly al dente, add the corn and juice and stir to combine. Let the corn heat through in the rice whilst you deal with the pumpkin - remove from oven and pick out the garlic which should be lovely and soft and caramelised, squeeze the soft garlic out and stir into the risotto, add the parmesan and stir through to combine, take off the heat and keep stirring whilst it melts. You can either stir the pumpkin in now or serve the risotto and just pop it on top. Yum.

Lazy Sunday pot roast brisket.

Brisket is much neglected. I love it. It is a really cheap, low maintenance way to produce a lovely dinner while you get on with your life - go for a walk, pop to the pub, write a letter to the Broadie! Brisket - ask your butcher how much you need for your family, a bottle of red wine, some shallots or onions, a few carrots, thyme, a couple of bay leaves, salt and pepper.

Brisket is a cheaper cut of beef which loves a long, slow cook. It can't be easier, just buy a nice piece of brisket from the butcher, heat a splosh of oil in a big casserole with a tightly fitting lid and seal the meat, peel and halve the carrots, peel the shallots - if you're using onions, peel and slice thickly, add a few sprigs of thyme and some bay leaves, add the wine and put in a low oven for a very very long time - I normally leave it on gas 3 for about 3 or 4 hours. The house will fill with beautiful smells and the wine will make a lovely gravy. If the gravy is still too runny when you're approaching eat o'clock, remove the brisket (which will have shrunk as it has relinquished all its beefy goodness) and vegetables and put to one side whilst you bubble the juices down on the hob to thicken. Serve thick slices with steamed greens and boiled potatoes or mash and a generous spoonful of oniony gravy.

Mrs Wally's top tip

Use your leftover brisket and gravy as a filling for a lovely seasonal pie, just add a puff pastry lid (cheat and buy it, life is too short to make your own puff pastry). Serve with steamed broccoli.



A Festival of fine fare

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Imagine, if you will, a single menu board offering a confusion of traditional farmhouse pates with artisan bread, rabbit stew followed by hunks of Kent's finest cheese: veggie options of char-grilled peppers, cheese tarts and lusciously rich ice cream, spicy beasties of freshly cooked samosas and a lip stinging curry, steaming bowls of mussels and platters of tapas followed by a seemingly endless choice of crackers, crepes and cakes.

A grown up version of the Lewis Carroll's Mad Hatter tea party or a very confused restaurateur? Hold up, what's the date - October? Must mean the Broadstairs Food Festival is back in town and these are just a few of the menus that can be created with produce at the food fair.

Now in its fifth year, we like to think that the festival is the epicurean gem in Kent's calendar. Always scheduled for the first weekend in October, its heart is the free 3 day food fair on Victoria Gardens and along the prom. Over one hundred traders, primarily Kent food and drink producers, create a great weekend of tastings, giving you a chance to discover new products and re-acquaint yourself with old favourites. Pop down for coffee and cake in the morning - buy the makings of lunch - pop back for afternoon tea and buns - buy the makings for supper - refresh yourself with a glass of ale - pop back for getting the hang of this?

Many of the past stall holders will be returning (they love us!) alongside some new offerings. This year's new kids on the block include King's Hill Rare Breed Farm and Nip From the Hip vying for space with Taste of Kent award winners such as Ashmore Cheese, Quex Park Oils and Godmersham Game; plus there will be even more fishy, vegan and veggie offerings.

It's good to see more local restaurateurs and pubs getting involved. Wyatt and Jones, The Churchill Tavern and The Charles Dickens will be on the green and Steve at Albarino is demonstrating in the Kitchen Theatre - where he should have been last year but was hit by a vicious virus ... plenty of Echinacea and Vit C+ this year Steve!

Talking kitchen theatre demos, we have not only local award winning chef Dev Biswal from Ambrette (Taste of Kent's Best Restaurant of the Year 2013) but have somehow secured Andy McLeish from the Michelin starred Chapter One restaurant at Locksbottom and Charlie Lakin, of the much acclaimed Marquis at Alkham, alongside talented team from EKC headed up by Craig Mather. (Check out the website for full details.)

And there's more:
The festival kicks off this year with not one but two Gala Dinner evenings hosted by the festival's major sponsor East Kent College. Tickets went like

the proverbial hotcakes so, never ones to disappoint an audience, we are offering a second bite at this very luscious cherry on Monday 30th September. This seven course culinary delight, supported by Investaco and Turner's Fine Foods sets a delicious standard for the festival so if you want a chance to experience fine dining for a mere thirty five quid ... book either through the web site or call me 07866 857 088.

Twitter and Facebook feeds suggested we have a dining area (we do listen!) so local chef Jason Freedman of the Minnis Bar and Restaurant will be bringing the festival's first Pop Up restaurant, serving food throughout Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October, with no reservations required. Hopefully a calm oasis with a glass of wine and a yummy plate of hot food.

If you are feeling philanthropic, treat yourself to a pre-booked place at the Champagne Lunch, Friday 4th October, in the pop up restaurant, offered in support of the Food Festival.

We'll greet you with a glass of bubbly, ply you with glorious food accompanied with a select choice of wines and invite you to linger and mingle, with the benefit of a complimentary bar. Proceeds will go towards the Broadstairs Food Festival, 2014 fund. (Contact Jo 07866 857 088 for details)

New for this year are the Children's Workshops on Saturday and Sunday morning. Workshops are not pre-bookable and as numbers are limited, it is strictly first come, first served. Saturday sees the team from the Kitchen Cafe, Ramsgate helping 5-12 year olds create filo pastry savouries. Art is the word on Sunday when printmaker Cathy Moore will be organising sessions with a view to creating an image for the Festival 2014 aprons and tea towels. Plus, Skip 2 B Fit will be on hand helping everyone work off those extra calories. Family challenge anyone?

Also new in this year are a number of pre-bookable fringe events to whet your appetite. Thanet Film Club is showing "Jiro Dreams of Sushi" at the Palace Cinema, October 1st; The Walpole Bay Hotel is offering museum tours and cream teas on Wednesday Oct 2nd - the same day that Jan and Kat are hosting a Festival special at Wyatt & Jones; Graham at the bijou Oscar Festival Cafe has an Italian evening scheduled and Kevin at The Thirty Nine Steps is offering an acoustic trio.

So clear your diaries - it's going to be a busy week!
Friday 4th - Saturday 5th October : 10am - 6pm
Sunday 6th October : 10am - 5pm



Smart Coffee at the station

Here's a nice little service that's been started up by Andy Mackay

He has recently started trading as 'The Red Bean Machine' on Broadstairs train station in the mornings from 5.45am with his quirky converted smart car selling espresso based coffee drinks along with homemade cakes. It has been greatly received by the local commuters who have stated that it is something that has been needed at the station for a while.



Wheels & Fins

Last weekend Joss Bay beach once again played host to the hugely popular Wheels and Fins festival featuring live music, skateboarding, DJ's, parkour and the notorious soapbox derby! Despite summer in Thanet coming to an abrupt end just days before, the festival doubled in size and attendance this year, and looks set to become one of the years 'must attend' events. Inside the band marquee acts like The Stringer Bessant Band (ex Reef), The Duallers and Serious Sam Barrett played alongside local acts including Congo Faith Healers, Coco and the Butterfields, Tundra and the Bubbleband and helped keep everyone warm! The DJ tent was also packed with DJ Marc Churchell and Christian 'DJ BBQ' Stevenson (hosts of the TV series RAD) playing out a mixture of party tunes on the Friday night and Jo Wallace (Madame Jojo's) and Kylie G keeping everyone dancing on the Saturday night.

This year the skate ramp doubled in size and with a £2000 prize purse on offer pro and sponsored skaters from all over the UK turned up to entertain the crowd and slug it out for the cash. There was also a special guest appearance from legendary veteran US Pro Eric Dressen who took time out of his UK tattoo/skate tour to support the event, meet some fans and sign a lot

of things! In the end Trevor Johnson from Cambridgeshire walked away victorious with Dan Hill from Wales in second and Greg Nowik from Southampton in third.

There were many other activities on site including Stand up paddle boarding, downhill skateboarding and parkour but the one that everyone really anticipates is the soapbox derby. This year the turnout of carts was bigger and the designs were even wilder and more varied than last year, including a Robin Reliant, a drag trike, an aeroplane and something that looked like it came off robot wars. Obviously there were the usual catastrophic failures and comedy crashes which is what the crowd come for!

If you're interested in sponsoring the event next year, think you may have skills/equipment that could be put to good use or would like to retail at the event please contact the organisers as your support will help the event grow and enable them to keep it free. For anything of this nature please mail nic@backroomoperations.com The organisers would like to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors, volunteers, bands, DJ's, competitors and finally all the people that just came along and got involved

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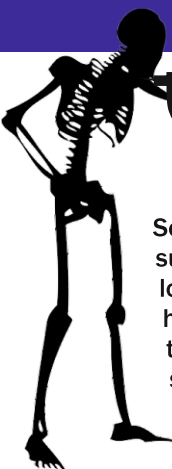
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BACK TO SCHOOL



Settling back into the school routine after the lovely, long summer holidays was always a mixed blessing for me. I loved seeing my family relaxed and happy and liked not having to get reluctant people out of the front door in time for school. It was also great not to have all those school shirts to iron. They were however quite happy by September to get back to their friends and the discipline of formal education.

We see many children in the clinic with a variety of mostly minor problems and besides the constant discussion about posture (every chiropractor's obsession) there are three areas that stand out more than others at this time of year.

Back packs

It has been obvious for a long time that heavy school bags may lead to back problems but it has not been shown exactly what can happen until recently.

Research has now shown that a surprisingly low amount of weight in a child's back pack can cause compression on the discs in the low back and an increase in the curvature of the spine. The guidelines now given since this are to limit a child's fully loaded bag to no more than 10% of their body weight. They also advise that both straps must be worn. When choosing a back pack for your child, choose a light one with wide, padded and adjustable straps. Also lots of compartments will help to distribute objects so that the weight is more evenly distributed.

Encourage them to use lockers at school and not to leave everything until the weekend so that they don't arrive home on a Friday with too much in their bags. My memory is of the same things going backwards and forwards to school without ever leaving their bags so encourage them to pack and unpack each day (not at the last minute when everybody is in a rush, I remember that too).

Ask them over the first few weeks if they are getting any back pain. If so alter the bag and if this doesn't help feel free to speak to us. We see many children with back pain caused by all sorts of postural problems and quite often all they need is reinforcement of postural advice.

Sleep

Now to the most difficult part of Back to School: Bedtimes and making sure that your child is getting enough sleep. It is best to ease back into a routine, starting the last two weeks of summer holidays. Set a bedtime for children and be sure to wake those late sleepers earlier every day. Proper amounts of sleep vary with age. I found it very useful to quote these hours to mine and (usually) it worked.

On average:

4-5 year old should get 10-12 hours of sleep

6-9 year old should get 10 hours of sleep
10-12 year old should get 9+hours of sleep
Teens should get 8-9.5 hours of sleep

Drinking enough?

Often at this time of year we discuss children drinking enough at school and have found that the main reason they don't surprises most parents. It's the school toilets. This may sound weird but do you ever ask your children if they use the school toilets?

We ask young people who come into the clinic and they frequently say no.

Young people especially teenage girls will avoid drinking all day so that they don't have to use school loos.

It may not just be that they aren't very clean; it may be due to bullying or not enough time or just the embarrassment of using a public loo.

Not drinking enough can lead to poor concentration, constipation and is one of the causes of period pain in young women. So it may be more important than you realise.

Life is very different when you don't have school aged people in the house. You don't have a clue when half term is and you (nearly) forget having to find football boots and homework at the last minute. We are expecting our first grandchild at the end of the year so the whole lovely cycle begins again. Look forward to lots of tips from you seasoned grandparents.



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We have four completely new and different ventures that have opened recently.

PuPS 'n' CuPS

4 Eldon Place where Smoothie Boat used to be Sally Glaister comes from Medway and has been working in Broadstairs for six years but this is her first venture into her own business. Sally has opened a café and you may think that there is every sort of café going in town but this one is something new. It's a vintage, dog friendly café. Dogs are more than welcome and even catered for with homemade dog treats and PuPcakes. There are lots of homemade goodies for mere humans as well and all made with eggs from their own free range hens. The café is also full of lovely exclusive, handmade dog accessories.



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Boutique 74 74 High Street

Laura Chapman has just opened her boutique on the High Street and although it is her first venture into owning a business she has over 20 years in the fashion industry. She has worked for Italian designers and supplied to such well known places as Harvey Nichols and Sainsburys, to name drop only a couple (think there are many more).

Laura wants to appeal to local customers and ensure that only a very few of each style is stocked so that we don't all turn up to the same event in the same outfit. She says that new stock will arrive every 3-4 weeks and anything that hasn't shot off the rails will be removed. So if you like the look of anything in the window you better snap it up before it disappears. Rather different than multi-national stores where the whole country wears exactly the same items.

When I was in there having a nose around, there was lots of talk of loyalty cards and fashion events so all quite exciting: 01843 862588

Lam of London

Lisa McNair is an experienced footwear designer and product developer with over 15 years in the industry. She has a wealth of knowledge in most aspects of the footwear industry from her roles in buying for high street footwear concessions through to her design and product development positions both branded and retail. She is now looking to share the knowledge of the industry in a series of workshops and is offering local schools and colleges in the East Kent area a free half hour taster workshop to students that are interested in entering into a career in fashion or more specifically footwear in her Broadstairs studio.

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Halloween Trick or Treat Trail: Thurs 31st Oct 3-5pm

Following the fantastic success of last year's Halloween Trail, Broadstairs & St Peter's Chamber of Commerce and Fiona Crawford of Helter Skelter are again organising a Trick or Treat Trail throughout the town. About 32 business took part and over 400 people enjoyed the event For more information contact the Chamber on 07925 185052 info@broadstairschamber.org.uk

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Philpott explores

In which we send our gallant hero off into the wild blue yonder in search of facts and fancies from yesteryear

Harmony does not reign in the Philpott household, and apparently I am to blame. How did this come about I hear you ask..... Well, this week saw the present Mrs Philpott celebrate her birthday. Knowing her interest in the Luftwaffe, I booked a surprise flight over Thanet in a Messerschmitt for her. She seemed delighted on take-off but this was not to last. A clear 10 minutes into the flight it was apparent that with the extra weight on board the plane was struggling somewhat to gain height, if it wasn't for someone in the conning tower spotting her predicament she would have spent the rest of the day circling just 300 feet above Garlinge. Eventually she was talked down, suffering a badly bruised undercarriage in the process. To make amends for this near disaster, I then decided to take the good lady out for a romantic dinner to one of Albion Road's finer dinners. Well, this was clearly a mistake. Mrs Philpott was at best not impressed by the meal, and sadly disappointed by the wine waiter who popped his cork with too much haste and spilled a drop over her shoulder!

So today, I find myself in the doghouse, literally. Giving it a good clean out for Mrs Philpott's Labradors, Dougie and Tom (strangely, Mrs Philpott names all her pets after members of the band McFly).

Not being talked to, I'm taking the opportunity for a quick visit to Tivoli woods in Margate, to do some research for this article. Departing the house I try to make peace with Mrs Philpott, by offering to take the pooches with me for a walk but Mrs Philpott made it quite clear that today her puppies were not to be handled.

So the events of this week have led me on to think of how people used to enjoy themselves in the olden days, and this in turn has led me to Tivoli woods.....

Believe it or not, between 1829 and 1867 Tivoli Pleasure Gardens (as it became known) was one of the busiest and most fashionable entertainment sites in the country. Pleasure Gardens had become fashionable areas of entertainment since the mid 1700's; and by 1780 Margate had its first one, at Dent-De-Lion, on Garlinge. It had shady walks, interment nooks, a splendid bowling green, and space for ten to twelve couples to dance. By 1829 Tivoli, or Shady Grove Tea Gardens (as it was then known), had opened. In fact, by 1829 there were seven Pleasure Gardens in Margate. But the Tivoli Pleasure Gardens was the daddy of them all.

The original site of the Pleasure Gardens was much bigger than the remnants of the woods that exist today, with the public entering the site through a castle gate for the nominal fee of 1 Shilling (5 pence in modern money). The original site would have encompassed all the land along Heartsdown Road, including Margate football club, to near enough the boundary of the current Heartsdown Park. The wooded area of the Pleasure Gardens were landscaped and offered secluded avenues, magic chairs, arbours, a la chinoise, grottos, jets d'eau, promenades, ascending fire balloons and a considerable size lake boasting not only fish and swans, but also a 120 man-of-war battle ship, and various other boats (all be it in reduced scale). All this being



illuminated at night with multi coloured gas lighting. To entertain the public Tivoli boasted an onsite hotel, tavern, hermitage, coffee house (40 feet by 80 feet), bowling green, concert room (140 feet x 120 feet), various cottages, and a cosmorama (look that one up!). Every night at ten o'clock, the whole complex was illuminated by a sumptuous firework display. This proved so attractive, that by 1848 Tivoli Pleasure Gardens had its own bespoke railway station; this, along with the steam ships bringing people to Margate, resulted in thousands of people a day visiting Tivoli, making it possibly the largest tourist attraction in the UK, of its day. Over the next forty years success and failure ebbed and flowed at Tivoli under different owners and managers. Some brought in high end entertainment from Covent Garden and The Royal Academy; whilst others seemed to be happy to turn a blind eye to drunkenness, revelry and immoral acts taking place in the garden, so long as the running costs were met.

By 1867 the public had grown tired of Pleasure Gardens and the world had moved on. It's true that some of the numerous proprietors failed to invest in the gardens, and that in its later days it was a

shadow of its former glory but the truth is that times and peoples tastes had changed. By 1869 the trains no longer stopped and the gardens were excluded from a list of Margate's attractions.

You would assume that this is where our story ends, but no..... there's a cheeky little epitaph.

In 1898 the vicar of All Saints Church persuaded volunteers to help him restore the long abandoned gardens and buildings for one weekend in aid of charity. Five thousand people attended over two days, to great success and over £400 was raised. The vicar again opened the gardens for charity the following year, to vast success. About this time, people began to ask, what charity was all the money going to be donated to.....

It turned out that the money was going to build the vicar a vast new vicarage, which still stands today at the top of Tivoli Road. Downhearted by this swindling vicar, no further fetes were held, and the site was abandoned and eventually developed.

It's hard to imagine the current Tivoli woods as they were in their heyday. Some foundation debris still exists and a demolished railway bridge looks over the bottom of Beatrice Road, but little else recalls its former glory (not unlike the present Mrs Philpott). But somewhere between the dog poo bins, one can still wish that they had seen it in its former glory, when the crowds came and the people danced and sang.....

Albert Philpott (with an emotional tear in his eye)

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The Eagle festival



There's just a little space left in the 'mag' (just before we send it to the printers) to mention the 'Eagle Festival' organised by The Bradstow School.

The finale to the event that started on 17th September with Roman based workshops was a unique narrated

performance by local schools, dancers, drama groups and professional musicians. Those taking part included a modern chamber orchestra, massed school choirs, signing choir, inclusive drama groups, a SLD/Autism band in conjunction with The Pie factory, Ballet and contemporary dancers, and the re-enactment group 'Comitatus', with specially composed music. Here's what a 'Bradstow school had to say about the event

For us the Eagle symbolises our desire to rise above the barriers of



disability, discrimination and prejudice and for each of us to fly on the wings of our hopes and dreams, free of the expectations and limitations of others.

The organisers, children and young people involved in the festivities clearly enjoyed the finale and the weather managed to behave itself too. The evening was rounded off with that Broadstairs favourite - a firework display.

thanks to Janet Thomas for the photos

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Band: Pavilion 01843 581185

25 Fri 7.30pm

Halloween Quiz B & St. P's Chamber of Commerce

Crampton Tower Hall 07925 185052

26 Sat 10am-12pm

JUMBLE SALE Admission 20p

St. P's Old Boys & Community Association

Memorial Hall St. Peter's 01843 864162

27 Sun 3.00pm

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27 Sun 4pm

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November

16 Sat 10am-3pm

VILLAGE FAYRE - Admission Free St P's Old Boys

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Admission Free Memorial Hall St. Peter's 01843 864162

17 Sun 9am-2pm

YESTERYEAR EXHIBITION & refreshments

St P's Old Boys Association Memorial Hall

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23 Sat 10am-5pm & 24 Sun 10-4pm

MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION St. George's School

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December

1 Sun

CHRISTMAS FAIR & LIGHT SWITCH Father Christmas in his Grotto.

Christmas music from local choirs Pierremont Park 07925 185052

7 Sat 10am-5pm

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8 Sun 7.30pm

An evening with the Broadstairs & St. Peter's Concert

Band at Christmas Tickets £6 Pavilion 01843 581185

Broadstairs Writers' Circle

The next meeting is on 16th September at 7.15 pm at The Brown Jug pub in Broadstairs and we welcome all writers and aspiring writers. Contact details are: Trisha Scott on 01843 602853 and email: naomiparkerkent@gmail.com

4th Broadstairs Scout Group. Belvedere Road , Broadstairs.

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Thanet Farmers' Market

is a new monthly food market at The Marlowe Academy in Ramsgate that will launch on Sunday 15th September, 9:30-1:00.

The market is organised by three producers who are all based in Thanet:

- Sarah Bowers, Little Stour Orchard
- Award-winning apple juice, cider, vinegar and hand made preserves
- Martin Karunaratna, Smoke & Spice
- Lightly smoked locally sourced meat, cheese and fish
- Charlotte Robinson, South Barn Gifts
- Hand made fudge, chocolate truffles, preserves and cakes

The organisers want to create a new opportunity for residents to buy high quality artisan food and drink sourced from small, independent local businesses.

After the launch event, and the second market, which is Sunday 20th October, the market will operate on every 2nd Sunday of the month, 9:30-1:00.

Please follow Thanet Farmer's Market on Facebook and Twitter

(@ThanetFarmMkt), and listen to Academy FM for updates.

Website: <http://www.kfma.org.uk/Thanet>.

Crampton Tower Museum The following community based groups have regular meetings at Crampton Tower Museum:

Monday - Thanet Archaeological Society and Broadstairs Victorians

Tues - Victorian Sewing Bees

Wed - Stage Door (Children's Theatre group), Crampton Scalextric Club and Phoenix Quilters

Thurs - Timaru Slot-racing Car Club

Friday - Kent Music Youth Orchestra and Ramsgate and District Model Engineering Club

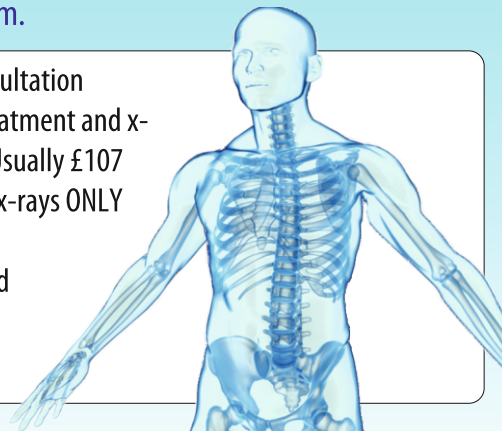
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NOVEMBER

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Sat 16th 7.30pm. Kean Productions present **In**

Extremis by Neil Bartlett

Sun 17th 7pm **The London Philharmonic Skiffle
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Sat 23rd 7.30pm & Sun 24th 2.30pm. **Alice in**

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DECEMBER

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October**

1: Jiro Loves Sushi (Broadstairs Food Festival)

8: Blancanieves

15: In the House

22: The Wall

29: White Elephant

November

5: Shun Li and the Poet

12: Reality

19: The Gatekeepers

26: Much Ado About Nothing

December

3: Rebellion

10: Easy Money

17: Beware of Mr. Baker

CAN YOU HELP!?

Thanet Community Support Partnership is the central point of contact, working with various groups to help older people lead more independent lives by recruiting volunteers to become a regular visitor - we are always desperate for more !!! We have supported over 1000 older people, with many more waiting for help.

A volunteer with a little time can make all the difference to the health and well-being of an older person. Volunteers can help in a number of ways as mentioned below.

Most of us don't think twice about changing a light bulb or putting the rubbish out but many of these and other simple everyday tasks can prove impossible when you're older. A little help here and there is often all that's needed. Some older people are stuck indoors unnecessarily, for example 'Mrs G' who was alone and housebound following a fall, waited at her window for 2 days hoping to stop a passer-by to ask them to buy her a pint of milk. Some elderly people just need a little company, someone to share a cup of tea and a chat with for a few hours a week or some may need help with shopping.

Thanet Community Support Partnership also runs 'Your Time' social afternoon every Wednesday (at the Ramsgate Small Boat Owners Association - RSBOA) helping to bring isolated elderly people back into the community by socialising, making new friends, even learning new skills with others - after all, you're never too old to learn!

If you'd like to get involved or just want to know more you can drop into our office at the Volunteer Bureau in Meeting Street, Ramsgate. Or pick up the 'phone and call Lou or Fran on 01843 597115 between the hours of Mon- Fri 9am - 3pm. It's that easy.

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10 Sun 7.30pm

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11 Mon 9.45am

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11 Mon 7pm

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Thanks from Bob Munday

Lucy has had a Great summer with the Broadstairs RNLI Life guards on Stone Bay, Thanks to you all for looking after us in the sea & on the beach, you do a great job. Lucy would especially like to Thank Angie, Ryan, Cameron, Jake, Sophie, Simone, Bren & any we may have missed out, hope to see you next year & for those we don't Good Luck in the future. Lucy, Denise & Bob hut
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