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'For the Times is bad in old England, in old England there's very bad times' So sad Richard Thompson, and by jove he had a point. There's been some tough trading in Broadstairs in the last few months. Christmas barely took off for many in town and to put it mildly, since the festive period it's been deader than a dead parrot on a dead branch in Deadfordshire. Why not spend that extra quid in town, go on have a meal out - you deserve it. Stuff the diet, its time for a Cornetto and you know that gift you saw in the shop, that'll really go well with that new outfit...

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Two steps from Hagrid



Dear Broadie people.

I always used to get confused between 1960s film stars such as Paul Newman, Steve McQueen and Robert Redford, somehow in my minds eye each of their faces would seem to melt into the next. Having seen Cllr Wells the other day it occurred to me that he definitely looked like someone I already knew. A quick tour of the internet unearthed a remarkable three, two, one. Just two steps from Hagrid.

(that's Chuck Blazer in the middle of FIFA infamy)

Janet from Thanet. Broadstairs

Hanging is too good for them

Dear Broadie.

What the hell is it with those confounded dog owners that continue to let their beasts defecate wherever and whenever they like. If I did it, I'm sure my wife would reprimand me with a firm beating. Bring back the birch is what I say - on the dog or the owner or both.

Angry of the seafront

Coffee anyone

Dear Sir/madam.

I was wondering if your good readers can help me, ever since you've dissuaded people from asking for opinions on various sectors of the service industry on your Facebook page, I'm really at a loss.

Does anyone know where I can get a cup of coffee in town, I was hoping to combine the trip with a visit to a place where I can sell a house whilst getting a bit of a hair and beauty make-over.

Molly. Broadstairs

Sheds

Perhaps with the arrival of the new Town Shed, older gentlemen shedders might be willing to become involved in my shed storage business. At present we store thirty six sheds in ever diminishing sizes for those poor unfortunates on the island that simply don't have enough room in their gardens or household for all their sheds. We've had such a surge in interest in the last few years that we're now considering moving to bigger premises; what better place than the bigger new Town shed where I envisage at least enough room to store possibly as many as two hundred sheds

John (Three Sheds) Jackson. St Peters

Broken Credit Card Machines

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The long lost West pier.

I couldn't help but remember your previous article about adding another pier onto the west-side of the bay. Here's what I discovered on Ebay. Look a REAL Broadstairs pier and not your budget 'jetty' affair over-the-way in the harbour. Should get the debate going again: what precisely should we call it down at the harbour?

The chap who sold me this picture said it was about 1860-ish (possibly 1870) from his information, but its provenance was understandably very sketchy and couldn't be verified. My picture is glued onto card which can be unhelpful for extra corroborative comments or signatures, but it's equally 'foxed' on the rear exhibiting the same fading discolouration as the front which you can see.

Ironically, if you grab (of course) your close-to-hand ' Kelly & Co Broadstairs & St Peter's Directory for 1887 - 1888 ', you'll notice the general information section refers to the ' Broadstairs Pier & Harbour Commissioners ', but it doesn't include this one which was long-gone by the time as I understand it Mr Crampton built his Louisa Bay (Gap) bridge in the different crossing direction we see today.

Perhaps some of your readers can help identify the owner, or just identify when and what it was there for in the first place?

Simon Gerrard

A Dead hedge or a Hedge fund lacking funds

Local chap Chris Smee was out exercising the faithful hound a few days ago - here's what's been going on at Northdown Park

I was walking the dogs in Northdown Park this morning and saw a



team of workers ripping up a hedgerow. They said it was down to 'budget cutbacks' which we all know about, and the council couldn't afford to maintain the hedge. They also mentioned 'There will also be further cutbacks, like 'filling in' flower beds'.

Now, I don't profess to be an expert in any of this, but how much would it cost to maintain/trim a hedgerow say once a year?

Surely a lot less than a team of workers with heavy machinery ripping it out.

This hedgerow had probably been there for a couple of hundred years at least, providing a vital role in the survival and protection for birds, small mammals, insects, butterflies etc.

Now it has gone forever.

After posting much of this on Facebook which received numerous replies, Cllr Chris Wells proffered:-

This is a young deceased hedge being replaced. Get any facts right Mr Smee?

He later added:-

We had to remove a privet hedge in Northdown Park because it was dying. The hedge will be replaced with a tree belt.

Due to its small size and openness the hedge was not used by nesting birds

Now, we're no experts on dead hedges, so maybe it has seen better days, but that hedge isn't the deadest looking hedge I've ever seen. The other odd thing is work on removing the 'dead hedge' was stopped soon after this was reported.

If indeed the removal of the hedge was due to the financial reasons as stated by the operatives then it is surely rather a shame that other avenues are not being explored before the ripping out of habitat.

A few ideas spring readily to mind:

Friends

An attempt at setting up a group such as 'The Friends of Northdown Park', where members of the public may be willing to volunteer to take over some management of jobs that need doing throughout the park. In fact a group very similar to the enormously successful Broadstairs Town Team. It would be a positive outcome for one of our open spaces, would involve the community which in turn benefits those people taking part in so many ways, save funds and ultimately help the park remain a great place for families, dog walkers, sports and wildlife too.

Re-Wilding

Never heard of re-wilding? Then see the article by George Monbiot in issue 44.

Why do we as British people have such a need to see grass cut and hedges trimmed? If a large green space is not being used much then why cut the grass? Why not let it grow to become a haven for wildlife? Why cut the hedge at all? Manage it now and again, remove any rubbish that idiots might have let blow about, but just leave it. Before long you may get an area where parents can take their kiddies to learn about nature, the importance of not being taken in by that overly worked lesson that if a green space isn't being used much then it must surely be built on, and that sometimes it's okay to let it grow.



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Size is everything

Architects are apparently not happy with the huge phallic skyscraper in central London, it's just not big enough?
Canadian firm Vigilant Global UK is proposing to build a huge mast standing eleven metres higher than the London Shard at 320 metres at the old Richborough Cooling Tower site
Unsurprisingly the proposed mast is for the financial sector, it will be used to speed up deals between countries. Whereas it presently takes just a few months to screw up national economies, once built the banking sector will gain the ability to send us all back to the dark ages quicker than you can say 'Bailout Bonuses for Bozo Boneheads'
We say unsurprisingly as banking seems the only sector in the world that seems to feel the need to build firm, erect, and ever larger thrusting buildings. I wonder if the scheme has been dreamt up by a man.

How much

Broadstairs Town Council has been allowed to buy Pierremont Hall and Retort House back from TDC. Eh What? Allowed?
I seem to remember Broadstairs Town Council actually gave Pierremont Hall to TDC. Its rather a shame therefore that we didn't get it back for a similar fee.
So here's a run down for you.

.....In other words
You give a group of mainly men who are said to 'represent the people of Thanet' a Ferrari - it doesn't belong solely to you, in fact over 10,000 homes have a stake in that car, - it's worth quite a bit of money. You keep a minor stake in the car - except now you have to share the entirety with a whole bunch of new people

The group you gave it to, use the car, they make money from the car, they run it into the ground, they don't change the oil, the cooling system is knackered and the electrics has more shorts than a Sports direct. Because the car is now shot to bits the group of mainly men said to represent the people of Thanet decide to get rid of it because it'll cost too much to repair. They have a meeting and decide that they'll let you and your 10,000 or so other homes buy it back from them for a price. They reckon it's worth nearly £300,000
You offer them £190,000 to take it off their hands with a loan you've already taken out which will cost you and your original 10,000 or so friends quite a bit in repayments
Congratulations you've been allowed to buy a knackered car that you already owned, and it is going to cost hundreds of thousands of pounds to put right.
As a group you've gained some money back from the sale (as you must remember you did have a stake in the value of the knackered car) - except of course a whole great larger bunch of people also had a stake in the car too, so you've really watered down any gain from that.....and that gain was from something you already owned

.....Or even more simply:-
We gave it away to ourselves, watched it get ruined, once ruined we bought it back from ourselves at vastly inflated prices which we then paid interest on because we didn't have the money to buy it back from ourselves in the first place
Don't get me wrong, I'm glad it's back in our hands, I certainly didn't want to see another property developer turn the buildings into luxury flats or some such other nonsense
I'm glad we have control over the buildings.....the thing is....we already did.

Rent it

Those of you renting your property where you reside may well be interested to know where your MP stands on standards.
To quote The Guardian
Satire writes itself sometimes. "Tories reject move to ensure rented homes fit for human habitation" is a shocking headline, but without a jot of hyperbole.

A recent amendment to the housing bill that required landlords to keep their rental property in a habitable condition was voted down 312 to 219 with almost the entire Tory benches voting against.
196 of all MPS are landlords, the largest group are made up of 128 conservative landlords, which equates to 39 percent of all Conservative MPs, including our Craig.
According to figures, two percent of the UK population are landlords, this means that MPs buck the trend, thus being fifteen times more likely to be a landlord than the general population. That's a 25% rise since the last parliament

This is only really significant when you realise that those making decisions on housing law are also fifteen times more likely to benefit and make a profit from favourable legislation, whilst at the same time hardworking families are stuck in generation rent, paying prices in excess of what a mortgage would cost because the banking industry will not lend; which of course is mainly because of the dire situation the banking sector got themselves into which were then bailed out by the UK taxpayer; and which group of people did the general financial malaise affect more than any other? Yes you guessed it, the ones at the poorer end of society most likely to be in the rented sector.

Sometimes you can't make it up

Craig Mackinlay register of financial interests entry for land and property	
Land and property: (i) value over £100,000 (ii) rental income of over £10,000 a year	
Shop and flat in Medway; (i) and (ii) (Registered 12 May 2015)	
House in Swale; (i) and (ii) (Registered 12 May 2015)	
House in Medway, owned jointly with my spouse; (i) and (ii) (Registered 12 May 2015)	
House in Swale, owned by MacKinlay Ltd;(I) and (ii) (See my entry in Category 7.)	
(Registered 12 May 2015)	
Business premises in Medway, owned by Sha Tin Consulting Ltd; (i) and (ii) (See my entry in Category 7.) (Registered 12 May 2015)	
Un-adopted road in Medway, owned by Manor Mews (Chatham) Ltd; (i) (See my entry in Category 7.) (Registered 12 May 2015)	

Mentioned in dispatches

Well the Broadie got a mention in the national press....er, well the national press of Ireland - still, we'll take it thank you very much.
Before that, many readers would have been aware that we made it to the pages of a National steam train magazine where a reader was asking if anyone knew anything about the Broadstairs Metro system.
Surely they should have asked us.



'Arrivederci Francos!

After many years of seeing an empty shop unit in the town, the old Franco's Pizza shop is about to be taken over by the art world! After some renovation work, the space will be transformed into a welcome new cultural addition to Broadstairs town residents and visitors and will be opening its doors to visitors in March.



Karen Hiscock-Lawrence

Two local artists, RA exhibitor Brian Hodgson and Karen Hiscock-Lawrence, are setting up a studio and affordable gallery space for well known and emerging artists based in Kent, to hire and showcase their work, as well as holding open shows throughout the year. Changing exhibitions every fortnight will provide residents and visitors to Broadstairs with an exciting art experience, as well as a hub for artists and makers to pop in for a chat. They hope to create an intimate, fine art gallery space focussing on local artists, with stunning work in both traditional and contemporary styles, together with a working studio with resident artists.

'I have walked down Albion Street so many times and thought what a shame the shop on the corner was essentially boarded up - so we thought why not turn it into something new! There is a lack of gallery space in the area and a great deal of artists and craftspeople like us who love to exhibit their work. Its proving to be a great deal of hard work to set the gallery up, but it is also tremendously exciting to now be on the cusp of a new beginning and to help with the regeneration of the town. We hope the gallery will do Broadstairs proud and our visitors will enjoy all the gallery has to offer.' - Karen Hiscock-Lawrence

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Meanwhile somewhere in Broadstairs



Seen in the Thanet Extra - 'Unused?' You'd hope so



As spotted near the back of 'Savers'. I don't know about you, but I always read Enid Blyton on the potty

A Rose by any other name

Dear Broadie, Am I the only one to notice the distinct resemblance between 'Monty Pythons, Crimson Permanent Assurance Company' building and the new build on the corner of Thanet Road that was formerly the Rose Pub. Just watch out for them there pirates.
Geoff



Crossing the Car Park

In an attempt to make Broadstairs a more fun place to be KCC has invented a new pastime for Broadstairs residents which has long term health benefits for all. And all it took was another round of patching.

With a slight change to the rules of the well known and loved OCD (Or CDO if you prefer it in alphabetical order) pastime of not stepping on the cracks in the pavement, KCC has announced that it is now possible to traverse Albion street car park by jumping from one tarmac patch in the pavement/road to the next, there's more points awarded when the participant lands on patches within patches.

We've only lost three residents to one of the largest potholes in the car park said aged resident Cyril Duck. 'However they patched it so fast we hadn't even got 'em out, I guess they're still there'



A patch on a patch on a patch on a patch on a patch

Members of the local archaeological group have shown an interest in excavating the car-park to ascertain the age of some of the first patches applied to the hard-standing, however the idea was shelved after a small trench revealed that diggers would have to bash their way through twenty metres of patches to reach what they are referring to as 'Roman Patch ground zero'.

A spokesperson who preferred to remain un-named said. 'It's great isn't it, now we'll be able to charge even more to use the car park, and some people say the local authorities don't spend anything on Broadstairs.

In an un-related news story rumours abound whether or not TDC will decide to gold plate the councillor parking spaces in the Mill lane car-park in Margate.

Bombs at Westwood

Unexploded bombs were recently found near the car park of the Canterbury Bell Pub at Westwood Cross where building work had been taking place.

The bombs were thought to have been training rounds from the old Territorial Army base that was previously on the site.

Another theory doing the rounds (groan) was that the shells were Home guard issue from WW2.

Onlookers were advised 'Don't panic' and that apparently 'They don't like it up 'em'.

Lark in the Ramsgate Sprint revival park

The organisers of Ramsgate Sprint Revival and Lark in the Park are celebrating all that is good in the community.

Ramsgate Sprint Revival and Lark in the Park have joined forces to create a spectacular free event for the community at Government Acre, Ramsgate during August 2016.

Lark in the Park will be open to the public from Thursday 11th August to Sunday 21st,

On the weekend of Saturday 13th August and Sunday 14th August they will be joined by the Ramsgate Sprint Revival. Both will have their own brand of entertainment and fun which will be free to all attending.

Both organisers are excited about this collaboration which will bring communities together.



Apologies to Jack Vettriano



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Eurageddon has struck. The UK is no longer part of the EU.

The wind whistles over the desolate promenade of Broadstairs. Sand blows across the unswept roads and a wooden shutter claps against the window of the now derelict Dickens House. Albert, the observer of this dystopia, sees a woman with a fag in her mouth and a tatty cloth covering her head lean out of the window of the decrepit building. She eyes him up with a disgusted look and spits down towards him before promptly slamming the shutter closed.

A day has passed since the referendum. Albert, a Frenchman who came on holiday by mistake was stranded in Thanet, unaware of the mass exodus of Europeans after the news of a Brexit spread. First the banks fled London unable to operate as part of the EU outside the EU, the car manufacturers swiftly followed suit and then finally the small businesses who sold post cards of Buckingham Palace and various other knick-knacks depicting London regardless of their proximity to the capital shut up shop and crossed the channel before the ports closed.

Albert's attention was drawn to the sneeze of a lone dog walker making his way towards him. The elderly gentleman in a flat cap greeted him. "Nice day" the clearly unwell man said. "I'm surprised there aren't more tourists here, not those EU types of course, we don't need those around here stealing our jobs and our benefits at the same time...still, there aren't many jobs now". And there weren't, one in ten jobs reliant on the EU had disappeared as the EU moved to benefit its own members by charging tariffs on the UK for exporting goods. EU businesses and tourists alike had deserted the UK and home grown tourists had no jobs to be able to spend money on holidays.

The man sneezed again and began coughing his overworked lungs out. "Are you OK?" Albert enquired in his best local accent, aware

he was less than welcome here. "I'm fine, it's just the government has had to cut the winter fuel allowance, it's all those Europeans' fault". It wasn't. Being a net contributor to the welfare system and being forced to leave meant there were less taxes being paid which was exasperated by the lack of jobs now for local people.

The man eyed up Albert's clothes with a look of confusion as he began to recover his breath. The stereotypical beret on Albert's head with white and blue striped jersey started alarm bells ringing. The cloves of garlic around Albert's neck and baguette under the arm only served to heighten his alarm. "Hang on" the man said, "you're one of those Europeans ain't you". A bead of sweat rolled down Albert's cheek onto his handlebar moustache as fear kicked in. He replied "Mais non, je suis fannit born and bred innit." As he said this, he pulled a pack of Gauloise out of his pocket and lit up to calm his nerves...he was rumbled.

The old man in anger pointed his finger at him and tried to shout through his now unstoppable coughing. Albert hastily ran towards the jetty.

The jetty was as desolate as the promenade. All the shops had been forced to close due to falling tourism since the UK had left the EU yesterday. A sign above one shop read "no dogs and no Europeans" not that it mattered any more. Towards the steps down to the beach sat a fisherman atop his empty fishing basket. Stood over him was a man in a camel coat with a pint of beer and a fag. Albert sat on one of the benches to eavesdrop the conversation whilst catching his breath.

"Isn't it wonderful now we're out of the EU" the camel coated man said to the depressed looking fisherman. "Now we don't have the EU interfering with our fish your livelihood is restored. British fish for British fisherman". The fisherman wasn't having any of it.

Keeping his anger down, he replied "Hold on a minute Mr Farage. The EU made an agreement to manage the declining stocks of fish that in no way can be described as British. Fish swim across borders, reproduce in one place and live and eat in another, there is no such thing as a British fish but that isn't my gripe. The EU was on the fishermen's side. Our government took the quota of fish that encourages sustainability and allocated the majority to larger vessels, foreign and British. Now, if you'd bothered to attend more than one of the 42 meetings of the Fisheries Commission which you were part of as an MEP, you'd of known that they voted to oblige governments to allocate more of the fishing quota to sustainable fishing that benefits the local economy such as the myself. Although you were in the parliament building on that day to collect your allowance, you didn't even bother to vote on something that would have helped us and yet here you stand pretending to be our champion. Since leaving the EU, the government has continued this policy of allocating fish quotas to larger vessels that mainly operate out of foreign ports unimpeded and decimated small fishing communities such as Thanet. Why don't you do us all a favour and resign?"

The politician laughed "I already have but that didn't stop me! Anyway, must dash, fox hunt to get to and what not. Remember, I represent the working man."

A gaggle of angry voices could be heard in the distance. Albert looked over to see a pitchfork wielding mob beating their chests. Leading the charge was the dog walker from earlier on a mobility scooter waving the Union Jack in one hand and the Daily Express in the other. Albert felt less than welcome. Unsurprisingly Albert decided to leave taking his tourist money and thirst for novelty knick-knacks of London with him.

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Down the hill to the sea

You've probably all seen plenty of old photo's looking down Harbour Street, but what about the lower end? Local Historian Mick Glover has unearthed a couple of pics from yesteryear looking the other way



Pic 1:

This c1900 picture taken from the vicinity of York Gate, shows on the left- side nearest the camera No's 10 – 2 at the end of the street. The horse & cart and milk churns are very noticeable of Abbott Bros- dairy farmers, outside their shop at no 10. They were in business at these premises from the second half of the 19th Century until 1908. Above the shop frontage can be seen the destinations in London that could be reached by steam-ship (the company was established in 1780). New steam-ships were introduced from 1825. Next door at No 8 there was Marchesi & Son (confectioners) in business there between the 1890's and up to the 1940's. At No 6 you would have found the tobacconists of George Jeffrey Hamilton. In 1895 he was also listed as the proprietor of the Wrotham Hotel along the Ramsgate Road trading from 1870, but now called the Wrotham Arms. The Church Club superseded by The Working Men's Institute was at No 4; in 1908 Frederick Boucher introduced a library there. At No 2 Adelaide Cottage a Mrs Gore was in residence.

On the corner with Albion Street at No 52 is the George Inn built c1830 and originally named "British Tar". In 1849 it became the

George and was rebuilt at the end of the century. This Grade 11 listed building was renamed Barnaby Rudge in the early 1970's after the Charles Dickens book published in 1841. Dickens was 29 at the time with some of the story written in Broadstairs. He first visited the town in 1837. Recently the name George was reinstated. The landlord from 1897 until 1919 was E C Double. Stephen Johnson a blacksmith by trade was the previous publican, with Peter Setterfield taking over from Double.

The white building at the end of the road (facing) is The Dolphin Inn at No 49 dating to pre 1600 and one of the oldest drinking houses in the town, probably built in the Elizabethan era. In the early 19th Century it was also a hostelry. From 1899 until 1931 the landlord was Edward Darby, taking over from W T Power. Michael J Cotter succeeded Darby until the 1940's. In 1951 the pub became No 55 Albion St, when James Helbren was landlord and is still a very popular Inn to this day.

Just out of picture to the right at No 1-3 Harbour Street is the Neptune Hall Inn built c 1815, making 3 pubs within a few yards of each other. The name of course comes from the Roman God of the Sea. Interestingly the planet Neptune wasn't discovered until the year 1846. The landlord with this Inde-Coope's pub from the 1890's until c1905 was John King, he was also a Town-Cryer. The previous publican was George Simmon. Various members of the Hazelton family took over ownership from King until 1936. Later this building also became Grade 11 listed. During the 1960's/70's No 5 was the Neptune Café. At No 7 between the latter part of the 19th Century and 1912 Olive Vye had tea-rooms there (maybe a family member connected to Vyes the Kentish Grocer), who knows!

Pic 2:

This 1930's picture probably taken from the promenade shows the York Gate (centre) built in 1538 during the reign of King Henry V111 and extensively repaired in 1795. It was originally called Flint Gate and built by George Culmer, much later being Grade 11 listed. On the left of the picture is York Gate House that from the 1920's had become multi occupied up to 4 residents as today. Its history is recorded that from the latter part of the 19th Century there is listed a "school for young gentlemen", with a Mrs Mary Jackson who ran a prep school until 1909. Previously the Harbour Masters Office was located on the site. After Mrs Jackson the famous Royal Court physician Sir Francis Laking was in residence until 1920, when it became empty for a short time. Beyond The Gate is The Pavilion.

Nearest the camera on the right is No 29 Harbour Street a private house owned by a Miss Swiney in residence from 1920 until c1940. Next door incorporating No's 23-27 from the 1930's there was the premises of Paolo Mario & Eric W Anselmi with their restaurant business, trading for well over 40 years, before moving to No 39 Albion Street with the name Paolo's Kitchen. Today's No's 23- 27 is the lovely Wyatt & Jones restaurant trading from 2012. Beyond York Gate at No 21 (out of picture) is Flint House, an interesting house dating back to 1720. In residence when the picture was taken until 1960 would have been the Rev Edward Buller Heberden.

Mick Glover

The Brigadier

Many of you frequent readers may well be aware that I share my humble abode up on the hill not just with my beloved wife and an aging Butler named Benson, but also with two elderly pussies who are certain beyond rebuff that they do in fact, rule the roost.

You see I've always been a cat man. There were times in my wild feckless youth when the lure of the hound tempted me and the house was besieged by a lumbering great oaf who often smelled far worse than Cousin Letitia; especially when on one of her faddish diets that involved eating chipboard or something equally as horrendous.

I never really got on with the dog, yes I enjoyed the walks that you simply don't get with cats, although I have tried, but can assure you dear reader, Mr Bix was not in the mood. I enjoyed the throwing of the stick and all that nonsense but what really ailed me was all that irritating anxiety and neurosis every time I so much as neared anywhere where a lead had once been kept, I mean really, is it really that much fun saunter round the block and watch me pick up your turd in a bag. You don't get that sort of jumpiness with a pussy cat, they may indeed be observing you with watchful eyes, perhaps planning a daring heist or murder, but they don't let on, they just continue to slowly and surely draw their plans against us. Now that's all a bit 'HG Wells', but to me tis a damn site more interesting than watching agast as a wolf in wolve's clothing slobbers on a plastic chicken that for some unknown reason squeaks incessantly - Who in their right mind invented a pet toy that need be that grating?

I mention this as Mr Bix is not at his best anymore, he's come of age in human years which makes him ninety something in cat years and frankly he looks it nowadays, gone is the muscle tone, gone is the get up and go, he'll still get excited over a non-prescription helping of Catnip stuffed in an old sock, but dangle a feather on a string and he'll fall over on the spot and wait for you to come to him before lifting a paw in an attempt at play. His long term nemesis and or partner Molly Measles is fairing slightly better and remains quite sprightly even though she's not far behind at seventeen, but like it or lump it I'm starting to realise they won't be around forever, that is of course assuming I don't pop off first when a simple claw in the shin dislodges me from the stairs and I tumble onto a carefully cat-claw sharpened scratching post that's mysteriously been placed at the bottom of the flight.

I suppose that death has been on many of our minds lately what with one star dropping off after another. I was awfully troubled by Mr Bowie's demise, not that I owned many of his records or even listened to much of his output, he was just one of those eccentric English chaps that I greatly admired for not being willing to follow the crowd. Still, I guess they'll not have had any problem deciding what song to have at their funerals, although I'm not sure how appropriate 'The Heat is On' would be if Glen Frey is cremated.

Perhaps we should all plan our own funeral, I'd go so far to say that if the opportunity arises we should have it before we expire, it may be all well and good to be present at the wake lying in state on the backroom table but it's not a jolly jape and no matter how hard your drunk relatives from Basildon try, they're not going to get a song out of you to end the show. You see, I did in fact attend a wake at the end of last year where the deceased in question was still fully alive and functioning....and very, very drunk as it happens, having said that the silly old blighter is still hanging on in there and often repeats that great misquote 'Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated'. To me living attendance where possible at your own funeral seems the absolute way to carry on and I'm hoping more of you will follow suit as time ticks on and as you tick off.



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LOOPING THE LOOPY LOOP

Fairfax Carswell investigates

As we stand on the cusp of the final days of Manston Airport, and the arrival of a new town of 10,000 residents, let us look back to a halcyon time, when there wasn't just one airfield on the Island, there were four.

Few people who live on the Island now realise that Manston Airport was a late addition to this Islands fine aviation history. Manston itself was a tiny hamlet made up of a small number of houses, and remained a rural outpost of the Island until 1937 when the army requisitioned the land and built the airfield that we lament today.

To start the exploration of this topic we must go back to the years that followed the First World War.

Returning from the front in 1918 airmen would find

many abandoned army airfields, and little regulations to stop them from being developed. Amongst those returning that year was one Colonel Lenny Halfrite (DCE, MBL, KOG). The 38 year old Colonel was not only a decorated fighter ace, but was also a Broadstairs resident and heir to the Curly-Wurly fortune.

The Colonel was a visionary, and he had the cash to carry through his dream. He had noticed that transportation between the towns on the Island hadn't evolved

Sometimes passengers had to get out and push



Acol airstrip circa 1920

since the mid nineteenth century and that the only way to traverse the Island was on a rather rickety omnibus; this running only once every two days and only ever travelling in a clockwise direction around the Island.

Drawing on his wealth and connections, the Colonel was able to purchase four disused ex-army airfields, located in Broadstairs, Ramsgate, Margate and Acol. The Broadstairs airfield lays where Stone Bay Road is now and little or nothing remains to mark the location accept some early black and white photographs.

Sadly no photographs nor physical remains exist from the Ramsgate airfield, however from eyewitness accounts we believe that it lay on west-cliff of the town on the site that St Augustine's Abbey now lays on. We know that the site of the airfield in Margate sat on the site now occupied by the old Woolworth's shop, at the bottom of the High Street, and the surrounding land. Acol's airfield was located in what we would now know as Jacksons field, and up until 1997 a conning tower sat, looking lost, at one corner.

Lazy people existed in the 1930s too



Customers were encouraged not to attempt boarding once the plane was moving



Accidents involving Taxi-Planes were inevitable



With four airfields under his control the Colonel now used his wealth to purchase a number of disused ex-army planes which he set about modifying to enable them to carry passengers. His new airline would be called the Thanet Loop-The-Loop, and would run an hourly service between all four airfields, not unlike the current Thanet Loop. He charged a flat fare of 6 pence for your

Broadstairs entertainer 'Charlie Knockers' famous for his wireless show 'Whoops-a-daisy' was the face of the Looping the Loop service in 1923 (Front row second from right). His flamboyant agent Eric Dixie (back row first from left) always stood like that for reasons as yet unexplained





journey, or a guinea for a day rider. Ultimately launched in 1919 the airline proved more popular than the Colonel could have ever imagined and nearly became a victim of its own success when people complained of overcrowding for profit beyond any concern for their safety.

Other concerns raised at that time included drunken war-flashbacks by some of the pilots, and reckless regard for safety when trying to unload passengers too fast.

Regardless the Colonel battled through this problems and continued to develop the airline through into the 1920's were he was able to invest in a better class of passenger plane, and it is from this period we have the only other known photograph of Broadstairs airfield.

Sadly in 1937 the Colonel passed away. An apparent attempt to join the mile-high club with his then secretary ended in disaster and more than the odd passing news headline.

Regardless of the Colonel's demise, the airline continued under the purchase of a London conglomerate which explored expanding the airlines routeing by taking in Sandwich, which had its own airfield, on market day.

Sadly the airline was not able to keep up with the idea of modern travel and closed in 1938. The airlines novelty in the early days had made it viable, but as time wore on people grew tired of going through a two hour boarding process for a flight which, in the case of Broadstairs to Ramsgate, would last less than a minute.

The airfields have all now been developed and the 'Halfrite' name is now forgotten to most people; but it is from his model that some fifty years later the Thanet Loop was developed and that is something we should always be grateful for when remembering the Colonel and those early pilots of the Thanet Loop-The-Loop.



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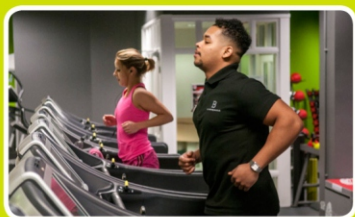
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The Broadstairs Probud Club was founded 40 years ago by Louis Snelling who was a Baker, with a shop on the High Street. I was asked to become president for 2016 At present we have 28 members but I am trying to raise the membership to 40 during my term of office

The club meets at The Charles Dickens Public House restaurant on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for coffee and a general 'chat'. This starts at 11am until about 12.30pm

We then meet for lunch on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except December, starting at 1pm until about 3p Lunch is normally followed by a guest speaker.

The club is open to any retired, or semi-retired men who might be interested in joining. they will be warmly welcomed

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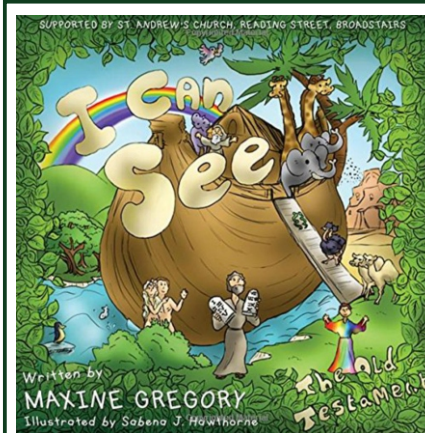
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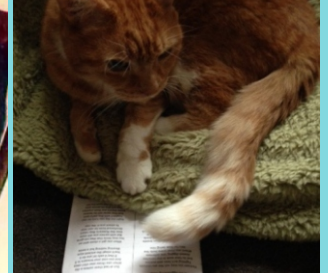
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The shop was previously occupied by **THE ANGEL ROOMS** which has now moved to Charlotte Street opposite The Bottleneck



and next door to Arrowsmiths and makes the area an even more inviting place than it was.

The High Street card and gift shop **EXPRESSIONS** has new owners since February 1st and we wish previous owners,

Dawn, Mick and family every success in the future and thank you for supporting The Broadie.

Another great Broadie supporter **BAY 158** has closed after trading for eight years and we hope Paul and Mel enjoy their new ventures.

The shop has been taken over by a secretive new business who are teasing the town with question marks on the windows. By the time this issue is printed it may be general knowledge what it is to be, don't tell anybody but we've heard it's to be.....we shall see.



The Joss Bay **WHEELS AND FINS** Festival now have a festival shop on the High Street. This year's festival dates are 9 - 11



September.

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The Perils of Poetry

by REH

I have been requested by your illustrious editor to write a series of articles. I am in my 90th year and have been married for 71 years so most of the articles will be about my experiences. I will be writing under the pseudonym of REH which happen to be my initials. After many requests for my payment for the articles your editor merely quotes the old proverb 'He that expecteth nothing is seldom disappointed.' This will be my first attempt so if you have still got your feet under the table here goes.

I think that I should call this article the PERILS OF POETRY only because I was once drummed out of a club for reciting a poem. More of that later. My interest in poetry started when I was 15 that's 75 years ago. I had just started work for 15 shillings a week that's about 75p. In those days books were sold from book stalls in the streets. I came across TWENTY POEMS FROM RUDYARD KIPLING which I think cost me 6d. I still have the book. At first I could only think of Kipling but as the years passed I learned of other poets and I now have a large collection of poetry books. I will do a further article on the life of Kipling.

When my great-granddaughter was 14 she was taken from her school as her parents wished that she should be home taught.

I undertook to teach her I.T. and to help with English. She had an idea for the computer and I taught her how to record her voice onto disc. For English I taught her to read poetry properly and we combined the two for her to make what eventually turned out to be a most delightful recording. She started with Chocolate Cake by Michael Rosen and after many, many hours she had it perfect, we went on to record many more. Her next effort was Spike Milligan's 'On the Ning Nang Nong' it wasn't all nonsense poems as she then went on to more serious stuff such as Sonnets from the Portuguese and Dulce Et Decorum Est.

The success of this recording prompted me to have a go. My first recording I called Mainly Kipling and did the old stanzas 'Gunga Din' and 'If' among others. I included 'Bloody Broadstairs' which was a crib from Hamish Blair's The Bloody Orkneys. I just altered Orkneys to Broadstairs. This, by the way, has been published in an earlier copy of The Broadie and it raised quite a few letters. At the risk of boring some and annoying others I will repeat it.

BLOODY BROADSTAIRS

This bloody town's a bloody cuss
No bloody trains, no bloody bus,
And no one cares for bloody us -
In bloody Broadstairs.

The bloody roads are bloody bad,
The bloody folks are bloody mad,
They'd make the brightest bloody sad,
In bloody Broadstairs.

All bloody clouds, and bloody rains,
No bloody kerbs, no bloody drains,
The Council's got no bloody brains,
In bloody Broadstairs.

Everything's so bloody dear,
A bloody bob, for bloody beer,
And is it good? - no bloody fear,
In bloody Broadstairs.

The bloody 'flicks' are bloody old,
The bloody seats are bloody cold,

You can't get in for bloody gold
In bloody Broadstairs.

No bloody sport, no bloody games,
No bloody fun, the bloody dames
won't even give their bloody names
In bloody Broadstairs.

Best bloody place is bloody bed,
With bloody ice on bloody head,
You might as well be bloody dead,
In bloody Broadstairs.

The next was 'This be the Verse by Philip Larkin' and it was the reason for the title of this article Perils of Poetry. He was a prolific writer and must have written hundreds of poems and is one of my favourites. There used to be, and it may still meet, a Business Luncheon Club that met in the Charles Dickens before Mr Thorley took it over. I was a member and attended regularly and in order to liven up proceedings I took to reading a short poem, usually something humorous. On the last occasion I recited 'This be the Verse' and some female members took umbrage and I was drummed out. I will not print the poem in order not to cause offence but you can Google 'this be the verse' or you can visit the library. If you do Google try 'Modest Proposal' by Jonathon Swift which is a satirical essay he wrote in 1729. It's rather long but a good read. I have recorded it. I have also recorded Andrew Marvell's Ode to his coy Mistress and Oscar Wilde's 'The Ballad of Reading Jail' amongst others..

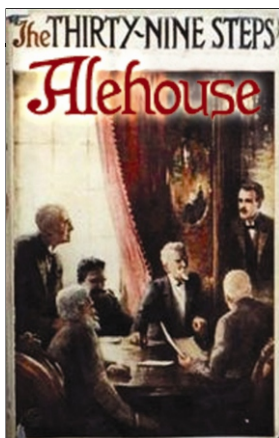
Just as I altered Bloody Broadstairs I tried my hand with 'The English Are So Nice' written by D H Lawrence in 1932 with the following result:

The People of Broadstairs are so nice
So awfully nice
They are the nicest people in Thanet.

And what's more they're very nice
About your being nice as well
And if your not nice they soon make you feel it.

People of Margate, Ramsgate and Birchington
They're all very well
But the are not really nice, you know,
They're not nice in our sense of the word, are they now?

That's why one doesn't have to take them seriously,
We must be nice to them of course,
Of course, naturally.
But it doesn't matter what you say to them,
They don't really understand
You can just say anything to them:
Be nice, you know just nice
But you must never take them seriously, they wouldn't understand,
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Not too nice of course, they take advantage
But nice enough, just nice enough
To let them feel they're not quite as nice as they might be.



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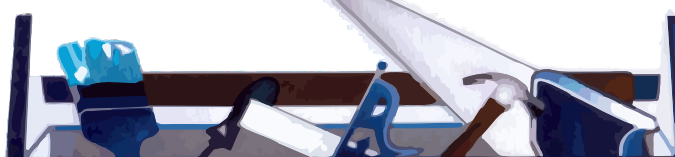
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Crafty Broadstairs

The first issue of The Broadie came out on 3rd July 2008 and it has taken me this long to beat the Guvnor into submission to agree to have a craft page. In fact I don't think he did actually agree, I sort of said it was happening and he didn't moan or grimace and there wasn't any sighing which is probably the nearest he'll get to agreeing. What's the betting there'll be a picture of a spitfire casually inserted somewhere on the page? And will it happen again...we'll see.

Hopefully it will and that's when I'll need your help. Please let me know if you have an interesting craft or ideas or belong to a group. It would be lovely to share what great projects and things you are up to.

Any comments or interesting stuff email me at thebroadie@googlemail.com and mark it CRAFT or you can join us on Facebook in the Broadie Group

Easter Trees

The custom of decorating garden trees with eggs in the weeks before Easter is thought to have started in Germany several hundred years ago but is carried out in many northern European countries now.

People cover a tree with blown and decorated eggs or take a branch inside and decorate this with eggs and other ornaments. Having family in Holland I was introduced to this at an early age and have collected and made all sorts of things over the years.

Traditionally twigs are used rather than branches with leaves but I prefer some greenery to add to the decoration.

Egg Blowing

Salmonella: all UK eggs with a lion stamp are very low risk of salmonella but to be



extra cautious wash the eggs before you blow them

Blown eggs will last for years, I've got some over 20 years old, as long as they are cleaned out well.

You need an egg with a fairly thick shell

and ideally white which is hard to find these days. You're more likely to find white duck eggs and their shells are thicker so ideal for this although they cost more.

Make a small hole in the top of the egg with a pin or a small blade then carefully stick a needle or skewer through to make a small hole. Do the same at the bottom but a slighter bigger hole. Don't worry if it seems too big you can easily cover with some form of decoration and you get better at it when you've done a couple. Stick the skewer or a cocktail stick in the top hole and stir around to break up the yolk. Then holding the egg over the sink blow through the smaller hole, it takes a few blows but the contents will run out. Then wash the inside with soapy water until clean then leave to dry for a few hours or in a very low oven if you're in a hurry.

Then you can decorate in whatever way you like. Some people leave them in food colouring for a while or you can paint or use cut out paper images as decoupage for a very professional look. You can put them in egg cups or egg boxes while you get artistic if you are doing a bit at a time but you have to get more ingenious if you paint or dye the whole egg. One way is to put skewers through the holes and suspend the eggs in a bowl or anything else you invent.

When you've finished your creation you need to make a loop so that you can hang it on your tree.

You can use ribbon, thread or wool or even string for this, using a long needle thread through the large hole through to the top

using a small button or a piece of cocktail stick to keep in place at either end and make a loop at the top.

Felt Eggs

I started doing these a few years ago and they are my favourite. How to make them is pretty self-explanatory and I got all my



felt and bits from Willow Fabrics. They have felt squares 9" X 9" for 65 pence each in many colours.

Knitted Eggs

Being a knitter it seems obvious to me to knit eggs for our tree and with the help of Jane at C Wool I've had a go at a few.



Continue to next page for pattern.....

How to knit an Egg

ABBREVIATIONS

K: Knit
P: Pearl
Sts: Stitches
Inc: Increase by knitting in the front and in the back of the same stitch
K2 tog: Knit two stitches together
eotr: To the end of the row

WOOL

Plain colours 70% wool £3.80, Fairisle 100% wool £4.26 from C Wool. Each ball would make four or five eggs

INFO

I used double knitting wool but any weight would do with the appropriate needle size which is usually on the wool band and I used one size smaller needles to make it a tighter knit so instead of size 8 (4) I used 9s (3 3/4) .

The plan is to increase every other row by six stitches then after three rows of straight knitting, decrease every other row by six.

Cast on 6 stitches leaving a four inch tail of wool to sew up the side after.

Row 1 and all following alternate rows: P

Row 2: inc in every stitch (12 sts)

Row 3: P

Row 4: (K one stitch inc in the next stitch) eotr (18 sts)

Row 5: P

Row 6 (K2 inc in next stitch) eotr (24 sts)

Row 7: P

Row 8: (K3 inc in next stitch) eotr (30 sts)

Row 9: P

Row 10: (K4 inc in next stitch) eotr (36 sts)

Row 11: P

Row 12: (K5 inc in nest stitch) eotr (42 sts)

Row 13: P

Row 14: K all stitches without inc

Row 15: P

Row 16: (K5 K2 tog)) eotr (36 sts)

Row 17: P

Row 18: (K4 K2tog) eotr (30 sts)

Row 19: P

Row 20: (K3 K2 tog) eotr (24 sts)

Row 21: P

Row 22: (K2 K2 tog) eotr (18 sts)

Row 23: P

Row 24: (K1 K2 tog) eotr (12 sts)

Row 25: P

Row 26: K2 tog (6 sts)



Dear lovely Helter Skelter Customers

Thank you for all your support over the past 6 1/2 years, we've had so much fun and made so many friends - young and old. We will miss you all when we close on Friday 29th January.

It's been an amazing time, these are some of our achievements:

- We were voted as Britain's Friendliest Business in 2014
- Introduced Baby Sensory and Toddler Time to Thanet
- Ran fabulous parties with fun entertainment
- Won a Guinness World Record for Broadstairs
- Ran Big Broadstairs Weekend
- Introduced the Halloween Trick or Treat Trail and Halloween Kids Party at the Pavilion
- Ran the Helter Skelter Pirate Party at the Bandstand
- Set up Broadstairs Town Team

We will be reopening as a quality children's nursery in March 2016 for children from age 2, with lovely facilities and amazing staff!

Our customer service will always be friendly and warm and our staff, parents and children as always are so important to us.

As requested by you, we'll still be running as a party venue on Saturdays, where you can have exclusive use of the venue.

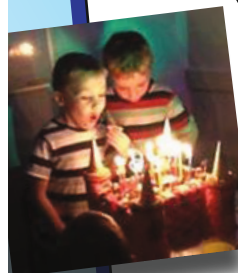
Baby Sensory, Toddler Time and the newly introduced Toddler Sense are now running in our new premises Broad Street Hall in Ramsgate.

Come and have a look around or come and get our registration pack. Call us on 01843 600 140 for information or contact us on helterskelterbroadstairs@aol.com

Lots of love,

Fiona, Rhona and the team

Find us on Facebook on HelterSkelter Broadstairs; BabySensory Thanet, Toddler Sense Thanet





Crafty Broadstairs continued



Knitting at The Albion

Every Thursday at 10.30 onwards there's an abundance of wool being knitted and crocheted. The group was started by Lynne who also organises the Knitting in the Park sessions in Pierremont Park in Folk Week. All levels of knitters are welcome and help is at hand for difficult things.

There's also a lot of hot chocolate, coffee and laughing.



Great Broadstairs Bake Off

The baking club meets once a month at Bessie's in Albion Street to share their baking and stories. There's a subject set for each month which has to be baked around i.e. in the last year titles have



included harvest, Scandinavian and the latest was 1970's. Space is limited so please contact Gina Harrison at broadstairsbakeoff@gmail.com.

Here's something else we like at Broadie Towers. Aren't these lovely and original and each one is different. Handmade scarves caringly crocheted and decorated by an imaginative Broadstairs woman and available to buy at mollyandbix.gmail.com



Just so they don't sulk

Oh, if we must.

The morning knitting circle held at Pierremont Park went down really well at last years Folk Week. The only thing lacking was members of the male fraternity.

This problem was addressed mid-week when a few husbands/partners/general loafers / and other assorted men were badgered enough into turning up.

To give you plenty of notice for 2016 we will be awarding prizes (Don't know what yet) to the best knitted woodland animals, which will be displayed around the 'Jack Hamilton' (The Folk Week Park Bar). There will be a prize for best Male and Female knit.

So come on men - rise to the challenge, and no getting your better half to do it for you.

We've already got two who are taking part although going by their first attempt, lord only knows what hideous monstrosities will appear from their needles.





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Celebrating an active community - with Broadstairs Town Team

The Town Shed, Wombling up rubbish, replanting flower beds, Jollying up unused buildings, and generally getting stuck in to help the town

What skills and active citizens we have to celebrate in Broadstairs and St. Peter's.

The number, range and type of community groups springing up and meeting regularly is to be celebrated because it shows what a vibrant community we are part of.

Sometimes you need to take stock and see that. We are the envy of many other local towns for the number of people that engage in helping others, having fun, pursuing their passions in whatever way they can. Whether giving time to guide people 'round the town, helping a neighbour, clearing litter, dressing as a character from Dickens, taking minutes at meetings, stewarding at events, or just baking a cake for a charity sale, we have so many people in our town that love our town and are helping to build social capital for the greater good of Broadstairs.

From all walks of life, with a huge range of family circumstances, skill sets, local interest and campaigning groups all happen because people find time in their busy daily life to participate in a shared hobby, group or issue that they believe in.

A good thing to celebrate, passion (and frustration at times..) laughter, enthusiasm and sheer hard work, with people giving their precious free time to make things happen. Contributing to the wellbeing of our local communities.

Working together collaboratively works. It improves the quality of all those who live and love Broadstairs.

Of course there are issues that need to be addressed, causes to fight for, people to look out for, and big economic issues that affect us that we all may feel are out of our control. But because of all these networks and communities we can come together when needed to make an impact.

As a counter to challenges we face as a community, we have community assets, our knowledge, connections, skills, creativity and sheer will power to make things happen. We know more collectively, we have all done stuff, been through experiences that have helped us learn and grow, so acknowledging and then harnessing that knowledge and skill base to do good, to make positive change is what makes us strong as a community and what will enable us to tackle some of the more thorny issues faced by Broadstairs.

So a big THANKS to those who already give their time, in whatever capacity, and if you've thought about getting involved for something for a while, there are so many opportunities locally to engage positively with something you feel passionate about, why not be proactive and give it a go for 2016.

New friendships are formed, art and music made, laughter and debate happens, other people are helped and the community overall is made richer and strengthened by you giving your time.

Well done Broadstairs, you do good. With love from everyone at The Town Team.

FRIENDS OF THE SHED SCHEME



The Broadstairs Town Shed offers older people, primarily older men, a space to work together on woodworking projects, and learn, share and socialise together.

Since its inception in May 2014 it has proved so popular that we now need to take on a new and bigger space, the Big Shed. It needs some love and attention to turn it into a great workshop and community space. In order to do this and also to ensure the long term sustainability of the project we need to raise vital funds to help cover our running costs. Our "Friends of the Shed Scheme" is a great way to support the Shed and be actively involved in our future. You can become a Friend and support the

Shed's work by a donation as follows:

Single Membership £25 p.a.
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In return for your donation you will receive:

• 10% discount on all Shed products

• An invitation to exclusive Shed events

• A space on our Shed "Wall of Fame"

• A limited edition "Friend of the Shed" enamel badge

If you want to join the scheme and be part of this valuable and exciting community project, please complete the form overleaf and return it to Jacqui Wellbrook, c/o Broadstairs Town Team, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 2AD.

Gift Aid legislation allows us to reclaim basic rate tax on your member subscription and additional donations at no extra cost. If you haven't already, please state you are happy to do this by signing the declaration.

For more information, email us at jacqui@broadstairs-townshed.org.uk.

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