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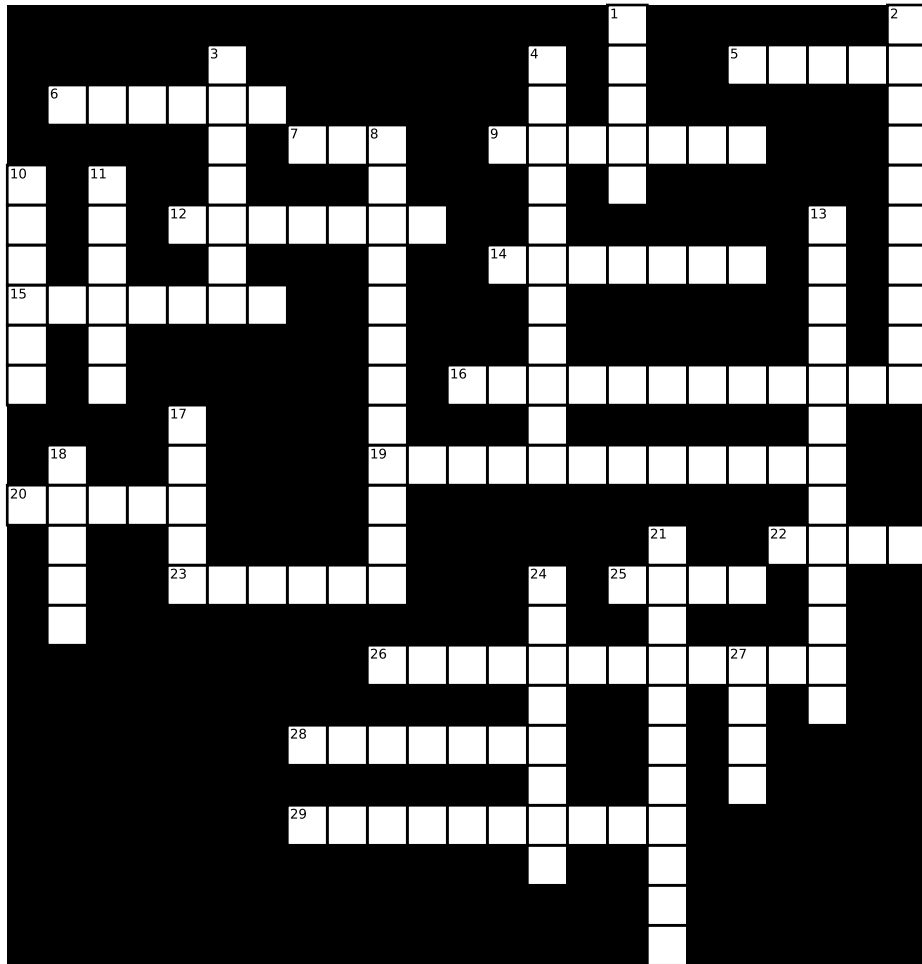


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Stephen Seagull - Mugger from above



Local knowledge Broadie Prize Crossword



Across

- 5 Short Brassica - 5
- 6 Lathe worker paints a great sky - 6
- 7 Louisa's year off - 3
- 9 North Atlantic country set up shop on the high street - 7
- 12 Aquatic, bearded chap stops here for a tippie - 7
- 14 Remove engineers first initial to gain climbing aid - 7
- 15 Local Highlander's hidden flower of Scotland - 7
- 16 He's been above the Colonel and below the Major General - 3,9
- 19 Smuggling scallwag sniffs out a typo on the beach 4,8
- 20 Viking heavy in wooden glider - 5
- 22 Instruction above the clifftop people carrier - 4
- 23 Buchan's hero - 6
- 25 These sort spend a whole week here in August - 4
- 26 By George what the Dickens was I named - 7,5
- 28 Cruel Ms plants crops here - 7
- 29 Monochrome estate area - 10

Down

- 1 A mere trifle to Lord Holland - 5
- 2 Only one left in Thanet - 10
- 3 Put the washing out superbly - 7
- 4 Perhaps Nelson bought his papers here - 7,4
- 8 They're always fighting over processed meat products - 5,3,4
- 10 You won't make it round North Foreland without one to tap with - 6
- 11 Old British name on the street - 6
- 13 Unwanted slip for staying too long - 7,6
- 17 Edwards local grassland - 5
- 18 Thomas built one, London has one, Whitfield lost one - 5
- 21 Old fashioned lighting for alehouse - 4,7
- 24 Straw bod once ground wheat - 8
- 27 Ellington had it first and York had one - 4

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What a stink

Dear Broadie.

I notice in the local rags that TDC have now started the DNA testing of dog poo on the streets of Thanet. Whilst I'm all for tackling the twit mongers who allow their dogs to defecate and then walk away without retrieving it, wouldn't the money spent on DNA testing be more wisely spent on simply clearing it up and then allowing the litter patrols to 'On the spot' fine the errant dog owners. Or perhaps a Facebook page dedicated to logging the poos and posting time and place, this would then narrow down the time to catch the anti social so and so's and hopefully change their behaviour.

James. Broadstairs

Excusez -moi

With regards the subject of getting through groups of students in the town, (A favourite subject on Facebook) here's a simple tip or two.

Disculpe - Spanish. Me fal - Albanian. Anteeski - Finnish. Entschuldigen Sie - German. Scusami - Italian. Ursakta mig - Swedish. Excusez Moi - French

All simple words to follow to get through the crowds of students. Just keep up that polite Britishness, pick your language, smile and they'll move for you. And do please remember they're children.

Ian, Broadie

The Doppleganger

Dear Broadie

Are you aware there is another 'Broadie'. It appears the students at The Christ's Hospital School have a student newspaper of the same name. It's tag line is even 'By Pupils for pupils' Which came first? John.

I do believe we did John. Their first issue September 2011. Our first in June 2008. Same name but much different content - unless you'd like an article on School uniform?

No roof over their heads

I once again enjoyed Dickens week and was very impressed with the Dickensian authenticity. However It wasn't until a few days had passed that I realised that the tattered and slightly careworn street people were actually there for real.

I notice The Broadie hasn't tackled the subject of the rising numbers of 'Homeless' people on the streets of Broadstairs. I've never seen so many. I do understand that the rising numbers may well be down to government austerity measures, but surely this isn't the full story. I stopped and spoke to a chap the other day who admitted that he'd come down by train from Medway as the 'Pickings were good here' and 'I get a free dinner at the Church'. Whilst I'm very impressed with the work the church does aren't we at the stage where we're just encouraging the status quo to continue and perhaps grow rather than tackling the often numerous problems such as addiction and mental health that the homeless face.

I know this is such a divisive subject, and divisive for many reasons. Do they want homing? If they're being fed regularly what are they spending the money on that should be going on food? Why is criminal behaviour being tolerated just because a person is homeless? Are they all actually homeless or simply begging? Yes these people need help, but what we, the local council and government are currently doing is simply not working.

Name and address supplied

Yes, absolutely. It's a terribly divisive subject as any trawl through a local Facebook group will tell you. Unfortunately if you read many of those particular comments you'll not get a balanced, reasoned view. Yes there are definitely more people living off the streets, they're probably not all homeless. A few are criminal and have caused immense problems for some local people.

However they do probably all have their own personal issues that need addressing which is likely a damning indictment of the current cuts to social care and mental health care in the UK. We simply haven't tackled it because we'd only be listing the differing points of view. The Baptist church does indeed do a good job and I believe only serves those who are not drunk or abusive. Does it encourage more homeless in the town? Quite probably but is that a good reason to stop?

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More Sugar than Tate & Lyle

May I draw your attention to this recent, shocking scene from Vere Road coach park. I mean no wonder some young people are obese, just look at the remains of calorie packed pizzas, sugar loaded sweet wrappers, chip and triple burger containers and coffee with cream cups that have been carefully binned.

Laurence.
Broadstairs

We can report that the older generation is no better, The Brigadier is well known for taking an inordinate amount of sugar in his tea.





Broadstairs and St Peter's Bowls Club.

On Sunday the 25th of June, Broadstairs and St Peter's Bowls Club played host to the Royal Household of Windsor. Last year was the club's Centenary year and as part of their celebration package they visited Windsor, to spend some time in the town before playing the Royal Household in the afternoon at lawn bowling. Broadstairs and St Peter's Bowls Club were wined and dined after the game and treated like royalty. It was an incredibly hot, yet enjoyable and entertaining afternoon and so we were delighted to play host to them when they visited Broadstairs. The game was played in wonderful sunshine with an atmosphere of camaraderie and friendship. Broadstairs won last year at Windsor and Windsor had a narrow victory against Broadstairs on Sunday. The members of The Royal Household came to the coach to wave them off and Broadstairs and St Peter's Bowls Club reciprocated in giving them a cheery goodbye with the promise of a return visit next year



Army Reserve now based in Thanet

On behalf of the 3rd Battalion, the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, I would like to announce that we are now based at DFTDC MOD Manston in Thanet and are conducting training every Wednesday between 2000-2200. We hope this will benefit the community with employment for local residents who are currently unemployed and in part, or full-time, employment. We are currently recruiting and welcome anyone, between the age of 18-50, who is interested to visit us any Wednesday for a presentation and tour. I would also like to thank you in advance for helping to raise awareness of the new unit and it's opportunities and assure you we aim to be on hand to support community events whenever required. Kind regards, Ruben Lt R A Rees PWRR | OC MG PI



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Broadstairs & St Peter's Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Dates and Events
 Light refreshments will be served at the formal events
 Consultation between 28th July to 22nd September (8 weeks)

Date & Time	Venue	Consultation Type
Mon 31 July 5-6.45pm	Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall	Formal Drop-in
Thurs 10 Aug 10.30-4.30	Out & about around Broadstairs - tbc	Informal
Weds 23 Aug 10-6pm	Stand @ Water Gala	Informal
Thurs 7 Sept 10-noon	Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall	Formal Drop-in
Mon 11 Sept 7-9pm	St Peter's Church Hall, Hopeville Ave CT10 2TR	Formal Drop-in

It is hoped that these events will generate a better response than previously when only 7% of residents attended.

So show up and have your say

40,000 guests and counting

There's a whole host of people out there who go that extra mile to encourage visitors to Thanet. It's because of those fine chaps and lasses that so many tourists return time and again to enjoy the big community feel that is so encouraged. Once such family are the 'Paynes'; They run 'The Devonhurst Hotel' on the Eastern Esplanade and have been doing so now for thirty years. In their own words.....

30 years at The Devonhurst, our family run B&B - 40,000 + Guests and still counting....

We bought The Devonhurst Hotel on the Eastern Esplanade Broadstairs in April 1987 as a doer upper. It took 13 weeks to refurbish and we opened our doors on 11th July 1987.

Refurbishment meant new ceilings, walls, rewiring, central heating, replumbing and new vanity units, beds, bedding, crockery and a new kitchen.

Within 3 years we had revised the layout, created two new en-suite balcony bedrooms and en-suited all the others. To do this we were grateful for a grant from the English Tourist Board and advice and a soft loan from Thanet District Council Tourism department.

At this time we also had our first of many annual visits from the Hotel Inspectors, just as you see on television. We currently proudly hold a Four Star Guest Accommodation Grading and a Silver award from Visit Britain.

You never know who is coming to your door but we enjoy every minute of it. Once it was the Metropolitan police checking us out for a stay by Dr The Rev Ian Paisley and his wife, another was a famous author who stayed with us over Christmas but did not tell us until they returned home.

The first day we opened back in 1987 we had no advance bookings and were empty, by the end of the day we were full! We filled up off the road with guests from the USA, Switzerland, South Africa, Australia and of course the UK. It is very different now with advance internet bookings direct from our website, telephone bookings and careful use of OTA's.

You can find us at www.devonhurst.co.uk and view our two sea facing live web cameras and our unique daily sunrise time lapse video. We have also developed our own online management system to manage bookings, it will also take deposits and final payments from a guest even if you do not have an EPOS machine! It has just been released into the market place for other similar businesses to use.

The 11th July 2017 marked our 30th anniversary of welcoming guests to The Devonhurst.....we celebrated - Champagne was drunk.



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'Dreadful Landlords'

The owners of everyone's favourite Broadstairs architectural eyesore (no not the Lord Nelson that's number 2, we're referring to the long term boarded up properties at the bottom of the High Street) have been up in front of the court in relation to their property/land at the top of Ramsgate High Street that once housed Thanet Printing works. Readers may remember that the building was flattened without permission after Panther AL (VAT) hired a Mr Martin Elmes who turned out to be wholly unqualified for the task and lacked enough experience to carry out the demolition. Work on pulling down the building was carried out without proper safety measures being put in place, those carrying out the works closed the road off using just a roll of tape and did so without permission causing pedestrians, local shop owners and residents scurrying away as bricks and debris was sent sprawling across the top of the high street. Mr Elmes was not even on site on the day of demolition

The prosecutor Claire Harden Frost said 'It would seem Mr Elmes was selected because he was available and provided a quote which Panther was willing to pay'

Panther Securities directors then published their own article in a local paper defending their position which a judge branded 'A pack of lies' The company suggested that the demolition had to take place as the building was in danger of collapsing, a claim that was rejected by a council expert. The company also said that the 'Demolition was carefully thought out and that it had been 'discussed with the local police'. which also proved to be untrue.

Panther AL (VAT) was fined £160,000 and ordered to pay £9000 in costs.

Elmes, from Hemel Hemstead was given a nine month suspended jail sentence for two years and ordered to stay at his home between 9.30am - 5pm for the next four months

Boss of Panther Securities Andy Perloff is rather well known in the city for his rambling and ranting chairman's reports which are often a joy to behold. Here's one example about....

"The Guardian's moronic social views about dreadful landlords, the need to track down absentee landlords and enforce legislation to eradicate 800 vacant properties in Margate."

"As one of those dreadful landlords," Perloff goes on, "I would suggest for each dreadful landlord there are two dreadfully incompetent, highly paid, plumply pensioned bureaucrats enforcing 50 ridiculous, unnecessarily expensive rules and regulations to nanny managers and all tenants and, of course, for each dreadful landlord, there are 500 dreadful tenants who, because of no financial interest in their accommodation, damage or misuse it and expect the landlord or council to repair their misuse."

Since the demolition and akin to the Broadstairs High Street plot the site has remained pretty much untouched.

Mr Perloff of Panther suggested that "We are still waiting for planning permission to be approved" he went on

"We are anxious to get planning permission, but it's down to the council - they've slowed everything down.

However, according to a spokesperson for TDC,

"We have no planning application for that land and Panther are not waiting for anything from us."

We can only assume that the Broadstairs High Street plot may remain derelict for some time to come

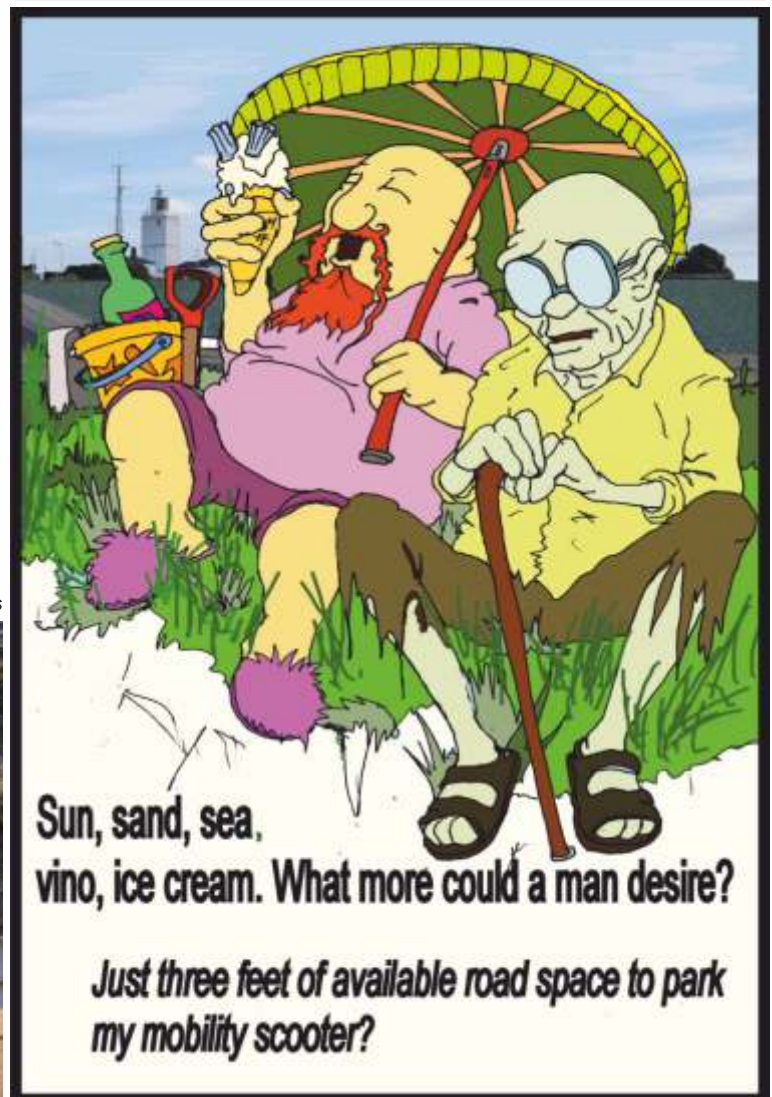
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Beach Balls and Baubles

As we head in to the peak summer season it seems a good time to take a step back and look at what the Town Council has accomplished since the start of the year, it has certainly been a busy first six months as the new Town Clerk!

The Town Council is delighted to share that we have just purchased circa £25,000 worth of new decorative lighting for the town. The theme for the display will be Beach Balls and Baubles, which will include permanent decorative lighting and a Christmas lighting display, keep your eyes peeled as lights start going up around the town.

The purchase of Pierremont Hall and Retort House continues from Thanet District Council and we are currently working with project managers to ensure that a great community project can be delivered for the Town. Grant funding bids are continuing and hopefully we will have positive news in the next 6 months, the buildings will be in our ownership, and start delivering this Community Asset Transfer for the people.

Utilising my town planning experience and the extensive work already undertaken by our Neighbourhood Plan sub-committee, we have made great advances on producing a plan for our town. We will be going out for public consultation on an Issues and Options paper starting on the 28th July and ending on the 22nd September. Once the consultation is open, comments can be made online via the Town Council website or pop into the Council offices after the 28th July and pick up a hard copy of the document. Alternatively pop into one of our consultation events, which will be advertised on our website. (See page 4)

The Council has booked a fabulous array of entertainment to enjoy over the summer, Punch and Judy will be back and full repertoire of gigs and events on the bandstand is available to enjoy and been booked. The Grant deadline for the Town Council has been agreed as the Middy on Friday 10th November 2017, so please ensure all grants for events and funding are submitted before this time.

So, what else have we been up too? There are new notice boards around the town, a new Town Council website and some projects for collaborative working with other organisations in the pipeline. Looking forward to the next 6 months...

Danielle Dunn
Town Clerk

Water Gala news by Tracy Rigby

Here's a few things already planned for Water Gala day. A crab line competition is planned with prizes supplied by the 'Boat house gift shop' (John Nichols). Prizes are for the child that catch the most and second most poundage. Both in girls and boys categories

The Millers and Sweeps competition will be taking place after going missing for many years, this is going to be hosted by the owners of the six Dingy's entered. The 'Millers' in white, and 'Sweeps' in black, with the police will try to maintain law and order. (Quite probably unsuccessfully) My understanding is that this is how it use to be done back in the day. I am making the flour bombs which will be in bio-degradable paper bags and only with white flour as I am not willing to use soot.

The sand castle competition returns which will be near the pier around the low water time.

This year Stone bay will also be included in the beach hut competition. And a Stone bay trophy for the BEST DRESSED beach huts will be included in the prize giving - especially as this is where many Broadstairs residents have their huts; we hope it will draw even more local participation.

The Broadstairs Harbour and Seafront Group will also help with bucket collection to help work continue on the jetty with a percentage going back to the Water Gala.

There will of course be many more events occurring on the day which will be published in due course.

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Demon of the skies



I'm both sad to say and annoyed that I was mugged in Thanet yesterday. I'm not an angry person but this human parasite has both riled me and left me feeling vulnerable; afraid to go out. My therapist has recommended I share the experience to help with the healing process and more than anything, as a warning to others. It's a dangerous world we live in. So there I was sitting at one of the beach cafés eating lunch when from behind I felt a tingling sensation, the kind of feeling one gets when the gates of hell have opened up in Thanet to release a plague of demons upon us (much like the last Thanet District Council elections). I should have turned around but it all happened so quickly. I was mid bite into my tasty sandwich and enjoying the views then a split second later my life flashed before my eyes.

I have never been so frightened as when I felt the evil presence swoosh past my head ruffling my hair. My heart racing I looked up to see my sandwich fly off into the distance, clasped in the massive razor sharp talons of a seagull. I reached out in desperation after the airborne savoury snack but it was as if Satan himself had unleashed this fiend upon me, I was powerless to save it. I sobbed helplessly as this winged beast of Beelzebub; this Leviathan of the air; this flying rat; this, this, this Traffic Warden of the skies pilfered my hard earned lunch.

After the tears subsided, my first impulse was for revenge. Next time I saw a seagull sat in the middle of the road my foot would move towards the accelerator and not the brake as it would have done in the past. I'd let rip an evil laugh as retribution would be mine not only for the sandwich but for all the poop they had deposited upon my car in the past, usually the day after I had had it cleaned. I would be the Captain Ahab of the Thanet Way; the Mad Max of Military Road dispensing justice upon those fowl creatures (do ya get it, fowl as opposed to foul...that's a pun of the month right there that is) who seek to harm us. I calmed down and better sense prevailed that this was not a good thing to do.

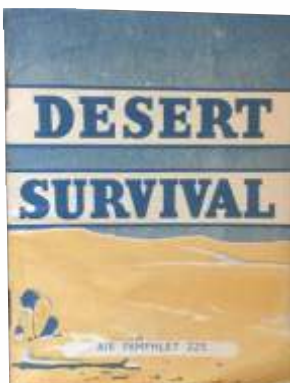
Now I'm no monster so I would not call for a cull of the seagull population but to prevent others suffering such tragedy as myself I would suggest we reduce the seagull population through selective slaughter with preferably every last one of these fiendish beasts being selected...or alternately people could perhaps just stop feeding the seagulls as it makes them aggressive?

Just throwing it out there. I liked that sandwich, it had sausage and ketchup in and I was savouring every bite.
 #dontfeedtheseagulls
 #bewarethewingedharpiesofsatan

by Ian Caplis

The Sands of Viking Bay

This little gem of a booklet dropped through the letterbox just the other day with a note attached warning us that a very hot summer is due. Is this what we should all be wearing this season?



Parking for profit

"A further issue which has attracted attention, is the price of seasonal car Parking in a small number of our many car parks. This has been scrutiny reviewed, which reports back to the full council prior to Cabinet who actually hold power of decision. This came from a petition based upon the first few weeks of the new charges, showing a dip in Parking income. A dip common amongst all Kent Councils who increased charges during April and May. It had always been our intention to introduce dual fee Parking, where residents can be encouraged to further use high streets and local assets through a lower parking charge than those for tourists and visitors. We have been unable to achieve this as the investment requires ANPR technology, and this was beyond the financial investment capability of a Council left weakened financially by the errors of the previous administration.

However, with a little creative thinking, we can use these car parks to test the principle of dual fees, so popular with residents on the doorstep. And for those who thought that car park income reduction would be a permanent feature, we saw an increase in parking income from the seasonal car parks from £51,000 in June 2016 to £91,000 in June 2017. The proposed changes, bringing big discounts to residents, will be laid before Cabinet next week".
 From Chris Wells 13/07/17

There's a few errors in the statement from Chris Wells that have been pointed out by all round good guy Roy Irving, the instigator of the petition mentioned who has been tirelessly campaigning against the new charges.

"It may be a small number in Margate and Ramsgate, however it is 68% of available off road car parking spaces in Broadstairs. I feel I should also point out- "This came from a petition based upon the first few weeks of the new charges, showing a dip in Parking income." this is also incorrect, I started the petition before the charges came into affect on April 1st, The petition ran from 11/03/17 to 24/04/17, so this assertion is totally wrong and misleading"

This is likely to be a done deal by the time this issue comes back from the printers with residents being given an option to purchase special tickets which allow parking in car-parks at a reduced fee. Visitors and tourists will still be charged the full amount (or London prices as we prefer to call it) Perhaps a better scheme would have been to reduce the price of the first hour and up the price of subsequent hours at the in-town car parks thus encouraging people to shop in town and then to charge a modest increase at the likes of Joss Bay etc.

KCC - Robbing Peter to pay Paul

Kent County Council has voted to increase councillors allowances by a staggering 15%. They ignored a recommendation by an independent panel which had proposed a 1.5% increase. Yes you read it correct - ten times the recommendation Unions, campaign groups and even councillors due to gain from the measure have joined in to criticise the decision. Now unions and the campaign group the Taxpayers Alliance have weighed in to denounce the decision. And there has even been criticism from Conservative councillors on other authorities. Ben Walker a Tonbridge Councillor got on Twitter to say: "An insult to #Kent Taxpayers. The sooner we abolish idle Kent County Council & establish Unitary Authorities the better. Appalling. Unsurprisingly KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter defended the increase, suggesting that councillors had lost out in comparison to staff. "Seven years ago we reduced special allowances. "We have increased staff pay by 18%... I do not think the increase is any way unreasonable. Why should we have to tolerate a freeze? It has not reflected the cost of living increase everyone else has had."

This comes after the news that KCC has the most high paid officers in the country - a strange juxtaposition considering they're supposedly looking after some of the most poverty stricken areas of the country too



Shop Watch - Goes to Ramsgate

Not quite in this parish, but a Broadstairs couple have been working hard on an exciting new project called the Home Front Tea Room, located in King Street Ramsgate. This is a 1940s style tea room, the culmination of a five year plan which has evolved from Kim Moran's love of the camaraderie of the 1940s and the great British tradition of the cup that cheers.

Ramsgate was the obvious choice for this exciting new venture, as it has many connections with World War 2. In 1940 hundreds of "little ships" set off from Ramsgate's Royal Harbour as part of Operation Dynamo, rescuing stranded troops from the beaches at Dunkirk. The yacht "Sundowner" brought back 130 men and is moored a short walk from the tea shop. A pleasant short stroll along the seafront will take you to the Ramsgate Tunnels that could shelter up to 60,000 people as the town endured the most bombing of any town during the blitz. Located just outside Ramsgate is the former Manston RAF base, active during World War Two and now home to the Spitfire and Hurricane museum and the RAF Manston History Museum.

The Home Front Tea Room celebrates the whole forties decade. Jolly 1940s music plays through the wireless (radio to you and me). The menu includes food and drink items that would have been available in some form in the decade, but don't worry; they have a 5 star food hygiene rating! Nothing is bought from the spiv or the dodgy butcher. The Home Front offers a selection of light bites and tasty treats. Regular items on the menu include cream teas, cake, things on toast, tasty sandwiches, jacket potatoes, good coffee and a choice of seventeen teas. The décor reflects the era with the expected bold green paint, some deco detailing and lots of original 1940s furniture, ornaments and artefacts.

Kim purchased the former charity shop in 2016. It had previously been a record shop and host to many other trades over the years. The first floor of the tea room is the only remaining part of a rather grand retail building dating back to 1807. The major part of this building was demolished to form a new fast food restaurant but is now a large and well stocked haberdashery shop. The downstairs tea room area was originally open to the elements, giving vehicular access to the rear of the premises!

When Kim was handed the keys to the premises the décor was typical of a charity shop; slotted wall boards, carpet tiles and suspended ceiling with integral lighting. Kim's husband Jim, newly retired from his teaching job, was given the task of project managing the transformation. All surfaces were stripped back and it was discovered that the walls were not even plastered underneath the shop display boards. The entire ground floor area was re-plastered and a new floor was laid. All electrical circuits were replaced with new wiring and sympathetic fixtures and fittings. Careful decorating followed and architraves, skirting boards, borders and dado rails were added. The result is a tea room which will take you back to a different era. Customer comments so far have included "it reminds me of my gran's house" and "my mum had one of these".

So, good people of Broadstairs, next time you venture into Ramsgate, why not visit the Home Front? They're offering you a ten per cent discount between now and 31st August if you show your copy of the Broadie when ordering!



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On 14th June, We made arrangements to meet at Botany Bay for a sunrise photo shoot with a difference we brought with us our very own Dr Who, Stuart (Tom Baker) Grant. This guy looks and sounds just like the legendary 4th Doctor. We also brought with us Ashley Fuggle, he had his own Cyber-man costume realistic in every detail to the ones seen in the Doctor Who series. We arranged to meet at 4am just before sunrise, it was a mild morning and the tide was just out enough for us to do what we had planned.

With a stunning orange sky we set to work creating the shoot "Invasion of The Cyber-men" There were few people about at that time in the morning but a couple of dog walkers did stumble upon us They did give us a wide berth.

The photographers myself Gino Cinganelli, Stephanie Sceal and Simon Grimes set the scene a week or so before using Facebook to announce that an intergalactic event was about to take place and we would be there to photograph the events as they unfolded. Surprisingly a lot of our followers did fall for it and watched our every post with anticipation.

The photo shoot was a great success. The images from the day can be found at www.ginoandsharonphotography.co.uk



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Mrs Wally returns

It has been some time since I last penned an article for The Broadie but don't think I had forgotten you dear readers – I've been plugging away in the kitchen perfecting lots of yummy new recipes and now my broken wing (long, painful story) is healing nicely I'm able to start sharing them with you again. Any long-time readers will know that most of my recipes are seasonal so this issue is pretty good timing – we should all be able to squeeze a few salads in between now and the next issue.

Here are a couple newbies for you to get stuck into;

Broad bean, Mint and Feta Surprise*

Broad beans are lovely and very good for us and the fields. Their lovely leaves and stalks fix nitrogens to the soil to replenish fertility for future seasons and their cushiony pods protect lovely big beans which are great in salads. The only problem with them is that they can be a bit of a faff to prepare, especially when a recipe calls for a bit of double-podding as this one does.

*The only surprise here is that there are radishes in it as well

You will need:

Broadbeans – 1kg unpodded,
Radishes – 1 bunch or standard supermarket pouch,
Feta – a 200g pack,
Bunch of mint,
Extra virgin olive oil,
Lemon juice
and freshly ground black pepper

First of all you will need to double pod the beans, I do this in two stages podding them all first and then to get their tough skins off. I do this by putting them in a bowl, pouring boiling water over them and letting them sit for a minute. After the minute has passed, rinse them in cold water and get picking. I use a really small paring knife to nip the corner and then find the skin comes off really easily to reveal the beautiful bright green beans inside.

Rinse the radishes and top and tail them before halving them and slicing finely into nice half-moon discs.

Chop a generous handful of mint and mix it into a couple of tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil, a good squeeze of lemon juice and a few grinds of black pepper.

Mix everything together and pop in a bowl before crumbling the feta and carefully stirring through to combine – don't be too heavy handed here, make sure the feta doesn't break down completely.

This is a great salad side but is also nice stirred through pasta as a quick and easy, light veggie main.

Tangy potato salad

We love potato salad in Casa del Wally, we often eat it with cold sliced meats in the summer so I like to serve it at room temperature rather than fridge cold which really lets the flavours of this dish sing. This is a really nice tangy sauce which tastes lighter and less artery clogging than the traditional all mayonnaise option.

You will need:

New potatoes – scrubbed but boiled with the skins still intact, a bunch of Spring onions – green and white parts sliced thinly and washed carefully to remove any sand hiding in the stalks.

When the potatoes are cooked, drain them and then cut any bigger ones into chunks, leave them in the strainer to allow the steam to

escape and let them cool down a little before making the sauce.

Mix together:

5 tbsps Extra virgin olive oil,
2 tbsps Apple cider vinegar (I use a raw one containing 'the mother' which is full of lovely gut friendly microbes),
1 tbsp Dijon mustard,
1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce,
1 tbsp Mayonnaise (shop bought is fine),
a fat clove of garlic crushed finely
and a generous grind of salt and pepper.

I mix this by putting it all in a clean jam jar and giving it a good shake.

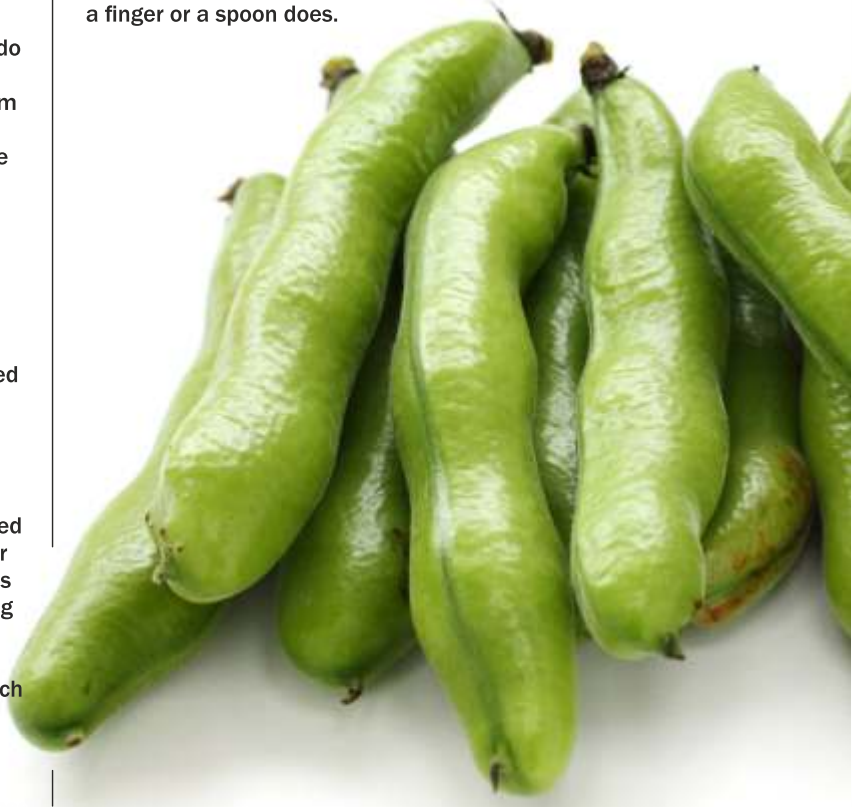
The sauce should be fairly thin – a bit like double cream consistency, if it's thicker, thin it out with a splash each of oil and vinegar.

Lay the potatoes in a dish, sprinkle the spring onions over and then pour the sauce evenly over your spuds. With serving spoons, carefully toss the potatoes to ensure an even covering of the lovely sauce. Warning, you may need more salt than you first think – give it a taste to check!

Mrs Wally's top tips

We need to talk about eggs. Mr Wally had a visit from The Brigadier a few weeks ago and whilst they discussed the pros and cons of fitting paniers to classic British motorbikes in order to carry egg sandwiches, beard oil and spanners (lots and lots of spanners) I watched with horror as Wally cracked an egg against the edge of the worktop and then complained that there was a bit of shell in the pan. I shared the following tips with the pair of them and they looked at me in utter confusion as if I were some kind of egg whispering wizard.....no wizardry here, just science.

1. When cracking an egg, crack it against a flat surface or even better, a curved surface like the inside of a large bowl – if you crack it against a corner, bits of shell can be pushed inwards increasing the likelihood of eggshell in your bowl.
2. If you forget tip number one and need to fish a floater out, snap off another bigger bit of shell and use it to fish out the offending piece from the bowl – eggshell doesn't push it away from you like a finger or a spoon does.



Folk Week fings

Knitting in the park

This daily Folk Week event happening again for the third year. Every morning starting on Saturday 12th August until Friday 18th August at 10.30 – 12 am in the Concert Marquee area in Pierremont Park. The Albion Knitters invite you to share ideas and techniques. Help, needles and wool available if needed.

This year's theme is seagulls and chips.....

On Sunday there will also be folk craft demonstration including spinning, weaving and patchwork.

And of course although gentlemen are welcome any day, they are especially, even encouraged to come along on Thursday.

Cash

The banks with cash-points are getting few and far between so don't forget you can always use the counter service at the Post Office in York Street to draw cash out.

Escape the crowds

Entry to the Pierremont Park bar area is available to all, you won't be able to get into the concert marquee though unless you've a ticket.

Hobby Horse Club

Everyday at 11pm at the bandstand - free entertainment for the little ones, and you get to sit down for a while with a cup of tea. Do dig deep for the Folk Week collection tins though as it costs a bomb to put on.

New for this year are the Days of Dance, Music and Song for 7- 15 year olds with no experience necessary, they can do African Gumboot Dancing , Morris, Appalachian or Longsword; play Percussion or Ukulele and join a Big Band – or sing along with Granny's Attic. Exhaust your offspring for only £10 per day or £3 per session

Why not volunteer

The Workforce is so important to Folk Week – the festival just wouldn't happen without the input of so many volunteers, so we really appreciate you giving up your time to help us create a brilliant event. In 2016, there were over 250 volunteers who made Folk Week a huge success.

Another great thing about the volunteers is that you can be anything from 18 to 80 – and the mix of the generations is one of the great strengths of the festival. Please let us know if you have any special skills (not your swimming certificate!) but technical, stage management ,sales person or just all round practical genius – the more we know the better we can place you somewhere useful. In return for just 35 hours a week you will have the opportunity to explore this amazingly diverse festival, plus free camping and access to sessions and amenities at the campsite - something which would normally cost at least £245 pounds. (Adult, non-concession weekly season ticket price with early booking discount) Contact FW via their website for more details: www.broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk

Can't afford a week ticket but still love to dance into the night?

Don't forget the Night Owl ticket offer at the Pavilion on the Sands – for £50 you can dance the night away for all 8 nights – which is a bargain – every night costs £11. This year, there's everything from Gumboots Reggae, Undercover Hippies, Noble Jacks to Mr Tea & the Minions – kicking off with the Demon Barbers Dance Party on the first Friday.

Don't forget St Peters

There's music, song and dance up by the 'Little Albion' and 'Four Candles' throughout the week.

Kim

Artistic director Kim Headley is retiring this year after years spent in the job, she'll be sorely missed - likely to be an emotional time so keep a hankie at the ready

The Big Parade

The Big Parade on Saturday – a family-friendly procession of music, morris and magic, starting from Pierremont Hall at 5.30pm

Other music

Plenty of the pubs independently put on other music throughout the day and evening, they're not necessarily Folk bands but hey, we're an eclectic bunch and sometimes you just need a bit of Rock and Pop. See: The Dolphin, The Neptune, Reef, Harpers, The Balmoral, 39 Steps and others

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"I remember when this was all fields"

by Norman James

Dear Broadie readers, time and tide waits for no man and slowly little pockets of Thanet are changing. Take a look at the Westwood cross area, I can truly say to the younger generation at the age of 37 that, "I remember when all this was fields", quite sad really. But every so often something interesting turns up throwing light on to days gone by. Recently work at the top of Crawford road has turned up one of the many air-raid shelters that we have/had in Broadstairs. I thought at first it may have been the St. Peters entrance to the Broadstairs underground, but it turns out to be an air raid shelter fit to hold 50 people as shown in the book 'Thanet At War 1939-45' by Roy Humphreys (ISBN 0-86299-796-8). By the time I got to it, the curved top made from 50cm reinforce concrete had been taken off showing for the first time in 70 or so years sun light on the inside of the structure. It was a simple L shaped design with steps leading down to a corner. The many other structures and shelters could be found dotted around Broadstairs and St. Peter's such as:
Bertha Bridge near St.Peter's bike shop (recently demolished holding 50 people), Reading street (50 people), St. Mildred's School (250 people) St. Peter's Boys (260 people) St. peter's girls school (80 people), Reading Street infants (40 people), George Hill (50 people), Broadstairs Gas co. yard in Albion Street (100 people), Carlton Avenue (310 people), Church Street, rear of Harrison's farm (120 people), Chandos Square, demolished in the 1960's(100 people - two shelter), Pierremont Gardens (130 people) and Rear of Mr. French's shop, Albion street (100 people). It's quite a sobering thought to think that during the war bombs fell on this beautiful sea side town hitting areas such as Crow Hill and Stone Road fortunately causing no casualties. Many more accounts are recorded in the book 'Thanet At War'



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The Battle of Bossenden Wood 2 - The Return of the Peasants

Just in case for any reason you thought for a moment that it was all quiet and sane in the village of St Peters, take a look here.

You may remember way back in Issue 30 we covered the strange tale of the last battle to ever take place on English soil. It involved a colourful character who went by the name of Sir William De Courtenay who in reality held no title, was actually named John Tom, and had spent a number of years in the asylum. On 29th May (Oak Apple Day) John Tom had gathered a number of followers and began marching around the nearby countryside with a flag and a loaf of bread on a pole as a symbol to march under. He started preaching to villagers about the terrible conditions the poor lived under. This really gee'd the locals up and more flocked to his cause. After an altercation with a local constable who was shot and killed by John Tom the local regiment at Canterbury was called out to deal with the situation. It didn't end well. John Tom was shot and killed after killing another Lieutenant, Eight of his followers were also killed outright or mortally wounded. Others involved in the incident spent time in prison or were transported to Australia.

Sir William or John Tom (take your pick) was attempting to right the wrongs of the poorest in society at the time - albeit in a very peculiar manner, perhaps this is what the re-enactors were highlighting 179 years later. Or perhaps they were also out for a bit of a laugh, following a loaf of bread on a pole and quite possibly ending up in the 'Four Candles' for a few beers to wash the merriment down.

With thanks to Paul (Deadly) Headley for the pics. Starring Oliver Wellesley Gardner as Sir William de Courteney, Ian Love and Phillip Gardner as the soldiers and a host of others.



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Thank you all so much for your kind words in cards within my "Surprise" book, lovingly made albeit with some shocking pictures of my journey, the "whip" round of donations which were very much appreciated & the people who joined (or put up with the Claire and Toni Kare-Joke show) & reminded me how lucky I am to have met so many beautiful people.

You made it a pleasure to go to work.

Most importantly I'd like to thank Richy roo for not only being the best boss I have ever had, you are an inspirational man & at times have been a father figure to me for which I can never thank you enough. My love for you all is far greater than I ever could have imagined all those many moons ago....

Thank you, Thank you Thank you love from "The funny haired girl from the shop " Claire xx

And from Claire's mum ... A big thank you to you all for being such lovely customers..

But chiefly a huge thank you to Richard for being such a supportive, understanding kind boss & believing in her when many wouldn't have. Job well done sir



The Bus is back

The hugely popular open-top bus will be returning to Thanet this summer. In fact, we'll be running two open-top bus routes! Route 69 will be back from Saturday 22 July running the same route as last season between Ramsgate Boating Pool and Broadstairs Stone Bay. Tickets from £2 Adult £1 Child. See website for details. Get there early for a top deck seat.

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The Brigadier - Some like it hot



'Phew what a scorcher' as the 'Sun' tends to suggest every year about this time. I'll allow it this year as quite frankly and to quote the Wicked Witch of the West, 'I'm melting', there's also steam coming out the cold tap, supplies of Prosecco are at an all time low which may result in an extinction type event within the middle classes, ice is exchanging hands on the black market for hundreds of pounds with late night drinkers cutting it up with razor blades to snort in a cold water addled frenzy, worse still, obese men are still insisting on removing their shirts and walking around semi-naked like a scene out of the recent Planet of the Apes movie and to top it off all the Sparrows in the garden are flying around on fire.

It shouldn't really come as much of a surprise to us, it occurs on a yearly basis, however the joys of the summer quite often tend to stay with us for just one or maybe two days. I recall a few years back having that conversation that 'The Stour looks low this year, we could do with some rain' and then two weeks later we couldn't drive from Wickhambreaux to Grove Ferry as the highway was under two feet of water.

Not so this year - we've had to keep her ladyship amused indoors, too much sun and it turns her rather screwy. You know, the normal sort of things, hot sweats, swearing, drinking far too much in the way of alcoholic fluids and generally behaving as if she'd quite lost all sense of decorum and decency; still, it's fun to watch. Last June we could only look on in horror as she took to breaking eggs on bald mens' heads in the vain hope of cooking an omelette whilst shouting at children to warn them that they had started evaporating. We took her home, sat her down in front of the fridge with the door open and fed her frozen salt licks, unfortunately the only draw back is she now does it even when it's quite temperate out as she says it's more interesting than what's on the television and she won't go to sleep unless I turn the light out at the exact same time I shut the door.

We took to stocking the freezer with some cheap sorbet style ice creams from one of the lower end supermarkets. Oh my they're hard, I let one of the dogs have a go on it first just to start me off, this of course induced a canine brain freeze on the poor pooch which then transferred to me after the first lick. The damn thing still hasn't melted after three days and may well have been made from a drilled Antarctic core sample from strata levels of thirty million years ago. Sure Ray Mears you might know how to cook a Risotto using only Acorns and a flattened dehydrated hedgehog but you can't teach us how to eat a cheap Cornetto without succumbing to a brain aneurism. She is by no means alone in her high temperature based shenanigans, I've taken to mowing the lawn in the buff. The smell of new mown grass is just marvellous, as is the wind from the blades whizzing around and the whistles of admiration from the neighbours as they shout words of encouragement such as 'We can see she must have married you for your money' or 'I can clearly see you're nuts'

You see, I'm not too good with the heat either, you'd have thought all those years spent in the desert digging up artefacts and mummies for the British Museum would have inoculated me against the high nineties, but not so. I blame the curse of the mummy that was levelled against me during one stormy nighttime dig near Dhahshur in Egypt.

We'd dug all day after a tip off from an ancient village elder who'd been selling his wares on the old road to Cairo, it was around ten in the evening as the skies blackened and the hard thud of metal pick against ancient hard wood stopped us all in our tracks. We unearthed a small wooden casket, three feet long with golden coil work adorning the lid to the sarcophagus. Inside we discovered the mummified remains of...well, of a cat. That must have been one bad kitty, I mean you just put them out for the night don't you, you don't have to bury them.

Ever since that fateful day I couldn't abide the heat and cats were now somehow attracted to me and my home. There's always a bloody cat in the house meowing for food, another on my bed and another of the little so and so's curled up on my favourite hat or slacks. I really don't know who they belong to, where they come from or who feeds them, I just know the curse is still in operation and the cats keep coming.

Perhaps the heat actually encourages the wee furry devils, they too must stay indoors, keep cool and do absolutely nothing all day except potter about and occasionally demand food - not unlike myself.



Dancers at this years Folk Festival prepare for a warm one

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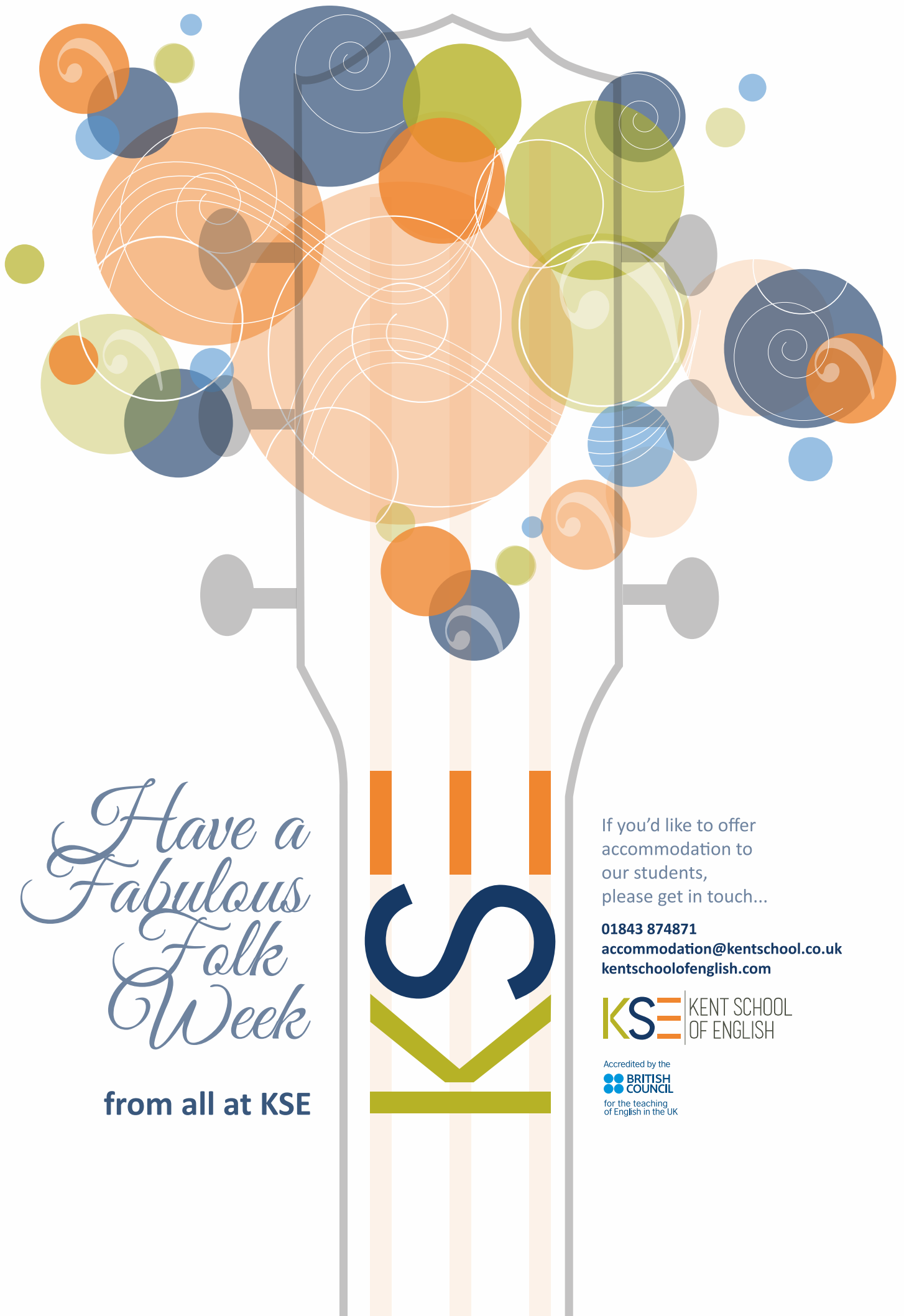
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In the last edition of "The Broadie", I wrote a piece about Frank Wales; one of the 30 men whose name appears on the WW1 Memorial on the side of Holy Trinity Church in Broadstairs. Frank was a Broadstairs lad who grew up in his Grandfather's house at 1 Leslie Cottages, Union Court, off Harbour Street.

His Grandfather was a Broadstairs life-boatman as were several of the neighbours in that area including my Great Grandfather. His mother was a single parent for about 10 years but eventually married a naval seaman named William Crouch, who lived round the corner in Church Square with his sister who was my Great Grandmother.

On 3rd September 1915, aged 28 years, Frank enlisted with 10th Battalion of the Queens Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). He had a wife, Kathleen Mary, and a son, Francis and daughter, Kathleen at that time.

In the following year he saw action in several of the major battles on the Western Front culminating in the Battle of Messines where he was killed in the first few hours of action on 7th June 1917. His third child, Margaret, was born a couple of months later. In my previous article I stated that my Cousin Ray and I were planning to go to Belgium for the centenary of Frank's death, aiming to lay a wreath on 7th June 2017 upon his grave at a place called Voormezeele Enclosure No: 3. Section XIII. Row E.5. And we did.

Curiously, four days before we set off I was enjoying a pint amongst the books in The Chapel pub in Albion Street when a gentleman called Graham Young (no relation), accompanied by three uniformed gentleman came up to where we were sitting. They were searching for some book of interest and in the ensuing chat it came up that his colleagues were members of the Ypres Fire Brigade. More interestingly, they were the men who sound "The Last Post" each night at the Menin Gate who, earlier that day had played it at the Ramsgate Sailors' Church and Harbour Mission with which Graham is associated.

Coincidence or what? There followed much chat and arrangements for us to meet them at the Menin Gate on the following Tuesday.

So on 6th June Ray and I set off for Ypres. At 8.00pm that evening there was the ceremony at The Menin Gate that has taken place every day (excepting during WWII) since the end of WW1. That evening there was a special (and moving) ceremony attended by over a thousand people which was dedicated to the New Zealand Army, commemorating their ancestors' great losses at Messines.

By this time we were both struck by the seriousness and reverence the Belgians seemed to have with regard to these ceremonies and all the memorials that are scattered about the region. It is a great credit to them that they have not forgotten all those soldiers who came from far and wide to liberate their country.

The next day began with us visiting at Frank's grave at Voormezeele. In fact, he was originally buried, probably about a week later, close to where fell on the battlefield along with a Lieutenant T W Purves of the Middlesex Regiment and "A Serjeant of the Royal Engineers". We were able to ascertain that they were in a grave by a hedge close to a pond in a field that is shown on a trench map. In 1919, along with many others in temporary graves in that area, they were disinterred and taken to the nearby cemetery in which they now lie.

As with all of Commonwealth War Graves in France and Belgium, the cemetery was immaculate. It is difficult not to be moved by a visit to them.

Next we went in search of the crater that remains from one of the 19 huge mines that were exploded at 3.10am on 7th June to start the main attack. The mine at St Eloi, on the northern part of the Messines Ridge, and close to which the Royal West Kents were waiting to attack, was the biggest of them all in terms of power. The thing that struck us was Frank and his colleagues in 'C' Company were in trenches waiting to "go over

the top" less than half a mile from where that mine exploded. Given that there are claims that it could be heard in the south of England (including Broadstairs), and also they estimate 10,000 German soldiers were killed by the explosions, it is amazing those British troops nearby survived at all or at least, weren't completely deafened.



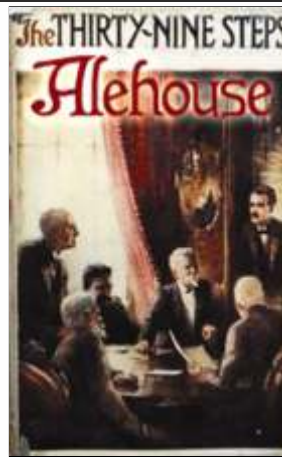
Next, a short walk away from the crater, we found the approximate starting point of 'C' Company and were able to track where they would have charged forward underneath the barrage that followed and explosion of the mine. We could see the artificial ridge known as the Dammestrasse, a German vantage point that was to have been one of their key objectives. The mine had its effect in severely limiting the German resistance but not wholly. Still German machine guns raged and shell fire fell about them and at some point in the early hours of that morning Frank fell victim and died.



We also found the pond near which he was buried and therefore the vicinity in which he died. It was a poignant moment. We wondered for a moment what Frank would have thought if somebody could have told him at 3.00am that morning in 1917 that, in 100 years time, two silly old b***** would be making a special trip to be there to commemorate the centenary of his death. Ray said that if he were Frank he wouldn't have been too impressed, thinking "I'd rather they did that in about 2050!". Frank Wales and the other 29 young men of Broadstairs, we salute you.

Finally, if there is anybody out there that has a picture of Frank or any of his descendants, we would love to receive them.

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Mark

The following short story was first published in Flash: The International Short Story Magazine Vol. 6 No.2 October 2013 by Lazarus Renard

Mine and Mark's friendship was quite possibly the best friendship any two men could have. I didn't have his phone number, he didn't have mine. But when the two of us happened to be in the

same pub at the same time we treated each other like long-lost friends. Two soldiers from the same war. Brothers. Sometimes a handshake and an 'I'll pay for whatever he's having.' Sometimes, depending on how p*ssed one of was, it was a hug and a 'Two Masterbrews with chasers please.'

Mark always outdid me on the poverty stories. He'd recount days of growing up in the East End. Explaining how learning to play the guitar became his escape. A place where he could strum out his rage and sing out his blues. A place where he was boss. Any story I told just made me sound middle-class. I suppose there's lots of poor people with good upbringings.

Loads of people hated Mark. He was tall, confident and strong. Years of bricklaying had honed his body. He was also intolerant of bullsh*t. He had a habit of punching anyone who p*ssed him off. Teachers and accountants got the full force of his wrath.

His neighbour found him standing in his porch at 2 p.m. wearing only a dressing gown. Not that unusual for an out-of-work bricklayer. This time though, it all looked wrong.

Mark's stroke had hit six hours earlier.

After a month in hospital and two weeks on day release, we met outside a pub. I'd seen people decline slowly into madness, watched men and women cut, nuked, then eventually succumb to the cancer. I'd lost loved ones overnight to heart attacks, but I had never experienced this.



I do the talking now. Mark pretends to listen. When Mark does speak, I pretend to understand. We both know I can't.

It was with great sadness this week that The Broadie learned of the death of Mark Law, a much loved DFL who moved here and promptly immersed himself in the music scene of our town.

Mark played the guitar beautifully and had a passion for the music of Ray Davies. He was a regular at the Wired jam sessions and if you were lucky, on a sunny day, you might stumble across him and Manfred busking for beer on the jetty.

He will be remembered fondly by those who loved him, a little less fondly by those who locked horns with him, but he will be remembered and when all things are said and done, that's what really counts.

R.I.P Mark Law 1960 - 2017

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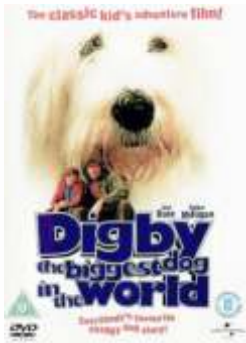


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Facts of Fun*

*Well, when we say facts we do of course mean interesting nuggets of information we may have overheard from the group of people at the table by the door; Okay so it was late, we'd had a few and sometimes stuff gets misheard. It's all true I tell ya!

1. Ian Dury wrote of 'Janet from just outside the Isle of Thanet' in his ditty 'Billericay Dickie'. Unfortunately the girl in question never managed to move on to the Isle and still resides in a caravan at Reculver. It is said that she still takes in laundry but is no longer willing to be hit with any rhythm sticks.



2. Captain Digby of Kingsgate Public house fame owned the world's biggest Old English sheepdog, he housed the beast in outbuildings at his Kingsgate home and even once moved it into Lord Holland's Folly when it had outgrown the stables. After complaints from golfers that the 'Hound keeps eating our balls', the captain took the dog overseas on one of his many adventures and it was never seen again. The story was later turned into a low budget Disney film starring Jim Dale.

3. Chas and Dave of 'Down to Margate' fame originally started off as 'Dave and Chas', however, they didn't find fame until a publicist pointed out that the British public much prefer things in alphabetical order.

4. Charles Dickens wrote much of the book 'David Copperfield' whilst dining at the same named restaurant near Westwood Cross. It was said that he was fond of the Mini-Kievs but could not abide the Chicken Jalfrezi on a Tuesday. His later book 'The Hooden Horse' remains a very under read classic.

5. Droit House in Margate was named by a visiting dignitary from Birmingham Municipal Council who at the opening ceremony suggested to a local journalist whose camera had jammed, that instead of taking the picture he could just 'Draw it'. The name stuck.

6. Local band 'Hawkwind' famous for their million selling single 'Silver Machine' based the song on founder member Nik Turner's dad's old Morris Oxford that they painted in Zinc alloy paint to help stop it rusting. Hence the lyrics 'I, I just took a ride, in a silver machine, in a silver machine and I'm still feeling mean'

7. Benny Hill lived for a while in Bradstow way, he was often seen walking extremely quickly around the town being pursued by one policeman, two nurses, a traffic warden, three nuns, a bald headed man and someone shaking their fist

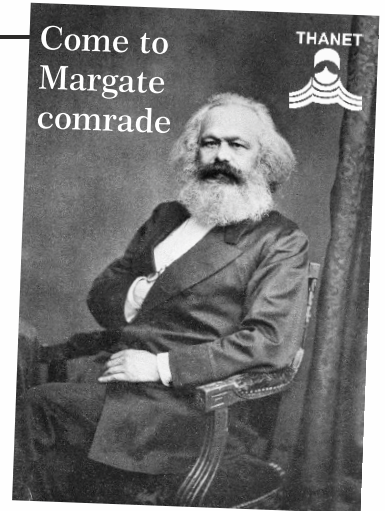
8. The Hypermarket at Westwood was originally to be named the 'Westwood World of Wonderful Food Company'. This original plan was later shortened to WWW.FOOD.COM. However the management thought that this just wasn't modern, forward looking enough and instead went with the 'Hypermarket'

9. The Jutes are well known for invading the South East of Britain in the 5th Century. They are best remembered for the introduction of re-useable shopping bags

10. Thomas Paine spent some time in Thanet. On hearing of his new home, members of the newly



formed Tourism Publicity Team approached him to see if he fancied supplying them with any useful quotes for their upcoming campaign. His only documented contribution is from a publicity poster from 1760 - 'Those who want to reap the benefits of this great nation must bear the fatigue of supporting it, so come to Margate'



11. Karl Marx also spent time in Margate during 1866. As with Thomas Paine, he too was approached by a delegation from the local council who invited him to join their rather lacklustre Tourism Publicity team. His only documented contribution is from a publicity poster from the time. 'The worker of the world has nothing to lose but their chains, workers of the world unite and come to Margate'



12. Banks: Broadstairs town was once bestowed with up to eight banks. This was back in the day when local residents and businesses used something that was referred to as 'Money'. It was a quaint old custom preferred by the working classes involving varying denominations of metallic coinage and a paper based system of promises. It was deemed rather 'Old Hat' in the early Twenty first century and quickly went out of fashion - mainly due to nobody actually being able to own any

13. Poets Corner in Margate regularly attracts crowds of beret wearing hipsters reciting anything from their own repertoire or poems by other well known deceased scribblers of rhyming misery. TDC Regularly have to patrol the area and move on hordes of these polo-neck, jewel bedecked scribes of slang and have even put up signs encouraging residents and visitors that 'The feeding of Poets is strictly prohibited'

14. Poorhole lane: It has been suggested that this is named after the un-wealthy plague victims that may have been buried here in Tudor times. However it has recently come to light that this was just 'Spin' put on the situation by a local authority at the time. The people housed at Poorhole lane were indeed poor, however they were not dead but instead simply housed in large excavations in the ground, or as we call them nowadays 'Big puddles'. A situation still repeated in this day and age

15. The Prince Albert. Queen Victoria's beau once stayed in the Broadstairs public house as a paying guest. During his visit and late one night after a healthy time spent on the Port, the German prince somehow managed to get his tackle caught on the curtain ring of the low divider that separated the saloon from the public bar. The Prince never managed to remove the ring and spent the rest of his days carrying around a small curtain rail everywhere he went. This created quite a splash at public events and a craze ensued entitled 'The Prince Albert' which is still popular today amongst those who really should spend their money much more wisely.

16. The first cordless telephone exchange opened in Thanet in 1955, it was almost immediately lost and didn't show up until 1956 when an engineer found it down the back of a sofa in the tea room.

17. The Grand Old Duke of York was not a terribly good tactician, this is why 'York Gate' is not even situated on the same road as 'York Street'. Little wonder he could never make his mind up about whether to go up a hill or come down.

18. The name 'Thanet' is of Germanic origin. In ancient Saxon tongue 'Thanet' as a placename means 'Island of Pungent Vegetation'

19. Broadstairs Sailing Club started out in 1757 as Broadstairs Rowing Club until a Captain James Gilhooly stood up on board to remove his jacket one fine afternoon during a race and noticed how the wind caught the fabric and forced him forwards. Thus he unwittingly invented 'Jacketing'. It wasn't until an Arthur Sailing of Wolverhampton patented the idea in 1762 that the pastime became fully accepted.

20. The Stream Packet Company: This company ran sea trips all over the southern seas of the UK aboard their steam powered vessels. The company was named after a practical joke that was played on the rather gullible son of the owner James Duck. James junior was asked by a chief engineer to go and purchase some steam for the boiler from the harbour master who realising the jape provided a number of packets for young James to return with. This joke continued throughout the war years with James only finding out the truth in 1963 aged 57, sadly two day later James died of acute embarrassment.

21. The fast train. During the 1950s trains would regularly reach London Victoria in one hour and fifteen minutes, this was due to the nearly unfathomable speed and efficiency of the steam engine and the fact that the Allies had learned a lot of lessons on train reliability from the now demised dictator Mussolini. The new electric fast train which costs an arm and a leg to even look at is actually slower than the old standard train, this is in part due to the removal of the 'Clickety-Clack' generator that increased the speed on all pre-electric lines

22. An ancient Broadstairs Byelaw states that when meeting a cat along a bye-way within the confines of the town 'A gentleman must raise his hat and say 'Good day fine feline - Caught many rats today?' This was in remembrance of the 'Town Cat' of 1667 who during a plaque year was responsible for keeping the town largely rodent free. The greeting was said to remind any errant or lethargic lazy pussies of their true vocation.

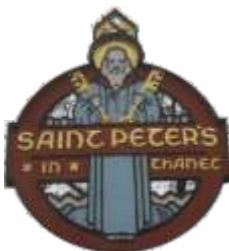
23. An Inter-dimensional portal exists in the room behind the main area in Harrington's Ironmongers in York Street. This is where they keep that thing you want but which is not on display. If you require said thing they will quietly retrieve it from the time and space portal. This is how they always seem to stock the thing you need. If they haven't got the thing you need this is because the intelligent aliens that run the portal on the other side are on strike.

24. The Broadway at the top of town was named after the big Hollywood stars that appeared there in the nineteen thirties and forties. Bing Crosby and Bob Hope stopped there to film a scene for one of their numerous 'Road Trip' films entitled 'Down to Margate'. Which involved a hilarious skit on whether they should... 'See the sea, have tea, Water-ski, just you and me, Oh gee, what you and me, have tea, ski and see the sea' etc etc

25. Famous Nazi Arthur Tester lived on the North Foreland estate up until his disappearance in 1939. It was always assumed he'd escaped down the 39 (78) steps and used a row boat to meet up with a U-Boat moored offshore.

However recently discovered evidence suggests that Dr Tester did in fact steal a Swan necked Pedallo from the Ramsgate boating pool and made his way to South America to meet up with other fleeing Nazis, only stopping at Jersey on the way to pick up some full fat milk and Potatoes for the journey.

26. The sign in Saint Peters says 'St Peters in Thanet'. There is little evidence to suggest whether St Peter ever visited Thanet. But in one of his many letters he did mention that even though he'd lived by the seas of Galillee for all those years he'd 'never once stopped to build a sandcastle or dig a hole'. It is thought that the contested Second Letter to the Thessalonians was possibly a typo and should have been sent as 'St Pauls letter to the Thanetians'.



Fluffy Eggs and Four in a Bed

Channel 4's '4 in a Bed' TV show in which four different B&B owners experience each others establishments and then vote on the various attributes and foibles of them included Broadstairs Vegetarian B&B, Copperfields. The episode aired in June and of course being a Broadstairs B&B, Neale and Julie Taylor, the owners - won.



The activity Neale and Julie invited their guests to take part in was a trip to the 'Town Shed' where they all had to decorate one of the Shed's bird boxes. The task was supervised by that well known Broadie cover and Folk Week regular Pete Stockwell also known for singing the odd sea shanty.

A great favourite at Copperfields are Neale's fluffy eggs but he refuses to share the recipe. In fact when I managed to 'accidentally' creep into the kitchen there, he was less than happy...and I'm still none the wiser.



Meanwhile on the Seafront.....

Eric. When you said that it was a topless bus, you did mean.....

That's what I heard Bob





Barks in the park

And not the canine variety...Broadstairs may be a town jam packed with houses, buildings, businesses and bustle but if you stop and take a closer look you'll find some truly interesting horticultural features just a few steps away from the main drag.

There's Cherry trees, Plums, Damsons, Apple and even the odd Walnut Tree. You'll discover Wild Rocket, Sorrell, Sea Cabbage & Alexander to name but a few. We discovered that TDC has a 'Tree Officer' - well who knew that was a thing. So we called him up and went along with him to Pierremont Park, just to have a chat and to wander round some of the lesser known specimens therein.

(1) Cherry. I'm sure you all know what a Cherry tree looks like. (Bottom Left - Right tree)

(2) Ginkgo Biloba, also known as the Ginkgo tree or the Maidenhair tree, (Top left) (Bottom left - middle tree) is the only living species in the division Ginkgophyta, all others being extinct. It is found in fossils dating back 270 million years. Native to China, the tree is widely cultivated and was introduced early to human history. It has various uses in traditional medicine and as a source of food.

(3) Robinia also known as False Acacia (Bottom Left - Left Tree) originally from the USA and Mexico and was commonly planted in parks in the 80s. It has yellow flowers in the spring and huge leaves.

(4) Mulberry deciduous and does fruit, unfortunately this one is a bit closely planted so it's not prolific

(5) Gleditsia has delicate, luminous yellow leaves which gradually become green in the summer and turn golden in the autumn.

(6) Paulownia Tomentosa also known as the Foxglove Tree (Top Right) has large leaves and lilac, foxglove like blossom in the spring

(7) Arbutus also known as Strawberry Tree is most attractive in the autumn when the flowers appear along with the ripening fruit from the previous year

(8) Golden Koelreuteria also known as the Golden Rain Tree, a native of Eastern Asia, the leaves have a pink tinge and orange flowers in the summer. When the flowers die they are replaced by paper thin, lantern like seed pods.

(9) Quercus Ilex also known as Holm Oak (Bottom Right) Large evergreen trees which tends to develop a massive, rounded crown, originally from the Mediterranean.

and not a tree but such a lovely plant at the moment in the park.....

(10) Freemontodendron also known as Flannel Bush (Right Portrait) the one in the park has lovely trumpet like orange and yellow flowers which feel waxy





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Wheels and Fins International Film Festival

Kent's first ever Wheels and Fins International Film Festival is all set to announce the inaugural Official Selection to be screened at the Palace Cinema in Broadstairs on August 19th.

Kent's premiere surfing destination Joss Bay has hosted the Wheels and Fins Festival on its beaches for many years, this year for the first time (on top of action sports surf, music and soapbox racing) is a unique film festival. Wheels and Fins was recently named in the top 7 surf festivals in Europe, and so with it brings a pedigree that has been reflected in this year's film selection.

The Wheels and Fins International Film Festival is the first Action Sports focussed film festival in the area and has had submissions from 13 different countries spanning across 5 continents.

Judging the competition this year is an eclectic group of high achievers and social influencers in the film world. Raindance Winner Marc Price leads the team along with film critic Maxwell Hubbard, Simon Ward from the Independent Cinema Office (and Palace Cinema), director Dom Bridges and Festival Organiser Dave Melmoth.

"We're so stoked to be hosting our first action sports film festival this year. This has been an incredible addition to the Wheels and Fins brand and a rad opportunity to work with the guys from Bou Mou Productions. The festival is dedicated to providing it's audience with world class action sports and film is the perfect platform to do this. It allows us to be able to support and showcase the global surf and action sports community with the great people of Kent. Better still we get to support a locally run, independent cinema by the sea. It's a win win!!"

Dave Melmoth, Event Director at Wheels and Fins

The film festival will be hosted at the amazing Palace Cinema in Broadstairs, a truly independent cinema run by Simon and Corinna Downing and powered by local boutique production company and creative agency Bou Mou Productions run by husband and wife team Mark and Charlotte Bousfield.

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Rising Damp

by Eric Chappell

Based on Eric Chappells well-loved television sitcom the play takes the lid off 1960s bed-sit land Thurs 3rd. Friday 4th August at 7.30pm and Saturday 5th August at 2.30pm and 7.30pm and Sunday 6th August at 6.30pm

Sugar Daddies

by Alan Ayckbourn

A young woman rescues Father Christmas from an apparent traffic accident, but things are not what they seem. Comic and sinister by turn, can innocence flirt with evil and remain untouched?

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th August at 7.30pm, Saturday 12th August at 2.30pm and 7.30pm and Sunday 13th August at 6.30pm.

Last of the Red Hot Lovers

by Neil Simon

Middle-aged and married, New Yorker, Barney Cashman wants to join the sexual revolution before it is too late. He sets out to prove himself the Great Lover with comic and un-anticipated results.

Thursday 17th and Friday 18th August at 7.30pm, Saturday 19th August at 2.30pm and 7.30pm and Sunday 20th August at 6.30pm

What's on at The Palace

The Beguiled (15)

Directed by Sophie Coppola, USA, 1h 34m

Starring Nicole Kidman, Colin Farrell, Kirsten Dunst, and Elle Fanning
Fri 21 July 8pm, Sat 22 July 6pm, Sun 23 July 8pm. Mon 24 July 6pm, Tue 25 July 3pm, 6pm, Wed 26 July 6pm, Thur 27 July 6pm

Badly wounded Yankee soldier Colin Farrell is given temporary shelter from the American Civil War raging outside an exclusive girls' school run by straight-laced Headmistress Nicole Kidman. Soon, the buttoned-up household is boiling over, projecting romantic fantasies on to the manipulative soldier in Sofia Coppola's (Lost in Translation) remake of the Clint Eastwood classic.

Song to Song (cert TBC)

Directed by Terrence Malick, USA, 2h 9m

Starring Michael Fassbender, Ryan Gosling, Rooney Mara, Natalie Portman, Cate Blanchett & Holly Hunter

Sat 22 July 8.30pm, Tue 25 July 8pm, Thur 27 July 8.30pm

Director Terrence Malick's (Days of Heaven, Badlands, Tree of Life) latest has Michael Fassbender's predatory music producer hustle idealistic young musician Ryan Gosling against a backdrop of two intersecting love triangles involving Rooney Mara, Natalie Portman and Cate Blanchett. Oh... and we also get backstage with Iggy Pop and Patti Smith!

Despicable Me 3 (U)

Directed by Kyle Balda, Pierre Coffin & Eric Guillon, USA, 1h 30m

Starring the voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Steve Coogan, Julie Andrews, Trey Parker & Russell Brand: Fri 21 July 3pm - Thurs 3rd August 3pm (Tues 25/07 & Tues 01/08 5.15pm)

Gru, the minions and the rest of his family are back! Hurrah! Gru (Steve Carell) and his wife Lucy (Kristen Wiig) must stop former '80s child star Balthazar Bratt (Trey Parker) from achieving (you guessed it) World Domination.

Tommy's Honour (PG)

Directed by Jason Connery, UK/USA, 1h 52m

Starring Sam Neill, Peter Mullan, Jack Lowden and Ophelia Lovibond
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Slack Bay (15)

Directed by Bruno Dumont, France/Germany/Belgium, 2h 2m

Starring Juliette Binoche, Valeria Bruni Tedeschi and Fabrice Luchini
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Sat 29 July 8.30pm, Tue 1 August 8pm, Thur 3 August 8.30pm

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