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SIDLESHAM FUN & FOOD DAY

Free event for all

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 , 10 AM - 12 NOON
SIDLESHAM RECREATION GROUND, PO20 7RQ

JOIN US TO...

Learn about
garden
sharing

Taste fruits and
compare the
varieties

Press
apples

Learn about the
community
orchard and take
home some fruit.

Tell us what
you would like
to see locally
regarding food

Enjoy
refreshments at
the cafe

Get involved
for a better
local food
system

Find out about
Sidlesham's local
agricultural
history and local
heritage walks

Enjoy
children's
activities

Learn about
local groups
and activities



If your local group or organisation would like a stand or activity,
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MANHOOD MISCELLANY

The musical event which took place on 18th August was a great success. There was a wide variety of music and the bar was very busy. Our next event will be on 29th September when the Village Bar will be open and we hope to have some a few acts during the evening. Again, the bar will be open and we hope you will be generous with the retiring collection, so we can improve this building for your comfort and enjoyment. See page 4 for further details.

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Monday	The Open Door Choir belindagannon.musicforall@gmail.com	Sidlesham Memorial Hall	7 - 9 pm
2nd Tues	Quiz with George Torrance as quizmaster.	The Anchor	7.30 pm
Tuesday	Lucy's Pilates - All abilities welcome To book and check details call Lucy on 07906058062	ON ZOOM	6.00 pm
Thursday	Afternoon Tea	Church Rooms	From 2.00 pm
Thursday	Sidlesham Short Mat Bowls £3.00 per session Contact Marilyn Sharp on 641437	School Sports Hall	4.30 - 6.30 pm
2nd Wed	Women's Institute	Parish rooms	2.15pm
Saturdays Term time	Lizzie's Craft Club. for children aged 4—11 years. £5 session per child. Contact lizzie@lizziebaily.com	Applefield	2.30 - 4.00 pm

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PLEASE USE THEM, THEY ENABLE THIS MAGAZINE
TO BE FREE TO YOU ALL**

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EAST BEACH CAR PARK -**

OPEN BETWEEN 8.15 and 3.00
on ALTERNATE THURSDAYS:
31ST AUGUST. 14TH, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

THESE SITES ACCEPT
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OTHER ALTERNATE THURSDAYS.**

**FUTURE DATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL
MEETINGS 2nd WEDNESDAYS**

**No meeting Dec and August
Annual Parish Meeting
4th Wednesday in May
in the Church Hall at 7 pm**

Planning included in above meetings.
Details of Planning to be discussed can be obtained from Alison Colban details on this page.

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**Chichester Farmers' Market Location: Town Centre
Time: 9.00 - 14.00 1st and 3rd Friday of each month**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



THE ANCHOR IS OPEN EVERY DAY

TELEPHONE 641 373 FOR DETAILS OR TO MAKE A BOOKING

**TALKS AT 6 - THURSDAYS - BETWEEN 6 AND 7PM
BASSIL SHIPPAM CENTRE - TOZER WAY, PO19 7LG**

Book on line bookings@talksatsix.co.uk
Retiring collection for Speaker's choice of charity
Organised by Marilyn Humphrey

Thursday 7th September - The Golden Age of Islamic Science, Mathematics and Medicine by Craig Gershtater in which he will explain between the 8th to 14th century, this period laid the foundations of many of the aspects of our high-tech lives today. Arabic numbers, the use of algebra, optics and cosmology can trace their origins back to Islamic scholars. The talk will introduce some of the key characters and their work.

Thursday 28th September - Forbidden Places by Patrick J Pead. Is a glimpse of the remains of once highly secret military establishments. A picture of Britain's efforts to safeguard our defences during WW1 and the Cold War. We were unaware of what was happening behind the scenes.

We do hope you can come to all or any of the above at **Bassil Shippam Centre, Tozer Way, PO19 7LG at 6-7pm**, please book on line bookings@talksatsix.co.uk or see the full programme on www.talksatsix.co.uk

INFINITY HOME FIXTURES FOR SEPTEMBER:

30/8 Infinity U23 vs Romsey Town U23 ko 19.45

5/09 Infinity U23 vs Clanfield U23 19.45

26/09 Infinity U23 vs Blackfield & Langley U23



CLANFIELD AT SIDLESHAM RECREATION GROUND

29/8 Clanfield U23 vs Locks Heath U23

5/09 Clanfield U23 vs Infinity U23

19/09 Clanfield U23 vs Hamble Club U23



**CAN YOU PROVIDE
ACCOMMODATION
TO UKRAINIAN GUESTS?**

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who can offer accommodation
to Ukrainians on the
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WHAT ARE THE LATEST OFFERS AND DISCOUNTS?

The government has [extended the bus cap fare of £2 until 31 October 2023](#). After this, the bus fare cap will change to £2.50 for single tickets until 30 November 2024.

If you are a permanent West Sussex resident who has reached state pension age, you can get a [free five-year bus pass for travelling off-peak all over England](#). This means you can catch a bus to anywhere in the county – and beyond, weekdays between 9.30am and 11pm and all day on weekends and bank holidays, free of charge!

The county council provides [a free bus pass to people who are disabled, incapacitated, or medically unfit to drive](#).

Safety in Local Communities Survey. Please complete if you can. <https://forms.office.com/e/7bZZrdJC8n>

Sharron Ann Green
26.1.1953 - 12.11.2021



83 of
Sharron's stories which were
published in the
Sidlesham Spread
from 2014 to 2021

We published a brochure incorporating all of Sharron Green's contributions to the Sidlesham Spread over a period of 8 years. The publication costs £2 per copy and we have a few left.

However, one person recently asked me if it was available on line as the print was rather small. I sent him the pdf and he can now read it very easily.

If anyone else would like this as a pdf then please let me know.

MANHOOD MISCELLANY

As from Friday 29th September, we hope to have the Villagers' Bar open every Friday evening for people to get together, drink and chat. We have a few volunteers for the bar but could always use some more.

On the 4th Friday of the month we hope to have some music too.

We had our first event on August 18th in the main hall because we had a choir which required the stage. When we get other bands or choirs we will use the main hall again.

For individuals, duos and trios we thought the Villagers' Bar would have a better atmosphere.

We are open to suggestions and comments for this venture, so please come along and see how you like the event.

WATCH OUT

This is a kindly reminder. If you are going on holiday for a few days or a few weeks, please could you take a moment before you lock that front door to go on your well deserved holiday. Check your sheds, garages and outbuildings just in case there is an animal trapped inside. Any animal that is fighting for its freedom can really damage itself. My cat who managed to get home after 10 days had to be hospitalised to be sewn up



for a cut to her side, and be rehydrated. She had also ripped her claws out in her effort to free herself. The trauma to her and to myself was awful. To see an animal that is so weak and falls over when trying to walk is not very nice. It could have all been avoided by, perhaps, 15 mins of checking. I can only thank Rod Kynock for everything he did for her, which avoided a large vet bill.

Please don't take all this the wrong way, just a gentle reminder to look and won't take that long, I don't want anyone else to go through the anguish that this has caused. Thank you for reading.

Cynthia from Nextdoor Sidlesham

NEW OPENING TIMES FOR THE CHICHESTER SORTING OFFICE



Monday to Friday
open 8 am to 10 am

Thursday open 8 am to
10 am then again 4 pm
to 6 pm

Saturday open 8 am
to 12 noon

Sunday - closed



HOUSES WITH A STORY TO TELL (9)

Continuing down Cow Lane,

No 8:

Henry Halker was a tenant here in July 1936 when his children were admitted to the school, having previously attended the Colliery Board School in Hebburn. According to the School Admissions Register the family left for London in June 1938. However, Henry and wife Christina are both recorded on the 1939 Census and Henry's occupation was listed as 'coal miner'. Peggy Anne Drudge was admitted to the school in September 1943 whilst in the care of Mrs Boorman. She returned to Hayling Island School in January 1944. (School Admissions Register) Dud & Joy Ward were tenants here in the 1950s. Peter Slade became a tenant in October 1971 (LSA Bulletin No 1193) and was a Sidlesham Grower after the closure in 1983.

No 9:

Nicholas Greener and wife Ivy arrived from Newcastle in 1936. Their children attended Sidlesham School from September 1936, having previously attended Haworth School. The family moved to Selsey in 1937. 4 sons revisited the estate in 1996 (Chichester Observer) Jemina McIntosh came from Knowl Top (Yorkshire ?). Her children were admitted to the school in January 1938. The family left for Wisborough Green in June 1938. (Schools Admissions Register) Hugh & Olive McClay are recorded as smallholders on the 1939 Census and their son was admitted to the school in January 1940. (School Admissions Register) No departure date. The Ogdens (no arrival date) were here in 1958 (LSA Bulletin No 528). On the Tenants Register in 1976, but no departure date. "On Monday we shall be having a demonstration on the cleaning out and trussing of a chicken given by Mrs (Molly) Ogden" (LSA Bulletin No 528 1958).

Bob Hutchins was the tenant at the time of the closure in 1983 and became a Sidlesham Grower.

No 10:

William Ellson arrived in 1936. The School Admissions Register has no information about previous address - the family left for Shopwhyke, Chichester in August 1940. The 1939 Census records Noel & Agnes Baker as smallholders at No 10. Douglas & Elsie Booth (1952-60) Douglas's brother Don was at No 15.

John & Pat Hurndall (1960 - 1986) When we first moved to No 10 it was like the good life, we had the battery with approx. 40 chickens (they put my mother off eating chicken for years), the piggery - two pigs (Pinky and Perky) that had their litters; a jersey cow my mother used to make butter and I can remember having the thick cream on my cereal (totally unhealthy but delicious), the cow used to have one calf a year that either went in the freezer or to market. The chickens went first as they didn't pay. When we first lived there the lettuce were cut from 4am with a tilley lamp and the lettuce were put into wooden crates and put out for collection at 8 am. With the arrival of plastic bags lettuce could be cut all day and they then used electricity to cut them. I can remember a steam engine would arrive once a year to sterilise the soil in the greenhouses. During the winter of 1962/63 we supplied our neighbours with milk as the lane was cut off for quite a few weeks. We started off with a greenhouse and three bays of glass, before the storm of 1987 hit we had an acre of glass which was devastated in the storm and my parents decided to retire then. (Angela Reeve-Hurndall & Christine Maddy, daughters)

Has your House got a Story to Tell?

Bill Martin Billm89@hotmail.com

CAT AND RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE



Hello, it's me Tails, the out and about reporter for The Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre.

Last month we held our annual summer fayre at The Centre. I watched all the activity from my spot by the window in the house. There were rather too many people for me to come out. However, my staff tell me it was an amazing day, so many lovely supporters visited us and gave generously, so CRRC can continue to care for animals that need our help. I am still waiting for my staff to tell me the final figure for what we raised but I can tell you it was higher than last year!

Although many of my staff and volunteers have spent the last few weeks focused on preparing everything for the big day, the animal care team was still busy behind the scenes looking after the 200+ animals we have on site. Only days before the summer fayre, my staff had been out trapping a family of cats that had been living in someone's garden. Over five different

trips to the property and after a lot of patience, they were finally able to catch all of the cats. There were 11 cats in total including five adults and six older kittens. Back at The Centre our veterinary team assessed them and luckily they were all in good health.

All these cats will now be neutered, which thankfully means no more kittens. The future for this family looks good as they will no longer have to survive on the streets but will find forever homes where their bellies will always be full.

See you next time.

Love

Tails x

P.S Please keep an eye on our website www.crrc.co.uk and our Facebook page for all the latest news and info regarding Rehoming and Centre Life.

IN MEMORIAM:

Sidlesham has lost three people since the last Spread was printed, who were valued members of our community.

Len Dubbeldam

As many of you are aware, my Father, Len, passed away on 26th June this year. This was after a relatively short illness at the ripe old age of 84. Len arrived in Sidlesham with the family on a very misty Halloween night in 1975, spending the first evening sitting on the floor waiting for the removal van, without a stick of furniture in the house. For many years he grew salads, but in 1990 he planted the first Alstroemeria and Spray Carnations. It was probably spring 1991 or 92 that he first started selling '£1 a bunch' on the stall by the road which remained the case till he persuaded me to change the prices last year. Things will certainly not be the same without him, but I am continuing with the flowers. There will be an interim period with few flowers as I catch up on the huge backlog of work, but every week there will continue to be something and by next Spring I expect things to get back to some kind of normality.



Aart Dubbeldam

Elizabeth Smart

A very well known member of our community who contributed greatly to it for many years.

When working as a a librarian in Chichester, she met John Smart, whom she married, who was known to all Land Settlement home owners as the LSA maintenance man.

She was a leading light in the WI which she joined at the age of 18. She was President for many years and held other offices during her membership. She was also a leading light in the WI amateur dramatic group.

Her qualification as a chef, which she gained in London, was a good background for all the cooking she did for various WI events. With her team she cooked many delicious meals for our community lunch club.

She was the person chosen to read out eulogies for several of her WI colleagues. She carried out this duty very well.

She made a big impact on this village and will be fondly remembered by many.



Sandra Ryder

Sandra and Riach have only lived in our village for 8 years, but they have both become active members of the community.

Sandra loved being with people and had many hobbies. Shortly after she arrived she joined almost every club she could find and was then an active member of each. She joined the Gardening group, one of the Selsey choirs, the Selsey WI, Yoga, Pilates, and the SWALK Walking group amongst others.

She also did a considerable amount of renovation work at the Recreation Centre a couple of years ago, to prepare the hall for the NHS to use it as a Covid vaccination centre. She was also a great hostess and loved cooking for dinner parties.

Hence, she had a considerable number of friends, many of whom attended a very beautiful woodland ceremony at The South Downs Natural Burial Site at East Meon last week, where they were able to say their farewells.



LATEST NEWS FROM ST WILFRID'S HOSPICE

WOOF FOR WILF

You and your furry pal could help make a difference to local lives this October, by just taking a walk.

This October 22nd, we are inviting dog owners to join us for a sponsored walk along West Wittering Beach. It will be a great way to meet other dog lovers and Hospice supporters, as well as getting your four-legged pal on their daily walk! We would also love to see some fancy dressed duos get into the Halloween mood. There will be a Halloween fancy dress competition with some fantastic prizes, including two tickets to Goodwoof 2024 at Goodwood!

If you would like to take part then please find out all the information and how to sign up on our website:

www.stwh.co.uk/woofforwilf

Christmas Trees

It may seem early, but Christmas is only just around the corner, and we want to give you the chance to get prepared extra early and save yourselves a lot of stress over the Christmas period.

We are once again offering our Christmas Tree Recycling

service, 'TreeCycle', to the local area, where our St Wilfrid's volunteers will come and collect your real Christmas Tree from your doorstep, so you don't have to endure the struggle of getting it into your car and being covered in pine needles! Christmas tree collections will take place in early January, and you must book your collection by January 7th 2024.

You can sign-up to have your tree collected now:

www.stwh.co.uk/christmastrees

Moonlight Walk Early bird

Get involved in a walk to support local lives! On Saturday June 15th 2024, we are holding our much-loved Moonlight Walk.

You can join hundreds of other walkers in taking a 5 or 10-mile route around Chichester in memory of loved ones, while also raising money to support St Wilfrid's Hospice.

Get your discounted tickets at a super earlybird price now:

www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight

Winter Raffle

Want a chance to win some great cash prizes? St Wilfrid's Winter Raffle is now live, with three amazing cash prizes available to be won. By purchasing a ticket for only £1, you are helping to support St Wilfrid's Hospice and making a difference to local lives, while also giving yourself a chance at winning up to £2,000!

Get your ticket now for just £1 and be in with a chance to win big: www.stwh.co.uk/raffle



INSIDE THE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL IN SEPTEMBER

The end of summer and beginning of autumn is a time when we receive our most varied species of wildlife, from tiny birds to large deer, and everything in between! Thankfully, our dedicated team are well-trained and our growing site is well-equipped to treat a wide variety of these precious animals.

AVIAN FLU: Please call us on 01243 641672 (option 1) BEFORE picking up any birds so we can ask vital questions about the bird before taking action. We are still restricted regarding high-risk water birds but still please give us a call if you come across ANY sick/injured bird.

PATIENT STORIES

We recently admitted this beautiful juvenile sparrowhawk, after it was found by a passerby on a roadside. Although very disgruntled, luckily he appeared to be fine and just required a place to rest and recuperate until old enough to fully fledge. He has several baby feathers left which will be replaced by beautiful brown adult feathers over the next couple of weeks. Following a few days in quarantine, he was moved to one of our flight enclosures and is getting on very well. We do not see many juvenile sparrowhawks in our care, especially ones so spirited, so treating this relatively healthy one has been a real pleasure.

HELPING BRENT LODGE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

We are always in need of food for our animals, particularly wet puppy/dog food (non-fish), puppy pads and newspapers. If you own/work at a business and would be willing to have one

of our little penny donation boxes at your tills, please get in touch with alex.foster@brentlodge.org as we'd be so grateful for your support!

Alex's calendar is starting to fill up for more school and community group visits this new academic year. Spreading the word about what we do, the sorts of British wildlife we treat and how one can help them, as well as fun curriculum topics such as habitats, birds of prey and life cycles is such an important part of ensuring that current and future generations continue to look after our precious world and its creatures for many years to come.

Please always feel free to call us if you need any advice/assistance with wildlife enquiries or how to support us.

By Alex Foster, Education Outreach Coordinator

For more information and tips, please visit our website or contact us on the details below.

Web: www.brentlodge.org **Tel:** 01243 641672 **Email:** enquiries@brentlodge.org

Address: Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital, Cow Lane, Sidlesham, PO20 7LN.

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The FRIENDS OF SELSEY MEDICAL CENTRE



Registered Charity No 1013456

ROUNDERS DAY TOMBOLA

On Rounders Day (Sunday 13th August) the Friends gathered on the Recreation Ground to spin the Tombola. This is an annual fund-raising event and we would like to thank our members and supporters for helping to make this a success. After some rain in the early morning, the weather decided to be kind and the sun shone warmly. This year we raised the goodly sum of £167.50, though this was less than in previous years. Thank you to everyone who supported us – we hope you enjoyed your prizes!

The Friends are a group of Selsey and Sidlesham residents who collect and give funds to enable the Selsey Medical Practice to purchase equipment and services not normally provided by the NHS.

This year the Friends are supporting a Care Shop staff member. This person assists *any* local resident with non-medical issues such as debt, employment, form-filling and other general advice through the Care Shop and the Medical

Centre. This releases more time for doctors and staff to see patients at the Medical Centre.

We have also contributed towards the very successful Buddy Support. This is a new venture by the Selsey Community Forum which provides a private car service to take patients needing assistance from their homes to and from Selsey Medical Practice. The service also extends to hospital appointments at St Richards, Worthing Hospital and Queen Alexandra in Portsmouth amongst others. *This effectively reduces the number of patients who fail to get to their appointments (DNAs).* We urgently need volunteer drivers (whose expenses are reimbursed) as this service is taking off fast. If you have some spare time and a car, please consider offering to help us. Address any enquiries to the Care Shop in Selsey High Street (next to Raycrafts), telephone 01243 201616.

We are actively seeking new Friends and you will find membership forms at the surgery. Otherwise phone 01243 607869 and talk to our Membership Secretary, who will welcome your call!

Join for as little as £5 per year. Perhaps consider including us in your will.

Tim La Haye

MUTTERINGS OF THE MOTOR TRADE

Sidlesham garage ltd.



Well, feels very Autumnal as I write this, from the UK I might add. Unprecedented rain and the summer holidays a bit of a washout for many, and the roads to Wittering beach noticeably quieter this year.

New MOT Tester Steve has arrived and is settling in well. Apprentice Nathan and newly qualified Sam also getting into the groove and are all getting along well together and the word Team is quickly emerging.

What with no requirement for 40 plus year old cars to have MOTs, we are not seeing so many classics, not to mention the wet weather. No-one wants the pride and joy all wet and then going rusty.

Did have a new customer, friend of an existing customer, bring a very clean Citroen 2CV in for registering on our books so an older car to fettle in the future.

Race car still not back but I have managed to acquire some front and rear aero wings for it. I am hoping to get it back very soon. Have the Judd V8 out of the Lola on site ready for strip and inspect further info next month. Still not had too much

time to play with race cars as playing 'catch up' with the backlog at the moment. But some improvement of the booking lead times. Please keep on booking as early as possible to help with the workload, it is very much appreciated. Terry, Kathy, John or myself will be happy to try and give you the date that works for you. Call 01243 641391.

Flat Tennant Paul has been in nearly 6 months and wants to carry on so that's ok.

Been having to replace some of our LED strip lights in the workshop as 4 have failed so far. Checked my paperwork and they have a five year warranty, result, so getting those exchanged, apparently for a better product. Hope the rest fail before October as warranty expires then. Supposed to be good for 50,000 hours but ours have only done less than half that so a bit disappointed. They have saved me about £800 a year in electric supply costs so far so can't complain too much. Off to Egypt on a dive trip in September, same as last year to Marsa Alam with my sister. Hopefully have some nice weather and calm seas. Snap from last years trip. With my sister Kathy and her husband Dave from South Africa.

Stay on the Blackstuff Peeps while I'm under the Bluestuff.

Graham Porrett

Sidlesham Garage 01243 641391

District Dispatch

Fly tipping is an offence that we take very seriously. Not only does it ruin the landscape of our beautiful district, but it also poses an environmental risk and costs more than £350,000 of taxpayers' money to clear up every year.



One of the most important things you can do to help, is to make sure that anyone you employ to remove and dispose of your household waste is licensed as a waste carrier with the Environment Agency. By law, you are responsible for any waste produced on your property — known as your 'duty of care.' It means that whether you've finished a DIY project; been clearing out unwanted household items; or have been busy sprucing up your garden, it's down to you to make sure that your waste is disposed of safely and legally.

If you ask someone to remove your waste, it's vital that you use a licensed waste carrier and ask for a waste transfer note as evidence. If you don't do this, and your waste is fly tipped by someone who is not licensed, you could receive a fixed penalty notice of up to £1000 for not disposing of your waste properly. The person who dumped the waste will also be fined.

You can check if a waste carrier is licenced by checking their waste carrier licence number on the Environment Agency's register by visiting their website at: <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/index> or calling: 03708 506506. If they do not have a licence, please make sure that you do not use them. If they are licensed and you use them, always ask what will happen to your waste and make sure that you get a waste transfer note and receipt for

your waste and keep these as proof. If you decide to get rid of your waste yourself, make sure that you take your waste to a registered site. You can find your nearest site and its opening times at: www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling

Another way you can help us, is by reporting any fly tipping, or any information you may have regarding one, at: www.chichester.gov.uk/flytipping. With your help, we have been able to take action against those who commit these crimes by issuing fixed penalty notices. We also have the option to prosecute the offender if further action is required.

Find out more about the countywide campaign at: www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/recycling-and-waste-prevention/recycling-news/lets-scrap-fly-tipping/

You can access more information on fly tipping by visiting our web pages at: www.chichester.gov.uk/flytipping. If you are keen to help us keep our district looking clean and beautiful, why not pledge your support for our award winning Against Litter campaign. From reporting hot spot areas for dog fouling or fly tipping, through to adopting an area and becoming a community clear-up hero, you can get involved and find out more at: www.chichester.gov.uk/againstlitter

Best Wishes

Cllr Jonathan Brown

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment Strategy at Chichester District Council



THE ELUSIVE WRYNECK: JYNX TORQUILLA

It's September, and in the bird world it's all go again. At Pagham, the terns will be heading back to Africa to spend the winter in warmer weather where food is easier to find. Swifts, swallows and house-martins will also be heading south. You may see warblers, wheatears, yellow wagtails and perhaps even an osprey, as they pass through on their way to their winter homes.



And September is the month when we start seeing our winter migrants often from the colder climates of Scandinavia, Russia and the Arctic. Some species of ducks and geese will be arriving, as well as some smaller visitors such as fieldfares, redwings and bramblings who will find more abundant sources of nuts, berries and worms.



One bird to look out for is the beautiful yet elusive wryneck - a favourite amongst birders and, for a short period, a visitor to the Pagham and Church Norton areas. The wryneck is small woodpecker with a short beak and long tail, tending to sit in trees rather than climb up the trunk.

Perhaps it is the unusual plumage of these birds which makes them so popular. Their beautifully mottled brown and grey feathers form monochromatic patterns down their wings and tail, and a dark line which runs down their heads and bodies. This makes them very difficult to spot in trees or on the ground.

The wryneck has some incredible snake-like characteristics; not only do its elaborate patterns resemble the skin of a snake, it can also twist its neck around, hiss, and dart its long tongue when faced with predators. This relationship to the snake is embedded in its scientific name: *Jynx torquilla* and we can go all the way back to ancient Greece to find the connection.

The wryneck's serpentine characteristics are echoed in the name *torquilla* which refers to the twisting of the snake's

head. And like the symbolic snake, in Greek mythology, the wryneck was deeply entwined with the rituals of love and fertility. One such ritual involved the spreading of the wryneck on a wheel (known as a lynx) to be used in spells and charms to entice lovers.

The etymology of the word jinx as we know it today - a curse, or something attracting bad luck - comes from the Greek sorceress Lynx who was transformed into a wryneck as a punishment for a spell she cast on Zeus.

Wrynecks did once breed in the UK, and were prolific up until the mid-nineteenth century. Their slow, steady decline during the twentieth century has led to where we are now - for the last twenty years there have been no records of wrynecks nesting in the UK.

They often forage on shrub and grassland. Ants form the main part of their diet, but they also eat beetles, woodlice, and spiders, using their long tongues to scoop them up from the ground. It is believed that the loss of these habitats to agricultural farming and the use of pesticides have contributed to their extinction in the UK.

If you are lucky enough to spot one in this area, it is likely that it's passing through from breeding grounds in Europe to its winter home in Africa.

So, if you have found the summer all a bit a quiet in the bird world, now is the time to dust off your binoculars, head down to Pagham and try to spot a wryneck.

Why not join our friendly RSPB guides on one of our guided walks this month to enjoy the spectacle of the autumn bird migration and perhaps even spot something rare? Find out more by visiting our website <https://events.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour> or call 01243 641508.

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Spot the wryneck! The elusive, strange wryneck - a type of woodpecker - is a rare visitor on the south coast but can be seen at RSPB Pagham Harbour for a few days during the autumn migration most years.

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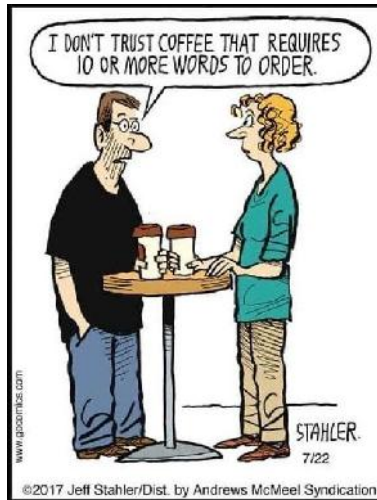
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THE LITTLE HOUSE OF PATCHWORK'S NEAR TO NATURE MINI QUILT COMPETITION

The mini-quilt exhibition held at the RSPB centre was absolutely wonderful. In 2019 our local RSPB put on a fund-raising competition as a memorial to Brian Seager, a very loyal and hardworking volunteer at the Centre. They expected to get about 30 applications, but instead they had 600! They came from all over the world. Each applicant was sent an RSPB pin badge of a plant, bird or animal and they had to design and make a picture from any fabric with the badge pinned on it. There was some excellent craftwork, inspired ideas and humour. They chose the winner based on Brian's wicked sense of humour, it was also very different from the rest. I have the catalogue of most of the mini-quilts if anyone would like to see it. They might still have some to sell at the centre. **Wendy D**



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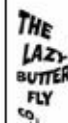
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