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THE HISTORY OF FIRE

7.30pm, Friday 16th August

Sidlesham Memorial Hall

with

Holly Beeston

Watch Manager

East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service

There will be a retiring collection for both the My Fire Fighters Charity (MYFFC) and the SCA.

There will be bar facilities.



Sidlesham Community Association

Jive Night

Learn 4 Jive moves with Nigel & Toni Holloway
Dancing all evening
- you don't need to bring a partner!

Saturday 31st August
from 7.30 to 11.00pm
Sidlesham Memorial Hall
PO20 7RD

Tickets: £10.00 per person
Bar Open - bring your own snacks

For tickets please contact:
Wendy Devonshire 641457 07775 708952
dancingdevonshire@hotmail.com

www.sidleshammemorialhall.co.uk

Come and enjoy an evening of jiving to a variety of music. There will be a lot of experienced dancers to help you and dance with you throughout the evening. If you don't like organised dancing then dance in your own style, just enjoy the music and the atmosphere. Book your tickets early before we open it up to the local jive groups. Wendy

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2nd Tues	Quiz with George Torrance as quizmaster.	The Anchor	7.30 pm
Thurs.	Tea and cake at Mary's Place. For details Contact Carolyn on 07983 701015 or carolyn@brading.net	Church rooms	From 2.00 -4.00 pm
Thurs.	Short mat bowls Contact Marilyn Sharp 641 437	School Sports Hall	4.30 - 6.30 pm
2nd Wed	Women's Institute 641 299 (Ann Holloway)	Church rooms	2.15pm
Sat Term time	Lizzie's Craft Club. Term time Saturdays for children aged 4—11 years. £5 session per child. Contact lizzie@lizziebaily.com	Applefield	2.30 - 4.00 pm

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS
2nd WEDNESDAYS**

No meeting August and December
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, parish clerk, details on this page.

**SELSEY MOBILE REFUSE SITE
EAST BEACH CAR PARK -**

OPEN BETWEEN 8.15 and 3.00
ON ALTERNATE THURSDAYS:
4TH, 18TH JULY 1ST AUGUST

THESE SITES ACCEPT
GREEN GARDEN WASTE, WOOD, METAL ITEMS SUCH AS POTS AND PANS, CARDBOARD, PAPER AND SHREDDED PAPER, SMALL ELECTRICAL ITEMS SUCH AS IRONS, TOASTERS, AND HAIR DRYERS. NON HAZARDOUS WASTE. NO TVs OR WHITE GOODS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

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

For information about the Parish, the Parish Council, agenda's minutes, notices of events, information from CDC and WSCC, SCA, Neighbourhood plan etc
www.sidlesham.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



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WHAT'S ON	AT THE SIDLESHAM MEMORIAL HALL - SHOTFORD	
Monday	The Open Door Choir belindagannon.musicforall@gmail.com	7 - 9 pm
Tuesdays	Pilates with Jackie Warton Contact: precispilates@gmail.com	9.30 am - 10.30
Tuesdays	Lunch Club once a month see each month for week or contact Wendy Devonshire 641 457	12.30 For 1.00 pm
Fridays 2nd Friday	Music Night Bar open	7 - 10.30 pm
Friday tba	Quiz Night with Sharon and Carrie	7 - 9.30/10.00 pm
Last Saturday	 in front of Sidlesham Memorial Hall on the left side www.medlams.co.uk	8.00 viewing 10.00 auction until 1 pm
3rd Sunday	Classic Cars Not August in car park	9 am until Noon

FIRE SAFETY ON THE FARM

If you live or work on a farm, it's important to be aware of the risks and take simple steps to protect your family, home, and business this harvest season.

Keeping farm vehicles and machinery well-maintained, installing fire breaks between crops, and storing hay and straw safely can all help prevent fires.

Always take extra care when working near overhead power lines. If your vehicle strikes a power line, stay in the cab, and try to drive clear. In an emergency call 105.

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service has a dedicated Rural Engagement Officer supporting residents in rural areas to help keep their homes and businesses safe from fire.

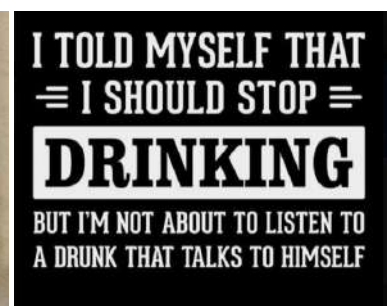
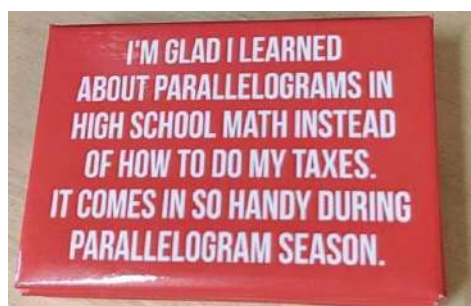
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If you think you're too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito!



Quoted from Roy Jenkins on Thought for the Day



THE AMBULANCE SERVICE - TALK AT THE SIDLESHAM MEMORIAL HALL

This was the first of a series of talks organised by the SCA, following the BBC, to “inform, educate and entertain”. Grace Howard of South East Coast Ambulance Service gave a brief history of our ambulance services. Starting from voluntary and charitable organisations such as the St. John’s Ambulance Brigade which solely ferried people to and from local hospitals, we were brought up-to-date with our modern highly professional state-financed service which can do so much more than a simple taxi service. The nearer in time to an emergency that appropriate action can be taken raises the chances of successful intervention, and ambulance crews can now perform many life-saving procedures on site. We learnt that why we call ‘999’. It is because, on the old telephone, the ‘9’ was the hole one up from the ‘0’. Thus, it could be easily identified in the dark by feel. Emergency calls go through a triage system at a centralised call centre. The decision is then transmitted to the local service. However, priorities can change whilst an

ambulance is *en route*, and it can be redirected. Since they are the ones on site, ambulance crews make importance decisions, though, for most situations, protocols have been developed to assist them based upon prior experiences. In a very relaxed interactive style, we were told how best to behave when there is an ambulance sounding its siren and flashing blue lights - keep to the law, move safely to the side and don’t stop opposite a bollard. This can impede the ambulance’s progress. Grace admitted that one of the more satisfying aspects of her job was dealing with end-of-life situations. This not something one might immediately associate with paramedics, as they are now called. By the time you read this article, Grace may have had her first baby. We thank her for her contribution and wish her well in her new role.



Paul Devonshire

CLASSIC CARS

Even the sun shone for the return to the Sidlesham Memorial Ground for the Manhood Classics car group on Sunday 21st July with over 100 classic vehicles and bikes turning up to meet like minded people and admire some of the motoring industries finest designs.



The group was started in 2010 by Selsey residents Les Payne and Mick Hemmings who owned classic cars at the time for a way to get together over a cup of coffee once a month at the East Beach car park in Selsey with a spell at the present Sidlesham site during that time.

We are delighted to return and make this the group’s ‘new home’ from now on, meeting on the third Sunday morning in every month, except August, from 9am to 12noon.

People travelled from near and far to be with us on our first Sidlesham meeting bringing along cars such as Ford Anglia, Ford Cortina, Vauxhall 14, Mini, Bentley, Alvis, Lotus, motorcycles, trikes to name but a few.

Membership to the club is just £5 per year but we welcome visitors with or without classic cars. Tea/Coffee and bacon baps available – a true breakfast meet. Looking forward to our next meeting at Sidlesham on **Sunday 15th September**.

Maxine Pearce



“Parishioners are reminded to keep clear pavements, footpaths and roads where their property impinges on the public right of way”

Details of legal requirements of landowners:

Riparian ownership on GOV.UK
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>

Further information on West Sussex County Council website:
www.westsussex.gov.uk/ditchtheproblem

The humour might be lost when this is in black and white.

Kingfisher and Crow



A RECENT COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ASPIRING YOUNG FOOTBALLERS.

On Sunday, 30th June, the Memorial Recreation Ground (SMRG) played host to the first ever Youth Development Coaching event for aspiring young footballers living on the Manhood Peninsular. Thirty-Three boys and girls, from the ages 5 to 14 attended this inaugural event held on the Junior Pitch at the ground. The participants were from various local schools, the youngest coming from Sidlesham Primary School and the oldest from Schools such as Bishop Luffa in Chichester.

This event was staged by Infinity Youth, which is part of Infinity FC whose home has been the SMRG for the past two seasons; and it was led by Andy Sillence, the Head of Youth Development, with assistance from 2 first team players/coaches and the 1st team Manager.

The coaching involved splitting the attendees into 3 different age groups and having 3 separate coaching stations, each with their own coach specialising in different aspects. The 3 groups spent time in each station, and the session ended with matches within their own age group.

The overall feedback from the event was great and “When is the next one?” was the main question, and general talk was about how professional the coaching was compared to other sessions/clubs the youngsters have attended.

This event, and future ones, will really help in growing grassroots football in this area. To answer to that question “When is the next one?” or to obtain more information on the

Youth Development programme, readers need to follow the Infinity Youth Facebook page, or for those reading this online: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561356855984>

Special thanks go to Andy, and to Lee Stainton, the Chairman of Infinity FC for making this event possible; and to Ben Sillence & Lewi Edwards for their coaching work at the event. Also, for his help in making the event a success: Rich Bessey, Infinity 1st team Manager.

Looking forward to the next one.
Mike French



DRAMA AT SIDLESHAM

An exciting new development for Sidlesham is the creation of Sidlesham Community Arts and Theatre Society – known as SCATS. This has been made possible by the refurbishment of the Main Hall at the Sidlesham Memorial Hall. Unlike many community halls, the one at Sidlesham has the feel of a real little theatre.

Many local friends and contacts have expressed surprise and delight at the wonderful facility we now have in Sidlesham. The hall boasts a modern highly controllable LED coloured lighting system, which permits some wonderful effects. The layout of the stage, the adjacent Green Room and flexible bar arrangements makes the hall an excellent hub for music and drama in the community.

Over the last year and a half, the Sidlesham Community Association produced several successful events, including the Coronation Concert, Songs from Shows, Murder Mystery, Burns Night, Folk and Shantymen concert.

SCATS has now been created as a stand-alone organisation to focus and build on this success. There is already an exciting programme of drama in place for the next few months.

First up on 25th and 26th October, New Theatre Productions in association with SCATS will be producing *Habeas Corpus* by Alan Bennett. This is an hilarious romp and was enormously successful when played by NTP at West Dean last Summer. NTP has, of course, an outstanding reputation for producing

top drama in the open air at West Dean for 45 years. Sidlesham is extremely honoured that such a fine company now wish to share our facility for indoor productions, rehearsals, workshops etc. Tickets for *Habeas Corpus* will be £10.

On 6th December, following on from the very successful Murder Mystery last April, there will be another Murder Mystery produced by SCATS with a Christmas theme.

On 4th January, SCATS is delighted to be producing a dramatic concert version of Gilbert & Sullivan's much loved evergreen *Pirates of Penzance*. It will be fully costumed and acted. Some scripts will be used. This will be a colourful and lively production that will appeal to all ages. There will be just one performance at 4.30m. SCATS is indebted to Havant Light Opera once again for providing their services free of charge.

In March, 4th to 6th, SCATS is producing *The Importance of being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde. We already have a dream cast drawn from various local drama groups.

SCATS is an informal group and anyone is welcome to join. In due course we plan to put on readings, workshops etc. There is currently no membership or joining fee. We look forward to welcoming actors, directors, front-of-house and catering assistants, musicians, singers, set builders and indeed anyone with a love of theatre and performing arts.

For all SCATS information and ticket sales (box office) please contact David Blackford on 07714 205377.

FLOWER FANCIES



Still no sign of Summer and with a perfect mix of rain and sun to ensure maximum grass growth. Wonderful if you're a fan of this green and verdant land, not so great if you're not a fan of spending all day every Sunday either cutting the grass or thinking you should be doing so! Another effect of the relatively benign weather is that the Alstroemeria haven't declined the way I'd have expected. They don't like the heat so by this time they'd normally be much shorter with far fewer numbers. Not that I'm complaining, as they're one of the very few flowers I can pick standing up and they remain a customer favourite. After six months spending half of every day working on hands and knees my left knee has made it clear that enough's enough. It's held out longer than most years though. Today I'd made a big decision to rename the pinks as it was rather confusing. What flowers do you have I'd get asked. Pinks I'd reply. What type of flowers though? Anyway, they're after all just a type of carnation right? Wrong! I did a Google search and it turns out that whilst they're both Dianthus, they're

actually different species. This was a good time for a renaming too as they're getting pulled out this week, before replanting in a month. Normally they'd be in flower all summer, but I've decided to concede the latest round of the ongoing Thrip wars and make a strategic withdrawal. I could've taken the nuclear option and blasted them with insecticides, but that would have caused other problems down the line. Also, they're currently experiencing a mini flush and I'd have been picking them on hands and knees for the next three weeks just to throw them away. The two current active plantings were both bought during clearance sales, which is good for me as they're a little cheaper and the plants are much bigger, flowering months earlier than younger plants. However, there are also disadvantages, as there's little varietal choice with the colour balance not being the best, and they were planted whilst the steriliser wasn't working with both plantings having significant weed issues. So, all in all this was the right time to replant and I'll be picking the last of the 'pinks' in July, with the first of the 'garden pinks' to be picked in the winter.

Aart Dubbeldam



THE LITTLE BOTANICAL LITTLE SHOP JUST GOT BIGGER

Chichester-based houseplant shop has been extended to stock even more greenery and gifts

Since opening their first bricks-and-mortar shop in Runcton at the end of 2023, The Little Botanical has experienced a fantastic response from local customers enabling them to expand the retail space and increase their extensive range of British-grown plants, homewares and plant care products.

Founded in 2017 by Greg and Morag Hill, The Little Botanical was born from a vision to deliver beautifully packaged, easy-care houseplants to consumers eager to add an effortless green touch to their interiors. Over the years, this vision has flourished, resulting in the brand's significant online presence and collaborations with prestigious retailers such as John Lewis.

The Little Botanical Little Shop opened in December 2023 and is bursting with the brand's houseplants, which are all grown just a few yards away in their nursery. From small ferns to large potted yuccas and palms, there is also a range of their own stylish ceramics, pots and plant care accessories as well as gifts and greeting cards.

The shop has now been extended so they can showcase even more plants, including a collection of British grown outdoor plants, herbs and living walls.

As one of the first UK plant nurseries to make the important move to peat-free, many of the available plants in the shop are

grown using a completely peat-free soil mix. The family-run firm were recently awarded a Silver Medal at the 2024 RHS Chelsea Flower Show for their peat-free display of houseplants.

"We've always had a loyal base of local customers and following our successful pop-up plant sales, we made the decision to create a special space where our customers can browse our plants in person and chat to our team of experts," comments co-founder Morag Hill. "We are so excited to have expanded The Little Botanical Little Shop to now offer an even greater selection of plants, all grown by us at our nursery or by other local growers.

"We see many customers returning several times a week to browse the ever-evolving greenery in our shop's calm and relaxing environment. With gift cards and chocolates available, we have also become a one-stop-shop for those looking for a really lovely gift."

Discover The Little Botanical Little Shop at Runcton, Chichester or find out more here: thelittlebotanical.co.uk.

Rachel Soothill

Address:

Lagness Road
Runcton
PO201LJ
(Nr Runcton Farm Shop)

Opening Times

Monday - closed
Tues—Saturday
10.00 am—4.00pm
Sunday - 11.00 am—4.00pm

Instead of cleaning the house I just watch an episode of Hoarders and think, "well my house looks great!"



WENDY GETS PRIVACY BY CREATING HER OWN BOOK COVERS



NEW course to start in Sept to help seniors and their families to get direction, order and peace of mind about their future.

Gayle Palmer will be leading a shortened, beta version of her **Great Guidelines for Later Life** course and we shall be working on 3 areas of our lives over the space of about 3 to 4 months:

- Health, Wellbeing and Vitality**
- Medicals**
- Money and Finance**

It is designed to help all age groups to get their "stuff" organised and managed – you don't have to be a senior to struggle with that - and in bitesized pieces.

There are limited spaces and it is by application.

Send an email to gaylepalmer@btinternet.com to arrange a phone call to explain more or leave a message on 07769 746113.

Please leave a phone number as well as your email. Thank you.

Gayle Palmer at Living Elements Clinic

CHICHESTER AND DISTRICT GARDENS AND ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

HOLIDAY TO BLACKPOOL

5 days, 4 nights **Monday 2nd September 2024** to **Friday 6th September 2024**



Transport to and from our hotel plus two day trips:

- Canal trip on the Lune Aqueduct
- RHS Bridgewater

And..... the Blackpool Lights will have been switched on!!!

Bed, breakfast and evening meal plus evening entertainment. Rooms are en-suite with walk in showers and have tea/coffee making facilities.

- FROM: MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2024**
- TO: FRIDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2024**
- AT: ROYAL SEABANK HOTEL, 219 – 223 CENTRAL PARADE, BLACKPOOL, FY1 5DL**
- PRICE: £394 (INCLUDES ENTRANCE FEES)**
- INSURANCE: £25**

If you wish to travel on this holiday, please apply for a booking form from CDGAA (Holidays), 98 West Street, Selsey, W.Sx, PO20 9AG (telephone 606328).

HELP YOUR SURGERY JOIN THE FRIENDS



The Friends of Selsey Medical Centre
help fund necessary equipment and services not provided by the NHS.

Recently we have contributed in whole or partially to the following:

- DEMENTIA TRAINING FOR SURGERY STAFF**
- PERSONAL ADVICE AT CARE SHOP AND SURGERY BUDDY TRANSPORT SCHEME**
(low cost taxi for those who need help from home to surgery and local hospitals)

RECENT SURGERY BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

If you use the surgery, please become a Friend with an annual donation. Membership costs from £5 per person. Signup forms available at the Medical Centre or phone our Membership Secretary on 01243 606328.

The FRIENDS OF SELSEY MEDICAL CENTRE
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SIDLESHAM GARAGE Mutterings of the Motortrade

I am reliably informed that the UK Summer will be starting imminently, probably, hopefully ☐ Start Praying. ☐ Well, a new Prime Minister and indeed a whole new government. All I will say is that whenever there is change it normally costs more. Let's hope we get value for money. The UK is hell bent on being the first country to be EV, Electric vehicle. The costs to individual motorists will be excessive and the more you struggle these days the worse it will be. Assuming you are a member of the working class with not a lot of disposable income, you will probably buy second hand vehicles, normally 10 years or older. Well, that is precisely the life span of an EV battery. Therefore, you will be buying a shed load of trouble. We can only pray that the independent garage sector embraces the situation and that a competitive industry repairing and refurbishing these batteries emerges.

Workshop still operating at full capacity. Still searching for a Technician to join the team. But the boys are coping well and still smiling, well, some of the time, normally around 5.30 going home time ☐.

Please book early for your MOT and Service appointments. On 01243 641391.

A few classic cars this month, two MGB's, an MG MIDGET and a brace of Land Rovers.

Finally got round to MOT ing my American motor home that has taken root on the forecourt. Now to initiate a disposal plan to see if I can sell it. It's not for the faint hearted as consumption is fairly horrendous, especially when towing a trailer.

My newer motorhome, the Fiat Ducato based Swift aka Taylor, is a much better option regarding consumption, except

it seems to drink the dreaded Add Blue the Euro6 emissions solution. Probably because I've got a trailer on the back and full throttle most of the time.

Well, the Euros are over, we put in a valiant effort at the end but alas a lost opportunity perhaps. Easy group and then a couple of miracle goals and we were on our way. Oh well, next time we will definitely win it.

Race car still going, not as fast as it probably can go but I'm improving slightly and hopefully will continue to improve. Next round Northern Ireland, so a bit of a slap as they say but a great event. The Irish are always very welcoming. I try not to talk about my previous visit as a British soldier stationed just outside Belfast in the seventies.

One of my other postings was Germany in 1973 so seeing all the venues for the Euros was a bit like a trip down memory lane.

I have moved around a fair bit, but Sidlesham has been my longest in one place. 38 years this September. Think I made the right choice.

Stay on the Blackstuff

Graham Porrett

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INSIDE THE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL IN AUGUST

A lot of the baby and juvenile birds that came into the hospital over the spring are now big enough to be transferred to our outdoor enclosures. This is one of the final stages of their rehabilitation and re-acclimatisation to the wild before they are strong enough to be released back into the wild. It is a wonderfully rewarding thing to see the little babies who came in months ago with uncertain futures grow into beautiful self-sufficient adults with their whole lives ahead of them!

Coming up, we have information/fundraising stalls at the RSPB Pagham Harbour Nature Reserve (13th & 27th August) and children's summer workshops at the Aldingbourne Country Centre (16th, 20th & 26th August) – please do pop along to say hello and find out more about life at Brent Lodge!

PATIENT STORY

This stunning young buzzard arrived in our care recently after being found in an abandoned nest with no parents in sight after lots of monitoring. The decision was made that she was to be brought into our care for a veterinary assessment and rehabilitation until she is old and self-sufficient enough to be released. Our team are feeding her every couple of hours and are pleased with her appetite and progress so far. With all of our patients,



particularly young ones, we ensure that we do not unnecessarily disturb them so they can recuperate in peace and do not become too accustomed to humans. As well as aiding their recovery, this also helps them to develop and retain vital survival skills needed for their future release back into the wild.

HELPING BRENT LODGE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

We are always in great need of wet and dry cat/dog food, hedgehog kibble, puppy pads and items from our Wish List (please see our website www.brentlodge.org for details) to help the animals in our care. We are already preparing for a very busy autumn/winter ahead, particularly with juvenile hedgehogs, so any help at all is warmly appreciated!

If you would like to find out more about booking an event stall or educational talk/workshop (for children or adults), please get in touch and we'd be delighted to come and visit you soon!

By Alex Foster, Education Outreach Coordinator

Web: www.brentlodge.org **Tel:** 01243 641672

Email: enquiries@brentlodge.org

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



St Wilfrid's Hospice
Making a difference to local lives

Woof for Wilf

Enjoy a dog walk to make a difference this November 3rd! St Wilfrid's Hospice is inviting the local community to bring their pawed pal on a fundraising dog walk at Great Ballard School. We will be heading off at 11am on November 3rd, to walk the beautiful school grounds in the morning breeze.



After a lovely stroll, you'll be able to enjoy food and drink with other dog-lovers at our event village, as well as some dog-related stalls to browse.

If you can't join us that day, or would like to go even further we are also challenging people to walk 31 miles throughout October.

See all the information at www.stwh.co.uk/woof-for-wilf

Bake a difference

From Friday 6th July – Sunday 1st September 2024, we are asking for people to show their support by hosting a bake sale, or similar event, whether at home or in the office. While people are enjoying their baked



goods we would ask that your guests donate to St Wilfrid's Hospice Bake a difference JustGiving page

Vintage Collection

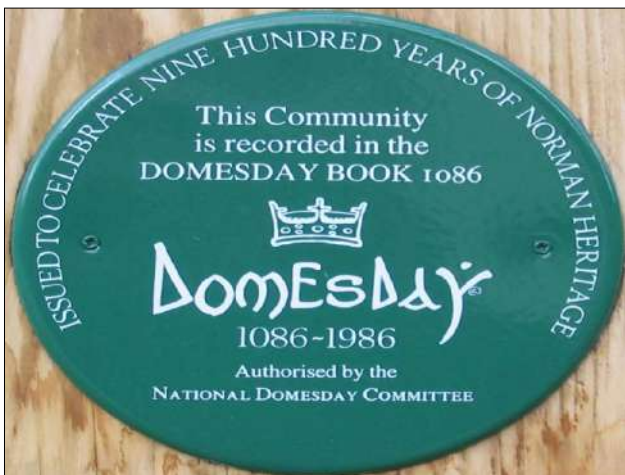


Get ready for Goodwood Revival while supporting palliative care.

St Wilfrid's Hospice is holding a Vintage Fashion Collection at their Terminus Road store on Sunday August 11th from 10am to 2pm. You'll be able to find loads of wonderful vintage clothes, accessories and bric-a-brac and by making a purchase you will be helping fund the Hospice care services provided in your local community.

Make sure to pop the date in your diary!

HOUSES WITH A STORY TO TELL (20)



Several of the houses in Sidlesham date back to the middle of the 18th century and appear on maps at the West Sussex Records Office dated 1776. Others, like St.Mary's may date from Tudor times. (Story told in June 2024)

However references to houses in Sidlesham go back even further than Tudor times. Prior to the coastal re-alignment at Medmerry in 2013 Sidlesham had a beach! During the construction the Chichester and District Archaeology Society discovered a **large intertidal fish trap**, It comprised a V- or tick-shaped structure of linear post and wattle alignments with an associated circular post and wattle structure. Its length of at least 225m long, suggests fishing on a commercial scale rather than local villagers. Radiocarbon dating suggest that it was constructed in the **first quarter of the fifteenth century AD**. (Historic England 56/2023)

Earlier, Sidlesham was a settlement mentioned in the Domesday Book, in the hundred of Somerley and the county of Sussex. It had a recorded population of 42 households in **1086**, putting it in the largest 20% of settlements recorded in Domesday. Selsey was also mentioned with 30 households.

Earlier still The site of a *Roman villa* with a bath house was excavated in 1951 on LSA smallholding No 20, near Bird Pond. It dated from the **1st to the 4th century AD**. A ditch containing Iron Age pottery (**1200 – 550 BC**) was also found. (Source Historic England: 462211)

And even earlier

During the realignment of the coast at Medmerry (2013) archaeologists found the remains of **5 round house** structures dating back to the Bronze Age (**2500-750 BC**)

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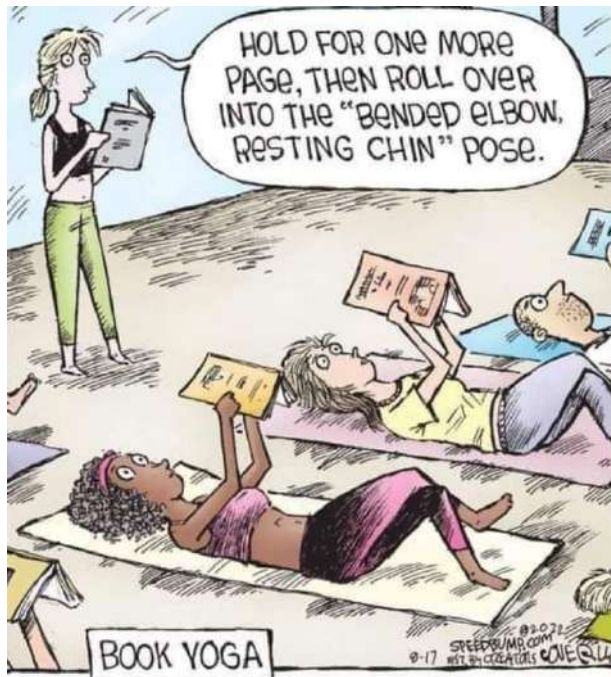


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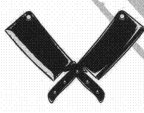
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