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The Work of the AMBULANCE SERVICE

7.30pm, Friday 5th July
Sidlesham Memorial Hall

With

Grace Howard

Advanced Paramedic Practitioner

South East Coast Ambulance Service

There will be a retiring collection for both The Ambulance Service Charity (TASC) and the SCA.

The Bar will be available before and after the event.



This is the first in a series of talks by people in the Emergency Services.

In August we have Holly Beeston for the Fire Service.

In September there will be Brian Pointer for the Police.

POLLING STATION

THURSDAY 4th JULY 2024

**SIDLESHAM MEMORIAL
HALL, SELSEY ROAD,
SIDLESHAM PO207RD**

7AM TO 10PM

Note change of venue.

We hope to organise a Jive Night, perhaps in August, with a professional couple of jive teachers who will teach 4 moves. Once they have been learned, you can jive all night. Or dance whatever style you prefer, jiving not compulsory. The music will be varied, rock and roll, swing, pop etc. We held a village hop about twenty years ago, and it was very successful. Does this appeal?

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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.

**WITTERINGS MOBILE REFUSE SITE -
MARINE DRIVE CAR PARK—**
OTHER ALTERNATE THURSDAYS.

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



THE ANCHOR IS OPEN EVERY DAY

TELEPHONE 641 373 FOR DETAILS OR TO MAKE A BOOKING

SIDLESHAM MEMORIAL HALL WEBSITE

This website is now up and running and the address is:
www.sidleshammemorialhall.co.uk

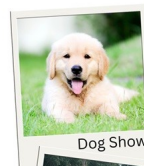


WHAT'S ON	AT THE SIDLESHAM MEMORIAL HALL - SHOTFORD	
Monday	The Open Door Choir belindagannon.musicforall@gmail.com	7 - 9 pm
Tuesdays	Pilates with Jackie Warton Contact: precispilates@gmail.com	9.30 am - 10.30
Tuesdays	Lunch Club once a month see each month for week or contact Wendy Devonshire 641 457	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 in car park	9 am until Noon

Sidlesham Fete - Saturday 27 July



Sidlesham's annual summer community event on Saturday 27 July, starting at 2pm.



Dog Show



Classic Cars



Live Music



Owls About Town

The Sidlesham Fete has something for everyone. A traditional village fete with fun dog show, classic car display, stalls, games and activities. BBQ, Pimm's and beer tent, Tea Tent with delicious cakes, Caroline's Dairy Ice-Cream & much more.

This year there are some new activities which include:

- Children's Photography Competition
- Free Circus Skills Workshop
- Local charity stalls including
 - RSPB
 - Brent Lodge
 - Manhood Wildlife
 - St Wilfrid's Hospice

NEW Live Music!

In addition to the Chichester City Brass Band this year you can stay longer and enjoy listening to some fantastic young local talented singers and musicians. There will be food and drink available to purchase on the day. Free to attend. Follow us to find out more!

@SidleshamFete



www.sidleshamfete.co.uk

A Fabulous Evening of Sea Shanties and Folk at the Memorial Hall, Sidlesham

I must admit that when I was asked to come along to a concert featuring a group of guys singing sea shanties, followed by a folk band – I wasn't very enthusiastic. But I paid up my very modest £8 for a ticket. **But how wrong I was!**

The Selsey Shantymen featured 8 hearty guys, decked in Breton-style striped shirts and with bright red neckerchiefs, who sang with great energy and good voice, enthusiasm and humour. They accompanied themselves with an accordion, violin and bodhran. The shanties were varied, some traditional, some well-known that we could sing along to, some from faraway places. We heard Steve sing 'The Wellerman', Ray, their octogenarian, sing 'The Mingulay Boat Song', and then a rip-roaring rendition of 'Nelson's Blood'. There was a shanty from Australia, 'The South Australia' and 'John Kanaka' a shanty based on a song from Hawaii. Perhaps the star shanty was one from Cornwall, re-worked to feature words appropriate for Sussex, re-named 'Sussex my Home'. The first half was concluded with David singing 'The Pirates Song'.

That was the first half. After the interval we were treated to the Oving Folk Band. This group had 6 members, all very talented musicians, who moved seamlessly between instruments, from recorders, piano, whistles, keyboard, fiddle, bass guitar, 'cello, flute and with Alistair on vocals. Their programme included traditional songs, like 'Green Sleeves', ballads like 'The Mattic Rose', a North country song, and a number of Scottish and

Irish gigs.

The evening's entertainment was rounded off with both groups joining together playing and singing, and ending with 'The Irish Rover' – with which we could all join in.

It was a most enjoyable evening, live music, entertaining and great musicianship and fun. I would definitely go to listen to them again.. and again.

Jenny Bentall Morris



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

A Brief History of the NHS

Thursday 4th July 2024

(TO BE HELD AT JUBILEE HALL NEW PARK CENTRE)

Craig Gershater will give an overview of how this institution came into being and how universal care free at the point of delivery has not always been with us.

Chosen Charity: the Sussex Community NHS foundation Trust, one of the largest providers of health support services in Sussex, raising funds for projects and improvements.

Warriors In Scarlet

Thursday 25th July 2024

Ian Knight will talk about his new book on the Life and Times of the Last Redcoats in the first half of the 19th century. How the Army continually found itself at the sharp end of British Imperial expansion.

Chosen Charity: Combat Stress – helping former service personnel with mental health issues, including PTSD.

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

CHICHESTER AND DISTRICT GARDENS AND ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

The club started life as 'The Dig for Victory Club' in 1941 and the name was changed after the war. Over the years the club has evolved to reflect members' varied interests. Whilst still acknowledging our gardening heritage, our monthly speakers now cover many different topics. We also have up to 12 day trips annually to a variety of places, plus two affordable UK holidays per year.

Our next outing is to Nymans at Handcross. This is a National Trust property. The outing is on Saturday 13th July.

Our next holiday is 2nd – 6th September to Blackpool. We will be visiting RHS Bridgewater and have a trip on the Lune Aqueduct. The Blackpool lights will have been switched on by then.

If you are interested in any of our activities and would like details, please contact either Barbara Shepherd on 01243 606328 or Judy Rogers on 01243 531273. If you would eventually like to join the club, membership is £5 per year.

ALLCOMERS' PARTY ON SUNDAY 23RD JUNE

As you may remember, all the residents were invited to this event to find out what happens in Sidlesham and who lives here. We were so pleased with the result, even the weather was perfect. Aart Dubbeldam was there with his plants and cut flowers. Caroline and Chris Spiby in the ice cream van. David Draper and other members of the model aeroplane flying club and some model boat makers as well. The RSPB, Brent Lodge, the W.I. The Land Settlement guru Bill Martin had a stall and Sue Martin represented the local walking group, SWALK. The Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group were represented by Lesley Bromley, Lizzie Baily was there with Anda's cards and information about her Wheelie Wonders Group. Graeme Draper had four of his paintings on show. Matt Jolly, personal trainer who works from the barn which Charlotte Torrance used for similar activities, and which is behind the barn where the Upholsterers once were. Tom Jameson from Sussex Grange (he advertises in the Spread) came to see us, I understand it is a really nice place to be cared for. My friend's father was there for a few years as is one of our older residents. Kathy Evans came with her berries which are absolutely delicious. Lockgate is a very good road, berries from Kathy and cut flowers and some plants from Aart Dubbeldam, we can also buy locally-produced vegetables from Peterpaul Ryan. What a lucky village we are.

aeroplanes and boats were outside, the rest in the main hall. We projected Charlie Roe's old photos, before photos of the hall and picture of us doing the clearing of the grounds and renovating the hall. We served tea, coffee, squash and cake for donations and thank you so much to those who brought cakes, so very generous. Even some people who couldn't come made cakes for us. Many, many thanks.

Many people contacted me to say it was a wonderful idea but they couldn't come for one reason or another. I think we need to make this event, or similar, an annual event and hope that more people will be able to join us in the future. If you came and enjoyed it, then please tell your friends and neighbours so we can attract even more people next year. Below are some photos taken by Bill Martin and Dan Baily.

Wendy Devonshire



Caroline with the ice cream, Aart with his flowers, the model



Quite a few children and parents turned up to add some more poppies, it was so nice to see them concentrating and enjoying the exercise. Thank you David and Graeme Draper for initiating this event.



PROPOSED GOVERNMENT CHANGE TO PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENTS:

4SIGHT VISION SUPPORT NEEDS YOUR INPUT

4Sight Vision Support (4SVS) is supporting a campaign by the Thomas Pocklington Trust (TPT) to raise awareness of Government proposals for changes to Personal Independence Payments (PIPs) for disabled people, which it believes will disproportionately affect those living with sight loss. TPT works to improve opportunities of blind and partially sighted people and wants to make as many people as possible aware of the changes and encourage maximum participation in the Government's consultation process.

PIP is a benefit to help pay for the extra costs of living with a long-term health condition or disability. Details of the proposed changes can be found at www.pocklington.org.uk/news-and-events/ with a link to the full PIP page, including access to the Government's Consultation page. The Consultation period closes on 22nd July.

Further information is also available from 4Sight Vision Support, email enquiries@4sight.org.uk or call 01243 828555.



FLOWER FANCIES

Summer season has now well and truly arrived with the finish of the last of the Spring crops, the Stock. During Summer season there tends to be fewer flowers to cut, instead the focus is on clearing the old crops ready for the main planting season in September. That there are fewer flowers is in part a result of lack of time to plant in the Spring, in part because sales are always lower in the hot months, but probably the most significant reason is the difficulty of pest control. I often talk about pests and diseases almost as a single term, but in reality, fungal diseases are primarily a Winter problem, insect pests primarily a Summer one.

I thought I'd give a little more detail about Pest control. Pest control can be cultural, chemical or biological. I'll use Garden Pinks as an example as all three methods are used. Most people will have heard of crop rotation and companion planting, which are forms of cultural control, but I'm coming to understand that most important with the Pinks is the rapid removal of the neighbouring old Sweet William crop. While I've never seen Thrips as a problem in Williams, they are in the same Dianthus group as Pinks and undoubtedly form a fertile breeding ground for Thrips. As the plants die off, like rats leaving a sinking ship, the adult Thrips fly off in search of

greener pastures, and the Pinks will do very nicely. Chemical control is less common nowadays. There are just two chemicals still effective and licensed for use against Thrips in Pinks, and they can each be used only twice in the season. Spraying at 10-day intervals that gives 40 days control. During that period not only the Thrips are dead, but also all other pests and all beneficial bugs too. After 40 days the absence of any natural control means the Thrips will rapidly return as will any other pests that have a liking for Pinks, which is why this would be a very bad time of year to Spray the Pinks. Biological control includes both naturally occurring predators and parasites, but it's also possible to buy them in larger numbers, usually of species which occur naturally in the locale.

So what is the solution for, in this case, pinks? My intention is to spray insecticide in the Sweet William to prevent further invasion, then pull out the old plants within two weeks. I will also continue the fortnightly introduction of both Aphid parasites and Thrip predators until the temperatures go down enough to stop rapid pest multiplication, probably in September. The same decision process goes on for all summer crops, which goes a long way to explaining why we have always grown so little at this time of year.

Aart Dubbeldam

SELSEY MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENT GROUP

The Group was established in 2014 in response to a Government initiative to give patients more say in the development and running of local health services. Since then we've been working in partnership with Selsey Medical Practice to ensure that the views of the community are always listened to.

One of the many things we do is to organise an annual survey and through this we engage the community to help us understand what is good about the Practice, what is seen as needing improvement, and what new services or facilities would ideally benefit the town. We then work with the Practice to give careful consideration to the survey outcomes and what actions might follow.

The Patient Group is different from the Friends of Selsey Medical Centre inasmuch as we are not fund raising. This allows us to concentrate on assisting the Practice in many ways: our latest initiative is to provide a presence in the surgery for an hour or so a day to assist patients to take their blood pressure using the surgery machines and to help them in any way we can. This has proven to be a really worthwhile exercise for us all. You will also see us acting as marshals at mass vaccination and covid sessions.

We have representation at meetings of all the other Patient Groups in the Chichester district, together with meetings of all other West Sussex Patient Groups. This allows us all to exchange ideas on how best to help our own surgeries and patients.

“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

"I had a preconception of a Hospice, and I couldn't have been more wrong!"

St Wilfrid's Hospice are sharing Georgie's story this Summer, as in her own words. She talks about her care at the Hospice the difference St Wilfrid's made to her and her families lives.

St Wilfrid's ask that you read her full story and consider donating to help the charity continue providing expert care and compassion to people like Georgie in your community.

www.stwh.co.uk/georgies-story



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Vintage Collection
 Do you love all things Vintage?

This August 11th, St Wilfrid's Hospice are holding a Vintage Fashion Collection at their Terminus Road

outlet, offering vintage clothing, accessories and bric-a-brac. This is the perfect time to put together an outfit for Goodwood Revival or simply find a gift for a vintage lover you know.

Pop along anytime from 10am – 2pm, and know that any purchase made will help support the vital end-of-life care the Hospice provides in the community.

Address: St Wilfrid's Hospice Terminus Road Outlet, 22 Terminus Road, Chichester, PO19 8TX.

MUTTERINGS OF THE MOTORTRADE

Electric Vehicle sales have slowed last quarter. I would expect that many think about it and then get a Hybrid instead, although the cost far outweighs the benefits. Some enjoy the thought that maybe they are doing their bit to save the planet but there are many other ways we can all use less carbon.

I, for instance, have reduced the number of cylinders on my race car by half, as I have a four cylinder Mygale instead of a V8 Lola. It all helps. I now have a four cylinder motor home instead of a V10 Petrol yank tank. A massive contribution. But I cannot do it on my own we all need to do a bit.

Having traded my Mercedes Marco Polo campervan for a Fiat Ducati based Swift Campervan, this has been a great success, as the last two outings with my campervan and race car worked out very well. The on-board shower and bathroom facilities proving to be a real bonus. As it is a Swift I have nicknamed it 'Taylor'. Because it is a bit longer, I had to fit motor movers to my trailer and stupidly left the controller, which resembles a large TV remote, on the front of the trailer, then set off and have lost it. Some say I lost it years ago but that's another story. P.S. if you find it while out walking I'd love it back.

'Er in doors has been busy in the Garden lots of trimming and planting being done over the last few months and all looking lovely.

A few classics in this month. In particular, a 1.0 Fiat Panda belonging to the son of one of my neighbours, on a K 1993 registration, strange to think 1990's cars as classics but to the 70's child I suppose they are and lets face it there cannot be many 60s and 70s cars left to find now. Also an Alfa Romeo.

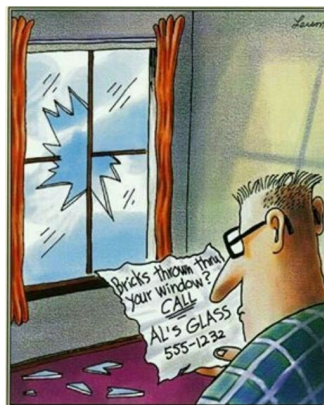
John took the rest of the team to a Beaulieu motor museum, Mini Meet and many minis turned up. It was quite a lovely day and great fun was had by all. They each had a mini to drive of varying vintage and John only got them lost just the once.

We are still booking at least two weeks in advance and with holiday season approaching likely to get longer. Please call 01243 641391 early to book your service or MOT.

Well done to 'Sir' Alan Bates ex-Sub postmaster whistleblower. Mine must have got lost in the post which at the moment is highly likely as the whole mail system is in disarray.

Stay on The Blackstuff
Graham Porrett
 Sidlesham Garage Ltd

Did you know on the Canary Islands there is not one canary? And on the Virgin Isles? Same thing - not one canary there either!



Instead of a sign that says 'do not disturb' I need one that says 'already disturbed proceed with caution'





THE SUPERPOWERS OF TAWNY OWLS
BY ALICE McDOUGALL

The tu-whit, tu-whoop of the Tawny Owl is surely one of the most delightful and haunting bird sounds there is. Of the five species of owl which reside in Britain, the Tawny Owl is one of the most nocturnal so you are much more likely to hear it than see it – unless you like hanging out in forests at night. Late summer, however, is one of the few times you could spot a young Tawny Owl in broad daylight. At about four weeks old, they pull their soft fluffy bodies up onto nearby branches and start to build up their strength and hunting skills.

Certainly owls are magnificent birds but it's not just their exquisite looks that make them so special. They possess some exceptional senses in order to survive their mysterious nocturnal lifestyles.

The distinctive piercing eyes of the owl are intrinsic to its predatory behaviour. Their eyeballs are tubular meaning they have larger retinas which improves their night vision. Their large forward facing eyes give them 'binocular' vision. This means they have strong depth perception so can judge how far away something is, and accurately follow a moving target.

The Tawny Owl's sense of hearing is also integral to its hunting skills. This is heightened by having asymmetrical ears, meaning sound will arrive in its ears at different times

allowing it to precisely locate its prey.

Another superpower of the Tawny Owl is their ability to fly in complete silence, giving them the edge when hunting for speedy prey such as a vole or mouse. This smooth, graceful flight is helped by having large wings and a slow wing beat. Its feathers are soft, dense and edged with tiny comb-like structures called serrations which reduce noise by modifying the airflow over the wings.



Every year, a Tawny Owl family is spied on by the Pagham Harbour nest cam. This year three eggs were laid, two hatched but only one bird survived – possibly one hungry owl ate its sibling. Let's see what next year brings.

To join us on one of our guided walks and to find out what else is going on at Pagham Harbour over the summer, see: <https://events.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour>



INSIDE THE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL IN JULY

So far this summer, we are currently caring for many species, from little wrens to roe deer, and everything in between! Summertime can be tricky for our precious wildlife as access to clean drinking water can become scarce. Regularly refilling bird baths and leaving out low dishes of fresh water on the ground in shaded areas, day and night, can be a real lifesaver to many of these little creatures!

We currently have lots of poor baby birds who have come in due to nest disturbance from illegal hedgerow cutting. These are the lucky ones who survived this terrifying ordeal but they still have a long way to go in our care before they can be released. Please remember it is now against the law to cut hedgerows back between March-August due to birds' nesting seasons. Hedges also create much needed shade for little mammals and birds during these very hot months, so are vital to many species' survival.

PATIENT STORY

Summertime is when most hoglets are born, as this ensures they are big and strong enough to survive the winter. We have had several litters of hoglets through our doors already this year, usually due to accidentally exposed nests. Particularly young hogs are initially put in our ICU incubators to keep warm and are fed a special formula through a pipette regularly throughout the day and

intermittently during the night. Hedgehogs are lactose intolerant and cannot cope with regular dairy milk, as well as needing specialist care to survive, so please do always call us if you uncover a nest!

HELPING BRENT LODGE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

As a gentle reminder, we are not open to the general public to have a look round. We have incredibly sick, injured and young patients on-site who need a calm environment whilst they heal and minimal human contact to ensure their survival once re-released. However, if you are an animal lover and would like to help or volunteer, please see our website – www.brentlodge.org for our **Wish List** and more details. Thank you!

We also provide **engaging workshops/talks** to schools and community groups (adults and children) so please get in touch if you are interested to find out more.

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.



HOUSES WITH A STORY TO TELL (19)

Owl Cottage in Lockgate Road

Prior to the building of the SA houses in 1937 the only properties in Lockgate Road between Dyers Corner and

Mapsons Lane were The Thatch, Fletchers Farm, Ropers Farm (now Lockgate Dairies, Lockgate Cottage, (now Owl Cottage), Mapsons Cottage and Mapsons Farm.

Thanks to the current owner, Val Cooper, for sharing the following information. The deeds of Owl Cottage property mentions both names, Lockgate Cottage and Owl Cottage, but there is no indication of when the change of name took place. The original building is on a map dated 1778.

More recent history: The cottage was bought at auction in 1956 by Ms Burgess, the nanny to children at Earnley Grange, and then purchased by Mrs Rusbridge of Earnley Grange with Ms Burgess remaining in residence. (Rusbridge is long-standing farming name in the area).

Val Cooper (née Fenton) was born in Portsmouth and brought up in Lagness at Forbridge Farm until the age of nine. She went to primary school at North Mundham and left secondary school at 15. Val married Mick Cooper in 1971. Mick was born in Donnington and was a trained City and

Guilds boatbuilder. They started married life in Chichester in a bedsit before moving to Owl Cottage in 1973, renting from Mrs Rushbridge.

Val and Mick were able to buy the cottage in 1979 and in 1987 built an annex for Mick's mother Edith Cooper who was known as Nan and was a regular member of the local Good

Companions Club. She lived with them for 18 years and died aged 98. Mick died in 2018, aged 75. Owl Cottage is currently for sale.

Val has also done loads of research into her own family tree – but that is another story

Neighbours to Owl Cottage:

Mapsons Farm – now Monnington, previously Woolgars

Mapsons Cottage, 'tied' to Mapsons Farm with Bill Bull (Tractor Driver) during LSA times

Lockgate Dairy – formerly Ropers Farm

Fletchers Farm – Dr Weekes

Halsey Farm on Mapsons Lane, also Halseys Farm on Rookery Lane in Sidlesham.

Has your House got a Story to Tell?
Billm89@hotmail.com

FRIENDS OF SELSEY MEDICAL CENTRE

Come to our AGM at 11am Saturday 20 July 2024

The Friends of Selsey Medical Centre help fund important equipment and services not provided by the NHS such as:

**DEMENTIA TRAINING FOR SURGERY STAFF
PERSONAL ADVICE AT CARE SHOP AND SURGERY
BUDDY TRANSPORT SCHEME**

**We invite Friends of the Medical Centre to our AGM at
St Peter's Church Hall, St Peter's Crescent, Selsey.
Meet Committee and representatives from Medical Practice.
AGM is for Friends only. To join costs £5 and forms are
available at the door or from the Medical Centre Reception.**

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JAMES O'BRIEN SHOW (LBC)

O'Brien: How many kings of England have been called Henry?
Contestant: Well, I know there was a Henry the Eighth. . . er . . . Three?

This year's runaway First Place Stella Award winner was: Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who purchased a new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an OU football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her, are you sitting down?

\$1,750,000. PLUS a new motor home. Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.

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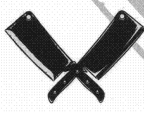
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