

Forum News



April 2024

This copy of Forum News forms the notes of a meeting held at
The Academy School at 4.15pm on 17th April 2024
If you would like to know more about any of the items, please contact us at:
mail@selseycommunityforum.uk.

➤ WELCOME

Mike Nicholls opened the meeting welcoming everyone and introduced Alex who was standing in for Chris Butler Arts Dream, and attending for the first time.

Pavilion – Keith Batchelor

Good news at last – the funding has now been received and the work has begun. Several Open Meetings have taken place and 42 visitors have attended. Scaffolding has now been erected and the clearing up commenced with vegetation being removed from the outside and detritus and machinery from around the site and inside the building. Christian has visited the Repair Shop with a special request for a repair which will be shown soon, so watch this space! Chichester Council have provided funding for the Porthole windows to be repaired. Congratulations was offered for the unique April Fool photo published showing the Theatre repositioned on Selsey Beach.

Greenway – Mike Nicholls

This is the cycle route from Selsey to Chichester on the west side of the B2145. It is a project which has now got an agreed feasible route. The project is number 6 in the County's Cycle Route plan and is now at the point of negotiating funding. It will mean that students from the Free School will have the option to cycle into Hunston in due course. The Northern section is a bit more straightforward than the Southern section, but we will get there. We just need the co-operation of 2 of our local landowners, so far, the project is now moving forward at a pace.

Environmental – Paul Sadler

The Hidden Garden is becoming more well known. More volunteers have joined, which is very helpful as we are now in the growing season and we have lots of things growing and plants to swap, for a small donation. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-4pm and Saturday 10-2pm and you can contact Paul on 07815 790770. Find us behind the Selsey Library.

Forest School has started today it's about sharing the garden with other users. The Pink Cottage came along to use the woodland area. An intervention group from Medmerry will be coming along to learn about craft work and exploration. An independent Forest School practitioner will be running those sessions. Forest Schools are outdoor education and provides an opportunity for students to do craft work, learn about nature, and explore the outdoors.

We work in close collaboration with Manhood Wildlife and Heritage group to encourage people to garden in a wildlife friendly way. They are conducting surveys on how people can think about what they can do to encourage wildlife. The Open Garden Scheme is on 2nd June and there are about 25 gardens in and around Selsey that will be open for visitors and the Hidden Garden will be open to encourage people to buy pollinator plants and wildflower seeds.

Another project coming up in conjunction with Arts Dream is The Winding Willow project which is free. It will run for two weeks in June and July and teach people Winding Willow skills to create items for indoors or in the garden. This is in conjunction with Two Circle Design and the sculpture created will be on display in the Hidden Garden following the course.

Robins Service – Mike Nicholls

This is an End-of-Life befriending service which has started in 2 or 3 Care Homes in Selsey spreading out to The Witterings area with the intention that it will spread to the Hospice in Bosham. In the community as well as in Care Homes with 10 Trained Volunteers. It is intended to support people who don't have local residents at End of Life or necessarily a lot of care. In some Care Homes, someone can be in a room and with only a carer going in to see them and no other visitors. The Befriender will be solely to offer friendship. Some people may want to be read to, play a game or just have their hand held.

Health and Inequalities Project - Mike Nicholls

This has been a project with the NHS Sussex in connection with the medical practice to look at local needs where there may be some inequality, in isolated communities. We have been running English Language courses for people who do not have English as their first language, IT support classes in conjunction with the Patients group to help people use the NHS App to book appointments and request prescriptions, Sign Language course, there are over 600 Voluntary Carers and we have increased the level of support we can give them, and we have a new Support Lead for the Community Forum who will be starting in a month's time. This is to prove that isolated communities like Selsey, need a Care Shop. We have tried to prove over the years while the Care Shop has been open it meets a local need, and without which a lot of needs would not be met in Selsey and the Medical Practice would have to deal with a lot more needs. A report is due to be written by July showing the evidence of the research which has been done.

Buddy Transport – Mike Nicholls

This service was started because people who have disabilities or are unable to drive used to have to catch 2 buses to get to St Richards Hospital. Since it has started, we have undertaken over 700 journeys. On Monday Mike has a meeting with Community Transport to consider where we go from here. For example, more and more medical appointments are made at weekends, and we have to consider whether we can expand the service from what it is currently a Monday to Friday service.

The Academy – Matt Tyman

Matt started with a massive thank you to this community following the last Forum meeting Matt made a request for some extra sponsorship for equipment the students need for Green Car Initiative. Tom Harris the Science Teacher is running this project at the school and within 3 days Matt had a call from Neil Kimber to say he had raised that extra money for safety clothing! So, a massive thank you. First Race is on 6th June at the Top Gear Racetrack. In the past the Forum has been very generous in supporting providing prizes to Students, but Jo would like to move away from cash prizes and the school are looking for some funding to buy a wooden shield to give to students who have shown particular excellence in Community Work. This would be in addition to the Selsey Community Forum Award which is given to the students each year. Mike asked Matt if he had an idea how much is needed, and Matt said the school are looking for £45 to cover the cost. Neil Kimber was unwell and not able to attend the meeting, but we'll ensure he is made aware as he has a lot of contacts in the business community.

Matt continued saying Year 11's are working towards their exams and the school is confident with the expected results. Mike talked to someone who had been through the school themselves and so had their children and they couldn't speak highly enough of their time at The Academy. Matt said that there have also recently had some previous students return to the school to work as Teaching Assistants.

Arts Dream – Alex

There are quite a few things happening in the next few months. The next 2 Plays written by Gillian Plowman are being held at St Peters Church Hall on April 26th at 19.30 and 27th at 15.30 tickets from Brent Lodge Bird & Wildlife Charity Shop, 8 New Parade.

Belinda Gannon runs the Sing Your Heart Out Choir and Open Door Choir comprised of 85 people. The choir will be singing at the Academy on 11th May.

Art Dream run Art Classes 3 times a week in Selsey and Art Workshops too. Gary, who organises the workshops has booked Catherine Beale on 15th June for the next workshop. Anyone can book onto the workshops by just paying the fee.

The Summer Art Exhibition will be held at Medmerry School in East Street over the August Bank Holiday weekend and this is when the students in the Art classes have an opportunity to display their work and sell it.

Youth Work – Mike Nicholls

Youth Dream at The Bridge have received a very generous grant from the Woodrow Trust at the Witterings to pick up some Youth Work at the Free School, and The Academy and a new Youth Club is starting in the Witterings for support work around Mental Health in conjunction with Home Start. One of The Youth Workers is going to be at The Academy on Friday providing a session around Music, Poetry and Art.

Men in Sheds – John Fletcher

The group continue with their projects in their workshop in The Hidden Garden behind the Bridge.

Annual Town Meeting – Ali Archer

Selsey's Annual Town Meeting is to be held next Tuesday 23rd April at the Selsey Centre doors open 6.30pm and meeting starts at 7.15pm. Its an opportunity to meet and talk to your elected councillors and all groups are welcome to attend and share information. The Agenda is attached to this newsletter.

Selsey Town Council - Philip Grocott

Philip sent this information in his absence due to a Selsey Town Council Meeting tonight:-

2nd May Bi-elections: Linda Frampton is standing as a fully Independent Candidate on 2nd May bi-election in the north ward. Many will already know Linda. Those living in the North ward will now have had a leaflet from her. The other candidate Gareth Goffon-Dann represents the Local Alliance. The Police and Crime Commissioner election takes place the same day - **don't forget photo ID when you go to vote.**

RNLI Lifeboat -Vaughan Turney

Arrangements for this year's events with a wide-ranging appeal have been finalised.

4th May 8.00am to 4.00pm - Selsey Lifeboat Crew Virtual Row outside Country Gardens – to mark the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the RNLI, the Selsey Lifeboat crew will be virtually rowing 200km representing the journey from Bishopsgate London (Where the original Charter was signed) to the RNLI College at Poole.

The Lifeboats will be taken out of the Lifeboat Station to make way for 2 bands, one being a Soul Band

26th May Selsey Saunter 9am starts at the Selsey Lifeboat Station. Choice of route 2miles or 5miles.

8th June - Band in The Boathouse – Supersonic Soul Band and Mia Reed

28th July to 4th August - Lifeboat week –includes A Quiz, Treasure Hunt, Race Night and a 999 Day - The whole day includes First Responders, Ambulance, Police.

Kayak Racing, Lifeboat Village on the Sunday, Musical Acts and Performance Acts and a Lifeboat display.

14th September - Fish Supper and Quiz in the Boathouse

19th October Fireworks and Fair – East Beach Selsey

15th December - Carol Service at the Boathouse

Dates of all the Events this year are in the attached leaflet

The recent Lottery Award made to the Selsey Lifeboat was for the sole use of the Selsey Lifeboat. The award is equal to 40% of the Lifeboat's running costs and while we are hugely grateful, each time the Lifeboat goes out the cost is in the region of £5,000 to operate the Lifeboat so donations will still be gratefully received.

Mike Nicholls added that the Selsey Community Forum also received a donation of £70,000 from the Lottery and Youth Dream received £50,000 which has made a huge difference and we are very grateful.

Selsey Care Shop

Linda Edwards informed the meeting that working in the Care shop is increasingly busy as Carol Purnell can confirm. We both volunteer and cover shifts during the week. We are currently undergoing some change learning new ways of working and recording information to improve communication within the team. Carol not only Volunteers in the Care Shop but is also part of Buddies Assisted Transport (BATS) team and the It Buddies support team called CASPS.

Carol explained that CASPS can assist with a variety of requests including installing and using the NHS app either on the computer or on the individual's phone and recently was asked to accompany someone to Curry's to buy a computer and then set it up at home. So, some issues are easy to deal with and others may be more complicated. The Computer support team of 4 assists our residents in a wide range of requests for help.

Mike added that there is currently an initiative to encourage people to use the internet for medical purposes. We are just waiting for the outcome of a grant and pay someone to support that project and we hope to use the undoubted technical skills of younger people who may feel they would like to pay back to the community. More news about this in the future.

Matt Tyman added that the Students in Year 10 are currently working on a project with The Venture Bus to update their Website so we have a competition at the moment to see who can design the best website for The Venture Bus and it should go live by the end of this term.

Good Morning Call Service – Amanda Daniels

There are 124 people called in a week some are lonely or don't have contact with any relatives. These calls may be made on a daily basis or weekly. We have a group of volunteers who, between them make 35-40 calls a day and during the chat can pick if there is a problem we can support them with.

Befriending -Ronelle Juleff

Together time is a group which meet on a Thursday. They arrive and have Tea and cake, then Sing song. Mobility Mindfulness for the less mobile followed by Lunch which is provided by Neil and the business community twice a month and the other weeks it is provided by Janet Jupp who cooks the lunches on the other weeks. The folk attending love to sit and chat or take part in another Mobility Mindfulness session. We also have a small Library of magazines and books. The Venture Bus provides the transport so people who have no access to transport can also join us.

Two mornings a month we hold a Movies for Memories, and two mornings a week there is Tea and Coffee at the Venture Club, Monday and Friday. The ResBite Teas on a Sunday take place at one of the 4 Churches in Selsey who take it in turns to provide the Teas and again, The Venture Bus provides transport. The Garden Teas start again in the Hidden Garden.

Any Other Business

Mike mentioned that During the Winter we have provided over 3,000 warm spaces for people keeping them safe, warm and fed.

Ronelle also organises knitters who volunteer to knitting items with the wool which is frequently donated to The Care Shop. The knitters have been making things to go to Ukraine and we have delivered 12 bags of knitted items so far. The person organising this has now asked for knitted items for amputees and Ronelle has a pattern if any-one is willing to help, please let her know.

Activities recommencing

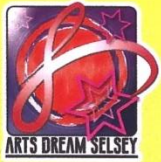
Cricket starts again this weekend Bowls Open Day has just taken place at Crablands and Little Spain and Green Bowling is now recommencing and Tennis at Crablands too. Those that do Open Water Swimming have continued throughout the winter and we admire their courage and persistence. Others may wish to join the Selsey Sea Bathers now the weather is warmer.

The 4 Churches in Selsey are very community minded in terms of provision of space for activities which benefits about 450 people in the Town.

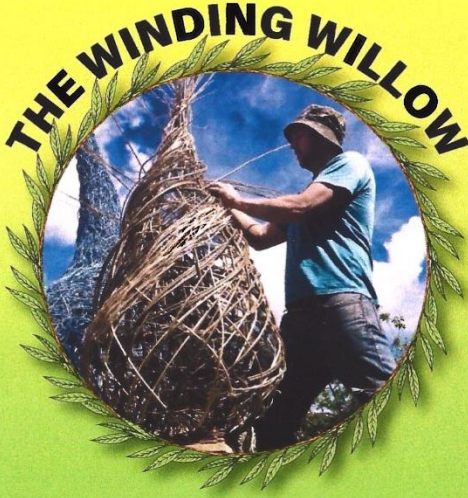
Next Meeting Wednesday 19th June at 4.15pm

Appendices Attached below:

- Leaflet for Hidden Garden
- Leaflet for Arts Dream
- Selsey Lifeboat Events for 2024
- Annual Town Meeting Agenda 23 04 24



THE WINDING WILLOW



- Do you want to get in touch with your inner creative?
- Would you like to join others in learning a new skill?
- Do you like to work outdoors with your hands?
- Be taught techniques and skills by international artists?

If the answer to these questions is **YES** then why not apply to join an exciting new project in Selsey, for free!

We are launching a willow weaving **SCULPTURE** project in collaboration with Two Circles Design at The Hidden Garden in Selsey or two weeks in June and July 2024



For more information visit: <http://artsdream2013selsey.weebly.com>
Or contact: chrisbutlerselsey@hotmail.co.uk



Web Site



Application Form

The Hidden Garden

a Selsey Community Garden for all to enjoy. Come and join us and meet other passionate gardeners, learn seasonal gardening ideas and help grow fresh vegetables and flowers to take home

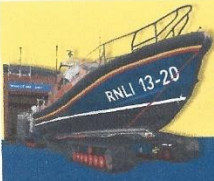
we meet Tuesday & Thursday 10-4pm & Saturday 10-2pm

various plants and seeds are available to swap or for a donation

located at The Bridge Support Centre
behind Selsey Library, PO20 9EH

contact Paul on 07815 790770 for more information

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Selsey Lifeboat Station



Upcoming Events

- 28th April** Selsey Shantymen - 1400 Outside the Boathouse
- 4th May** Virtual Row by the crew at Country Gardens High Street Selsey
- 19th April** Selsey Shantymen - 1400 Outside the Boathouse
- 26th May** Selsey Saunter - Sponsored walk around the Selsey area
- 7th June** Pallant Voices - Fundraiser - Bracklesham Barns
- 8th June** Band in the Boathouse - Supersonic Soul Band & Mia Reed - Boathouse
- 14th June** RNLI Shop - Selsey Primary School
- 29th June** Chichester Gala - Priory Park, Chichester. St. Peters Church, Selsey
- 29th June** Concert - St. Peter's Church, Selsey
- 6th July** RNLI Shop - Chichester Free School, Chichester
- 7th July** Concert - St. Mary's Church, Sidlesham
- 14th July** RNLI Shop - Pagham YC, Selsey Shantymen - 1400 Outside the Boathouse
- 20th July** RNLI Selsey -Volunteers Barbeque - (By Invitation only) - Boathouse
- 28th July – 4th August** Selsey Lifeboat Week
- 17th August** RNLI Shop - Church Farm Holiday Park, Pagham
- 24th August** Lifeboat Display and RNLI Shop - Seal Bay
- 25th August** Selsey Shantymen - 1400 Outside the Boathouse
- 8th September** Selsey Shantymen singing outside the Boathouse
- 14th September** Fish Supper and quiz in the Boathouse
- 15th September** RNLI Shop 'Bash' - Pagham Yacht Club
- 22nd September** Selsey Shantymen - 1400 Outside the Boathouse
- 19th October** Fireworks and Fair – East Beach Selsey
- 2nd November** RNLI Shop - Christmas Market
- 15th December** Carol service in the Boathouse
- 26th December** December Dip - Boathouse Beach

* All events are subject to final confirmation and operational requirements.

For all details go to www.facebook.com/SelseyRNLI





ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR ALL SELSEY ELECTORS

**TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2024
7.15PM**

Selsey Centre, Manor Road, PO18 0SE.

Doors open at 6.30pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chairman of Selsey Town Council.
2. To receive Apologies for Absence.
3. To approve and sign the Minutes of the Town Meeting held on 14 March 2022.
4. To receive the Chairman's Report and presentations from participants for 2023/24.
5. To receive comments and questions from electors within the town of Selsey on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the town.
6. Close of meeting.

Robin Davison
Town Clerk

16 April 2024

Community Groups will be attending and will be available to talk to before or after the meeting. Please take the opportunity to visit their stands and consider joining them to help with the work they do for the community.

The Town Meeting is an opportunity for parishioners on the Electoral Roll for Selsey to raise any matters of concern to them that relate to their local community. The Annual Town Meeting may by law discuss all Town affairs and pass resolutions about them. It would be helpful to have written notice of any matters to be raised in person at the meeting in advance. For any queries, please contact the Council on 01243 605803 or enquiries@selseytowncouncil.gov.uk