

MESSING ABOUT IN BOATS? WE DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE

Do You Know Where This Is? See p13



Try Something New

- Experience a great family day out at Pagham on Parade on Sunday August 19th.
- Have a go at making the Tarte-Soleil— a deliciously easy summer treat.

Get in the Garden

- Mysterious Wisterias.—Secrets revealed. Why not try your hand with Nicoles advice?
- Get some garden ideas —visit one of the open gardens this August.
- Relax on the patio and do the crossword, reflect or read one of our short stories.

Go Outdoors

- The sea is on our doorstep. With Cowes Week coming up.....
- Take your camera or a butterfly net to an event at Pagham Harbour/Sidlesham our very own internationally renowned nature reserve managed by the RSPB. Click [RSPB](#) for details.
- Take your camera and go snapping. Read inside about one readers passion for 35mm film cameras.

What's In This Months MM.

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from Tim Russell

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This magazine has been put together to put people in touch with one another in the village, to encourage the swapping of plants, recipes, books, Exchange & Mart, hints and ideas.

'Letters to the Editor' would be very welcome. We seek to encourage peoples input to the magazine.

Help us fill the following issues and make your voice part of our local life.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TO BE HELD BY NORTH MUNDHAM PARISH COUNCIL 2018

7th August	No Meeting
4th September—Rescheduled to 11th September	Planning Meeting & Full council
2nd October	Planning Meeting
6th November	Planning Meeting & Full Council
4th December	Planning Meeting

Lots of helpful local information on the North Mundham Parish Council website at <http://northmundham.org/>.
For the latest news of local events try their Facebook page, 'North Mundham Parish Council'.

Below: Recent Posts on Parish Council Facebook Page. For any responses please contact The Clerk Of The Council.



Last week was the official opening of the Stoney Meadow Development. We look forward to welcoming the new residents when they move in which should be in the middle of August



Appeal for Help
Do you have a Diesel Water Pump?
Lakeside Lakes have reached below 70% oxygenation and many fish are dying. If you have a diesel water pump and can help; please can you call the water bailiff on 07770888701.

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Vitacress are one of Europe's leading suppliers of fresh produce, specialising in watercress, salads and fresh herbs and they have offered a site visit on the 28th August 3.30 -5.30. Numbers are limited so if you are interested in attending please message me.

Place will be on a first come first served basis - if there is significant interest I will try and arrange an additional visit.

If you wish to advertise an event which takes place during the first two weeks of the month, it needs to be in the previous month's magazine. If they go in the magazine of the month they will take place, they probably won't reach all the readers in time. We want to advertise your events very much so please make sure we can. Thank you.

Copy: 400 words as a target please, short articles very welcome: Small is beautiful!
Copy should be emailed to editors by 25th of the month to allow for distribution by the first week of the following month.
Any font acceptable. We alter it to fit the available space.
NB Letters can be longer. -See Disclaimer.

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Highlights Of What's Happening Locally This August.

Chichester Farmers' Market

Location: Market Avenue Car Park Time: 9.00 - 14.00 1st and 3rd Friday of each month

St Wilfreds Hospice Open Gardens for August.

Claremont Care Home

Saturday 18 August (3-5pm)

Fontwell Park, Fontwell Avenue, Nr Chichester PO20 3RY

Our beautiful Magnolia tree which takes pride of place in the main garden.

Our residents use the gardens as much as possible throughout the year.

We make hanging baskets and bird feeders, we have a raised bed for vegetables and flowers. (£3.00)

Elmleigh

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 August (10-5pm)

54 Elmleigh, Midhurst, GU29 9HA

Enjoy a leisurely walk around this award- winning garden, with its majestic pines, shrubs, perennials and raised beds. Two ponds teeming with tadpoles too! Child friendly garden and dogs on leads welcome. Delicious homemade scones and cakes! Wheel chair friendly and parking for the disabled available. Call 07796562275 for assistance. (£3.50)



Pagham On Parade

A great family day out. Last years was hailed as **'THE BEST EVER'**

Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road, Nyetimber PO21 4NJ

Join in and help support All Local Charities

Sunday 19th August, 2018 11:00am to 4:00pm

Display of Classic Cars Childrens Funfare Refreshments and Bar B Que, Arena events and Stalls. **Pagham Ponies**, All Proceeds to Local Charities. Free Entry or Donations



QUIZ

Answers at end of magazine.

Quiz I

- Where would you find the 'Ocean of Storms'?
- Specializing in televised home shopping, what does the acronym QVC stand for?
- Which Leonard Cohen song featured in the 2011 film Shrek? And what nationality is Leonard Cohen?
- Which American President was assassinated in the year that Queen Victoria died?
- In millimetres, what size of copper piping supplies the kitchen sink in most UK households?
- Name the smallest and the most densely populated country in Central America?
- In the bible, who was married to Zipporah?
- In the 1981 film Chariots of Fire, in one scene runners attempt to round the perimeter of the Great Court, in which University is this? And can you name the actual college?
- When musician Lily Allen was growing up which comedian was in a relationship with her mother for several years, all living together as a family?
- The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are traditionally named War, Pestilence, Death, and which other name?
- Name the only non-individual winners of the BBC Sports Personality of the Year Award?
- Which capital city is the most remote in the world?
- How many compartments does a cow's stomach have?
- What nationality was the chemist Robert Bunsen, after whom the Bunsen burner is named?
- Who actually said: 'Houston, Tranquility Base here. The eagle has landed'?

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HOLIDAY IN THE IONIAN

Recently we chartered a yacht in the Ionian with friends, a favourite sailing destination of ours in the past and although we had not been for some years it was amazing to see how much more built up the bays had become. Could Kefalonia and Ithaca be good places to buy a villa in the sun? It might seem so at the moment. Also tavernas have become more sophisticated with a better choice of food and wine. Remote locations are now being supplied with electricity and water to encourage development. There are some stunning villas with panoramic views being built which would cost millions elsewhere.

The weather was a comfortable temperature in early June mid to late 20s with gentle breezes but not much wind to sail most days. On the days we did have wind we managed a good sail tacking up the Meganisi Channel from Little Vathi to Sivota - a very pretty little port, nice shops and good choice of restaurants along the quay.

From Frikes to Vathi we had time to go with the wind and Jilly took the wheel and reached a fast 7.7 knots - see the delight on her face or was it terror at the helm? See photo. Leaving Vathi we saw Sea Cloud, a lovely four mast sailing yacht which used to be a USA weather ship and after that was owned by the president of the Dominican Republic, presumably now in private ownership.

The one bad day of weather we had started cloudy and cool. We travelled from Vathi to Kalamos and sailed some of the way but just managed to out run a very nasty looking black cloud by the skin of our teeth which later we learned contained a gale force 9 within it. See photo.....Look behind you boys !!!

The nature of this type of holiday with a flotilla is to sail from one port to another although it is quite possible to 'bare boat charter' and go wherever you like it is something of a comfort to have the support of a lead boat with three competent crew on board to call on if things go wrong and to book ahead a mooring for the night. There is also an immediate bonding and friendship with the other flotilla boats with interesting people from all round the British Isles with the love of sailing in common.

Most days we stopped off in quiet coves and bays for lunch and a swim. Not much in the way of fish but trailing bread crumbs behind one certainly improved matters as very quickly a couple of dozen or so small fish swim around one to be fed. One of our lunch time stops was at Papa Nicolis cave between Sivota to Frikes with mooring for one yacht just outside the cave. A cave reported to have hidden a Greek submarine during the war but snorkelling inside the cave suggested otherwise. There was an enormous underwater rock in the middle of it....is this how Greek myths were formed ? ;-) This part of Greece is still relatively unspoilt and affordable, In most cases we ate very well for around 20 Euros per head inclusive of local wine.

For more in depth detail of quiet bays to stop and good restaurants to eat please feel free to contact the editors.



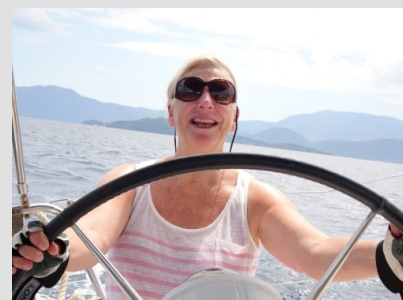
The Yacht



What Storm?



This Storm!



I See No Storm!



Arts Dream Selsey

Calling All Artists and Crafts People!

Arts Dream Selsey invites you to take part in our

Open Summer Art & Craft Exhibition



23rd -27th August in Selsey Town Hall

Setting up Day - Wednesday 22nd August

This is a joint venture with Selsey Camera Club and together we hope to turn the Town Hall complex into an exciting centre for the Arts & Crafts. As this will be during the Selsey Summer Festival we expect there to be an influx of visitors and holiday makers, many of whom will be sure to visit our Exhibition.

An added attraction this year will be The Patchwork Communities Quilt, which has been on display at the Novium Museum is going to tour the district it represents. Arts Dream Selsey are delighted to be having this wonderful quilt on display, plus individual work by the Selsey Quilters during the Exhibition.

For more information about our Exhibition and if you would like entry forms please contact

Jan Bush - email janpbush@btinternet.com

Please forward this to all your arty/crafty friends and any group to which you belong - and a big thank you to those who have already expressed an interest in this venture!

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The Perfect Travelling Companion

Although in its time the Nikon F3 film camera could justifiably lay claim to its 'state of the art' status it can hardly be seen in that category now. Even the most ardent of fans could not extol its virtues as the all singing, all dancing answer to all things photographic. So why do so many serious photographers refuse to be parted from their long time companion?



Pick up an F 3 and you know you have something of substance in your hands. Solidly made for the most hard-working and accident prone professional the F 3T camera weighs in at a hefty 800 grams when coupled with its 50mm 1.8 standard lens. No lightweight it is true but then weight isn't everything!

Allow yourself to explore the contours of the F3 and almost immediately you will find the fingers of your right hand closing around the rubber grip and the camera nestling seductively into the palm of your hand. How good it feels! Follow your inclination and let the lens rest between the thumb and forefinger of your left hand and the base of the camera on the palm. Adjust the focus, confident in the knowledge that the viewfinder is revealing 100% of what you have framed up and check the preview button. Look carefully around the frame and prepare yourself for the ultimate in picture taking.

Squeeze the shutter release gently; speed and aperture will be displayed for your information. Squeeze a little harder - the mirror box is fitted with an air-dampened shock absorber to minimise 'shake'. A reassuring 'clunk' is heard as the shutter is fully released but the camera remains as solid as a rock.

It is now only a matter of time. If like myself you go through the aforementioned experience. I believe you will be hooked. The Nikon F 3 has become a legend in its lifetime. so why resist? I became the privileged owner of a well used and well loved F 3T after spending only an hour in its company. Its natural titanium 'champagne' livery had obviously been enjoyed to the full and it's body had a delightful 'lived in' appearance but all its parts functioned like a dream. My Nikon experience was about to begin.

Joy Whiting
June 2018

Why not take your camera—even the one on your phone—on your next outing and send us the results for inclusion in next months magazine?

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Old Caledonian with Nikon F3



Wendy Devonshire provided us with this lovely recipe for a 'Tarte-Soleil'

Wendy was given the recipe for an easy to make, delicious summer sun tart during a French Exchange group visit to La Lucerne-d'Outremer in Normandy.

Ingredients

2 packets of frozen puff pastry
1 packet of Boursin cheese
Beaten egg for glazing

Method— See the photo below.

Roll out both packets of pastry into 2 large circles 16" approx. across
Spread 1 circle with the Boursin
Place the second circle on top and press down the edges.
Place a water glass in the middle to form a small circle being careful not to cut the pastry with it.
Take a sharp knife and from the edge of the glass cut down to the edge of the pastry
Do the same opposite, continue cutting into quarters then eights then sixteenth's etc until the circle is equally divided up. Try to leave approx. half an inch between cuts at the glass end.
Take each cut piece and twist round several times.
Glaze the whole soleil with beaten egg.
Bake in a hot oven for approx. 30 minutes.

Serving

Serve on a large round plate or board, sprinkle with chopped parsley.

The filling in this recipe can be varied using different ingredients like pesto or cheddar and onion or Sacla tomato paste etc.

Have fun experimenting and please let us know how successful you are with different ideas.



Pruning and Maintenance of Wisteria.

This article by Nicole could inspire you to try your hand at growing Wisteria successfully and add some old-world charm to your home. Ed.

Wisteria can tolerate clay and very alkaline soils. Basic principles: Almost all established climbers need routine pruning. Without this, your plant may fail to flower and may damage your roof, gutter, walls,... when its growing vigorously. Begin pruning and training asap after planting. This way, you can create a healthy and desired structure. Use sharp clean secateurs, loppers or shears (to remove dead or weak growth). You will need a ladder if your plant is trained alongside a wall.

Pruning:

Wisteria needs pruning twice a year, once in August and once in late winter, January or February.

Many people aren't getting any blooms on their Wisteria because they have probably not been pruning their plant in the correct way. In August, many long leafy summer shoots will have been produced. These need to be cut back to divert the plant's energy into the flower buds. It's also very important to train the main stems horizontally, not vertically.

The aim of pruning is to encourage the short spurs that will produce the flower buds to develop, all along the framework of branches. It will create an airflow between your branches and allows the sunlight in.

Method.

In August, cut back long new growth to **5** buds. Cut at an angle just above a bud. All the rest must go! So, cut back all lateral growth. Only if you need to extend your plants framework, you can leave these on and train them in.

In January or February, the plant has lost all of its leaves and this gives you a chance to take a good look at the framework. Now, go back to the shoots you have cut back in August. These will now have to be cut back again, to leave only 2, max 3 buds! So your shoot will now be only 8-10 Cm long.

Do not cut into the woody brown stems, these are established branches. Any other growth that has developed after summer pruning can be reduced to about 15 cm (not more).

Nicole

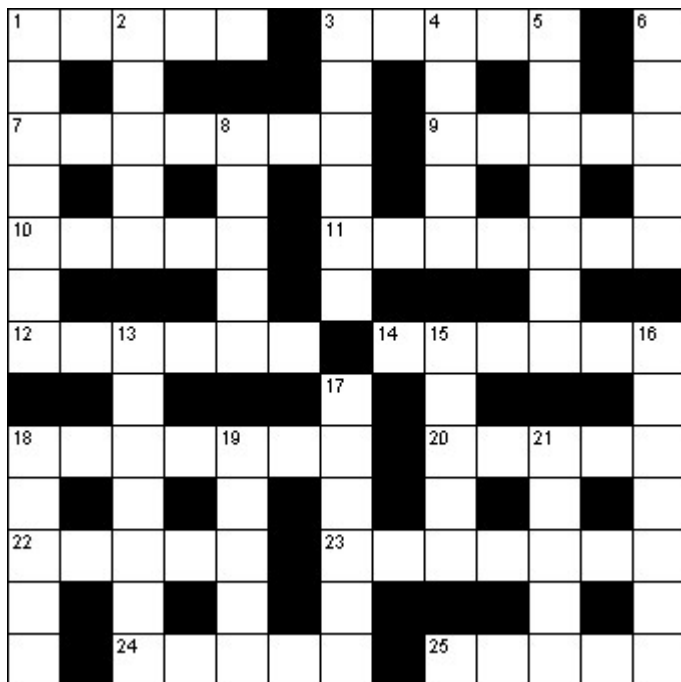


PUZZLE PAGES -Answers at end of magazine.

Easy (ish) Crossword

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Scribble Space



Across

1. Utensil (5)
3. Path (5)
7. Disregarded (7)
9. Send out (5)
10. Military command (5)
11. Mythical beast (7)
12. Taste (6)
14. Movie house (6)
18. Bet (7)
20. Deduce (5)
22. Unsuitable (5)
23. Roamed (7)
24. Finished (5)
25. Small boat (5)

Down

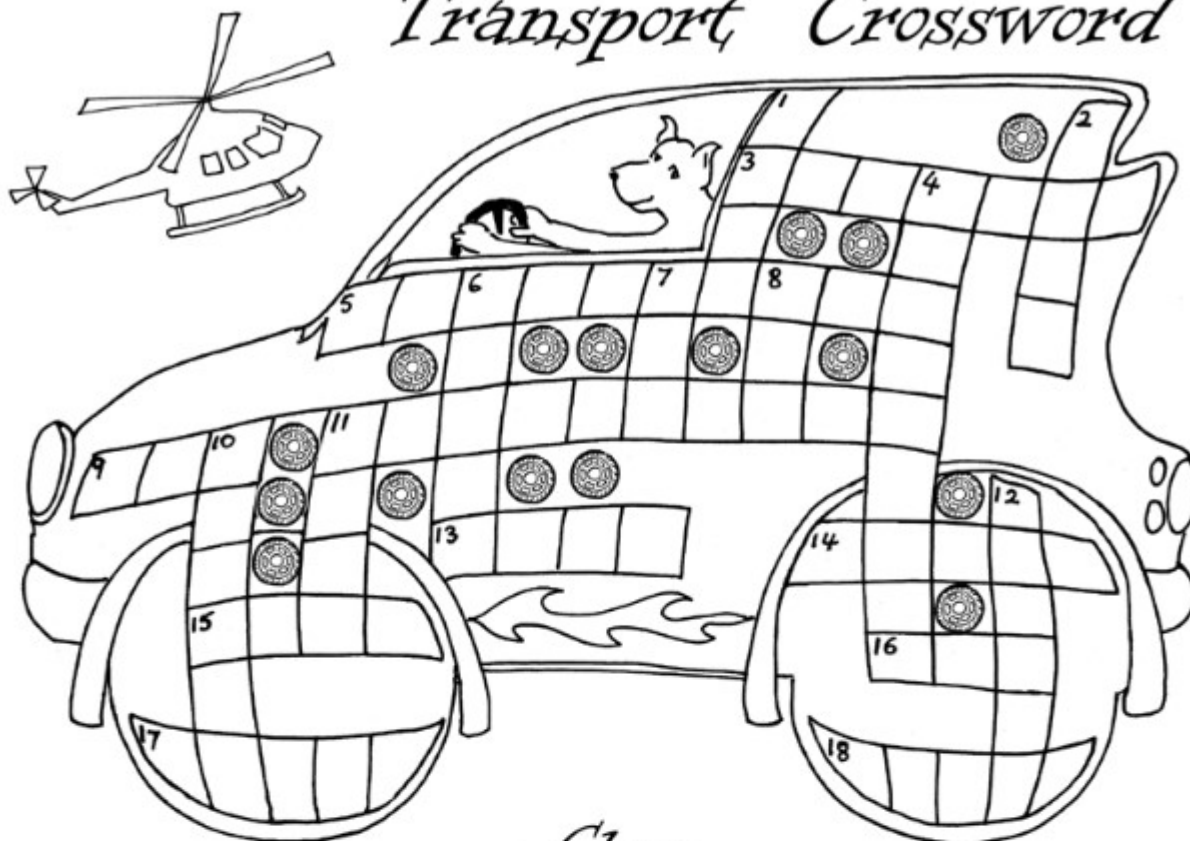
1. Mariners (7)
2. Possessed (5)
3. Boredom (6)
4. Legal excuse (5)
5. Svelte (7)
6. Beer mug (5)
8. Relating to country life (5)
13. Tycoon (7)
15. Dialect (5)
16. Condense (7)
17. Worshipped (6)



Quiz II

1. Which actor was married to actress Emma Thompson from 1989 to 1995?
2. 'Gone for a Burton' is a euphemistic phrase used by World War Two pilots meaning gone missing, however, what actually is a Burton?
3. What are the only birds that can fly backwards?
4. What is the name of the character played by Julia Sawalha in the TV comedy Absolutely Fabulous?
5. Which former Blue Peter presenter hosts the British paranormal reality television series Most Haunted?
6. Keele University is in which English county?
7. As of 2014, who is the youngest winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature?
8. What does the Liverpudlian term 'diddy' mean?
9. How many members were in the Monty Python team?
10. In which country would you find the original Legoland theme park?

Transport Crossword



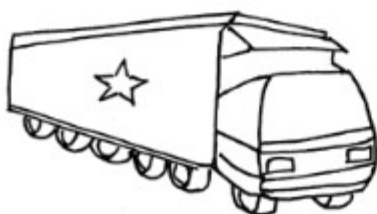
Clues

Across

3. Farm vehicle
5. Aircraft with revolving blades
9. Automobile
11. Fastest race series!
13. 80 million cars are made each ____
14. Keep to the speed ____!
15. And fasten your seat ____!
16. Another word for petrol
17. It runs on rails
18. ____-Royce make engines

Down

1. Red light means ____
2. Famous US car maker
4. Going round the bend
6. Truck
7. It keeps the engine running smoothly
8. Bicycle means ____ wheels
10. It's used to make tyres
11. A car won't go without it!
12. Lorries and trains use this fuel



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Letters To The Editor

North Mundham Gala. Brief Report by Stalls Manager – Mrs S Gunn

This year's Gala on 14th July was on a blisteringly hot summer's day. Luckily there were plenty of refreshments, cold drinks, ice creams and Pimms to cool everyone down. Considering we were competing with the Festival of Speed, the women's final at Wimbledon and the World Cup playoffs - we had a good, if lower than usual, turn out. The Big Tent provided a wonderful array of flowers and vegetables - a remarkable achievement given the very hot and dry summer we have had.

Our thanks go to all our volunteer helpers, donors and sponsors for making our village event the success that it is.

We would particularly like to thank -

Raffle

**Joanna Armandias
Earth Seed to Bloom
Hunston Post Office
Kirklands
Mr and Mrs Robin Nott
The Nuffield Gym
Runcton Farm Shop
Heather Sullivan
The Walnut Tree**

Plants

**Hills
Manor Nursery
North Farm
Vitacress**

Produce

**Barfoots
Black Dog Nursery
Tim Clarke
Joan Foster
Hall Hunter
Michael and Doris Leeder
Chris Monkton**

Sponsors of the Dog Show

**Brick Kiln Nursery
AlphaPet**

Dates for the diary

**Our AGM and prize giving is on Friday 19th October
Our Gala in 2019 is on Saturday 13th July**

Singing For Health-

Hi Mick and Louise,
Had a quick glance at this month's edition - it's very colourful and full of different matters (it's very Freudian that psychiatrists have a mania for chocolate).

I've have another healthy living suggestion that operates all year round. As follows...

Singing for Health:- Enjoy healthy vocal exercise in a friendly laid-back setting. Singing for Health meets every Monday evening in Room H144, Chichester University, Bishop Otter Campus, College Lane, Chichester from 6.30pm - 7.45pm (break in August). Cost is £4 per session payable on arrival. Free parking after 5pm. All ages and abilities welcome - no auditions, no singing skills, no ability to read music required - sense of humour an asset. We sing everything from classical - folk - pop; we particularly enjoy the Beatles and "My Fair Lady"
Come along and met us and have fun exercising your vocal chords.

Best Wishes
Helena

Editors Note. Other Singing For Health groups may be available elsewhere!
Also please note that singing in a group has a high probability of lowering stress so join a choir- any choir - and feel more relaxed.

Short Story: The Nocturnal Cat

At 10.45pm, the TV news ends and my servants make for bed. My manservant rises from his arm chair, which I immediately occupy to enjoy its warmth. My maidservant pats my head.

"Good night and be a good cat" I am told.

Ten minutes later I hear the bedroom light go off. I get up, stretch and claw the arm of the chair. Walking through to the kitchen, I sniff my food bowl.

"Bother, they have left out Aldi cat treats. Do they not realise I prefer the premium Waitrose brand?"

I reach the cat flap and tap it. It opens and I emerge into the night. Time to inspect my territory. The sky is cloudy and rain is likely; my inspection will have to be quick. I sniff the air and traverse the lawn to the fence. A hedgehog crosses my path but he is too prickly to bother. Jumping up onto the fence, I spy Mabel from two doors down. She is friendly but flighty – not my type. We touch noses and go our separate ways.

Jumping up onto the next fence, I spy Hector from number 24. Hector is a young upstart out to prove his supposed superiority and he needs to be put into his place. He sees me and his fur bristles. I do likewise and we challenge each other; the language becomes louder and riper. I hear a window opening in the adjacent house. Being a more intelligent, mature feline, I know what to expect. Backing into the shadows, I avoid the bowl of cold water as it descends covering Hector.

He utters his last expletives and disappears rapidly. I feel a splash of water on my whiskers. However, it is rain so time to return home.

I quickly cross two gardens and two fences entering the kitchen through the cat flap with a crash; nothing stirs. I return to the arm chair and settle down for the night.

At 6.30am, I hear footsteps descending the stairs and stifled yawns. I open one eye and rapidly close it.

"What a good puss you are. Have you been here all night?" I hear.

As my servants shuffle into the kitchen, I get up, stretch, jump from the arm-chair and scratch my claws down the arm once again. Time to follow them to ensure my breakfast is the first matter dealt with.

It is the beginning of another day.

Helena Millen



Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre
Giving the living a chance at life

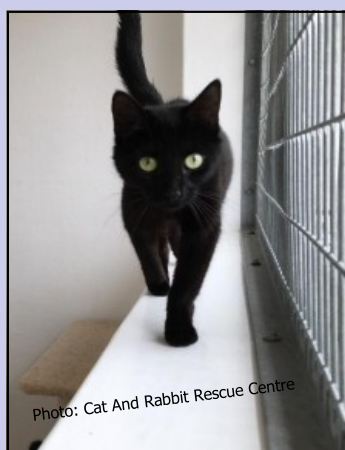


Photo: Cat And Rabbit Rescue Centre

Samara

Well hello there! My name is Samara, I am a very stunning black female cat and I'm only 2 years old! I was brought into The Centre because sadly my previous owner passed away and I've been here now since the 10th of May. I am a lovely girl however I do have a naughty side, I like to keep you humans on your toes! Someone's got to! Please don't let my naughty side put you off though because I can see myself as a very cute addition to someone's household and to take a chance on me.

Viewing Days in August.

Cats / Kittens:

Sat 25 Aug 2018, 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Rabbits / Guinea Pigs:

Sun 05 Aug 2018, 2:00pm - 3:30pm

BUT...You don't need to wait for a viewing day. Just Telephone 01243 641409 first.

<https://insighttimer.com/jackkornfield>

When we let be with
compassion, things
come and go
on their own.

JACK KORNFIELD

Insight Timer

PAGHAM PONIES

The ponies are looked after by Nigel and his team of volunteers. Many have had a really hard life and are now getting the care they really deserve. To find out more go along to one of their events. They're on FaceBook and their website is:-

<http://www.paghamponiesrescue.com/>

The ponies will be at Pagham on Parade on Sunday 19th August—See 'What's On' for details.



Photo: Pagham Ponies

GILLS FLOWERS



A lovely display from Gill Homer of *Gills Flowers*.

Gill is a three times Chelsea Flower Show medallist and is widely in demand for her demonstrations.

You can call her on 01243 263860. She has a website and Facebook page. By The Way— She likes horses and cats and **ADORES** rabbits!!

Just search for Gills Flowers

Where is it? — Cowes Isle of Wight.

Transport Crossword Answers

Across: 3 tractor, 5 helicopter, 9 car, 11 formula one, 13 year, 14 limit, 15 belt, 16 gas, 17 train, 18 Rolls

Down: 1 stop, 2 Ford, 4 cornering, 6 lorry, 7 oil, 8 two, 10 rubber, 11 fuel, 12 diesel

Easy(ish) Crossword Solution.

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Quiz Answers:

Quiz I

1. On the moon (site of the second moon landings)
2. Quality Value Convenience
3. Hallelujah. Canadian.
4. William McKinley (1901)
5. 15mm
6. El Salvador
7. Moses
8. Cambridge University, Trinity College
9. Harry Enfield
10. Famine
11. Torvill and Dean
12. Wellington
13. Four
14. German
15. Neil Armstrong

Quiz II

1. Sir Kenneth Branagh
2. A brand of beer (Burton's Beer)
3. Hummingbirds
4. Saffron Monsoon
5. Yvette Fielding
6. Staffordshire
7. Rudyard Kipling
8. Small
9. Six (Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones, and Michael Palin)
10. Denmark

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North Mundham Parish Council Report

When we met on 3 July, the organisers were able to report the success of the Open Gardens day, which generated a profit of £302.13 after all expenses were deducted. The event is normally held to raise funds to improve facilities within the parish but there is no particular project in hand at the moment. Because we didn't want to cancel this popular event, the Council decided to use the funds to make a donation to Home Start, a charity devoted to helping families with young children. Our thanks go to all those who supported the event so generously by opening their gardens on the day, and those who helped organise the event.

One of the issues that is frequently brought to the Council's attention is the very narrow pavement on the B2166 leading out of North Mundham to Hunston, which is difficult to negotiate particularly with a pram or pushchair. Councillors in Hunston have received similar requests. Together we were able to arrange a meeting with a representative from West Sussex County Council, which is responsible for highways, to show him the problem. There is very little scope for widening the existing pavement, because the road cannot be made any narrower, and the adjacent land is all in private hands. We discussed what we might need to do to attract funding for an alternative route, but before we can come up with a proposal we need to discuss what might be possible with the relevant land owners.

Some of you may already be aware that Chichester District Council is inviting us to 'Adopt an Area'. This is part of a campaign to reduce the amount of litter that spoils the look of the place where we live. The idea is that an individual or a group can take responsibility to try to keep an area tidy and litter free. I know that some people already take responsibility for keeping a particular area neat and tidy.

If anyone is interested in following up this idea, please get in touch. And to set things in motion, the Council plans an 'Autumn Litter Pick' on the morning of Saturday 6 October starting at 1000. Please join us at the Village Hall. It will only take an hour of your time, and there will be tea and cake afterwards.

Finally, we would like your e-mail address. We are trying to build up a list of residents who would like to receive occasional information from the Parish Council —would you be interested in joining this list? If so please email the clerk at: clerk@northmundham.org with "Residents Update" in the subject line. We will not pass your details on to anyone else. We promise we will not bombard you with emails and you can unsubscribe at any time.

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