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Should you need medical help during Lockdown.

The NHS are concerned that many people are not seeking the medical help they may need at this time so:

- If you need medical help you can contact your GP practice.
- If it's urgent please use the NHS 111 online service or call 111.
- If it's a serious or life-threatening emergency, call 999.
- If you are told to go to hospital, it is important that you do go.

Best Wishes From Louise and Mick.

Some Further Links.

- N. Mundham Parish Council COVID-19 web page. <https://northmundham.org/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- [Chichester at Home](#) have put together a list of local businesses offering delivery of fresh produce, groceries, meals and hoe/garden items.
- If you need help, or if you want to volunteer, West Sussex County Council are also running a 'Community Hub' which you can access through this link: [Community Hub](#) or via a direct link at the top of the WSCC Home Page.
If you have no access to the internet and need help you can call the Community Hub on 0330 222 7980.
- Mick has found a helpful Facebook group is 'West Sussex Covid 19 Mutual Aid'; you can use this link and join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2676801359115345/>

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What's On + Exchange and Mart



Cattle Market Car Park, 9am - 2pm.

1st & 3rd Friday of every month

The Farmers Markets this month are on Friday 4th and 18th September as **FOOD ONLY** markets, in a temporary location at Cattle Market Car Park, Chichester. This is a health and safety measure in order to reduce the number of people in the main high street at any one time. The market will continue to be held in this temporary location until further notice. It is preferred that you pay by Card and not cash, all traders will be operating in this manner. **Strict social distancing measures will be in place.**

Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group.

**Dusk Bat Survey in South Mundham:
September 2 @ 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm**



Dusk Bat Survey

7.15pm - 8.45pm, 2nd September 2020

**Camic pond, Runcion Ln PO20 1LT/
Punches Ln PO20 1LU junction**

Field Officer, Chris Drake, will be hosting an evening bat survey at Camic pond. This habitat has previously been improved by our wonderful volunteers, so hopefully we will detect bats in the area. This survey will be held in one location, so please bring along a comfortable chair to use for the duration of the event. Please bring your own earphones/headphones to use with our bat detectors, and remember to bring your own filled water bottle and additional warm clothing.

Due to COVID-19, some of our events and volunteering activities will have a limited number of spaces. Attendees must RSVP to this event, using MWHG contact form [here](#), to book a place. Please note that outdoor activities are subject to change, due to weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances. Attendees will be notified of any changes via email.

Location

Camic Pond, junction of Punches Lane (South Mundham PO20 1LU) and Runcion Lane (South Mundham PO20 1LT). Parking available at the farmyard on the corner of Punches Lane and Manor Lane (look out for the hi-viz jacket on the gate to the farmyard).

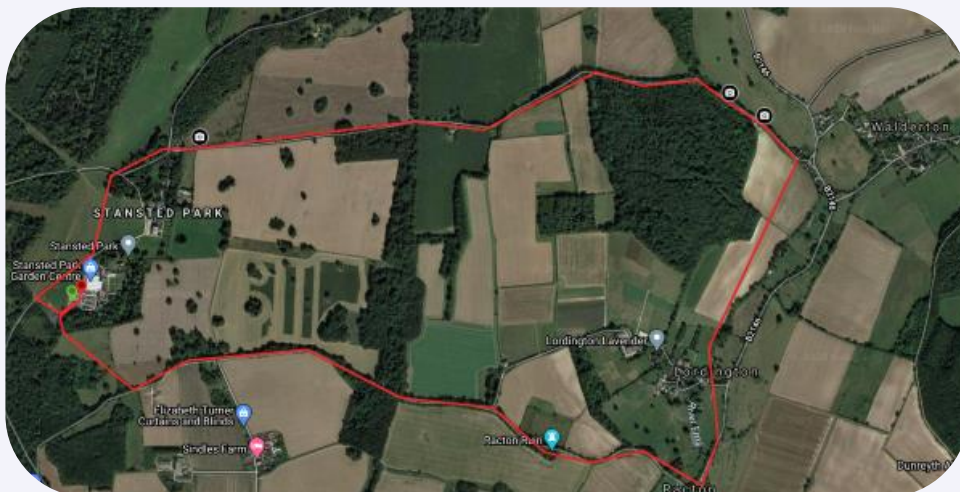
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A Short Walk Round Stansted Park and Woods Via Monarchs Way.

How about a 5-mile circular walk seeing Hampshire as it may have looked in the 18th century?

Start from Stansted Garden Centre car park, passing Stansted House, following Monarchs Way then towards Racton monument and returning to Stansted Garden Centre for a browse and welcome refreshments.

There are some steeper sections especially descending on Monarchs Way and up to Racton monument. The ground is often uneven and unfortunately not wheelchair friendly because of the number of stiles and gates. Dogs are best kept on leads as there are many farm and wild animals and also a short road section.



Route Summary.

Going clockwise on leaving the Nursery car park you pass by Stansted House which is currently not open to visitors. Then take the bridleway along the cool tranquillity of Monarchs Way



with many vistas over open pasture/meadow. The name of Monarchs Way relates to the supposed escape route of Charles II following the Battle of Worcester.

The bridleway descends steeply past bucolic Manor Farm and the sleepy village of Walderton.



The route turns a sharp right across a cornfield towards the walled splendour of Lordington House along with 'glamping' tents in the grounds. Through a swing gate and into a field following the path towards a hedge bordering the road. Go over a stile for a short spell along the B2146, then take a sharp right up the steep and bumpy track towards the ruins of Racton Monument; an impressive 80-foot folly built in 1772 by the Earl of Halifax.



It's always worth stopping here for a photo opportunity and it's reputed to be haunted. The walk then takes you through peaceful unspoilt wooded farmland with views straight out of



The Haywain till, turning sharp right, a short path brings you back to the car park and a welcome stop for refreshments in the modern, spacious and friendly café.

Or why not try a cream tea in the Pavilion Tearooms, which used to be a splendid Victorian greenhouse?



The 'gpx' track for this walk can be downloaded from Viewranger as 'Stansted Circular'. Ordnance Survey maps are Landranger 197 or Explorer 120; Grid Reference: SU759100

Mick

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A New Article From Our On-Board Gardener Mathew Wiggs To Give You All Month By Month Advice On Your Gardens Throughout The Year.

The Best Flower Seeds to Plant in August/September.

With the ground still warm from the summer heat of August, now is the best time for you to plant a variety of flowers, which are colourful and easy to grow to brighten up your garden. One of the best flowers to plant in August/September is the Cornflower as they grow and flower best in sunny positions. Cornflowers come in colourful shades of white, blue, red, pink and purple. These fringed flowers also have greyish-green leaves and hairy stems which add interest. They are an easy and cheap option to plant in August/September for May flowers, and are incredibly popular for the wild flower gardens or any gardens borders. In addition to this, they will look visually stunning and can be planted with other striking, bright coloured flowers such as, marigolds, poppies, or nasturtiums. Cornflowers are incredibly popular choice, so if you're wanting to give your garden a make over, they may just be your answer to transforming your garden.



Another very popular flower to plant this August/September is Calendula. When planted in August/September these unique flowers tend to flower in late spring, and just like cornflowers, they're very easy to grow and offer a big impact of bright colours like golden yellow, deep orange and almost red. They are roughly the same size as a daisy. Calendulas will certainly make your garden stand out with their smooth, waxy or glandular stems, so this colourful flower is very appealing and will help brighten up your garden next summer.



As well as Calendulas, Nigella is another beautiful flower to plant this month. They will flower between May and June, at the start of the summer season. The Nigella has pretty, showy flowers surrounded by unusual, thread-like leaves, giving the flower an old fashioned look. The common name for this flower is 'love-in-a-mist' because the flower is surrounded by a ruff of leaves, giving the appearance of a mist. The Nigella also represents harmony and love, which totally makes sense, as this flower is charming and attractive, meaning it will certainly stand out in your lovely garden.



In conclusion, as well as the plants mentioned, there is a wide range of flower seeds that can be planted right now including Papaver, Cerinthe, Geranium, and Aquilegia. The best part is they're all very easy and cheap to plant. So if you're wanting to brighten up your garden make sure to head down to a garden store right now. Then sit back and relax and watch your garden blossom into an attractive oasis of beautiful and varied flowers next year.

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What's This In The Garden?

See if you can name this garden plant made popular on Gardeners World recently.

And this large insect resting on a climbing French Bean.

Answers on p12



Artemisia Gentileschi and Caravaggio.

Artemisia Gentileschi was a remarkable woman, a successful artist at a time when it was not easy for women to become artists and after her death the story of her rape overshadowed her reputation as an artist, only revived in the twentieth century. In 1620 she wrote to Cosimo de Medici "My illustrious lordship, I'll show you what a woman can do". And she did!

She was a chameleon – she adapted her style in each city she visited or lived in. The Florentines liked pattern and decoration.

St. Catherine of Alexandria, painted in 1620 is as much about the splendid fabrics and beautiful belt buckle as it is about St. Catherine.



Her father was a major follower of Caravaggio and Artemisia was considerably influenced by the dramatic realism of Caravaggio, so much so that for several centuries many of her paintings were attributed to Caravaggio.

This is his painting of Judith beheading Holofernes.



(Judith was a widow whose people were under siege by the Assyrian general Holofernes; she seduced him, a great sacrifice for a widow in biblical times and killed him, taking the head back to her people to show

that he was dead). Look at the dramatic staging with in the red curtain, now draw a X across the painting and see where the lines intersect – which creates drama and tension, then look at the blood spurting from the wound on his neck (the red of the blood emphasised in the red of the curtain).

This is Artemisia's version of the same story she takes the dramatic use of light even further than Caravaggio, deep shadows behind the figures and strong highlights on the flesh of the three figures, who are right at the front of the picture plane, and the bedding with the blood dripping down is so far to the front that we are actually in the picture space.



Is Artemisia (according to modern thinking) working through the trauma of her rape through her painting? A thought to ponder while you're admiring her amazing artistic talent!

Celia O'Shea, August 2020

Quiz.

1. British columnist Owen Jones writes for which newspaper?
2. What colour is the star on the flag of Vietnam?
3. What did Wilhelm Rontgen discover in 1895?
4. How many children were in the title of the 1990s BBC TV sitcom that followed the lives of the Porters?
5. What sort of nuts would you find in a Waldorf Salad?
6. What was Violette Szabo posthumously awarded on 17 December 1946?
7. El País, the name of Spain's most read newspaper, translates into English as what?
8. Which hero takes Proton Energy Pills which give him "the strength of twenty atom bombs for a period of twenty seconds"?
9. Which country is the bigger: Australia or Brazil?
10. What was unusual about the disastrous crusade by European Christians to regain the Holy Land from the Muslims in 1212?
11. What is the main occupation of Lisa Armstrong, former wife of Ant McPartlin?
12. Which NHS free number do you call if you have an urgent but non-emergency healthcare need?
13. If Roy of the Rovers was playing today, what four letter name would he have on the back of his shirt?
14. Which cocktail contains five parts vodka to two parts coffee liqueur?
15. Which company did Joe Bamford found in 1945?
16. Vaduz is the capital and seat of the national parliament of which country?
17. Which film is regarded as the first to be given the title of 'blockbuster'?
18. Who was U.S. President when Queen Victoria died?
19. Which well known actor was Barbara Streisand's first husband?
20. Which global city's economic boom is sometimes called the "Miracle on the Han River"?
21. In Britain, between the 1680s and 1850s, which party were the main rivals to the Tories?
22. Who is known for the quote: "Football is a simple game. Twenty-two men chase a ball for 90 minutes and at the end, the Germans always win."?

SPINS AND NEEDLES: A HELICOPTER OVER THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

Recently, my friend Eugen kindly suggested that we could fly from Goodwood across The Solent to The Needles, in a Robinson R44 helicopter flown by his friend Paul, an unmissable opportunity. However, I've never been a 'fan' of helicopters, having avoided flying in them for a good part of my life. Being heavily involved in the aviation industry gave me an aversion to flying, particularly in aircraft where the wings don't stay still by design, for example: helicopters. The R44 is a 4-seater aircraft about the size of a city-car and so there is no minibar, no cabin service and no loo! Everything is designed to be as minimal as possible without breaking. Air-conditioning is courtesy of a small, hinged metal plate in the 'Bacofoil®' door and the door lock looks like a beer can ring-pull.



Paul paid his landing fee, filed his flight plan and then we were off.

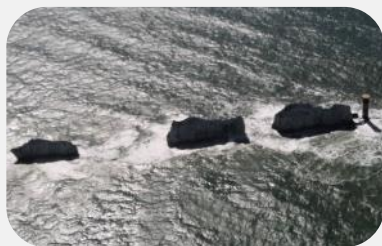
Surprising fact: I never knew helicopters had a clutch!

We lifted from the pad as if a giant's hand were gripping us- the ground just moved away and we were still, hanging there, only the muted clatter of the engine and the swooshing of the blades. Then the control tower directed us to the taxiway, another novelty, as the R44 has no wheels, so taxiing involves hovering over a patch of long grass near the runway waiting for a slot. On a sunny, calm day at Goodwood there was plenty of aerial activity with light-aircraft, Spitfires and another R44 all in movement. Surprise number four; a helicopter must dive to gather speed, or at least the R44 does. Departure consists of climbing vertically then diving till sufficient forward speed is achieved at which point one can escape the imminent approach of the ground by pulling the nose up gently and piling on the gas. Sounds tricky but Paul made it look easy.



As we flew up to around 1000 feet; I discovered that the walking 'app' on my phone had an aeroplane mode (not the same as 'flight' mode!) which records the altitude as well as the track. Flying at 1000 feet is great for ground observation and I soon forgot about the lead weight in my stomach as the rolling West Sussex landscape unfolded beneath and ahead of us. The familiar white cones of Goodwood racecourse were like spinning tops to our left as we flew north then banked around, heading towards the sea.

So back for a moment to that moving wing which is otherwise known as the main rotor. It's the long thin black blade jutting horizontally out of the blue pylon in the photo and is turned by a 250-hp piston engine. Sounds like a lot of horses, but it isn't, and if the engine stops there is no lift. Unlike in a fixed-wing light aircraft which can glide gracefully to terra-firma, engine failure gives the single-engined R44 the flight behaviour of a 1-ton sycamore seed. I learned this because Paul was kind enough to mention that, as we flew over Hayling Island, there is a helicopter pad on No-Man's Land fort in The Solent to which we could repair in event of such a failure. It looked rather small and far away, that pad, even from 1000 feet up. The reason we flew comparatively low was because of the haze which suffused everything and made flying higher less straightforward. In a helicopter it is also a good idea to watch attentively for other small aircraft since at 1000 feet a rising light aircraft with a high wing -and many are- can easily overlook a blue helicopter in a blue sky. There were certainly plenty of light aircraft about as we had seen from the activity at Goodwood.



We sped along the north coast of the Isle of Wight at 100 mph noting both the most and least desirable accommodation on the island, as the splendid Italianate form of Queen Victoria's once summer residence of Osborne House passed on our right followed on our left by Parkhurst Prison. There are a lot of rivers and small creeks on the Isle of Wight, small wonder it has a historical reputation as a smugglers haven. Glancing over to the mainland, we could make out Spinnaker Tower then Fawley refinery with, ahead of us, the curving breakwater and bastion of Hurst

Castle, nowadays a shelter for pleasure craft and wildlife. Soon The Needles were dead-ahead, is it just my fading memory or weren't they a bit more pointed 'back in the day'? Nevertheless, a spectacular sight, dazzling white set in the sparkling green-grey sea tipped by that red lighthouse - and its helicopter landing pad! Alum Bay was off to our left and, as we banked steeply, the breath-taking pike-head thrust of Tennyson Down where the poet once walked and imagined.



Time was pressing so we picked up speed and flew diagonally across the island at 150 mph returning via the Spithead forts and North

Hayling bridge, before Paul brought the aircraft gently back down to earth on the giant letter 'H' at Goodwood. His day wasn't over, as he would now return to his home airfield. We watched him hold the R44 in the hover, then he rose and accelerated away.

Mick

Many people say that they have never seen a bat – what about you?

I will explore a little of the symbolic meaning of bats from legend, myth and stories, then move on to briefly describe some general facts and species which could be seen in Sussex and maybe our own neighbourhoods, concluding with tips on how to encourage bats into gardens.

Some bat species, living alongside us in the UK, hibernate in caves, tunnels and mines during winter: dark places often abandoned, such places in myths are passageways down to hell, the place where legendary monsters live. As bats look like a blend of bird and mouse, you do find them in stories containing elements of both flight and living on earth: Bats occupy a powerful place in nature. In fairy tales where hell and death are destinations and characters travel tunnels and caves, before you know it bats are referenced again. So we are well on our way to fear, loathing and the odd scream at the mere idea of encountering a bat searching for its food on a moonlit night, as we lock up our home against the imaginative world of night monsters.



As bats give birth to their young upside down they defy gravity and thus upend the normal, so bats challenge our perspectives and superstitions such as not roaming about at night, not to mention Dracula or Batman.

So, let us move onto a more balanced approach to bats. In China the word for bat means 'good luck': some Chinese wear a charm depicting a bat as a symbol for a long and healthy life.

Bats are the only mammal capable of sustained flight by using the skin extending from their bodies and most bats have good eyesight, so the phrase, 'being as blind as a bat' isn't factual.

In the UK, bats make up a quarter of mammal species, there are about 17 of them, 15 of which have been recorded in Sussex but they are in drastic decline so are protected by domestic and international legislation. The species you and I are most likely to see flying 15 – 20 minutes after sundown is the **Common Pipistrelle**, only the weight of a 20p coin, it eats up to 3000 flying insects per night and so is considered one of nature's pesticides as it snacks on midges and mosquitos.



Bat mothers form maternity colonies with similar species: raising one young per year and when giving birth upside down, artfully catch the baby in their wings. Birth happens in June, at 6 weeks the young one is mature enough to fend for itself. There are two other Pipistrelle varieties: Soprano and the rarer Nathusius.

Another species we may see is a Brown Long Eared Bat with 'Spock' long ears, this bat flies close to the ground in its search for moths and is a little larger than Pipistrelles, some individuals live to 30 years of age.

The Noctule Bat is larger again and enjoys living in trees, particularly roosting in old woodpecker holes. It too feeds on moths and will travel up to 10 kilometres to find them sometimes at speeds of 50kph when it dives on moths around street lamps.

Daubenton's Bat, known also as the 'water bat' skims surface water for insects with large feet and tail, even in daylight. A good time to look for it is in during humid weather near water, bridges, canals and rivers.

Bats tend to hibernate in late November, emerging in April. They will roost in new or old houses and roof voids in summer. Some varieties favour trees in warm weather such as Oak, Beech and Ash but any tree will do if it has suitable crevices and holes.

When bats fly their hearts beat at 1000 beats per minute yet drop to 4 beats per minute during hibernation or torpor. Their natural predators are badgers, foxes and owls.

An excellent place nearby to watch for bats is Ebernoe Common, nr. Midhurst, The Sussex Wildlife Trust site, where 15 of our UK species have been recorded. To hear bat echolocation calls a bat sound detector is needed and there are many to choose from online including mobile phone versions.

In July the IUCN published a Red List for British Mammals including 4 bat species known to be at imminent risk of extinction.

Some garden changes to welcome bats: a compost heap helps, build a pond, plant night scented flowers with pale coloured blooms: keep your old gnarly tree especially if has split bark and old woodpecker nesting holes and faces south west. Avoid pesticides and weed killer. Let your garden have a wild patch. Consider mounting a bat box on a south west facing sheltered wall or tree trunk.

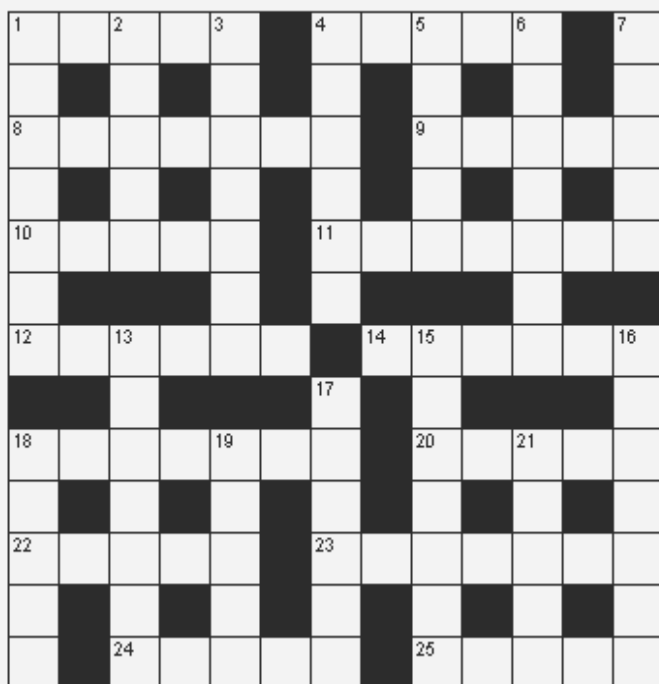
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Crossword.

Standard Crossword- ukp022



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Across

1. Extremely cold (5)
4. Out of fashion (5)
8. Communication channel (7)
9. Crowd scene actor (5)
10. Part of a church (5)
11. Unlawful (7)
12. Natural abilities or qualities (6)
14. Conundrum (6)
18. Malleable (7)
20. Irritated (5)
22. Spear (5)
23. Acute (7)
24. Stringed instrument (5)
25. Overheads (5)

Down

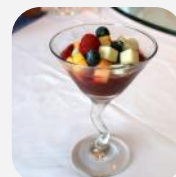
1. Chivalrous (7)
2. Guides (5)
3. Distinguish (7)
4. Writing implement (6)
5. Carapace (5)
6. Lured (7)
7. Intended (5)
13. Curt (7)
15. Ludicrous (7)
16. Interminable (7)
17. Sheep known for its high quality fleece (6)
18. Greek letter (5)
19. Paragon (5)
21. Male monarchs (5)

Recipes.

Fresh Fruit in Red Wine.

- 3 pears peeled, cored and thinly sliced
- 3 eating apples cored and thinly sliced
- 6 plums stoned and quartered
- 1 banana thinly sliced
- (use other fruit if you wish)

- 1/3 bottle any red wine
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 3 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/3 pint water



Put prepared fruit in a bowl. Place all other ingredients in a saucepan and bring to boil. Simmer for 1 minute. Pour over fruit and leave to cool.

Very tasty with ice cream/ Greek yoghurt/ mascarpone/ whipped cream. Can be made the day before and left in fridge overnight.

Helena Millen

Katrina's Raspberry Jam

Made with Katrina's own varieties of raspberry, this jam is a wonder!

- 1kg raspberries—mixed varieties if possible.
- 1kg preserving or granulated sugar.
- Juice of 1 lemon.
- Layer the raspberries and sugar in the preserving pan, cover with a cloth and leave overnight.
- The next day, add the lemon juice to the pan.
- Bring slowly to the boil. stirring frequently until the sugar has dissolved.
- Increase the heat and boil rapidly for 20-25 minutes or until the setting point is reached.
- Stir constantly towards the end of cooking to prevent from sticking.
- If wished pass half the jam through a sieve to reduce seed content then return to the boil for 5 minutes.
- Remove the pan from the heat and let jam settle for a few minutes. Ladle into hot sterilised jars and seal.

Testing the Setting Point.

Put a plate in the freezer to chill. Remove jam from the heat and drop a little onto the chilled plate. Now push your finger through it – it should wrinkle and look like jam. If it doesn't, boil for 2 mins, then test again



STAYING SAFE ONLINE. Jennifer at Marcom Computing.

Coronavirus has affected almost everyone in the country and the reverberations from its impact are likely to go on for a very long time. One of the inevitable outcomes of the lockdown has been the significant increase in Internet usage and given the effect on the High Street, increased levels of home working and all of us spending more time at home, the trend looks unlikely to be reversed.

It is 20 years since the first computer virus (Love Bug) was unleashed on a relatively unprepared world. Created by an impoverished Filipino student, it was intended to harvest a few usernames & passwords so that he could get free internet access! It infected over 40 million computers in just 24 hours, brought down the House of Common's email system and gained the interest of the FBI, the modern era of cyber-crime was born.

Unfortunately, the current situation involves 'Cyber Scams' and 'Hacks' by players ranging from organised criminals to bored teenagers. The latter tend to be a nuisance, whereas the former can do serious damage to your financial health, not to mention the potential for losing your treasured photographs and important files.

What's being targeted?

With people trying to keep in touch with their nearest and dearest, video software has been a bit of a target. Kaspersky (a computer security company) reportedly found over 100,000 fake versions of Skype online, most of them didn't do anything (grandson in bedroom) but others contained adware and malware. Similarly, Zoom, in addition to its much-publicised hacks / security breaches, has had over 500 fake links posted on the net. It's always best to download applications from their own, rather than third-party websites. e.g. www.skype.com. National infrastructure along with banks and business have all seen a large increase in targeted hacking and sadly 'Internet Stalking' has increased dramatically. The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) had over 150,000 suspicious emails referred to them in June.

Words of Warning!

EasyJet recently admitted that around 8 million account details had been accessed during a hack on their servers, if yours was among them then you should have been contacted. Cyber criminals use the 'usernames & passwords' that they obtain from these hacks to see if they will work on other accounts such as Amazon, Tesco ...etc. This is done automatically using sophisticated software, so if you were caught up in this, and used the same credentials elsewhere, change your passwords on other sites.

What should I look out for?

- Websites offering fake COVID-19 testing-kits, face masks and medicines continue to appear.
- 'BT Email Scam' – these claim that BT are making changes to your account or contract and ask you to log-in by clicking on a button to review the new terms.
- 'Charity Scams' – these claim to be raising money for good causes in the fight against Coronavirus.
- Scams about 'Student Loans', offering refunds on accommodation or deals / renegotiation of fees.
- Phone calls regarding furloughing or other Government COVID-19 support schemes asking for bank/NI data.

What should I do?

These simple steps can help keep you, your data and your digital devices safe:

- Passwords; change them regularly and try not to use them on multiple sites or on lots of different accounts. Strong passwords - those which combine upper and lowercase letters and numbers and special characters (*/\$@! etc) are best.
- Be very aware of emails asking you to click on a link or download an attachment – unless you are confident that this is from a trusted source, or you were expecting it – Delete it or seek advice.

Remember – it is easy for scammers to make an email look like it comes from someone you know or a bank or other business.

- Phone calls saying that your computer has been involved in illegal activity or have something wrong with them are invariably a scam – put the phone down – refuse to speak to them!
- If you receive an email saying that you have done something wrong online and demanding money – Delete it
- If you are unexpectedly contacted by phone or email telling you to transfer money –

Always – put them off and seek advice from someone you trust or the police

Don't – call a number back to verify it from the same phone, unless you have made a successful call to someone else in between.

REMEMBER: If in doubt, talk to someone you know and trust. Also, there are a lot of local IT Companies that can help and advise you about these issues – the established ones will generally do this without charge.

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North Mundham Parish Council Report : Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Presence in N Mundham.

I am conscious that a lot of people were annoyed or upset by the arrival of travellers with 24 caravans on the playing fields. Now that they have left us, I thought it would be useful to explain what we can and cannot do about it, when they visit us again. I will also try to explain why it took a bit of time to move them on. Although the law may appear to be straightforward, its practical application is not so easy.

The first thing to remember is that the playing fields are private land, owned by the Playing Fields Trust. The second point to remember is that unauthorised camping is not a criminal offence. Trespass is a civil offence, so landowners and local authorities must use legal processes to regain their property.

Bear in mind, too, that gypsies and travellers are recognised as a distinct ethnic group, and authorities must proceed carefully with due regard to the Human Rights Act and the Race Relations Act. There are a number of powerful interest groups, not least the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Gypsies, Travellers and Roma, which will scrutinise actions and call authorities to account. This makes authorities very careful how they act, lest they be challenged in court.

The main lead in these cases lies with the local authority– in our case West Sussex County Council – which has the power to direct travellers to leave, and may use that power when asked to by a private landowner. But this power is subject to a number of controls, and in particular before they take any action to evict, local authorities must first carry out welfare assessments of the unauthorised campers. Also, in the context of this particular incident and the very hot weather in the days before the event, the Home Office had issued advice to local authorities earlier in the year on mitigating the effects of Covid-19 on gypsies and travellers. This included advice on providing basic amenities such as water, sanitation and refuse collection. Particularly with children involved, this could make local authorities cautious about the use of their powers.

Many people look to the police to use their powers to move travellers. However, it is not a foregone conclusion that they will act in every case, even when the pre-conditions for use of their powers have been met. Their powers are discretionary, and they have to show that their use of them is proportionate (have the needs of the landowner or settled community been balanced with the needs of the trespassers?), legal (have all the pre-conditions been satisfied?), accountable (can the police show the evidence that caused them to act?) and necessary (can eviction be justified as the only solution?). In any case police powers will not be used unless the impact on the settled community is deemed to outweigh any Human Rights Act 1998 considerations in respect of those occupying the land as trespassers.

In this case the deciding factor was the ability to provide clear evidence that the field was already booked for use by young football players, and a significant number of them were involved and would be affected. So the needs of the settled community (to make the field available) were judged to outweigh the needs of the travellers to have somewhere to stay, the evidence was available (the field booking and the number of players who would be inconvenienced was documented), the legal requirements were met, and no other solution was available. It took a bit of time to establish the case, and we will have a better understanding of how to present it next time if we get a similar problem.

I know that a number of local residents have said they were the targets for threatening behaviour, but the police say they received very few reports. In such cases it is important that details are reported to the police, because it provides evidence for them to assess the impact on the local settled community.

That still leaves a number of unpleasant aspects of the incursion, not least the litter and other unspeakable mess left behind. Our thanks go to those who helped clear up, and for the help from Chichester District Council who took the rubbish away. But that still leaves a lot of green waste – the product of the travellers' tree surgery – to clear up, and some other waste which is better left to decay.

I have glossed over a lot of the technical and legal detail which defines what we can and cannot do in these circumstances, and I would be happy to go into greater depth with anyone who wants to pursue it further. But if you think the law needs changing, then tell your MP.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TO BE HELD BY NORTH MUNDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Meeting & Full Council	1st September 2020
Planning Meeting	6 th October 2020
Planning Meeting & Full Council	3 rd November 2020
Planning Meeting	1 st December 2020

Next Parish Council Meeting.

This Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st September, 2020 at 7.30pm.

Due to the current restrictions the meeting is taking place on line; all relevant documents and the link to join the meeting can be accessed from the links provided on the PC home page: <https://northmundham.org/>

NB

The Chairman has the right to call a Council (3) or Parish Meeting (4) at any time during the year should any matters come before the Council that they feel this is necessary the Parishioners will be advised.

Local Government Act 1972 sch 9(1)

Local Government Act 1972 sch 12 para 8

Local Government Act 1972 sch 12 para 9(1) and 25(1)

Local Government Act 1972 sch 15(1)(a) and 30(1)9a

Planning Committee Meetings will commence at 19.00 at North Mundham Village Hall unless advertised to the contrary. Full Council will commence at 19.30 or immediately after the Planning Committee Meeting.

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STORM DAMAGE TO NORTH MUNDHAM TREES



In the early morning of 26th August gale force winds battered our Parish. Winds of up to 9 gusting 10 were recorded on Chi-met. during the gale. Damage to one of the 3 lovely Chestnut trees on the little green sheltering Church Mews was brought down across the road blocking the entrance to the village.

As you can see the tree was fairly well rotted on the inside and no doubt the ivy growing up the trunk did not help the health of the tree.

In these uncertain weather extremes it might be a good idea to look at the health of any large trees around your houses to make sure you are not vulnerable before the autumn gales set in.

Another picture showing the rot of the tree in the centre more clearly and the ivy strangling the tree. Although wildlife enthusiasts will say ivy is a good thing since it provides good nesting places for birds and insects etc., I believe that over time ivy could kill a tree.

Louise

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3. X-rays
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6. George Cross
7. The country
8. Roger Ramjet
9. Brazil
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11. Make-up artist/expert
12. 111
13. RACE (It's Roy of the Rovers surname)
14. Black Russian
15. JCB (the initials stand for Joseph Cyril Bamford)
16. Liechtenstein
17. Jaws
18. William McKinley (1901)
19. Elliott Gould
20. Seoul
21. Whigs
22. Garv Lineker

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'Letters to the Editor' would be very welcome. We seek to encourage people's input to the magazine.
Help us fill the following issues and make your voice part of our local life.

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