

# Forum News



July 2023

This copy of Forum News forms the notes of a meeting held at  
The Academy School at 4.15pm on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
If you would like to know more about any of the items, please contact us at:  
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## ➤ **Welcome and Thanks**

The Forum meeting this month followed on from the SCF AGM. There were 21 members of the Forum who attended both the AGM and this bi-monthly Forum meeting. Mike Nicholls opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and invited news from those attending.

## ➤ **Community Warden - Rich Moorey**

Having just returned from holiday Rich explained that before he went on annual leave, he had a couple of calls from the Care Shop asking for assistance to help an elderly gentleman who had fallen and could not get up. Rich went on to say that one of the topics which continually crops up is electric scooters and bikes and cars parking on the zig-zags in the High Street. Fortunately, PCSO William Broad PC James Steer carried out a small operation in Selsey regarding the electric scooters. They took one child back to their parents with the electric scooter and concerning cars parking on the zig-zags they were ticketed. Please contact Rich if you have any concerns regarding this. Rich followed up a call from a resident concerning the Travellers in the East Beach car park and when he visited the Travellers and had a chat, he gave them lots of rubbish bags that went down well and also intervened about a child's scooter which had been borrowed by one of the Traveller's children. They said they were on their way to Guildford for a funeral and after two days they were gone.

Carol Purnell asked if we could have some Traffic Police down to police parking on yellow lines and Rich said they have been to Selsey twice in 6 weeks. More police are being recruited so hopefully this will be more frequent in time.

## ➤ **Beacon Church – Richard Lamdin**

Preparations are underway for the Christmas lunch as Christmas isn't that far away. The August edition of the newsletter is being sponsored by The Venture Club and is the second newsletter to be sponsored and this pays the printing costs which is a great help, other sponsors are being sought and helps to keep costs down. We are also seeking sponsorship for a bench. ResBite Teas in all the Churches are very popular with around 50 people attending each week.

## ➤ **The Venture Club**

Mike N thanked Ronelle who, along with two of her friends, recently held a thank you tea for The Volunteers of the Venture Club and it was very much appreciated. Last Friday Mike attended their AGM and Mike Beal is now the Chair. It's like a club revitalised and they are in a very positive frame of mind. They have a new Electric Vehicle on order for the Autumn and they are offering all the Care Homes to become

Corporate Members of the Venture Club so their residents can be transported to community events.

➤ **The Hidden Garden – Paul Sadler**

The Garden is becoming really well used by lots of different people cross – generationally. Projects like The Garden Teas throughout the week, opportunities for young adults with learning needs, Brownies and After School Gardening Club. Paul has a very dedicated group of volunteers who look after the space and the busy site includes The Men in Sheds and visitors who come to enjoy the space. Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July we have our second Open Garden Day for The National Garden Scheme where the entrance money goes to them, any plants etc sold on site goes to the Community Forum. In August we are hosting a celebratory event for all the people who opened their gardens in Selsey this year, and the money raised will be presented to the First Responders.

Environmentally, there is a group of people who have created a Tree Nursery in Selsey behind ASDA. People donate unwanted trees to the Hidden Garden and these are collected and transplanted in to the Tree Nursery ready to be redistributed to other areas.

There is also a project facilitated by WSCC called Pollinator Highways creating wild flower meadows on verges in Selsey. Finally, the Grow Selsey project is about harvesting fruit from the gardens of people who cannot harvest them or use it themselves and this is distributed to people in Selsey.

➤ **Arts Dream – Chris Butler**

This has been the busiest year for Arts Dream. Chris said they have just finished a trilogy of plays written by Gillian Ploughman. Chris continued saying they recently held a Sing Your Heart Out concert in the Academy with 200 people attending and 75 people singing and made links with Sidlesham Open Door Choir as well as The Friday Club and Sing Your Heart Out. On Saturday they are holding the Selsey Community Choir Concert and a 4-day Art Exhibition in August. They have worked with different people this year and used the Church for the first time as a venue for the plays. Chris went on to say they are thinking of a new project in the new hall at Sidlesham which has been developed and are thinking of moving some of the events to Sidlesham in the future,

➤ **Business Community – Neil Kimber**

The old Barnyard Butchers is being developed and news will follow about that new business which will be of benefit to the Village, (Not a Thai Massage).

The development behind the Pavilion has been demolished making way for the block of flats. Box Vox building is going to be refurbished and it will be more improved in the future. Sad to see four businesses being closed or sold. Gourmet Kitchens has moved out of the Village, Raycraft is being sold and the Wool Shop is closing. The Cat and Rabbit charity shop is moving to the double unit next to The Hop Inn. One Stop Shop has been sold and they have got a lease until the end of the year but its unsure if they will continue.

➤ **Town Council News – Philip Grocott**

The new Council are in the process of Business Planning and discussing projects for the next four years. A consultation process will take place and people will have an opportunity to have their say.

➤ **Selsey Medical Practice – Nicola Collins**

The Patient Group are currently running the annual Patient Survey on line and in the practice and they have Volunteers who are helping patients to complete the survey. The Patient Group create the survey, analyse the survey and then work with the

Practice to make improvements. Mike thanked Nichola for allowing the Care Shop a page in the questionnaire.

➤ **Voluntary Action Arun and Chichester – Jackie Sumner**

Jackie is the Chief Exec of VAAC which covers Arun and Chichester and is a unique model. Jackie was amazed about the number of volunteers in and the number of volunteer hours they provide to the community. They work with development, policies, advice, guidance and fundraising and we could do that for each of the individual projects initiated by the Selsey Community Forum. Next year is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Volunteers Week, and that's a great opportunity for SCF to be involved with that national programme and put Selsey on the map. Jackie is hoping to arrange a meeting with Mike N to discuss new opportunities particularly with the NHS.

Mike mentioned just before the meeting he saw Lisa Lyon and was able to thank her for starting the Full-Up project for young people in the village and recently opened Bubble Bar where young people are able to visit after school or in the school holidays and have a nutritious meal.

➤ **Town Council Representative – Ali Archer**

At the beginning of the year Ali was asked if she would volunteer in the Care Shop and was amazed at the breadth of queries, problems and the number of requests for help that are actually dealt with on a daily and weekly basis. Ali said she was staggered by the number of people who visit or telephoned The Care Shop and are helped in numerous ways by the dedicated team.

➤ **The Pavilion Trust – Keith Batchelor**

The Pavilion Trust have received a generous offer of £50k from a well-known charity funder which we now need to get match funded. The Pavilion Trust have put in a bid to the National Lottery for £250K which will also need to be match funded, and we will know if we have been successful by 4<sup>th</sup> August and the and this will be for Phase 1 to make the building safe. They are planning a soft launch later in the year and are also reaching out to other organisation and schools in the surrounding area to raise awareness about the plans for the Pavilion. One of the things people can help them with is to subscribe to their newsletter so they can provide proof of community engagement.

➤ **Vitale Care - Daniel Ayton**

Back in March Daniel first visited The Care Shop in March and have built a relationship since then. Vitale Care have been committed to Selsey and volunteer members of staff to help with Together Time, The Stroke Club and Good Morning Calls. They are also keen to be involved with the new Robins Project which provides a Buddy to someone near End of Life. Daniel continued to explain that Vitale Care started in September and opened their doors in March. They employ 8 members of staff who live in Selsey and Care for many people in Selsey and its important to them that they are involved in the community as much as possible and are absolutely committed to The Forum.

Last week their team were at The Academy last week and did some interviewing practice with the children before they were going to College in the Autumn. Vitale Care are also sponsoring the Paddle Board Race at the RNLI.

➤ **Men in Sheds – John Fletcher**

The Men in Sheds now have a working defibrillator and this has been funded by The Selsey Lions, The First Responders and Men in Sheds.

➤ **Carol Purnell**

Carol has worked 3 stints in The Care Shop recently and in those 3 slots, there have been 5 different people from Seal Bay holiday complex asking to hire equipment. Have we any links with Seal Bay who we could ask them to supply or keep a supply on hand for their guests as many people who come on holiday may have an accident and need to borrow a wheelchair etc. for the duration of their holiday. Seal Bay should be responsible for their holiday makers. The Care Shop only have a limited supply and as do The Venture Club and Seal Bay should be responsible to support their guests and also have an on-site Nurse to relieve the pressure at the Medical Practice. Jackie Sumner said Butlins at Bognor have a number of items like this for hire for their holiday guests and it makes sense that this should be available in Selsey too.

➤ **Dispute Resolution Agency - Will Chalmers**

Work has been progressing for a Resolution Service which is free in Selsey. Will explained that they work with over 100 professionals mainly based in the UK and they all have different specialisms and they will be volunteering their time. It will be launched in September and will be a monthly clinic and will be part of the Wellbeing Service. We will volunteer people to talk about any conflict rather than sign posting, and will help them fix problems or issues. They will have options of pathways to Neutral Resolution Service, Self-Empowered Resolution or if they have a need to access other professional business services. We are also providing a weekly telephone service too. There will be an article in the September Newsletter explaining about this new service.

**Next Meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023**