

Selsley Community Group Newsletter – October 2018

Water Lane, Selsley



This road has been closed (as per the attached plan) due to part of the carriageway being washed away. This closure may be in place for some considerable time – further details will be issued in due course.



Wanted Treasure(r)/ Trustee for the KSS Trust

The Kings Stanley and Selsley Trust is looking for a new treasurer following the resignation (for employment reasons), of our current treasurer.

The task is not onerous, but we need to appoint an individual with competency in the task, and of course a willingness to undertake it. The appointed person could become a trustee as well, as our outgoing treasurer has been (6 meetings a year plus an involvement in grant making decisions) or could occupy the position as 'Hon Treasurer' without becoming a trustee. In the latter case we would be looking for a new trustee as well. We would arrange for anyone considering the role of treasurer to contact the outgoing one for an objective view of the task.

The Kings Stanley and Selsley Trust is a registered charity which exists to make grants to disadvantaged, financially needy or lonely people in the parishes of Kings Stanley and Selsley.

If you are interested or would like to learn more about the trust please contact Lawrie Hall, the Chair on 07891 231738'



KSPC Parish Office open Mondays 9.30 – 11.00am at King's Stanley Village Hall

Our new Neighbourhood Warden - is Dominic Everiss

Our thanks to Andy Beamish who has been liaising and working with us until recently. We understand the SDC Neighbourhood Warden Service is undergoing a review and that the core and working hours will be changing.

We will let you know when we have more information.

In the meantime, Dominic can be contacted on 01453 754514 or mobile 07753725185 and: dominic.everiss@stroud.gov.uk

You can also contact selsleycommunitygroup@gmail.com if you want to report a problem to us.

We cordially invite you to....



**Selsley Community Group Christmas Party and raffle
December 16th 5.30 for 6**

£23 for three courses

Starters

roasted onion soup and gruyere crouton
warm mushroom and spinach salad with garlic crisps and soft poached Arlington white egg
seared smoked salmon, poached leeks and chive butter sauce, red vein sorrel
local game and pancetta terrine, toasted sourdough and Cumberland sauce

Mains

traditional roasted turkey breast with accompaniments
fillet of gilthead bream with gnocchi and shellfish cream
slow cooked blade of beef with poached savoy cabbage, horseradish mash and roasted shallots
beetroot galette with wilted rocket and blue cheese bon bon's

all served with seasonal vegetables and roasted potatoes

Desserts

Bell Inn homemade Christmas pudding with brandy butter and custard
chocolate and hazelnut tart with orange sorbet and dehydrated orange crisp
pressed fruit terrine, clementine jelly and sorbet, honey madelines
British cheese selection and homemade biscuits, spiced apple chutney

***£5 non-refundable deposit per person is required on booking.
Pre-order is required by 13th December.***

Please note this menu is subject to change

And Sunday 23rd December 5.30pm Christmas Carols lead by Dame Sarah Connoly, with excellent mince pies.

Advance Warning – More Road Closures

Road Closure – The Grove - 26th November 2018 to 18th January 2019



This road will be closed from 26th November 2018 to 18th January 2019 to allow for the installation of a new water main by contractors working on behalf of Severn Trent Water Ltd. If you require any further information regarding this closure please contact the office on 08000 514514

Speed Awareness- Volunteers Wanted.

Road safety and speeding of vehicles on Selsley roads is a constant cause of concern for many residents. We have been offered training by the KSPC on using speed guns. The training is free and will be provided by our Police Community Safety Officer (PCSO). *Volunteers are needed* to take this up so if you can spare a little time and want to help us try to make our roads safer please let us know. The training will be local and arranged at times to suit the volunteers.

Keep hedges and vegetation cut back!

Now bird nesting has come to an end could you please make sure any hedges or vegetation on your property, which is next to a pavement or road, is cut back to ensure pedestrians can walk on pavements without having to walk into the road.

Selsley Common – Ragwort spreading!

Cotswold Wardens have recently cleared ragwort from Selsley Common and the Pen Wood Scout Camp but there is bound to be some that has been missed and seeds will quickly sprout after the rain. The only thing that seems to eat it is the cinnabar moth caterpillar, but it seems to prefer groundsel or coltsfoot. If anyone would like to help with clearing this invasive plant then please contact John Graham on 823351.



Our SSSI news

Natural England, manage the Common have arranged with the help of Leyhill volunteers cleared the cotoneaster and the ragwort. Our Parish Council is investigating improved roadside signage to safeguard cattle and display panels to safeguard the SSSI areas.

Down to Earth at the community allotment, Selsley.



Up the road from Sainsbury's, on Selsley's steep ascent,
Folk will gather, whatever the weather, fanatically bent,
On dogged digging, healthy living, frantic planting,
Eco-ranting, mystic chanting, pretended panting,
With profound thinking, excessive drinking
Of gallons of tea - and hearts a-sinking
As we stand together, pondering the weather.
And so, it might go on...

I dare say many are aware from the smoke from our occasional bonfires and the odd glimpses you might have of figures stumbling about between The Old School and the Old Vicarage that Selsley has a thriving community allotment, and as the banner on the fence announces we're called Down To Earth. We were founded in February 2012 as a co-op with around eight regular *volunteers, but more would be welcome*, and meet Monday mornings from about 9.30am to 1.00pm.

Our extensive plot has been loaned to us by the generosity of several owners of the complex of strips that made up the original allotment. We have since extended into adjacent plots by further generous loans: all strips were gratefully and gladly accepted.

Our fairly extensive patch is 100% organic and an example of best practice in biodiversity. *To this end we welcome especially lots of leaves to add to our compost* in the Autumn! You might have seen us occasionally encamped at the Farmer's Market selling fruit trees and shrubs etc - for a donation.

We have a couple of tool sheds with plenty of implements, a small greenhouse and a polytunnel to grow plants from seed to then be planted on. Our small, recently created pond, adds to the biodiversity, with friendly frogs and toads assisting.

Initially we had to start with cutting back briars, weeds, self-planted trees that had created jungle conditions, caused by decades of profound abandonment. But for several seasons since, although such things as carrots, parsnips etc might look more like sculptures than anything from Sainsbury's, the delight of products that taste like dad used to dig, (those tomatoes! those potatoes! carrots and parsnips! those greens!) tell us it was all worthwhile!

As implied above, tomatoes, potatoes (several varieties) and roots generally do well in this soil, along with salads of all kinds. Fruits also tend to thrive, and we've had a bumper crop of blackcurrants this year with several varieties of apples progressing nicely. Sprouts have been prolific in the past, but rather disappointing recently. To counter this, we practice crop rotation and are now green-manuring those few beds which lie empty. Later we shall put sheets of cardboard over the stripped and weeded beds and then place compost over these to delay new weed growth and feed the soil over the winter.

We have a symbiotic relationship with The Bell under *the Fruit Exchange scheme* whereby surplus fruit and veg are exchanged rather than left to waste. Medlars from our tree are particularly prized, which are also developing well - but as yet the tree is still small. (Please see the SCG notice board if you would like to be involved in the Exchange)

Our position above the pinch-point in the road enables us to view from close quarters the traffic problems occasioned by that restriction. (But, at least, it slows down the traffic!). Frequent squeals of brakes, the odd expletive as drivers greet each other, and those lost articulated lorries that we know will have to, somehow, turn around and return about 15 mins later, enable us to appreciate our lot as we rise above the rat race and slowly but surely, as did our ancestors, return to the steady and wholesome pace of nature.

Sausage & Cider Festival 2018

A great time was had by all. The sausage and cider festival was another great success. It is our main fund raiser for the charity and it raised £555.18 before exceptional costs. The money will be used to support small social and environmental projects within the Selsley community.

The Annual General Meeting is coming up in November and we would welcome ideas for new projects in the village and ideas for fund raising opportunities.



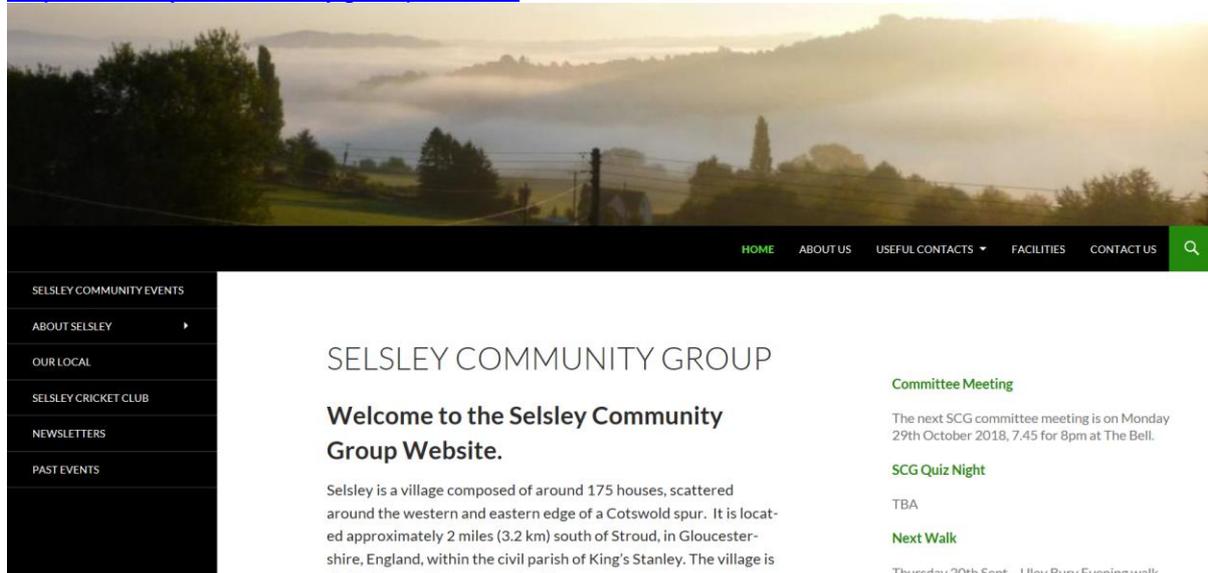
Paddy the Cat is safe & Sound. Thank you all for your care & concern from Helen.

A reminder...

The SCG website is now up and running. It includes a calendar of future events, Selsley Cricket Club fixture list, Walking group, Book Group and the KSPC meeting dates. Take a look and send your suggestions to

selsleycommunitygroup@gmail.com

<http://selsleycommunitygroup.co.uk/>



Road Safety – Selsley Cricket Field wall further repairs – nearly completed.

Selsley Cricket Club – Fixtures are now on the Selsley Community Group Website

Knitting & Crotchet Club

This has stopped, but if there is anyone who would like to take this for autumn & winter, please contact the community group.

Selsley Gardening Club

**Flower arranging demonstration and talk by Jayne Morriss
Thursday November 1st, 7.15pm, Selsley Scout HQ**

For our November meeting we're looking forward to an evening with Jayne Morriss, a very talented flower arranger, who will be demonstrating arrangements with Christmas in mind and talking about plant material we could grow in our gardens to use in our own floral arrangements. Jayne's arrangements will be the prizes in our raffle at the end of the evening.

We'd very much welcome visitors for what should be a lovely evening – the charge for visitors will be £5 to include a raffle ticket and tea/coffee and cake. All are welcome – but to make sure we don't end up with more people than the hall can hold, I'd be grateful if you could contact me in advance so I can add your name to the list of people who will be there – telephone, 01453 823224, email margaretfedrick@yahoo.co.uk.

Selsley Community Group Walks

The Selsley Community Group Walking Group has been running for nearly 2 years, our aim is to take a monthly walk of about 2 hours in our beautiful local countryside.

It is for anyone living in Selsley along with their friends, families and dogs.

We are a very friendly group, extremely lucky with the weather and have a great team who organise the routes. We regularly make the comment "We haven't seen this part before!"



We always meet at the Bell Inn and have transport if required.

Please come along and give it a try, any questions contact Bev Daniels on danielsunited@gmail.com
Photo's SCG walk in Frampton 18 June.

Our bus services....

Regarding Service 66S.

Our route was changed in mid-February this year to run via Cainscross Road rather than Stratford Road. This shorter route matches our Service 66 to/from Stonehouse via Ebley and brings us closer to the various local schools. It also means that all our Stonehouse-bound buses leave from the southbound stops at Merrywalks which helps reduce customer confusion - previously, 66S left from a northbound stop whilst 61 and 66E left on the opposite side of the busy road. Service 67 continues to run every 20 minutes from Stroud Merrywalks to Cashes Green for customers needing to get to Stratford Road from any of our other buses.

I'm sorry to hear that there is still some local concern regarding this change. We did receive a small number of comments from customers at the time, but were otherwise unaware of any ongoing issue. We don't have any immediate plans to change our route again, as we do feel that on balance the current set-up works for the majority of our customers. I hope this helps explain our position but please feel free to contact me should you have any further query.

James O'Neill, Commercial Manager Stagecoach West

The main confusion caused to customers may be that the bus company decided to call two routes by the same number – 66. The bus company seems to put the needs of school children above those of the elderly and infirm, when there are other options that could work for both groups. Surely there is need for a bus to go along the Cainscross Rd. only once in the morning and once in the afternoon. In any case, is it not easier for youngsters to walk through from Stratford Rd. to the Downfield schools than it is for older people to get off one bus, walk to another bus stop and wait for yet another bus in order to get to their doctors? There are other services one can visit or use along Stratford Rd. Today, no-one got off the 66S along the Cainscross Rd. at all and this has been my usual experience. Shirley Pankhurst
As residents your needs matter – so please tell us!

PRESIDENTS DAY CRICKET MATCH - JULY 8th

The annual match between Selsley's Cricket Club team and the President's Team was played at the Selsley ground on Sunday 8th July. On a beautiful hot afternoon a large crowd of supporters enjoyed watching some very good cricket played by both teams. Victory was secured by the President's side by 8 wickets. Tony Raybone, Alan Ford and Jolyon Gardiner umpired the match.

In difficult weather conditions the wicket had been very well prepared by Jodie Stocks assisted by Paul Ind, Chris Hooper and Kevin Turfrey. A delicious tea was provided by Liz Gardiner, Sandra Adams, Claire Robinson, Diana Merrett, Nancy Selwyn, Ghislaine Davis, Ginny Lister and Sally Canning and friends from Selsley, during which a presentation was made to Chris Hooper for his quiet and constant services to the Club over recent years.

The crowd of spectators included Paul Ind's father and uncle who played for the Club in the 1960's. Cricket has been played at this beautiful ground since 1886. The Club plays "friendly" matches on Sunday afternoons and if any cricketers would like to join in please contact Paul Ind on 07814745135.

All Saints Christmas events – details of the carol and Christmas services are not available yet, but will be circulated when available.

Coming up.....dates for your diary

October

Saturday 6th October 10.30am – Pub Dog Walk. Join Bacchus & his friends...

Friday 12th October – Whiskey Evening with Berry Bros & Rudd from London @the Bell Inn.

Sunday 14th October – All Saints Harvest Lunch
Contact Marion Charlwood 01453 350 699

Wednesday 24th October - Walk Arlingham & Overton

Meet @ the Bell 10am transfer to Arlingham near Red Lion for 10.30 start.

Walk 2+ hours

Gentle walk, not difficult.

Monday 29th October SCG committee meeting 8pm at the Bell – all welcome.

November

Thursday November 1st, 7.15pm, Selsley Gardening Club Flower arranging Demonstration and talk by Jayne Morriss - Selsley Scout HQ

Tickets £5 to include a raffle ticket, tea/coffee and cake. Contact to book Marion Charlwood 01453 350 699

Saturday 10th November– Selsley Remembers 1918 @ Scout HQ

Evening of readings, talks and wartime refreshments.

Free event by ticket from Marion Charlwood 01453 350 699

Monday 12th November - SCG Quiz @ 7.30pm @ the Bell

Its £2 per person with tables up to 4 people. Please book food directly with the Bell who offer 10% discount on food for SCG events.

Thursday 15th November – Walk Painswick

Meet Bell 10am transfer to Painswick Ramblers/Walkers car park for 10.30am start.

Walk 2+ hours

A couple of short steep parts

Monday 19th November SCG AGM 8pm @ the Bell - all welcome

December

Saturday 1st December Woodchester Valley Wines Presentation

with Supper @ Scout HQ Selsley.

Tickets £20 from Marion Charlwood 01453 350 699

Sunday 16th December 2018 SCG Village Christmas Party & Raffle at the Bell

Its 5.30 for 6.00 pm. Menu choices and booking arrangements will be emailed separately.

Friday 21st December - Along Canal to Lavender Bakery, Chalford

Meet Bell 10.30am, car share to parking point along A419 (to be advised) to start 11am

Walk 2 hours plus stop for lunch halfway at Lavender Bakery, Christmas Celebration.

Flat canal walk, may be a little muddy

Sunday 23rd December 5.30pm @ the Bell

Dame Sarah Connoly, has kindly agreed to lead Christmas carols again this year.

There will be mince pies!

Reminder:

Next Committee Meeting: 29 October 2018

AGM 19 November 2018 – all welcome at The Bell.

Copy deadline for the next issue to be agreed following the AGM.

Editor Leonie Asquith.

*** IF YOU SEE A PROBLEM - REPORT IT ***

You can report directly to the following authorities:

Potholes Pavements Drainage Street Lighting Public rights of way, other road hazards. Gloucester County Council Tel: 01452 425000

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-rights-of-way/roads/report-it/>

Environmental Health. Fly-tipping. Abandoned Vehicles. Litter. Dog bins.

Stroud District Council Tel: 01453 766 321

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/report>

If you identify other problems let our Road Safety Group know at

selsleycommunitygroup@gmail.com