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A NEW Year dawns, with all the fresh hopes and aspirations that entails. Especially after such a shocking 2020!

The Journal would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who subscribed or resubscribed in the run up to Christmas.

If you've not yet persuaded family or friends to sign up, please give them a nudge and tell them it's never too late.

The Journal launches its annual seafront flag appeal on page 88.

We've brought the launch forward because the appeal needs a big push if we are this spring to fill every flagpole along the promenade, in Steyne Gardens, and on the pier. Stockpiles are very low after a tempestuous summer, and need replenishing.

Readers have always responded with astonishing generosity, donating flags worth more than

£40,000 since the appeal was first launched in 2002. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The Journal is delivered to doorsteps by a company of volunteer pavement pounders.

Editor Paul Holden cannot thank them enough, for they are out in all weathers ensuring the magazine arrives each month.

If you would like to volunteer (it's great exercise, and you discover places you never knew existed) please contact Holden via the details published to the left.

The winners of our Christmas competition will be published in February's edition. Many thanks to all those who entered, and congratulations to the winners, who have all now received their prizes.

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WORST CASE SCENARIO FOR TOWN PUBS

The Half Brick



WITH Worthing's independent pubs struggling to survive during the pandemic, the words of legendary Sussex writer Hilaire Belloc spring to mind.

In response to his own rhetorical question: "How will people know when the nation is finished?" he wrote:

"When you have lost your inns, drown your empty selves, for you will have lost the last of England."

Sadly, we have been losing pubs hand over fist for the past 20 years.

Many of us will remember the now defunct Wine Lodge, Half Brick, Montague, White Hart, Buckingham, Tiroler, Globe, Norfolk, Lennox, Dolphin, Maple Leaf, Southdown and Downview.

They've been replaced, to an extent, by micropubs such as Anchored in Worthing, the Georgi Fin, Bike Shed, Green Man and Elephant in the Room.

However, watering holes both old and new have faced incredible pressures since last March.

Even hostleries on a firm footing have struggled due to lockdown, tiers, social distancing and pods.

They have gone over and above the call of duty to provide a service to the community and keep afloat financially.

The Government stepped in with grants and loans to act as a cushion, but the money was soon swallowed up by various expensive overheads.

When Worthing went into Tier 2

after Lockdown 2, you could almost hear the collective groan of despair among landlords and landladies who had worked so hard during the toughest of times to stay solvent.

Tier 2 was unquestionably the worst possible outcome in the run up to Christmas, traditionally pubs' busiest time when takings tide them over the lean months of January and February.

Tier 3 would have kept pubs closed (reducing overheads) and unlocked more Government cash.

Tier 1 would have enabled licensees to serve drinks without food and turn a coin.

Tier 2 - where alcohol could only be served to customers having a "substantial meal" - left pubs with minimal Whitehall support and a sharp reduction in customers.

Without question the worst case scenario!

It now remains to be seen whether another rash of Worthing pubs will close for good in the New Year.

Pubs run by good people who work endless hours to provide a social scene where people can mix with friends, enjoy a drink and have fun.

As Jonathan Neame, chief executive of Shepherd Neame, Britain's oldest brewer said: "Lose our pubs and you lose the soul of the nation."

• With grateful thanks to Worthing historian Chris Hare, whose study of the life and works of Belloc can be found at www.belloc-broadwood.org.uk

did you know?

1912: Worthing Post Office employed 54 postmen who collected and delivered more than 1.15 million letters a month. There were 69 postboxes in Worthing and 34 in the surrounding rural district.

1993: Steers steakhouse at the junction of Marine Parade and South Street celebrated its 21st anniversary by offering a four-course meal for just £6.95.

1907: G Stone, caretaker of Davison School, Chapel Road, received in wages 12 shillings a week.

1926: Ebenezer Hale, of 7 Warwick Place, died in his 82nd year. He was the son of George Hale, who in the 1850s became the first person to advocate the construction of ironclads to replace wooden warships which were vulnerable to cannon fire from Russian shore batteries during the Crimean War.

1917: The Town Council banned passengers from sitting alongside drivers on motor omnibuses despite it being the most popular seat.

1837: Worthing's Post Office was situated in Warwick Street, where the woman who ran it also operated a millinery business. She employed two men to collect and deliver letters.

1891: The Montague Arms, Montague Street, run by HH Wyatt, was described as "one of the most commodious and best ventilated" pubs in town.

did you know?

1918: Nearly 1,300 children of Worthing men serving in the Army and Navy were entertained at the Connaught Hall, Chapel Road, where they received toys, sweets, buns, lemonade and ginger beer. One onlooker noted the “bright, happy faces of the youngsters, whom it was a pleasure and privilege to entertain”.

1962: The annual West Sussex Police tattoo on the Manor Ground, Broadwater Road, which began in 1950 and attracted up to 14,000 spectators every year, was scrapped after the cost of staging it soared to £1,500.

1958: More than 60 people went on a Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament “Ban the H-Bomb” march from Worthing railway station to the seafront - on the same day the town’s civil defence volunteers staged an exercise dealing with the aftermath of a nuclear warhead detonating ten miles east of Worthing.

1958: Worthing Town Council approved plans to demolish Muir House, formerly Broadwater’s Rectory, opposite St Mary’s Church, to make way for 70 modern flats.

1962: Plans were tabled for the construction of Portland Market, Portland Road, which was to feature 17 shops and a restaurant. The dismal flat-roofed units, which looked like lock-up garages, were later demolished to make way for a much more attractive row of shops.

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A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING



DURRINGTON Cemetery’s resident herd of deer at rest.

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THE biggest carbuncle on the south coast could soon be consigned to the history books.

Worthing Borough Council said the Grafton multi-storey car park, which had blighted the seafront for more than 50 years, was rapidly reaching the end of its life.

The council, which was forced to regularly undertake expensive running repairs on the eyesore concrete and steel structure, was now seeking to join forces with a major developer to build new

homes, shops and offices on the site. It had already bought up shops in Montague Street in readiness for demolition.

The council said progress had been slowed by “the complexity associated with the redevelopment of the site, including title rights, access, and current sitting tenants”.

Coun Kevin Jenkins, the council’s regeneration tsar, said the council would be getting rid of an eyesore.

But he warned: “Of all the sites we want to develop, Grafton is probably the most complex.

“We have to be a bit patient with Grafton; be careful of the economic

by the Sentinel



winds that might blow, but we will continue to do all we can to make this happen.”

Questions that arise include underground lorry access to Marks

and Spencer and the future of the tenpin bowling alley.

Developers have also been deterred in the past by the complex network of electricity cables and sewer▷

did you know?

1910: The affairs of Goring by Sea, then a rural farming village, were overseen by East Preston Rural District Council.

1888: A crowd of around 1,500 people watched as fire gutted Colonnade House at the junction of Warwick Street and High Street.

1944: Worthing paratrooper Ted Brock, of 3a Becket Buildings, Tarring Road, was believed by relatives to have died at Arnhem but he was in fact a prisoner of war.

1934: A three bed semi-detached home in Salvington Gardens cost £685, while a similar property in Forest Road cost £875.

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1979: Liberal borough councillor Peter Green called for a film entitled *Scum*, about the brutality of borstal, to be banned from the town's cinemas.

1957: A new craze, hand jiving, was introduced to Worthing, with 16-year-old Elizabeth Solomon one of the first to try it at the Assembly Hall.

1934: Two "What the Butler Saw" machines were installed on Worthing Pier, but people putting a penny in the slot saw nothing more daring than a couple having afternoon tea.

1942: Worthing Art College students dressed as Napoleonic sailors to re-enact the death of Nelson on a float taking part in Worthing Warship Week, aimed at raising money towards the construction of naval vessels.

1955: Detective Inspector CG Evans, head of Worthing CID, reported 1,043 crimes over the course of the year, compared to 994 in 1954. He urged people to help reduce the crime rate by locking up their bicycles.

1979: Several pupils were suspended by Tarring High School in a crackdown on students wearing punk rock fashions.

1935: Archaeologist Barclay Wills began scouring Worthing beach at low tide in search of artifacts from the early Stone Age, and over the next four years he found almost 1,000 flints, mostly east of Splash Point.

A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING



◀pipes beneath the site.

• A spokesman from AMF Bowling, which runs the bowling alley, said: "We are proud of our history as the only bowling centre in the town and have a lease on this unit for a few more years still.

"We have heard many rumours of development of the Grafton car park in the past, and should these ones come to fruition, it is important that the council works with us to find an alternative venue to ensure that the families of Worthing can still enjoy a great time together.

"We look forward to working



closely with the local council at the earliest opportunity, which we hope will ensure AMF Bowling can continue to provide the experience people of Worthing know and love, in the future."





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1944: A Worthing commentator noted: "I regret that youth today doesn't appear to be growing up with that modesty and ingenuousness which marked the adolescent stage of their parents and grandparents."

1888: A giant copper, with a capacity of 1,500 gallons, was pulled by horses through the streets of Worthing to the Tower Brewery, behind the Egremont pub, which was renowned for its "excellent malt liquors".

1945: Bandsman CF Phillips, of 17 Cranleigh Road, returned to Worthing after more than four-and-a-half years in a German prisoner of war camp. He was captured at Dunkirk in 1940.

1907: West Tarring Working Men's Club and Institute was formed, and within three months had 150 members who enjoyed reading, playing cards, bagatelle, billiards and, of course, drinking at the bar.

1927: Edward Lloyd, the famous tenor who sang for royalty, received numerous congratulations from all over the country when he celebrated his 82nd birthday at Delgany, Heene Road, but died just a few weeks later.

1919: Edward Baker Edwards, who for many years was the principal seller at the fish market just east of the Pavilion Theatre, died at the age of 87. He was the son of James Edwards, one of 11 Worthing fishermen who drowned in the 1850 Lalla Rookh disaster.

A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING

ARTIFICIAL pitches are supposed to be the future for football clubs, especially at lower levels.

They offer all-weather playing surfaces which are relatively cheap to maintain compared to traditional grass.

Synthetic pitches can also be hired out for all sorts of activities, thereby boosting revenue.

But Worthing FC's 3G pitch has been a nightmare from start to finish.

It was installed five years ago but has now been ripped up and replaced with a new one.

The club is coy about the figures involved but said it had received a "substantial" undisclosed grant from the Football Foundation to undertake the work.

Initially the pitch performed well but soon started to flood.

The surface became uneven and was branded a safety hazard, resulting in FIFA banning matches.

Worthing were forced into exile, playing "home" games at other grounds until the problem was temporarily rectified.

But this season further issues arose and Worthing once again found themselves playing away.

It was a bitter blow for club saviour George Dowell who ploughed in so much of his own money to improve facilities and turn Worthing into a footballing force to be reckoned with.

During the autumn, McArdle Sport-Tec Ltd started work on the replacement pitch which was due to be completed by January 13.

Club Chairman Barry Hunter said: "This has been a five-year problem and something I made a priority to resolve when I took the appointment just over a year ago.

"It has been an incredibly intensive period of discussion, collaboration and negotiation, requiring a lot of patience, persistence and commitment from a very broad group of stakeholders."

He said the work amounted to a "serious upgrade" of the playing surface, adding that it would not have been possible without the FA's unprecedented support and guidance.

Mr Hunter also praised players, management, supporters and sponsors for their patience and perseverance.

Meanwhile facilities such as toilets and refreshment kiosks were being improved at Worthing's Woodside Road ground, now known as the Crucial Environmental Stadium, after fans staged a summer fundraising drive, collecting almost £50,000.

- Top-of-the-table Worthing FC boss Adam Hinshelwood received the Isthmian League Manager of the Month award for September and October.

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1923: Mr J Stewart Crowshaw donated a meadow known as Lees Field to Lancing Parish Council so it could be converted into a recreation ground.

1900: With the Boer War raging, nearly 40 men were recruited to the Worthing Company of Volunteers, boosting its strength to 120, who mustered every week at Bath Place drill hall.

1958: Worthing's longest serving Salvation Army member, Ested Maurice Jones, of 7 Mardale Road, Durrington, died at the age of 88. He was a veteran of Worthing's Victorian Salvation Army disturbances when the Riot Act was read on the steps of the Town Hall, as dragoons armed with sabres stood by.

1984: Worthing restaurants included the Greek Taverna, at St George's Lodge, 46 Chesswood Road, which served "exotic continental cuisine", and the Grape Escape, a wine bar at 28 Warwick Street.

1963: Following demolition of St Paul's mission rooms and a row of terraced homes on the north side of Richmond Road there were fears for the future of the historic Wheatsheaf pub.

1905: There were plans to build a new road in the town centre called Park Lane, which, had it been built, would have been routed through what is today Waitrose car park and the adjoining gas works site.

A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING



NOT strictly Worthing but something that is having, and will have, a major impact on motorists from the town.

West Sussex County Council is currently widening the A259 between Angmering and East Preston in a bid to reduce often severe traffic congestion, especially when approaching Angmering Bypass roundabout from the east.

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IT took workmen almost a fortnight to remove hundreds of COVID-19 cycle lane bollards.

They boiled a kettle containing tar which was poured into the holes left in the road surface by screws which bolted the bollards to the Tarmac.

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LANCING Police Station, which was on the market for around £700,000, has been bought by Adur and Worthing Councils which suggested that the building could be used by small businesses.

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A NEW sprinkler system on the pier could cost £810,000.

However, the borough council has only £503,000 set aside, leaving a shortfall of £307,000.

Sprinklers would safeguard in the event of fire the Pavilion Theatre, Central Pavilion amusement arcade



and Southern Pavilion.

The council said the scheme was technically complex and would require a dedicated water supply and new pipework.

Fitting sprinklers to the Southern Pavilion alone would cost £90,000. Workmen last year completed the installation of a fire main along the entire length of the pier, plus a new sewer pipe.

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BY mid November superfast broadband fibres had been laid outside around 19,000 Worthing homes, according to the borough council.

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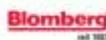
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1958: Worthing Town Council was accused by Goring People's Association of fleecing the public after increasing the cost of renting a beach hut from nine guineas to £15 a year.

1930: Worthing Labour Party purchased for £500 a hall in Lyndhurst Road previously used as a Primitive Methodist Chapel, and renamed it MacDonald Hall, after Labour Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald.

1958: A grand Worthing house called Abergeldie, built in 1930 and set in three-and-a-half acres of land at 2 Pevensey Road, was demolished to make way for flats (Pevensey Gardens).

1937: A family, including three children, living in a caravan and railway carriage off Southdownview Road, faced eviction after the property was branded unfit for human habitation.

1976: The Victoria Inn, Montague Street, was listed by the Department of Environment as a building of special historical and architectural interest.

1905: The Worthing branch of the British Women's Temperance Association celebrated its tenth anniversary, during which time membership rose from nine to more than 120. Mrs Eliot Yorke, the principal speaker, said the association should strive to get three words - have a drink - banished from everyday language.

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A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING

West Durrington looking south from Coach and Horses



HOUSES will soon stretch from Tesco superstore almost to the back door of the Coach and Horses pub.

Developers are planning to build a further 240 homes on the final field before the A27.

This will take to around 940 the number of dwellings constructed on former Somerset family farmland north of Tesco, West Durrington.

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REVAMPED Highdown Gardens should reopen to the public in March.

Worthing Borough Council warned that visits may have to be booked in advance to comply with COVID-19 restrictions "depending on social distancing rules at that time".

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THE transformation of Brooklands into an educational leisure park has been delayed.

Councillors granted permission last May, but designers ran into problems with the café and toilets planned for Western Road car park. Surveyors revealed that the café site was located on unstable ground.

This had increased the cost of the café by around 23 per cent due to longer pilings being needed to shore up the foundations.

Further soil studies were required to

ascertain if hazardous materials from the days when Brooklands was a waste tip lay underground.

Work on a play area and pathways had been delayed until more was known about past contamination.

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PEOPLE could be at risk from toppling trees or falling branches as a deadly disease sweeps across Europe.

Worthing Borough Council warned that ash dieback was a growing problem.

A report to councillors noted: "Trees affected by the disease drop branches as well as fall over, so the council needs to proactively manage the decline of the trees to avoid potential injury to persons or property.

"This will require removing affected trees and replanting either disease resistant strains or different species."

Next year's budget included £50,000 to remove diseased trees and plant new saplings.

However, due to the accelerating spread of ash dieback work had already begun, forcing councillors to bring forward funding to cover the cost.

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1920: A hearing was held in the Town Hall to discuss plans by Worthing Corporation to buy the pier from the private company which ran it.

1957: Royal Navy engineer Brian Peerless saw himself at the Odeon cinema, Worthing, playing a German sailor in the hit wartime movie *The Battle of the River Plate*. He was serving aboard HMS Glasgow when the film company appealed for extras.

1943: Highly decorated Acting Squadron Leader HJL Hallows, a Battle of Britain ace, of 17 Normandy Road, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "high skill and unswerving devotion to duty". Although officially credited with 19 kills, it was estimated he had accounted for 31 German planes.

1940: Town councillors called for a policeman to be stationed outside Dominion Road Infants School when children were entering and leaving the premises after concerns were voiced about traffic posing a danger to youngsters crossing the road outside.

1901: A commentator of the day wrote: "If a prize was offered for the worst road in the British Empire, Elm Grove would win it. I travelled much as a youngster but never along roads more than ankle-deep in mud."

1974: The Warnes Hotel held over 18s disco nights in the York Room and Forge Bar, the entry fee being 25p.

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A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING

A NEW synthetic football pitch at Palatine Park will cost £916,540.

The Football Foundation had agreed to cover 62 per cent of the price.

Work on the pitch, a joint project between Worthing Town FC and the borough council, was expected to start later this year.

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UP to £20,000 could be spent on a new Time for Worthing website.

The cash would be drawn from £42,000 set aside for new "Welcome to Worthing" signs at the borough boundaries.

A report to councillors said: "The current website is lacking information and does not have the capacity to develop the brand, which could have a negative

economic effect on the town.

"It is therefore proposed to develop a new website for Time for Worthing."

This would reduce the need to produce "paper promotions" such as leaflets.

Time for Worthing is the latest in a long line of promotional slogans ranging from the people's choice, Sunny Worthing, to Visit Worthing and Discover Worthing.

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ALL sorts of concessions have appeared on Worthing seafront since the autumn, with coffee wagons such as this dainty caravan and a fairy light decorated drinks dispenser proving especially popular with promenaders.



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1940: Commander Edward Marston Lockwood, of Gorse Avenue, Worthing, was the town's chief air raid warden, having during the Great War been in charge of the Hawke Battalion of sailors in the 63rd Naval Division who served in the trenches as infantrymen.

1908: A commentator of the day noted: "There are those who are mortally alarmed at the least suggestion of a deposit of seaweed on the beach, declaring that the odour that emanates from such accumulations from the harvest of the sea is warranted to kill at a thousand yards."

1915: Hundreds of Royal Fusiliers stationed at Worthing were treated to a night of entertainment at the Literary Institute. During the interval several ladies stood on the stage and threw oranges into the khaki-clad audience. Lieutenant Ambler demonstrated how to use the sharp curved Kukri fighting knife, issued to Gurkhas, and recounted the tale of one German victim who was sliced through his helmet to his chest.

1952: Three storey blocks of flats on the east side of Limbrick Lane, Maybridge, were constructed.

1940: Earl Winterton, MP for Worthing, criticised pacifists who distributed anti-war leaflets outside Labour Exchanges while men were registering to fight. He said: "If Hitler won he would reduce us to a condition of slavery and starvation."

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A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING



EXERCISING on the beach! Photo by Ann Jewitt.

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THE multi-coloured chalets bordering East Beach are in line for new frontages according to Worthing Borough Council which estimated the work could cost £80,000.

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SIGNS are being installed at a giant Victorian graveyard so people aren't locked inside after dark.

Debra Hillman, chairman of the Friends of Broadwater Cemetery, said: "The council has agreed to erect signs at the cemetery to warn visitors when the gates will be locked and to provide contact details should anyone be locked in."

"This is in response to us reporting several incidences where dog walkers were locked in - two involving me going to let them out."

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WORTHING Borough Council collects £73.8 million in taxes per year. Adur District Council levies £42 million.

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MOBILE phones are being recycled

to save whales and dolphins.

Members of the public have been donating their old phones to Worthing Coastal Office.

Some mobiles were found on the beach and handed in.

Rebecca Belleni, a support assistant at the coastal office, said it didn't matter if they worked or not.

She said: "We send them off to a recycling company which then transfers the funds raised through recycling to Whale and Dolphin Conservation."

"We know a lot of people have been using their time in the current climate to undertake clear outs."

"We have had a fantastic response, with multiple people per day dropping off phones or asking about the project and commending us on this collaboration for the protection of our marine life."

"It's been refreshing to have members of the public come into our office to ask and speak about something positive that we are contributing to, and help raise the flag for the Worthing Coastal Office as not just a front line service but marine advocates."

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did you know?

1967: When the Sussex Yeoman pub in Palatine Road opened the uniform of a colonel in the Sussex Yeomanry, dating back to the 1899-1902 Boer War, was displayed in the bar.

1914: A chauffeur by the name of William Kimber appeared before Worthing magistrates charged with driving at a dangerous speed along Broadwater Road, where he ploughed into a flock of sheep and pigs, killing ten animals. Kimber, who claimed he was only doing between 12mph and 15mph, was fined £5.

1896: Worthing magistrates banned the sale of liquor from a tent at the entrance to Worthing Pier. Bench chairman CLM Teesdale said: "It will keep all respectable people off if you are going to have a drinking bar there."

1952: Worthing's MP, Brigadier Otho Prior Palmer, warned: "Bankruptcy faces the local market garden and nursery industry." He understood that up to 60 market gardens and nurseries were up for sale in Worthing due to cheap foreign imports of fruit and vegetables from Spain and Italy.

1945: A cyclist by the name of Frederick William Pickford appeared before Worthing magistrates for a minor traffic offence and told the court he did not want to be judged by anyone who belonged to a political party, Freemasons or Rotarians. He was fined ten shillings by the court, which ignored his request.

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A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING



A MAN of the road's canine companion perched on his owner's knapsack in Brighton Road.

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WORTHING, most notably Tarring, is renowned for its figs, and it seems like 2020 was a bumper season judging by the bucket of fresh fruit placed beneath a bountiful tree in St Wilfred's Road, Broadwater.

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BEWARE the Bayside ghost! Will residents of the new Brighton Road flats complex be haunted by a spooky spectre?

In 1970, lifeguards at Worthing Aquarena swimming pool, which formerly occupied the site, reported seeing an apparition in the shape of a little girl.

Staff working late said they could

sense a presence.

Before the Aquarena was built, the site was occupied by a Victorian villa called Beachfield which became a convalescent home.

Children of the past, going back a century or more, told how the ghost story scared the living daylights out of them.

Most quickened their pace as they walked past Beachfield.

Those of a more delicate disposition, or fertile imagination, just ran for it.



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THERE are just 36 rhomboid-shaped Worthing Journal Windows on the Pier left to fill.

Well 30 actually, for six have already been snapped up, so be quick as time, and space, is running out if you wish to order one.



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did you know?

1897: The inmates of East Preston Workhouse complained that the potatoes served up at meal times were unfit for human consumption, but they received little sympathy from the public, who regarded most of the men in the workhouse as malingerers.

1945: Flight-Sergeant Alexander Green, of Bomber Command, was posted missing following a raid, having before joining the RAF been assistant principal of Goring Hall and Langton House schools in Worthing.

1897: John Orrell Lever, who lived for some years in Heene Terrace, died. In 1857 he founded the Atlantic Mail Steamship Company but the business failed and he lost £100,000 - an absolute fortune at the time.

1989: Plans were unveiled to bulldoze Regency terrace Bedford Row as part of a multi-million pound revamp of land between Warwick Street and the seafront. The scheme also included demolishing the Dome cinema (excluding the Dome tower) and rebuilding it parallel to Marine Parade rather than north-south, and knocking down Debenhams, South Street, to form a glass-roofed pedestrian link with Montague Street.

1957: Henry Behrens, of Graham Road, who at 30ins tall claimed to be the smallest man in the world, and his 36in tall wife Emmie, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING



WORTHING'S "waterwise garden" could be refurbished at a cost of almost £100,000.

Beachcombers have been surprised to find parts of a wooden boardwalk replaced by Tarmac patches!

Now the boardwalk and timber monoliths could be replaced using recycled plastic for planking.

The cost included revamped signage and more shingle plants.

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WORKMEN have planted replacement cordylines on West Parade

promenade following a public outcry.

However, Paul High, a leading Conservative councillor, warned they had been planted at the wrong time of year, leading to fears they might not survive a harsh winter.

Worthing Borough Council was panned by residents after removing cordylines which had given the seafront a tropical touch for almost 20 years.

The backlash prompted a rapid U-turn by the Town Hall.





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1897: In a remarkable coincidence, two well-known Worthing fishermen, George Goble and Edward Bacon, were found dead in their boats on the beach within 36 hours of each other. There were no suspicious circumstances.

1903: Worthing had 47 pubs and 11 beer houses - or one establishment selling alcohol for every 229 residents of the town.

1897: A glossy brochure containing photographs of Worthing, taken by Walter Gardiner, was published to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria's reign. Copies were sent all over the country, including to Buckingham Palace and St James's Palace.

A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING

THERE has been a lot of concern voiced, of late, about the general upkeep of the town.

As The Journal often points out, we need to get the basics right and build from there.

It is a debate that spans decades, and centuries, as this poem - An Ode to Worthing - penned in 1912, illustrates:

What! Worthing on the downgrade?

That surely is not true!

Those by whom this charge is made,

May live that charge to rue.

Not friends are they who would besmirch

The credit of the town,

Would shadow with a threatening crowd

This place off fair renown.

Long has she held a leading place,

And will that place maintain,

In spite of those who carp and sneer,

And fail respect to gain.

To hold her own she must resolve,

Whatever cynics say,

The downgrade is no place for her;

She does not know that way.

Wise councils will with her prevail

Right well she knows her friends,

And to mistakes she may have made,

She'll try to make amends!

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THE Durrington Cemetery gravestone image of an exhausted Plains Indian on an equally worn out pony, featured in December's edition, has great resonance in America's Wild West.

So says a reader who has a son in Colorado.

The image, called The End of the Trail, is based on a sculpture by James Earle Fraser which can be seen in a small city called Waupun, Wisconsin.

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1977: A 72-year-old sailor was pulled from the sea off Worthing after drifting for nearly two miles clinging to his upturned boat. Ted Churcher, of Ham Road, said he had no plans to give up boating despite his ordeal, stating “I have been sailing since I was 11.”

1927: A commentator of the day described hordes of daytrippers descending on Worthing as a “rabble”. He said: “What is being horribly brought home to us is the scarifying fact that Worthing has suddenly become another washpot for the undesirable kind of tripper.”

1900: An old pedlar who fought in the Crimean War regularly stayed at the Feathers Inn, Portland Road, where he was treated so well by the landlady, Mrs Green, that on his death bed he bequeathed all his belongings to her. On examining them, she found £700, but rather than pocketing the money she traced his relatives and handed over the cash, for which she received, by way of a thank you, the grand sum of £5.

1938: The Odeon cinema, demolished to make way for the Montague Quarter, was advertised as the most beautiful theatre and restaurant on the south coast.

1980: John Boniface, known as “The Birdman of Worthing”, wanted to increase the size of his aviary in Sea Place, Goring, from 300 to 1,000 birds.

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A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING



WHEN Goring was a rural village, the area was dotted with thatched cottages.

It was, by all accounts, until the early 1930s, a lovely arcadian backwater.

But during the 20th century Worthing’s tentacles were stretching ever outwards, consuming Goring, Salvington, Tarring and Broadwater.

“Progress” resulted in dozens of picturesque thatched cottages being demolished.

Today, there remains only one in Goring, next to the petrol station in Goring Way.

As November turned to December thatchers were hard at work replacing the roof, giving it a golden rather than grey hue.

Imagine how lovely Worthing would be if flint-walled thatched cottages had been retained.

Instead planners adopted a “bulldoze and be damned” mentality which destroyed the town’s picturesque charm.

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WHEN this thatched flint cottage was built in Sea Lane, Ferring, circa 1635, Cardinal Richelieu effectively ruled France.

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1975: Patricia Baring, secretary of Worthing Civic Society, said of Warwick Street South, the area encapsulating the Dome cinema, bus depot and Bedford Row: "Such an area gives Worthing a marvellous opportunity to create something outstanding in due course."

1915: As Great War casualties mounted, the Reverend CJ Hollis, vicar of Holy Trinity Church, told parishioners: "Let us by self-sacrifice, and sympathy, and courage, take our personal share in hardship and loss, and show that we are not unworthy successors of those who sent their men to fight at Trafalgar and Waterloo."

1920: Worthing Town Council tried to close down Portland Market, Portland Road, but received a petition pointing out that seven of the stallholders were discharged soldiers who depended on the market for their livelihoods.

1953: With money left over from a Coronation Day street party, residents of Turner Road, Morland Avenue and Gainsborough Avenue set up a local committee which resulted, a decade later, in the construction of the TMG social club (the initials of each road) off Sompting Road.

1980: A three bed semi-detached house in West Avenue cost £38,500, while a three bed semi-detached bungalow in Sunningdale Road cost £21,500.

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A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING



◁villain in *The Three Musketeers*, written by Alexandre Dumas.

While the cardinal swanned around Paris, Worthing was barely a speck on the map.

King Charles I sat on the throne of England, and persecuted Puritans were quitting in droves to settle in North America.

Within seven years of the cottage being built, Roundheads and Cavaliers were slashing away at each other during the English Civil War, which led to Charles quite literally losing his head.

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SUSSEX Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne wrote in December: "I am concerned about the impact a COVID Christmas may have on shop-workers who have borne the brunt of some people's anger and frustrations during the pandemic. Seventy six per cent have already experienced more abuse, threatening behaviour and even physical assaults."

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TOWN CRIER Bob Smytherman is a picture of sartorial elegance once again - courtesy of *The Worthing Journal*.

Sentinel mentioned that Bob's blue livery was looking a little faded and worn around the edges.

It prompted a flurry of donations from readers, with Worthing Lions stepping in with an incredible £1,000.

Further input from Worthing Town Centre Initiative resulted in almost £1,800 being raised to refresh Bob's

apparel.

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did you know?

1978: The Waverley paddle steamer suffered damage to its hull when a sudden swell smashed her into the side of Worthing Pier as she was docking to offload and pick up passengers.

1937: The Pier Pavilion was packed with hundreds of American-style non-stop marathon dancers from the Worthing branch of the Junior Imperial League. The last couple still dancing won a prize.

1937: Roland Burrows QC, chairman of West Sussex Quarter Sessions, heard the case of a 14-year-old Worthing boy accused of shop breaking. After hearing a plea of leniency from a priest, Mr Burrows said: "In my opinion there is a great deal too much false sentiment nowadays. The desire to rescue offenders as individuals from the consequences of crime is very laudable but it may be extended to such a degree as to become harmful to society." The teenager was subsequently sent to borstal for three years.

1978: Plans for a £300,000 leisure pool at West Park, off Shaftesbury Avenue, were shelved by borough councillors.

1889: There was chaos in Worthing Police court when 63 dog owners were summonsed for failing to muzzle their pets. Proceedings in the crowded courtroom were interspersed with laughter, and a woman who became hysterical was removed.

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A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING



AFTER a succession of false dawns, 1517 finally opened a fortnight before Christmas in the former Beales department store, South Street.

However, the frantic rush to get the interior finished was tempered by the appearance of "Closing Down" signs at Debenhams on the other side of the road.

As soon as the long feared demise of Debenhams was announced, queues formed outside the store, which was mobbed by bargain-hunting customers hoping for big discounts. A fellow South Street trader described them, half jokingly, as "vultures picking over the carcass". If only such numbers had flocked to the store (and others around the country) in preceding years perhaps Debenhams' future might be secure. At the time of writing Mike Ashley, owner of Sports Direct, was looking into taking over the Arcadia group of stores, including Debenhams and Topshop, after it went into administration.

Although the end seemed nigh, Debenhams staff remained cheerful and friendly during the Christmas rush, which did them great credit.

We must now wait to see if Debenhams joins Woolworths, Bhs, and Beales in the annals of Worthing's retail history.

The building in which Debenhams traded was substantial in terms of floorspace.

Gazing into a crystal ball, if the store did close it seems likely the ground floor will be retained for retail, with the first and second floors converted into flats.

• Time for 1517! New store opens.



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BIN lorries are now referred to as waste wagons by Adur and Worthing Councils. Staff have recently been trialling one that runs only on electricity.

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did you know?

1939: The first English peaches of the season to go on sale at Covent Garden Market, London, were grown in the Worthing district.

1960: Plans were unveiled for the construction of 77 homes - 67 of them bungalows - on the site of Douglas Nurseries, off Salvington Road, Durrington.

1889: A pleasure yacht called the Skylark took a group of sightseers into the Channel off Worthing to get a closer look at a passing German naval squadron. On its return, the vessel collided with the pier during docking and was holed below the waterline. As skipper Charles Lee tried to unload his passengers and save the boat, his right hand became entangled in wire rigging and a finger was crushed. Captain Lee managed to beach the Skylark before she sank, and then had part of his injured finger amputated.

1900: Plans were tabled for a footbridge over the railway line at Goring station. It remains in use to this day.

1913: The Worthing Troop of the Sussex Yeomanry consisted of 42 officers and men, just four troopers and a trumpeter short of full strength. A commentator of the day observed: "Formerly much of the time was wasted in the provisions of purely ceremonial duties. Far greater attention is (now) paid to shooting than ever before. When a trooper first joins he is impressed with the fact that his horse is his best friend and his rifle the next best."

A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING



SELLERS of festive lights did a sparkling trade as people tried to shake off pandemic blues.

Staff couldn't stock the shelves fast enough as householders bought illuminations by the trolley load.

The rush started in mid November, with many homes and businesses decorated before the end of the month.

It helped to brighten up Worthing at a time when people's spirits were starting to flag due to lockdowns and tiers.

Some householders really went to town with dazzling displays and invited visitors to donate cash for charity.

The most splendid light shows lit up Saxifrage Way, West Durrington, and Bulkington Avenue.

There was a particularly pretty show in Sea Lane, Goring, which

twinkled almost as brightly as the eyes of children hypnotised by the fabulous festive fairy lights.

Worthing Town Centre Initiative earned widespread praise for positioning 14 Christmas trees, each 8ft tall, around our premier shopping streets.

They were beautifully decorated by shopkeepers, community groups and families, giving the town's retail nucleus a Yuletide boost.

Multi-coloured pompoms proved popular as all-weather baubles.

One tree, near the Guildbourne Centre, was adorned with scores of wine bottle corks, complete with furry red noses.

The tree trail was complimented by 12 Nutcracker soldiers who stood guard at strategic locations between Brighton Road and Heene Road.

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1919: There was great excitement when, for the first time, an airship passed over Worthing, an onlooker noting: "It was just about ten o'clock in the morning when the vessel passed over Worthing at quite a moderate speed and owing to the low altitude at which it was flying one was able to obtain a remarkably good view not only of the airship but also its occupants, who numbered five."

1907: Inmates from East Preston Workhouse travelled to Steyne Gardens for an alfresco feast in the fresh air. The journey was described as "a beautiful drive through the country roads, with the early morning sun shining upon them, a fresh breeze playing around them, and the clover-scented meadows and the new-mown hay in the fields nearby."

1907: James Carter, of 31 North Street, died at the age of 82. He was a pianoforte porter by profession, and according to his obituary "One could not but admire the skill with which he would handle the weightiest instruments; mere physical strength being no match for the dexterity which he had acquired by many years of practice."

1989: Former Worthing Borough Council conservation officer Eric Cockain described the Chapel Road building occupied by Blockbuster Video store, and now Sussex Bed Company, as "the best example of 1930s architecture in the town".

A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING



◁youngsters a jolly giant Santa in Montague Place.

Worthing Borough Council must be commended for providing Christmas trees in Montague Street, South Street Square and outside the Town Hall in Chapel Road.

They gave a much-needed festive lift to our high streets.

The South Street fir was sponsored by Empire Construction.

A council spokesman said: "Along with Christmas lights, which have been paid for by local businesses and stretch from Brighton Road to Heene Road, the town is aglow with seasonal spirit."

The trees were purchased from Balcombe Estate near Haywards

Heath.

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LASERS darted back and forth from the roof of the Pier's Southern Pavilion.

The beams entranced onlookers as they flicked across the heavens against a beautiful backdrop of Rampion wind farm's twinkling cherry red warning lights.

The lasers were set up by a firm called Laser Light City which joined forces with Time for Worthing, part of Worthing Borough Council, which paid for them.

The multi-coloured beams could be seen as far afield as Shoreham and Rustington.





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1895: Findon Sheep Fair was declared one of the most successful ever held, with almost 11,000 animals assembled on Nepcote Green.

1978: Keith Smith, 14, of Oakleigh Road, represented England in the Euro Skateboard Championships in Frankfurt, Germany.

1960: The number of glasshouse nurseries in Worthing growing fruits, vegetables and flowers had slumped in just ten years from 150 to 56.

1937: A new home for the blind was constructed in Nursery Lane, an alleyway running parallel to Rowlands Road.

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A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING

SECURITY cameras have been installed at a beach shelter fenced off for months to deter anti-social behaviour.

The rotunda at the east end of Windsor Lawns was the haunt of rowdy street drunks who made residents' lives a misery.

After repeated complaints, the borough council cordoned off the shelter, which three years ago was restored at a cost of £53,000.

The fencing has been up for at least nine months with no sign of it being removed.

A report to councillors noted: "The rotunda is an open sided structure located at the eastern end of Worthing promenade.

"There is a history of a range of incidents including drug use and litter, street drinking, lewd behaviour, criminal damage, littering, defecation, rough sleeping, drug dealing and disorder arising from

groups gathering and drinking.

"A significant amount of resources has been targeted at resolving the reported issues.

"There are a number of factors that contribute to the current situation at the rotunda.

"The structure itself provides shelter in a location that is away from the town centre.

"There has, in recent years, been intense scrutiny on members of the street community, fuelled by social media and high profile incidents.

"There has also been increased police enforcement, issuing orders to several individuals which does not allow them into the town centre.

"This has led to dispersed groups moving to locations just outside the town centre but still close to shops, amenities and friends living nearby.

"Due to the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, daytime shelter and support has drastically decreased.

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“The day centre is currently by appointment only and the library has closed for refurbishment.

“This leaves no daytime provision for people rough sleeping, leading

to more groups gathering in public.

“The street outreach team has recently secured a town centre location to provide daytime respite and shelter which should reduce▷

did you know?

1922: Worthing Town Council looked to tap into a new water supply at Long Furlong, just north of Clapham, after two years of below average rainfall sparked fears of a drought.

1840: A cricket match was played at Worthing cricket ground, opposite Park Crescent, between “11 gentlemen of this place and 11 of Angmering”.

1891: Following a poor harvest due to bad weather, the Rev CG Coombe, chaplain of the Chapel of Ease (later known as St Paul’s Church) suggested that the Harvest Festival service be cancelled, but parishioners demanded it went ahead.

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1897: It was reported that Captain WHP Hains, captain of the Lalla Rookh, was still alive and well, having risen to become a leading light in the Cunard company. Having gone to sea in 1838, he had sailed the Atlantic no less than 592 times. The Lalla Rookh disaster of 1850 will forever be remembered in Worthing after 11 of the town's fishermen drowned in a ferocious storm going to the assistance of the stricken vessel.

1970: John Stoy, manager of the Eardley Hotel, overlooking Splash Point, said: "Worthing should pull its finger out and make up its mind whether or not it wants to be a holiday resort."

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◁the amount of people spending time on the street.

"This will be operating several days throughout the winter and will then be reviewed.

"Operationally, there is a considerable amount of work undertaken on a daily basis.

"The outreach team visits the location five-six times a week to identify who is sleeping/spending time there, signposts them to services, and discusses the consequences of behaving in an anti-social manner.

"The information gathered by the outreach team is then shared with the housing needs team to identify accommodation pathways for any person who is rough sleeping.

"Where the people identified are not rough sleeping, but are staying in temporary accommodation in the area, the housing needs manager has been liaising with ward councillors

and accommodation providers to discuss opportunities for working together to resolve issues.

"This has been particularly useful with a new provider in the area and helps to reduce community tensions among residents.

"A recent review of communications relating to the issues in the area has identified the need to provide more information to local residents.

"Anything that is clearly litter is cleared in a timely manner.

"People's belongings cannot be cleared without notice and for this reason we are instigating a process which will provide us with a power to remove and store abandoned belongings."

The report added: "The council has also installed CCTV. This will allow the councils to view footage where there has been a report of damage/anti-social behaviour and will be

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key in identifying individuals perpetrating this behaviour.

"It is not designed to be monitored in real time.

"The Adur and Worthing Neighbourhood Policing Team is also aware of the issues and has increased patrols and engagement in the area.

"Environmentally, the long term ambition is to increase shared use of the space and amenities adjacent to the rotunda.

"This has already been instigated with the addition of shared barbecues and the outdoor gym area.

"Increasing pro-social behaviour in an area is known to reduce anti-social behaviour.

"The rotunda and the connected issues remain a priority."

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A CHURCH mentioned in the Domesday Book is being expanded.

Work began in November on St Mary's Church, Broadwater.

The Rev Gaz Daly, rector of St Mary's, said: "By summer 2021 we will have additional toilets, a new, fully equipped kitchen and an extra meeting room.

"We have had permission to move some grave markers.

"All grave positions are logged and human remains will not be disturbed."

The parish did not disclose the cost of the work.

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AN IMPOSING office building which was at the centre of a massive tax scandal is set to become homes.

Columbia House, West Durrington, was the flagship of Japanese car importer Nissan UK.

In June, 1991, taxmen launched a dawn raid on the offices of multi-millionaire Octav Botnar, who ran the operation.▷

1970: A man who wrecked Snob boutique, Montague Street, Worthing's trendiest clothing shop, was jailed for nine months after West Sussex Quarter Sessions heard how he charged a jukebox and butted it with such violence that his head and arms ended up inside the machine.

1975: Fine Fare supermarkets at 12 Cricketers Parade, Broadwater Street West, and 11 Wallace Parade, Goring Road, had on offer 144 Typhoo teabags for 45p, lemonade at 11p a bottle, a family pack of Birds dream topping for 12-and-a-half pence, a bottle of Cinzano Bianco for £1.35 and a large can of Norseman lager for 14-and-a-half pence.

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1906: A man appearing before Worthing Police Court, on being asked whether he was married, replied: "Ah! That is what I should like to know. I have a dim sort of recollection that we were both drunk when we went to the church and the clergyman refused to perform the ceremony, and turned us both out, but my wife says it was finished before he turned us out."

1975: Worthing Borough Council agreed to stage a circus at Brooklands leisure park despite objections about animal acts from the RSPCA. Coun Jeff Brackley said: "Whenever a circus comes to town there is life and colour. It is part of England and gives a lot of pleasure to children and their parents."

A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING



◁Nissan UK was then one of Worthing's major employers at a time when the town flirted with the automobile industry.

Inland Revenue officers removed paperwork in dozens of boxes.

The raid led to two senior executives being jailed for tax fraud, but Botnar fled abroad and

was able to escape the long arm of the law.

Now fencing has gone up around the vandal-plagued site as work starts on converting Columbia House into 114 new flats - ten in two new floors.

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properties would come onto the market in the second half of this year.

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THE Village Store, High Salvington, closed on New Year's Eve and will remain shut for around three/four months while it, and living accommodation above, is refurbished and a new micropub created alongside the shop and Post Office. The pub will be called The Refreshment Room, a title resurrected from the days when a dairy owned the building and sold teas to daytrippers enjoying the fresh Downland air.

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A PLAQUE paying tribute to its saviour has been fixed to the side of Findon Village News.

It states: "In 2017 Peter Goldsworthy led a remarkable campaign to Save Our Shop. Under his determined leadership the

community of Findon came together, raising the funds required to purchase and refurbish this building. Our store is now an essential feature of village life."

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WORTHING FC's Woodside Road ground can hold 4,000 spectators, according to a borough council report.

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AVON Manor Care Home, Manor Road, has opened a safe visitor room so relatives can meet up with residents.

Even with a vaccine now available, Avon Manor said it would be quite some time before anything resembling normal family visits can start again, so the decision was made to provide a safe visiting room, in the form of a pod with sealed partitions, outside the main building.

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did you know?

1976: Dunkirk veteran David Caple, of 36 Orme Road, retired after 42 years as a conductor and driver for Southdown Motor Services.

1897: The 1st Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment, camped at Broadwater, fine-tuned its musketry skills on the Cissbury Hill range, in the shadow of the famous Iron Age hill fort whose ancient defenders used pebbles for slingshots.

1934: In a travelogue called Romantic Spain at the Pier Pavilion, speaker RR May showed slides of a bullfight to the audience, and said that one day soon picadors would enter the arena on motorcycles rather than horses.

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1924: A four-year-old boy was killed when a fire engine on an emergency call collided with a landaulette motor car at the junction of Longfellow Road and Heene Road.

1969: Responding to complaints that not enough local girls were entering the Miss Worthing beauty contest, John Coldwell, of Stanley Road, responded: "I guess the girls either are too shy of showing their figures, or consider themselves superior to such goings-on, which some people unkindly liken to cattle shows."

1942: Leslie Orrom, 20, of 6 South Place, Worthing, survived when a freighter was twice torpedoed in Canadian waters. He was awoken by the first explosion and scrambled into a lifeboat which took eight hours to reach land 20 miles away.

1893: After complaints about the chalkiness of Worthing's drinking water, the Town Council drilled for new sources at the Corporation Waterworks in Upper High Street, but during the work the supply became tainted by sewage, sparking the disastrous typhoid epidemic which claimed around 200 lives.

1947: Chippingdale Cricket Club held its golden jubilee dinner at Bethrays restaurant. The function was attended by the club's oldest member, honorary secretary WJ Blackman, who joined in 1904.

A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING

Barnes Wallis



SENTINEL was fascinated to learn that the parents of legendary wartime bouncing bomb inventor Neville Barnes Wallis lived in Worthing during the 1930s.

Dr and Mrs CG Wallis resided at Regency terrace Park Crescent.

Their son, pictured alongside a Lancaster bomber, must surely have visited.

His experimental four tonne invention was deployed against three German dams in the Rhur Valley on the night of May 16/17, 1943.

Lancasters from 617 "Dambusters" Squadron flew in at low level in a bid to breach the dams and flood factories forming Germany's industrial powerhouse.

The oil drum-shaped bomb span as it left the aircraft and bounced across the water before exploding on impact with its target.

Two dams, the Mohne and the Eder, were destroyed, but the Sorpe remained intact.

Of the 133 RAF aircrew who took part in the mission, 53 died and three were captured.



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1969: There was talk of the old Heene Baths site in Heene Road, which was valued at £125,000, being turned into a sports stadium, ice rink, conference hall, hotel and restaurant.

1992: A football team from the Frog Pond bar, Bath Place, played in front of 61,000 people at Wembley prior to the Charity Shield clash between Leeds and Liverpool. The Worthing boys beat a northern side called Boulevard 4-2 on penalties. The Frog Pond line up was: Paul Bennett, Geoff Ward, Jason Rutherford, Richard Knight, Dave Fallon, Micky Fallon, Adie Cooper, Steve Welman, Steve Pickles, Paul Bennett and Rod Wood. Subs: Alan Dawes, John Prees, Steve Guille, Barry Wells, Peter Mott, Russell Barnard.

1940: When police were called to the Heene Road home of Rubina Reid to point out a blackout offence, she protested: "It is like being under Nazi rule." Magistrates fined her £10 after hearing how she had repeatedly flouted the lighting regulations, which were brought in to stop German aircraft pinpointing the town.

1909: A commentator of the day noted: "Although Worthing and Littlehampton are fewer than a dozen miles apart, the antiquated postal and telegraphic service which serves as a connecting link between the two places keep them as remote from one another as though the entire length of the kingdom divided them."

A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING



WHILE visiting the Gardeners Arms pub in West Street, Sompting, during the summer, Sentinel paused to inspect a neighbouring "secret" walled garden

A medieval-style wooden door facing onto West Street was inscribed with the name Trelawny's Gate.

Peering over the wall, figs and pears grew from untended trees being consumed by undergrowth also overwhelming a derelict greenhouse.

Your correspondent couldn't help thinking what a wonderful community project it would be to restore the orchard to its former glory.

Perhaps it could be turned into a



beer garden for the Gardeners, which lacks such a facility at present.

Trelawny's Gate was named after the famous English poet and adventurer John Trelawny, a friend to fellow Romantic poets Percy Bysshe Shelley and Lord Byron.

Trelawny, who retired to Sompting in the twilight of a remarkable life, joined the Royal Navy as a young man and fought against the French during his teens before quitting at the age of 19.

He later claimed to have deserted to become a pirate in India.

Trelawny moved to Italy and met Shelley and Byron.

He oversaw the funerals of both men after Shelley drowned and Byron died of disease during the Greek War of Independence against the Turks.



Trelawny

PROTECTING OUR MOST VULNERABLE

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenging time for us all and its reach has affected the lives of everyone.

For those in care homes, it has been an especially tough time that has seen major action taken to ensure our community's most vulnerable are protected.

Worthing charity Guild Care operates three local care homes and in this time of crisis has had to adapt to a new, complex way of caring to ensure residents' safety.

Their staff sprang into action at the beginning of the pandemic, implementing robust safety measures. These included regular testing and continuous risk assessments, ensuring their residents got the very best and safest care. Such robust safety measures have allowed Guild Care to still safely accept new admissions today.

The wellbeing of residents is Guild Care's main priority. Therefore, a pandemic wasn't going

to stop residents being able to continue enjoying life in their home safely, including VE Day celebrations, Hallowe'en parties, Christmas festivities, and day-to-day fun.

Haviland House, the charity's specialist dementia care home, even enjoyed a visit from an ice cream van gifted to them from the family of a former couple who lived in the home in their honour.

The residents and staff enjoyed a beautiful day in the garden with a frozen treat.

Guild Care is immensely proud of its staff who stepped up to the plate to help support their care homes in an incredibly difficult time. Their courageous efforts on the frontline helped ensure they could continue to provide the best care to residents.

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1972: Former Mayor Sammy Chapman, the larger than life licensee of the Montague Arms pub, Montague Street, celebrated the loss of seven stones during a diet.

1933: Carl Adolf Seebold, proprietor of the Dome cinema, bought Grafton House at auction for £6,000. The grand seafront property, which contained 12 bedrooms, two dressing rooms, five reception rooms and two bathrooms, was later knocked down to make way for a car park, and subsequently the Grafton multi-storey car park.

1909: More than 300 cadets attached to the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment held their annual summer camp at Offington Park.

1928: People enjoying an after-dark stroll on Worthing promenade were startled by the sudden appearance of a plane performing aerobatics. One onlooker noted: "There were shouts of dismay when the pilot appeared to be crashing into the sea, but he manoeuvred his machine in a wonderful way. The final evolution was quite thrilling, for the unknown pilot lit flares on his machine and flew just over the sea, making a wonderful reflection in the water."

1965: Worthing Hospitals staged their annual Glamour Ball at the Pier Pavilion, with Diana Stephenson, of Withdean Avenue, winning the "most attractive figure" category and Joyce Burton the best hairstyle, a coiffure called a beehive.

A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING

Trelawny survived the war (including an assassination attempt) and saw out his days at Sompting. He died in 1881 at the age of 88.

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A FAMILIAR landmark which towered over the seafront has been dismantled.

The giant yellow crane was one of two which helped build Bayside on the site of the Aquarena, Brighton Road.

The southern crane was taken down first, followed, last month, by its northern sister.

Riggers worked at dizzying heights to attach the arm of the structure to a giant mobile crane which lowered it onto a waiting lorry.

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1960: Permission was granted for the construction of a ten-storey block of flats on the site of Greenyers Nursery, at the junction of Rectory Gardens and Ardsheal Road, overlooking Broadwater Green. It was said to be Broadwater's tallest building.

1913: Four men who went fishing with rod and line off Worthing returned with 287 fish between them.

1919: Walter Paine, of Montague Street, died at the age of 79, leaving a widow, five sons and three daughters. A printer and stationer by trade, he also for a few years published a newspaper called the Worthing Intelligencer.

1900: Captain HJ Carpenter, son of Mr JL Carpenter, of the Steyne Hotel, was serving in the Boer War with the Rhodesia Regiment. After his troop captured a German artilleryman, Carpenter wrote: "There are thousands of Germans fighting against us."

1925: The Broadwater Building Company reported that it had constructed 49 houses in the suburb over the past 16 months, with a further 22 homes going up in St Elmo Road and 21 earmarked for St Anselm's Road.

1951: Duncan Mercer, a Worthing bus conductor for 39 years, having started on horse buses in 1912, died at the age of 64. During the Great War Mr Mercer survived the torpedoing of a ship off the coast of Africa.

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Herald offices

A FORMER newspaper office bought by Worthing Borough Council will be refurbished at a cost of up to £400,000.

Four storey Cannon House, Chatsworth Road, was for almost 30 years the headquarters of the Worthing Herald.

The council planned to use the building as high quality office space for rent.

It also offered a southern access to new homes planned for Union Place.

The council said the number of offices in the town centre had reduced significantly due to properties being turned into flats.

A lack of modern office space resulted in firms moving to other towns.

Councillors were told: "Overall the investment in Cannon House will be £1,782,600.

"The ambition is that the project will help kick start a renaissance in the office sector locally and encourage private sector investment into office refurbishment projects, and new build office developments."

Cannon House was named after a pub that formerly stood on the site.

The pub, built when Chatsworth Road was a Victorian slum called Cook's Row, had giant cannon motifs on its facade.



Cannon pub

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SIXTY solar panels have been installed on the roof of Northbrook MET College in West Durrington.

Meanwhile, a former landfill site north of Brooklands Park has been earmarked for a solar farm to reduce Worthing Borough Council's carbon emissions by up to a third.

It's believed the farm could generate enough electricity for 1,500 homes.

The scheme, earmarked for a site south west of St Paul's Avenue and St Luke's Avenue, Sompting, may cost more than £2.4 million to install.

But according to a borough council report the farm could pay for itself within 17 years.

The council might also install more than £700,000 worth of solar panels on the rooftops of council-owned buildings.

A further £1.75 million could be spent on solar car ports at council car parks, where cars park beneath shelters with solar panels on the roof.

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1970: Worthing woman Barbara Fraser, of Congreve Road, was held at gunpoint by rebels in Benghazi as revolution swept through Libya.

1937: Residents complained about noise from planes being flown by students from Oxford University Air Squadron passing over the town in the early hours. The students, many of whom went on to become Spitfire and Hurricane pilots, were attending summer camp at Ford Aerodrome.

1913: EJ Manuel, of Chios, Heene Road, complained about traffic congestion in Montague Street, stating it was caused by “huge, unattended horse drawn covered carts taking up their position opposite one another in the narrowest part of the street, so that it is quite impossible at certain points for a motor car to pass along between them.”

1949: Councillor AH Gorman called for stricter enforcement of Bylaw 23, which stated: “No person shall ring a bell or sound any gong or blow any trumpet or use any noisy instrument or wantonly and continuously shout on the parade, esplanades, sea shore or beach to the annoyance of any person using such places.”

1924: A large number of interested spectators watched a military tattoo by the massed bands of the Third London Infantry Brigade at Offington Park, where it was camped.

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A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING

SADLY the pandemic means we cannot safely stage The Worthing Journal’s orange and lemon charity flingathon on the beach in early March.

The annual event, held every year since 2005, has raised thousands of pounds for good causes.

It commemorates the 1901 Indiana fruit wreck and 2008 Ice Prince wood wreck.

The Journal will still be marking the anniversaries, but in reduced circumstances so as not to draw a crowd.

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CLAIMS that both Northbrook MET colleges in Worthing could close have been dismissed out of hand.

But there remains a possibility that either the West Durrington or Broadwater site could be sold off.

Worthing’s Labour councillors said they were “extremely concerned about the possible closure of the old Northbrook College sites in Worthing”.

Councillors said the future of the sites, now a part of Greater Brighton Metropolitan College, was being assessed by further education commissioners.

They had a report which suggested that two Worthing campuses could be sold to balance the books.

But Labour’s claims were refuted by college leaders. A spokesman said they were “factually incorrect and extremely misleading”.

She added: “Whilst the FE Commissioner has indeed recommended that GB MET looks to review its estate, no decisions have been made. The suggestion that we will be selling our two Worthing sites is not true.

“To be clear, the FEC has recommended that the college reduces from five to four sites as part of overall cost saving measures. Before any decisions are made, we will be conducting a feasibility



study.”

She said the study would be finished by September when interested parties would be consulted.

City College Brighton merged with Northbrook College in 2017 to form Greater Brighton Metropolitan College.

• Worthing Borough Council will face many questions and serious scrutiny if even one Worthing site closes.

Last year it loaned GBMC £5 million to improve student facilities - in Brighton!

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TK MAXX department store, in the Montague Quarter, refers to customers as “treasure seekers”.

...

LINDA and Derek White, who were both born, brought up and married in Worthing, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Boxing Day.

Their original plans had included re-taking their vows in Christ Church, where they married in 1960, but this was curtailed by the pandemic.

They met when Linda replied to a letter in a national newspaper asking for penpals for sailors who were on long tours of duty overseas.

Linda and Derek, avid readers of The Journal, now live in Wiltshire.



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1951: A 55-year-old labourer who fatally stabbed his landlady in Kingsland Road, Broadwater, was sentenced to hang at Sussex Assizes by Mr Justice Parker who donned a black cap to deliver the death penalty.

1924: The National Trust appealed for £1,000 so it could purchase for the public 78 acres of land forming Cissbury Ring. The total cost of the Iron Age hill fort, part of the Warren Estate, was £2,000. A Trust spokesman said: "Unless the balance is forthcoming in the immediate future there is a possibility that Cissbury Ring may be lost forever."

1924: The Bishop of Stepney, addressing a meeting at Edenhurst, Belsize Road, criticised the public perception of London's East End as a vice den. He said the average East Londoner was a very cheerful fellow, with an extraordinary sense of humour, far more so than West Londoners.

1924: A correspondent who signed himself "An Admirer of Worthing", wrote: "It is a thousand pities that the children are allowed in the public gardens to the discomfort and annoyance of people who frequent the gardens for peace and quiet. The noise they make, and their rough, untidy, not to say dirty appearance, are a drawback to the beauty and quiet of the gardens. The screams and yells of the children are most objectionable."

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A WRY LOOK AT WORTHING



A VETERAN firefighter who helped save lives following earthquakes in Indonesia, Nepal and Japan has retired.

Joe Sacco spent almost 30 years with West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service.

He joined as a retained firefighter in 1991 and enjoyed it so much went full time, based at Worthing.

Mr Sacco volunteered for the International Search and Rescue team which took him to countries devastated by earthquakes.

But it was responding to an incident on West Sussex soil that had the most profound impact.

He said: "As much as being part of those international rescue missions left their mark, it was attending the Shoreham Airshow disaster in 2015 that proved to be the most challenging.

"This was an incident on home soil, affecting people in communities I had grown up in and served in."

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DID John Lennon ever visit Worthing?

We will never know for sure, but the chances are he probably did.

Privately, away from the prying eyes of the Press, after becoming very close to singer Alma Cogan, whose family lived in Lansdowne

Road.

John reportedly adored Alma and was "inconsolable" when she died of ovarian cancer in 1966 at the age of 34.

Who knows what might have happened had she lived?

We may never have heard of Yoko Ono.

A new book called *Who Killed John Lennon?* by Lesley Ann-Jones refers to the close relationship between John and Alma.

John's wife, Cynthia, believed Alma was the true love of his life even though she was eight years older.

Entertainer Lionel Blair unveiled in 2017 a plaque to Alma at her former West Worthing home.

The world last month commemorated the 40th anniversary of the death of Lennon, who was shot dead in New York.



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DOMES CINEMA

It's been a truly torrid year for Worthing's iconic Dome cinema. After a stunningly successful 2019, the town's only independent picture house was hit hard by the pandemic and associated lockdowns.

Customers remain faithful - and frustrated - for access has been limited and new films few and far between.

But 2021 promises to be much more positive, for the Dome is celebrating its centenary as a big screen cinema.

The Dome was opened by theatre impresario Carl Adolf Seebold in 1911.

In those early days films were shown in a smaller annexe.

The main auditorium, originally called the Coronation Hall, was a roller-skating rink, dance hall and public meeting place.

In 1913 suffragettes staged a rally at the Dome which almost turned into a riot as agitators roughed up



the police.

After the Great War Mr Seebold, a great innovator, saw a big future for silent films.

The first movie to be screened after conversion of the Coronation Hall was Pollyanna,

starring Mary Pickford.

They were golden years for the Dome, but the seafront venue faced major competition in the 1930s when the Odeon super cinema opened in Liverpool Road.



BIG SCREEN CENTENARY



Decades, styles, tastes and fashions came and went, and by the 1970s/1980s, with the advent of colour TV and then video cassettes which could be hired from the corner shop, the Dome went into what seemed terminal decline.

The venue fell into a serious state of dilapidation, and was known as the local “flepfit”.

Seldom a month seemed to pass without another costly structural problem being discovered.

Worthing Borough Council, faced by ever-increasing repair and maintenance bills it could ill afford, wanted to demolish the historic landmark to make way for the redevelopment of Warwick Street South, including a new Debenhams superstore.

The multi-million pound scheme was shelved after a massive backlash from residents who looked upon the Dome, and all its faults, with great fondness.

The successful Save the Dome campaign proved to be one of Worthing’s 20th century watershed moments.

Activists were greatly assisted by the hit movie *Wish You Were Here*, which was partly filmed in

the cinema.

The Dome and its plight was suddenly in the international spotlight, attracting support from famous stars such as Michael Caine, and the council backed down.

The cinema was subsequently sold to a trust for a nominal sum and, after major restoration, has thrived ever since.

It does not rely on taxpayers’ cash to operate successfully.

However, there is no escaping the fact that the pandemic was a massive setback.

So we must all rally round the Dome in the next 12 months, for it is as much a part of Worthing’s psyche as the pier!

The following is taken from a contemporary account, published a century ago, of the Coronation Hall’s conversion into a 1,000-seat picture house, described at the time as “the coolest, best ventilated and most luxurious cinema in Worthing”.

With characteristic and conspicuous success, Mr C Adolf Seebold has transformed the

former skating rink at the Dome into a most luxurious and handsomely appointed cinema.

The galleries on either side have been retained, offering facilities for the serving of teas, and boxes have been provided at the southern end, on either side of the operating box.

There is an excellent rake to the floor, so that a clear view of the screen can be obtained from all parts of the house, which provides seating accommodation for between 900 and 1,000 people.

A strikingly handsome scheme of decoration has been carried out, oak panelling having been lavishly employed on the walls.

A new ceiling has been provided, with two large domes in the centre, to furnish ventilation, while air currents also find their way into the building through smaller domes.

From the larger domes elaborate chandeliers are suspended.

In the general scheme of decoration a pretty shade of blue has been adopted, and some novel lighting effects have been introduced, both in the lounge▷



Carl Adolf Seebold

DOME CINEMA

land in the main building.

The seating arrangements are also worthy of special commendation. Tip-up chairs, in royal blue corduroy velveteen, are most comfortably constructed, and the convenience of their occupants will presently be added to by the provision of foot rests.

A projector of the latest and most expensive type, which has the merit of showing the pictures without flickering, has been installed in the stone operating box in the balcony at the south end of the building.

Mr Seebold has made special arrangements for the musical accompaniment, a well-balanced orchestra of six performers having been engaged, with Miss Lola Barry-Dennis in the position of musical director.

This comprehensive scheme, which does credit to the enterprise



Mrs Chapman



Mary Pickford

of the originator, is said to have involved an outlay of fully £8,000.

The Mayor (Alderman Mrs Chapman JP) showed her appreciation of the undertaking by attending on Monday afternoon to formally declare the

building open.

On her arrival at the cinema the Mayor was received by Mr Seebold, whose younger daughter, Miss Sonia Seebold, presented her with a choice bouquet.

Escorted by Mr Seebold, the

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Mayor then made her way to the front of the house, and standing in front of the orchestra, made a brief speech.

Her worship declared that she was very glad to be there that afternoon for two reasons.

First, because she thought this new picture house was going to be a great asset to the town, where we did all in our power to cater for our many visitors.

In the second place she wished to express her thanks to Mr Seebold for adding that building to the other attractions which we offered to visitors (applause).

Mr Seebold catered a great deal for our amusement, and in a most satisfactory way (applause) and she thought he had put the top on what he had hitherto done by that beautiful building.

It was quite new to her, but she could see it was going to be quite the very best cinema on the South Coast (applause).

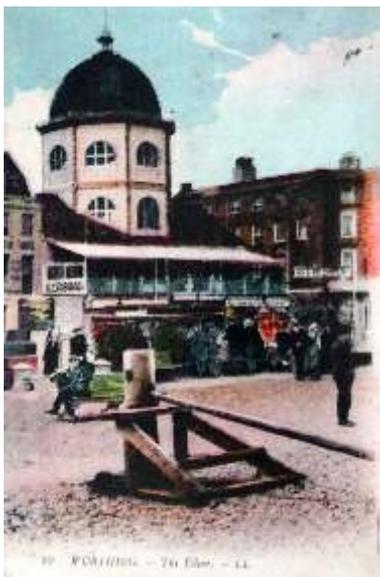
She sincerely hoped it would be very well patronised, both by residents and visitors, and that Mr Seebold would be rewarded for the spirit and the energy he had displayed in giving this beautiful building to the town of Worthing.

She hoped it was going to be a very great success, and if those who were there that afternoon would bring their friends they would help to make the thing one of Worthing's great successes (loud applause).

In thanking the Mayor for having so kindly come to declare the new cinema open, Mr Seebold said he hoped that by giving the best pictures and good music, with civility on the part of his attendants, he would induce the public to patronise the place (applause).

Everything would be done for the comfort and amusement of those who attended.

The orchestra played the National Anthem, the audience standing, and



the pictorial display was then proceeded with.

Its chief feature was a Mary Pickford film, "Pollyanna", not hitherto seen here, supplemented, among others, by the sporting picture, "The Race of the Age", and, judging from the attendance on this the inaugural occasion, the Dome cinema is going to enjoy a career of great prosperity and popularity.



- What are your memories of the Dome? Email editor@worthingjournal.co.uk or write to 91 Alinora Crescent, Worthing, BN12 4HH.

Worthing Society



The Worthing Society wishes our members and readers all the very best for the New Year. We hope it won't be too long before we can resume our quarterly members' meetings and heritage talks for local community groups.

Currently we are developing a presentation celebrating the bicentenary of Beach House charting the history of this Regency villa, which dates from 1820.

The New Year will also bring forward significant planning applications.

These are likely to include the building designs for Union Place, redevelopment of the former gas works site in Lyndhurst Road, and the Grafton multi-storey car park. Our committee will make every effort to ensure that close attention is given to high quality design and scale, complementing the seaside character of Worthing.

Providing new homes is of course important but in our view new plans must be sensitive to the local area.

The application for a development at Goring Gap North is likely to be heard in the early New Year. We have made a strong objection and will be speaking at the planning meeting to protect this historic green space.

We are only as strong as our membership so thank you for your support. New members of all ages are very welcome.

Sue Belton
Chairman

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The year 2021 has landed and now the COVID-19 vaccination programme is well underway, enabling us to safely start getting back our lives.

If you're one of the many who were unable to make an appointment to arrange your Will or Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) due to isolating last year then hopefully the introduction of the vaccine will give you the freedom to get your affairs in order.

Last year highlighted to many the importance of having both a registered property and finance and health and welfare LPA in place. I'm sure many of you can remember Ylenia Angeli who was arrested for trying to remove her mum from a care home to go and stay with her during the pandemic.

If a registered health and welfare LPA had been in place the whole sorry saga could have been entirely avoided.

We have all heard about Kate Garraway's poor husband Derek being left incapacitated by COVID-19. With no property and finance LPA in place Kate was left entirely on the back foot when their car was stolen as the insurance was in Derek's name and the provider was not obligated to discuss anything with Kate despite her being Derek's wife. These are just two of the highly publicised examples where having an LPA in place would have completely removed the hurdles that were faced and, frustratingly, I have heard many more examples of people coming unstuck due to being under prepared.

Every day my inbox is filled with emails from Will search companies looking to find if someone who has



Emma Wells

died has left a Will.

Time and time again they find that the deceased died intestate (without a Will) leaving family in a difficult and entirely avoidable situation.

Having even a simple valid Will in place is better than nothing. Many of my clients have been prompted into arranging their Will as they have been on the receiving end of trying to tie up an estate where there was no Will left. Having experienced the mess that this can cause they quite rightly want to avoid putting their family in that

situation when they themselves die.

For more information on either Wills or Lasting Power of Attorney, or to make an appointment including home visits please contact me on 01903 821010 or send an email to emma.wells@nsure.co.uk



LOCKDOWN DIARY 2

Worthing came out of Lockdown 2 and was immediately plunged into Tier 2 despite having the lowest infection rate in Sussex and Kent.

This sparked widespread dismay among businesses - especially pubs, which rely on a good December to see them through the dark days of January and February.

Many are now predicting a very bleak 2021 for the high street. Here, The Journal completes its Lockdown 2 diary and chronicles the rollercoaster run up to Christmas.

NOVEMBER 17

Scientists say they have developed a second vaccine with a 95 per cent success rate! It cannot come soon enough.

According to Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, there were 28 COVID-19 patients being cared for in Worthing Hospital and St Richard's Hospital, Chichester, including four in intensive care. Ten were being treated at Worthing and 18 at St Richard's.

NOVEMBER 18

People increasingly nervous and agitated by fears that lockdown could be extended, or at least personal freedom severely restricted by the Government's Tier system, in the run up to Christmas.

NOVEMBER 19

ANCEDOTAL admittedly, but speaking to a local stonemason, he's seldom been busier engraving memorials, some COVID-related, but also covering a range of other conditions such as cancer and strokes, and, as a grim addendum, suicides.



Prime Minister Boris Johnson portrayed as The Grinch at the Gun Inn, Findon

NOVEMBER 20

First frost of winter, succeeded, in the early afternoon, by fine drizzle.

Worthing has the lowest COVID infection rate in Sussex and Kent, at 87.7 per 100,000 people - eight per cent lower than Lewes, which is hovering on 95 per 100,000.

NHS branded cabins being installed in the civic car park, Stoke Abbott Road, reportedly for a mass testing hub, but, quite feasibly, in due course, a vaccination centre.

NOVEMBER 21

What a contrast between Worthing's small independent shops - closed by Government diktat for the duration, and larger shops with long queues outside.

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NOVEMBER 22

Dull, overcast, very mild day. Promenade busy, with queues for tea and coffee at various concessions. One, opposite Steyne Gardens, proving especially popular, its fairy lights powered by a generator on the beach creating a pretty spectacle which lifts flagging spirits.

NOVEMBER 23

More cabins craned into position at the Stoke Abbott Road testing centre, creating a compound surrounded by security fences dotted with warning signs stating: "No photographs or filming." Another group of scientists, based in Oxford, unveil a third vaccine said to be 70-90 per cent effective depending, to an extent, on dosage.

HOPES PINNED ON VACCINES

Prime Minister Boris Johnson announces that a tougher tier system will be introduced after Lockdown 2 ends on December 2, but adds as a sweetener that tiers “should be obsolete” by next March.

Mr Johnson said: “We have turned a corner and the escape route is in sight.”

Adur and Worthing Councils have another Government windfall of almost £10 million to distribute among businesses.

NOVEMBER 24

New walk-through coronavirus testing facility for people with symptoms opens in Stoke Abbott Road.

An NHS spokesman said: “Testing is only available for those with coronavirus symptoms - a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste.

“Those being tested will be required to follow public health measures, including social distancing, not travelling by taxi or public transport, practising good personal hygiene and wearing a face covering throughout, including while travelling to and from the testing centre.

NOVEMBER 25

COVID claims 696 victims over the past 24 hours. Queue in the morning at new testing centre but soon tails off.

NOVEMBER 26

Worthing and Shoreham will go into Tier 2 on December 2, having gone into Lockdown in Tier 1.

This backward step has caused a great deal of consternation, with critics pointing out that Worthing has the lowest infection rate in

Sussex and Kent!

Tim Loughton, MP for East Worthing and Shoreham, writes: “I am very disappointed that Adur and Worthing have been placed in Tier 2 despite having some of the lowest COVID rates in the country.

“I want to see the clinical and economic data and assessment that led to the decision and if it is not convincing then I will not be voting for it.”

Sir Peter Bottomley, MP for Worthing West, appears to give Tier 2 his tacit approval.

He writes: “From the 2nd of December, West Sussex will exit the national lockdown and enter Tier 2, ‘HighAlert’.

“These tiers are strengthened compared to the previous tiers earlier in the year in order to prevent a return to growing infections.

“In Tier 2, more stringent regulations are in place to ensure the direction of infection rates decreases.

“Our area will be reassessed following two weeks. We can share in hope that rates will drop sufficiently for us to enter Tier 1, ‘MediumAlert’.”

Government announces 498 deaths in past 24 hours.

The public mood not helped by a very gloomy, drizzly day, with the town blanketed by a duvet of low grey cloud. A miserable nonentity of a day where people go about their business with steps as heavy as their hearts.

Alan Walker, landlord of the Cricketers pub, Broadwater, responds to Tier 2 ruling.

He writes: “They have got to be kidding. The Government is on the cusp of doing something that even Hitler couldn’t achieve, and that is to kill off a major part of our society - the local pub.”

Worthing’s infection rate reportedly drops to 68 per 100,000.

NOVEMBER 27

Sir Peter Bottomley, MP for Worthing West, coming under increasing pressure from disgruntled, and dismayed, publicans.

Emily Chatterton, landlady of the John Selden pub, Half Moon Lane, states: “Our industry is on its knees.

“After months of adapting to▷



Coronavirus testing centre, Stoke Abbott Road

LOCKDOWN DIARY 2

◁ Changing Government guidance, the dim light that we could see at the end of the tunnel has been extinguished by a policy which seems designed to put an end to our businesses.

“Pubs like ours have invested our reserves and are now running on empty. We have gone above and beyond what’s been asked of us in creating a COVID secure space.

“It’s unfair to now impose tougher restrictions on us that go against the evidence - research which shows that fewer than one per cent of transmissions have occurred in pubs.

“Now we face the real possibility that many pubs will be forced to close for good, removing a cornerstone of local communities across the country.”

She called on Sir Peter to urgently lobby the Government to:

Allow household mixing in pubs in Tier 2 - either using the Rule of Four as in Wales, reinstating the Rule of Six, or simply allowing two households to mix.

Allow drinks to be served in Tier 2 without a substantial meal - otherwise these restrictions will serve as the death knell for thousands of wet-led (mainly drinking) pubs.

Provide further and much needed financial support and grants for our sector.



Mrs Chatterton added: “Without these straightforward changes, thousands of pubs may never open their doors again.

“The Government has moved to a position where we are being discriminated against. It feels like we are an industry being singled out for punishment.

“How can it be right that all non-essential retail can be deemed safe when customers will be in close proximity, but the COVID secure environment of pubs like ours is suddenly deemed unsafe?

“Our customers were even encouraged to Eat Out to Help Out. Suddenly this has all been turned on its head. The hospitality industry has already lost 660,000 members of staff and the Government needs to take swift action to protect the jobs in pubs that remain - including the jobs that I have so far protected in my pub.

“Ninety per cent of pubs placed under the new Tier 2 and Tier 3 restrictions will operate at a loss, leading to financial ruin without support.”

Alan Walker, landlord of the Cricketers, Broadwater, writes: “What to do?

Option 1 - stay closed, save on energy bills and staffing costs; get a job.

Option 2 - only open up at weekends.

Option 3 - just open up.

“Before you choose, remember that you can only sit one family plus bubble at each table; you must have something substantial to eat if you want alcohol, and the time drinking after eating should be proportionate to the time taken to eat your meal.

“Will I get enough customers in to make it worthwhile?

“This is a question many other Tier 2 publicans just like me are asking.

“It feels like we are caught between the Devil and the Bright Blue Sea.”

The New Amsterdam decides not to reopen on December 2, issuing the following statement: “We are devastated to announce that, due to the Tier 2 guidelines, we will not be opening next week.

“As a drinks-led pub (80%), with a tiny kitchen, it is beyond our capabilities to operate as a restaurant and we wouldn’t want to do our loyal customers a disservice.

“We will therefore use this time to complete some much needed improvements to the pub. By doing this work now we are avoiding closing next year

“We would like to thank all our lovely customers for your continued support over the last year. It’s been tough, but there have been many moments that have made it worth the struggle.”

Care for Veterans, Boundary Road, unveils a “COVID-safe visitor pod” in time for Christmas. This will enable disabled residents to have visitors over the festive period.

The weatherproof unit, which has heating, lighting and a hands-free communications system, was donated by SafeTime Pod, a new not-for-profit start-up company.

It was decorated by a Brighton street artist to make the exterior look like a thatched cottage and the interior a countryside scene.

Charity chief executive Andy Neaves said: “We have had to prioritise the safety of our residents and sadly this has meant restrictions on visitors.

“Currently, our residents are limited to virtual visits with loved ones or window visits through a closed window, which can be hard for those who already experience difficulties with communication.

“The new pod will allow one or

two visitors (two from the same household) to sit in a lit, heated pod with a communication system that makes hearing easy and above all is completely safe with no fear of virus transmission.

“The visitors also won’t need to wear a mask, which helps communication. The resident is the other side of the glass, so they can see and hear their visitors clearly.

“This pod is a real game-changer for residents, who have struggled for many months from the lack of contact with friends and families.

“We are extremely grateful to SafeTime Pod for this generous donation.”

NOVEMBER 28

It’s 2pm and 13 degrees - T shirt weather!

Another publican joins the growing chorus protesting at the Government condemning Worthing to Tier 2.

Gary Harrison, landlord of the Vine, High Street, Tarring, writes: “We were told hospitality could open on December 3 in time for Christmas.

“Everyone was geared up ready, but once again the goal posts were moved and we stay closed.

“The only places closed are pubs as usual.

“The R rate under one. Just coming out of a month’s lockdown and pubs punished again for no reason.

“Most high streets are normal as is traffic on the roads.

“The figures given are out of date and a review should be done weekly.

“So disappointing and financially decimating for small businesses.”

Linda Shiel, landlady of the George and Dragon, also in Tarring High Street, writes: “After weighing everything up,

with the current situation and the limited space we have, we are very sad to say that we will be unable to open our doors at this present time.”

Mrs Chatterton writes to Sir Peter Bottomley for a second time, stating: “The Tier 2 restrictions that are being suggested for pubs to reopen under are simply unsustainable, completely unnecessary and must be relaxed. “We run a traditional village-style establishment that has operated for 200 years.

“Since reopening my pub on July 4 the safety sanctions and cleaning routine that we have put in place have been of colossal cost at a financially fragile time anyway, but we happily invested in these undertakings for a COVID secure environment and to gain the confidence back from customers to visit us once again.

“Now we are expected to abide by further and unnecessary restrictions. The ridiculous notion that forcing people to eat a “substantial meal” whilst enjoying a drink will only succeed in two things - stopping customers from returning altogether, or, a great deal of waste as meals will be ordered that aren’t wanted, all at further cost to us as a business in catering staff.

“Not allowing the Rule of Six and stopping household mixing will further cripple an already decreased revenue that could render it impossible for us to trade and close for good.

“By destroying this great British institution, this age-old cornerstone of the community, the Government is not only putting hardworking people like myself out of business but you are taking people’s jobs and livelihoods. “Why are pubs being punished when there is no evidence to suggest we are the problem?

“We now seem to be singled out and persecuted unjustifiably.”

NOVEMBER 29

Government attempting to stave off a mass revolt by Tory rebel MPs angered by the Tier system, which many have branded grossly unfair because low infection areas such as Worthing have been lumped in with coronavirus hotspots.

NOVEMBER 30

The Cricketers, Broadwater, decides to open.

Landlord Alan Walker writes: “We will be introducing our ‘Boris Buster’ menu which is full of ‘substantial’ meals for you to enjoy.

“I know these restrictions and rules are a real pain, but please help us by adhering to them at all times and do not take it out on staff; it’s not their fault.”

The Brookstead micropub, South Farm Road, writes: “We have decided to open following all of the Government’s latest rules.

“We have entered into an agreement with Le Deli to provide the bulk of our food, but we are also teaming up with New Thai Spice, The Pantry Bakery, Villaggio Pizza and Jordans Café, all of which will be working to help us to offer substantial meals.

“We have made our front garden more winter friendly. It is now covered and heated. We have rearranged the back garden - again - and installed heaters there as well. This is because many people have been showing interest in being seated outside in order to be able to mix with more than one household.

“We have created a new seating area inside as well to make better use of the space we have.▷

LOCKDOWN DIARY 2

◁So as from Thursday, December 3, we will reopen with the following rules in place:

“You will need to book a table as spaces are limited and the idea of walk ins is becoming less and less possible.

“All customers must order food if they are ordering alcohol. **YOU MUST ORDER FOOD WITH YOUR FIRST ROUND.** This can now be pre-ordered up to a week in advance on our online ordering system.

“We cannot serve you just alcohol so please don’t ask. Soft drinks can be consumed without food.

“You **CANNOT** bring in your own food. It all has to go through our ordering system. Once you have finished your meal you cannot hang around for extra drinks. Our booking sessions will last for 2.5 hours to make sure there is time to eat and drink.

“Only one household may be seated together indoors. Outdoors several households may mix but still following the Rule of Six.

“Please remain seated, please wear a mask when you are not seated, and please make use of the hand gel that is all around the pub and on each table.

“While this might seem like a lot to deal with, we are still here to help and to make your experience pleasant and enjoyable.

“All wet-led pubs, including many of our friends, have been put in a very difficult position this December. Each pub has made the decision that is right for them.

“Please do remember that any decisions have been very difficult for them to make. Your support will mean more than ever this December.”

Worthing now down to 28 cases per 100,000 - the lowest in England, and on a par with the Isle of Wight, which has been placed in Tier 1.

DECEMBER 1

Despite a Tory backbench rebellion, the new Tier system is voted through.

Leading dissenter Tim Loughton, MP for East Worthing and Shoreham, states: “We need to have logical, consistent, proportionate and fair regulations for people to have the confidence to follow them. These are not.”

He pointed out during the Parliamentary debate that Worthing had just four COVID cases in its hospital, half the number of a week ago.

Pubs are offered £40 million to soften the blow.

Sir Peter Bottomley writes: “With other MPs, I successfully asked that the Prime Minister reconsider the banning of pubs from selling takeaway alcohol ahead of the beginning of this most recent lockdown.

“This has provided some reassurance and security to the hospitality sector.

“Our locals have been able to go on trading even whilst receiving support from the Government.

“Pubs and bars are facing increasing uncertainty. It is critical that this Government provides the necessary support to keep our locals open, especially whilst facing Tier 2 restrictions.

“I continue to listen to local publicans and owners and commit to maintaining pressure on the Government to offer more support.”

Publicans would much prefer him to back their calls for a more just Tier 1 rating!

Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust reports: “We are currently caring for 25 (COVID) patients across our hospitals.

“We have cared for 516 COVID patients this year.”

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DECEMBER 2

The end of Lockdown 2. The lights back on at seafront bars, a most welcome and reassuring sight even if the Government has made life very difficult for the licensing trade.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson announces that vaccinations will start next week.

DECEMBER 3

Official death toll tops 60,000 as first vaccine doses arrive in UK from Belgium, with roll out ready to begin next week.

DECEMBER 8 V-DAY

A 90-year-old grandmother becomes the first person in the world (excluding those who took part in trials) to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 jab as mass vaccination of Britons begins.

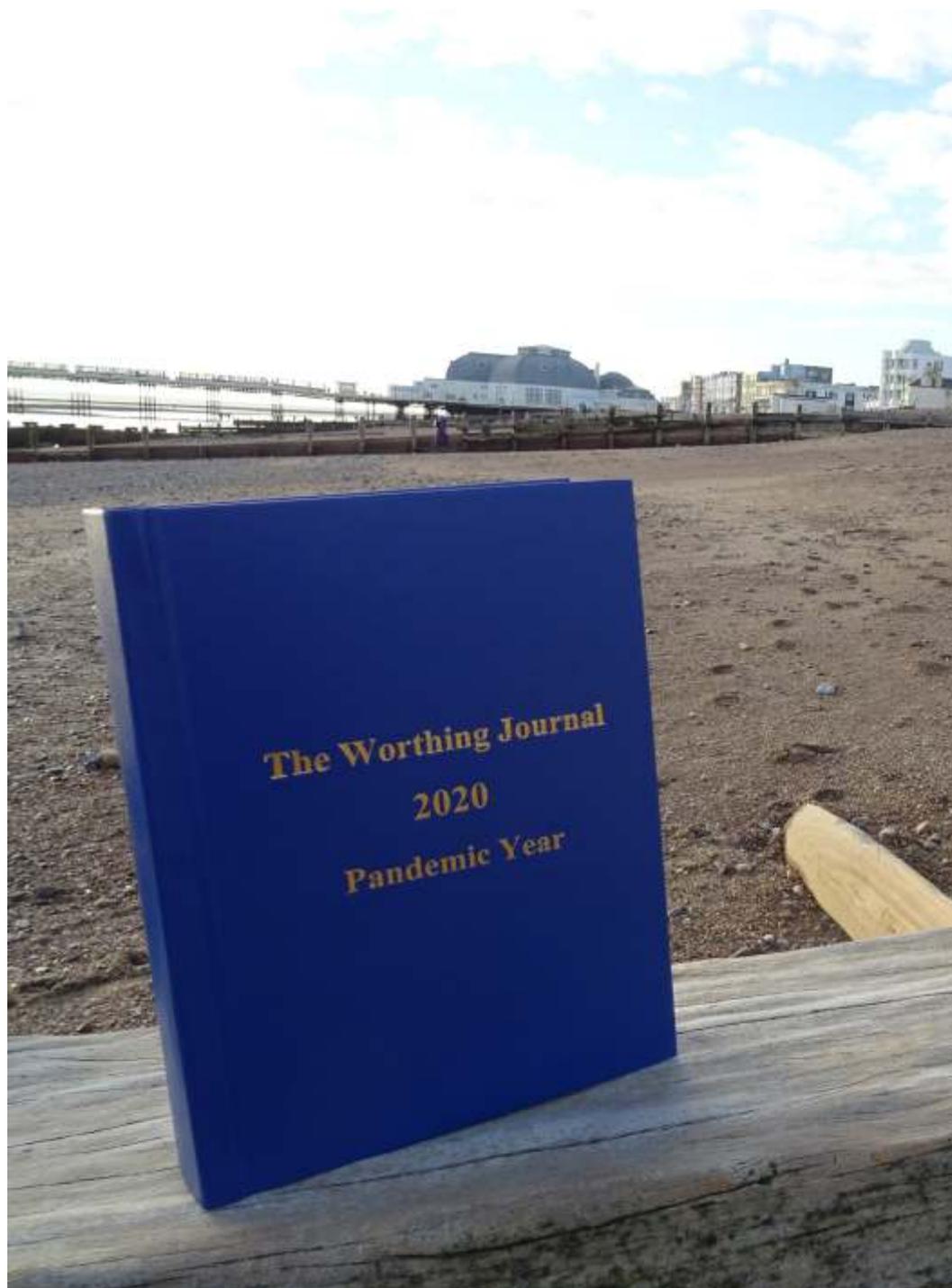
Margaret Keenan was given the injection in Coventry at 6.31am, a truly historic moment.

The beginning of the end? We shall have to wait and see.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock, who has been under incredible pressure and scrutiny, cries with relief and joy on national TV.

Those sunlit uplands that Prime Minister Boris Johnson referred to in the dark days of the pandemic appear to be on the horizon.

So ends our Lockdown 2 diary, the most detailed account of what Worthing went through during Pandemic Year. We sincerely hope and pray there will not be a third wave. Our coverage of the COVID crisis will continue, but not in diary format, unless we are, heaven forbid, locked down for a third time!



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NOORI'S CURRY HOUSE, BROADWATER

Noori's curry house has undergone a makeover both inside and out to give it a modern, contemporary feel. And judging by the number of customers it had on the Friday night when representatives of The Worthing Journal visited, the new look is proving very popular. However, all restaurants are primarily judged on their food.

Our delegated diners enjoyed a lovely evening where the service was judged to be excellent - fast, efficient and friendly!

One enjoyed a tamarind chicken curry, cooked in red wine, onions and peppers, off the specials list.



It was slightly sweet but very pleasant, with a sauce that tingled the tastebuds, especially when a garlic nan was dipped in.

The other chose a more traditional chicken tikka masala which was deemed

delicious.

Noori's, the only curry house in Broadwater, also does a brisk takeaway trade. Well worth a visit, or a call.

• (Photo taken prior to opening).



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ROMAN WORTHING

WE know that Worthing was a popular spot for Roman settlement.

Evidence of occupation, from coin hoards to burials, has been discovered all over town.

The Journal published an extensive feature on our Roman heritage in 2018.

But just beyond the fringes of the borough, on the western slope of Highdown Hill, lies perhaps the most intriguing evidence of all, waiting to be rediscovered.

Dr Sally White, former curator of Worthing Museum and Art Gallery, refers to it in her book *Worthing Past*.

She wrote: “Traces of Roman occupation have been found on various parts of Highdown Hill, but the most exciting and important discovery was made on the western slopes in the summer of 1936.”

Worthing Archaeological Society subsequently launched over the following two years an investigation of the site which revealed wonderful things.

But the dig was brought to a premature halt by the advent of the Second World War and, around 80 years later, awaits further exploration.

Yet few people walking their dogs over Highdown have a clue as to what lies beneath their feet.

Archaeologists were thrilled to unearth a Roman bath house in remarkable condition judging by the photograph which shows piles of tiles that helped form the under-floor heating system or hypocaust.

Dr White wrote: “What the excavators thought was a small farm turned out to be a bath house. “The cold room, two hot rooms and furnaces were excavated.

“The walls had been plastered and pieces of mosaic floor and window glass were found.



Edwardians holding Roman funeral urn on site of museum



Roman bath house at Highdown

“Pieces of datable pottery and a few coins suggest that the bath house was built in the late 1st Century and went out of use in the late 3rd Century.”

So it’s quite possible that more wonderful things are waiting to be found!

Dr White said: “Since it is most unlikely that the bath house stood by itself on the Downs, there must have been a villa there too, which is still waiting to be uncovered.”

Sadly the site was filled in, and has remained largely forgotten for decades.

Those who took part in the original excavations have joined our Roman ancestors in the Elysian Fields.

Perhaps their 21st century successors might wish to resume the dig.

It would be the perfect post-pandemic project, arousing great interest among people wishing to find out more about their Roman roots.

Is there anybody among the ranks of Worthing Archaeological Society who might wish to take this up?

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The people who lived on the western slope of Highdown Hill were near neighbours of a family who built a villa and bath house on the site of Northbrook MET college.

Evidence of Roman settlement at

ROMAN WORTHING



What lies beneath the site of the new health hub, pictured, planned for the civic car park in Stoke Abbott Road?

the junction of Littlehampton Road and Titnore Lane was discovered during the 1980s. The bath house was separated from the villa by a farmyard. The settlement now lies beneath the main college buildings. To the west, similar remains were

discovered at Angmering. The Romans chose sites close to fresh water - a spring line at the foot of the Downs. The remains of yet another Roman settlement were unearthed on the site of Worthing Museum and Art Gallery and

Town Hall in the early 20th century.

This suggests more relics may be found when workmen start digging the foundations of a new health hub on the civic car park in nearby Stoke Abbott Road.

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LET'S LOOK AGAIN

One of Worthing's most intriguing discoveries was that of



a limestone bust depicting a young boy sporting a classic Roman haircut and toga.

It was found in the early 20th century, but, to the immense frustration of historians, the location wasn't recorded.

So somewhere in Worthing, beneath suburbia, there might be another Roman villa waiting to be unearthed.

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WORTHING LIDO

THE future of Worthing Lido hangs in the balance after engineers cast doubt over the safety of supporting ironwork corroded by almost a century of exposure to sea, salt and storms.

Worthing Borough Council pledged that the Lido would be preserved, but the cost of saving the bandstand, built in 1925, was not yet known.

The council said engineers had found “significant issues” with the Grade II listed landmark’s substructure due to “decades of constant exposure to seaside conditions” which had caused “widespread deterioration”.

A council spokesman said: “Recent assessments by an independent consultant has highlighted issues with the condition of the suspended substructure which overhangs the beach.

“To prevent further decline, a detailed schedule of repair works could be required which may result in parts of the Lido being temporarily closed.

“This will depend on the findings of further detailed surveys.

“The council is working with the Lido’s tenant to ensure that as much of the current offer as possible can continue trading in the immediate future.”

Coun Kevin Jenkins, the council’s executive member for regeneration said: “Our first priority is to protect the structure of the Lido and ensure public safety, while entering into open and honest discussions with the current tenant and other key stakeholders so that we can develop a viable short-term solution which supports their livelihoods.

“It’s only right that we look at all of our options for the site moving forward.”

The Lido was originally built as a bandstand but in the 1950s was



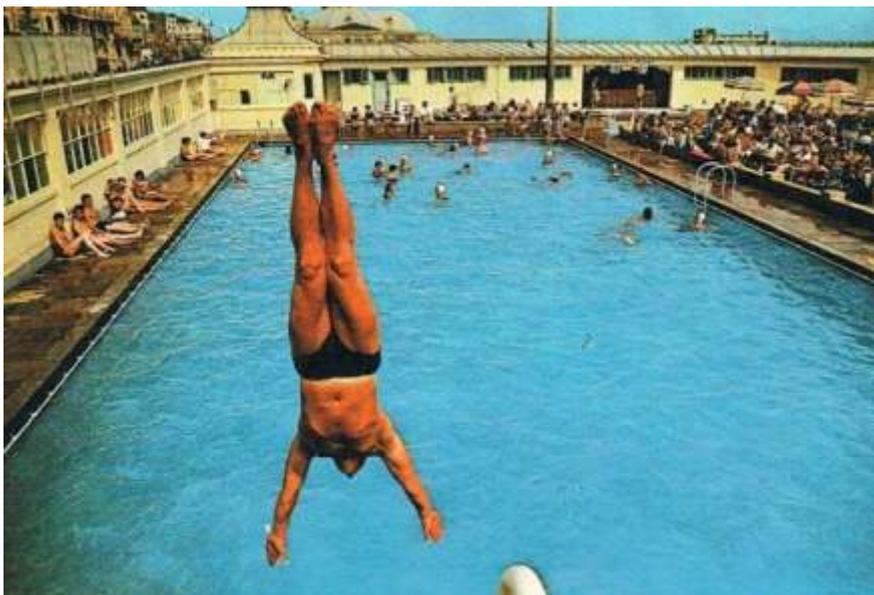
CONCERNS OVER SAFETY

converted into an open air swimming pool before becoming a family entertainments centre.

Lido tenant Martin Barrett said: "Both myself and the council share the view that safety is the top priority and as such in order to keep customers, members of the public and the building safe, mitigation measures are in place to achieve this.

"At some point this will include closure of the walkway around the perimeter of the building."

He said rides on the east and west side of the concourse would for the time being be moved north



nearer the promenade.

This would take excess weight off the substructure.

Mr Barrett added: "I remain

optimistic that more of the original space will be brought back into use in some shape or form during early 2021."

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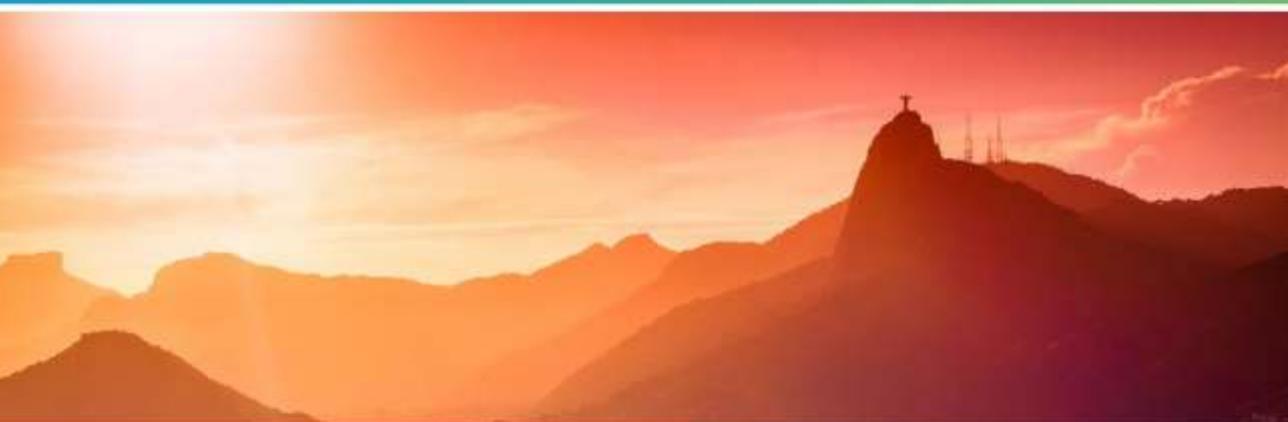
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STUART TURNER

A Royal Navy guard of honour stood to attention and saluted as a hearse carrying Stuart Turner pulled up outside the Kingswood Chapel of Worthing Crematorium.

They were paying tribute to one of their own who died at the age of 40.

Mr Turner, a fanatical Brighton and Hove Albion supporter, hailed from Worthing but lived in Yeovil.

His widow, Jennie, invited mourners to make donations in his memory to leukaemia charity Anthony Nolan.

She matched the funds raised with a donation of her own to the Somerset Rehabilitation Unit in

Taunton which looked after her husband in his final weeks.

Mr Turner's naval cap was placed on the Union flag-draped coffin, against which rested a wreath bearing Brighton's famous seagull crest.

The Rev Brent Van Der Linde, a naval chaplain, conducted the service.

The Royal Navy poem, *Crossing the Bar*, by Alfred, Lord Tennyson, was read out by Steve Lewis.

Tom Hylands spoke of Mr Turner's love affair with Brighton and Hove Albion.

The soundtrack to the service featured *One Day Like This* by Elbow, *Viva La Vida* by Coldplay, and *There By the Grace of God*, by Manic Street Preachers.

The funeral was organised by Ian Hart Funeral Service

GLORIA CONNOR

The owner of a well-known dry cleaning business has paid tribute to his late wife.

Jeff Connor, who runs Quality Kwik next to Tesco, West Durrington, said: "It is with great sadness that I announce the death of my wife Gloria Connor after a long illness.

"She passed on November 7 at Worthing Hospital, aged 82.

"I first met Gloria a couple of weeks off my 19th birthday 51 years ago.

"She was 12 years older than me and had two young boys.

"Gloria worked as a tailoress in the Army camp I was posted to in Catterick, Yorkshire.

"She was the most passionate and exciting woman I had ever met and was extremely funny as well.

"Her boys, Stephen and Michael, were great. They quickly became the two sons that I never had.

"Gloria moved to her hometown, Plymouth, and I joined her in Civvy Street when I was 21.

"I joined Currys and very soon found myself promoted to assistant manager of its Newton Abbot store.

"We moved into a flat above the storerooms in Paignton and made it our home for the next five years.

"This was a lovely time in our lives and our beautiful daughter, Michelle, was born at Paignton Hospital in 1977.

"I got promoted to manager of a tiny little Currys shop in Sutton, Surrey. Further promotions brought our family to Worthing where we bought our own house.

"Gloria used to take my suit into the local dry cleaners in Half Moon Lane called The Happy Valet.

"As they were chatting the owner discovered that Gloria was a trained tailoress. He asked her if she could do a little work for him, such as zips and shortening of trousers and small repairs.

"Gloria and I later bought the business.

"We heard that a unit was vacant near Tesco in Durrington. We jumped at the chance of acquiring a second dry cleaners and were over the moon when we signed on the dotted line.





Michelle, Jeff and Gloria



Gloria Connor

“Gloria continued to run the shop in Half Moon Lane, while I looked after the new one at Tesco.

“We spent many a night in the John Selden and RAFA Club with friends and family socialising, having fun and living life.

“When we chose to close the Half Moon Lane shop in 2005 Gloria helped out at the Tesco shop.

“Gloria spent her last few months remembering friends and family and the life she had led.

“Her former dry cleaners at Half Moon Lane was taken over by Rounce Funeral Directors; so it seemed fitting that was where she should rest before her final journey.

“Michelle and I would like to thank the hundreds of people who have sent messages, emails, cards, and flowers.

“And the dozens of people who have stopped us in the street or come into the shop to give their condolences.

“I would like to thank the staff at Worthing Hospital. During Gloria’s final week they were professional, very kind and looked after her superbly, sitting with her and letting her tell her stories as they listened intently.

“As families we all have to go through this tough time and face losing our loved ones. Be strong, rely on your friends, and please please remember, ‘Life Goes On’.”

DAVE BONE

A former Worthing publican has died at the age of 76.

David Bone managed the Rose and Crown, the Anchor and the Elms during the 1970s and 80s.

He previously ran his own haulage company and after leaving the licensing trade became a builder.

Mr Bone, of Offington Avenue, leaves a widow, Brenda.

They had three children, Jeff, Dean and Jodi; six grandchildren, Kane, Dayle, Jack, Leia, Alfred and Arthur; and one great granddaughter, Nevaeh (heaven spelt backwards).

Jodi said her father loved tending his aviary of canaries and finches. He also looked after a horse called Millie at Findon.

Mr Bone liked a beer at the Valley Bar in Findon Valley, and was a



member of working men’s clubs in Broadwater and Durrington.

He had a fishing locker near Windsor Road and enjoyed working on boats and watching the world go by

Mr Bone’s funeral at Worthing Crematorium was organised by Ian Hart Funeral Service.

Music included The Old Rugged Cross by Daniel O’Donnell.

JOHN TREAGUS



Former postman and well-known football referee John Treagus had the theme tune of BBC sports show Grandstand played at his funeral.

Mr Treagus, of King Edward Avenue, died at the age of 88.

He was married to Pauline, who survives him, for 66 years.

They met at a youth club in Portland Road and were▷

LIVES REMEMBERED

◁married at St Andrew's Church, Tarring.

Mr and Mrs Treagus had one child, Russell, now 48, and two grandchildren, Caroline and Karl. Mr Treagus was a postman, latterly in the town centre, for almost 40 years before retiring in 1996.

He played football for Northbrook Old Boys and chalked up 67 consecutive appearances, mainly in goal, before his wedding day.

He missed the match on that day, and Northbrook lost, costing them the title.

Mr Treagus went on to manage Worthing Casuals FC and then took up refereeing, reaching Sussex County League standard. He also enjoyed playing cricket for Broadwater CC and Northbrook CC, tenpin bowling, and basketball.

His funeral at Worthing Crematorium, organised by Ian Hart, was live streamed to relatives in America.

ELIZABETH KILLPARTRICK

A bagpiper walked and played in front of the funeral cortege as Elizabeth Killpartrick was laid to rest.

Friends and neighbours stood in tribute along Golden Acre, East Preston, the road where she lived, as the sound of Scotland drifted across the West Kingston estate.

Her husband Len, and son Darin, wore traditional kilts as they said farewell to Elizabeth, who died at the age of 73.

Scots-born Mr and Mrs Killpartrick, who met and married in Glasgow, moved to Adur Avenue, Worthing, in the 1980s.

Mrs Killpartrick's father played professional football with Hibernian and won an international cap

for Scotland.

So it was no surprise that she and her husband retained a keen interest in the sport when they moved south.

Mr Killpartrick was part of the backroom team which transformed Wigmore FC, based at Lyons Farm, into Worthing United.

He went on to become co-manager of United's first team, club chairman and now president. His wife was one of the unsung heroines who washed the kits, made the teas and raised funds.

She was also a member of East Preston Women's Institute.

Mr and Mrs Killpartrick also had a daughter, Nicola-Jane, and four grandchildren, Louie, Alfie, Erin and Ethan.

Her funeral, organised by Ian Hart, took place at Worthing Crematorium.

Mr Killpartrick thanked staff at St Barnabas House hospice for their kind care and attention, and also friends and neighbours who lined the verges of West Kingston estate to pay their respects to a wonderful woman.



Len and Elizabeth

JIM CHRISTIE



A man who for decades helped keep Worthing's buses on the road has died at the age of 83.

Jim Christie was a body fitter for Southdown and then Stagecoach bus companies, based at Marine Parade depot.

Mr Christie, of Southways Avenue, was partner to Jean for 34 years.

He is also mourned by Guy, his son from a previous relationship, and granddaughter Gemma; Jean's daughter Maxine, and step-grandchildren Zoe and Nathan.

Mr Christie, who loved horse-racing, joined Southdown in 1959 after three years' National Service as a military policeman with the RAF.

Elgar's Nimrod, by the Mass Band of the RAF, was played at his Ian Hart-organised funeral in Worthing Crematorium.

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CIVILIAN MEMORIAL

A MEMORIAL to Worthing's 1939-45 civilian war dead has been installed at Beach House Park.

The £1,620 black marble headstone, engraved with the names and ages of all 81 victims, was paid for by a crowd funding campaign organised by former Mayor Tom Wye.

Some were killed during bombing raids on the town which devastated Haynes Road, Grove Road and residential streets near Lyndhurst Road gas works.

Others died in accidents, but until now there has been no memorial to them.

The headstone will, when circumstances allow, be unveiled by the Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex, Susan Pyper.

The youngest victim was four-year-old Edna Deirdre Mann, daughter of Petty Officer and Mrs Mann, who lived at 127 Ardingly Avenue.

Edna was "killed by enemy action" on March 10, 1943, and buried in Goring Church graveyard three days later.

No bombs fell on Worthing on the 10th so it remains unclear as to what the "enemy action" referred to was.

Perhaps it was German aircraft strafing the streets.

Researchers have combed Goring graveyard for her final resting place but cannot find it.

The church, sadly, has been unable to provide burial records.

Grace Winifred Arnold, of 35 Westcourt Road, was killed in Pavilion Road on November 10, 1942, aged 15.

She was mortally wounded by a stray anti-aircraft shell.

Grace was on her way to work at a shop in Pavilion Road when she was cut down by shrapnel.

Her mother realised something



Graham Baker

terrible had happened when the family dog returned home alone. It's believed the round was accidentally fired by Canadian gunners on the Downs.

At Grace's inquest the coroner stated: "I am not in a position to go into the cause of this mishap and it might not be in the public interest for me to do so. The death

of this girl was due to some misfortune at the gun site.

"I am assured that if there was any negligence, adequate steps would be taken."

Two Worthing men who served as police officers were killed in bombing raids elsewhere.

PC Charles Abbott, of 87 St Andrew's Road, was killed in

Westminster on October 16, 1940. PC Rex Jupp, of 12 Alverstone Road, was killed in Market Place, Reading, on February 10, 1943.

Three Worthing civilians were killed by enemy action when living/working overseas.

Henry Atkin-Barry MC was killed by Japanese forces in Palembang, Sumatra, on April 28, 1942, aged 48.

He was awarded the Military Cross during the First World War.

Cyril Shilton, 58, was also killed by the Japanese on May 11, 1944, while living in Hong Kong.

His parents lived at 69 South Street. Nursing Sister Catherine

Macpherson died when the SS Tandjong Pinang was sunk by the Japanese while fleeing Singapore. She was 27 and lived at 9a Becket Buildings, Tarring.

The oldest victim was Miriam Agnes Barns, 90, of 129 Park Road. Mrs Barns was injured at home during a raid on September 30, 1942, and died a week later. She was buried in Durrington Cemetery.

The Lyndhurst Road/Park Road area suffered substantial bomb damage, and casualties, from "tip and run raiders" aiming for the gas holder, now demolished.

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WORTHING WILL REMEMBER!



Mr Wye writes: "I am delighted to report that after many COVID-related delays the memorial to Worthing's civilian casualties during the Second World War has been erected in Beach House Park.

"I would like to say thank you to Sir Peter Bottomley, Ian and Amy Hart, Denise McGrath, Lesley Wye, John Grant, Mike Cannon and Colin Flynn who made cash donations to make this memorial possible.

"I would also like to thank Pam Vowles and Mary McKeown for helping with the research.

"A big thank you to Graham Baker of Monumental Stoneworks for keeping the costs down and putting up with long delays.

- Mr Wye has also been working on several other Second World War projects relating to Worthing, details of which will be published in February's Worthing Journal. One involves Lancaster University which has published a map pinpointing the addresses of Worthing's war dead, based on details provided by Mr Wye. It can be viewed by visiting hi-som.lancs.ac.uk



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During this time the publication has covered all aspects of civic and community life with well-balanced topical reporting.

The articles on local history and people associated with Worthing are particularly interesting.

The Worthing Society is very appreciative of our monthly column which allows us to update our members and readers on the current issues affecting our unique built heritage, and our various events to illustrate the social history of Worthing.

The availability of these columns gives local groups the opportunity to update readers on the many groups and activities available to the community.

The Journal is something to look forward to and enjoy during these difficult times.

Susan Belton
Chairman
The Worthing Society

GOD BLESS THEM ALL

I WAS quite enjoying the November edition of The Journal until I reached page 44 which contained statistics extracted from West Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's 2019-20 annual report.

While it contained some welcome news, such as the fact that the Trust had been able to recruit 170 Filipino nurses over the past three years, it also highlighted the fact that Worthing Hospital reached 100% bed occupancy last winter, something which I found extremely worrying because this was at a time when none of us had

ever heard of COVID-19 and what effect it would have on the health of the nation.

If every bed was in use at that time how on earth will this hospital and its staff be able to cope with all the extra patients infected with the virus coming through its doors?

This is one of those situations which really does not bear thinking about but our thoughts and prayers must remain firmly fixed on everybody who works in Worthing Hospital; the porters, cleaners, cooks, nurses, doctors and all who will have to work so hard to ensure that all their patients receive the very best care under what will surely become the most stressful of times.

May God bless them all.

Eric Waters
21 Ingleside Crescent
Lancing

PUSHED IN A HAND CART

IN your November issue you mentioned Worthing Hospital using horse drawn carriages in 1919 and it brought back a lot of memories of my dear late mum who had a ride in one.

When my mum was four years old she became very ill and her poor father who lived in a farm cottage at 18 St Michael's Road had to push her in his old hand cart to the hospital where he was told she had diphtheria.

She was then put in a horse drawn carriage and taken to Swandean Isolation Hospital where a surgeon cut a hole in her throat and saved her life.

She was then put into quarantine for four months and her dad could only see her once a month through a glass window.

What a trauma that must have been for a four year old girl.

My mum was not a healthy child

but survived double pneumonia and many other illnesses.

When she was ten her younger sister Marjorie developed tuberculosis and sadly died. She was buried in Heene Cemetery.

Her life was not all doom and gloom. She got married in 1930 and gave birth to six healthy children.

She had 16 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren and lived to the grand old age of 95 with the help of a little tippie in her later years.

PS: Does anyone know where they used to stable the horses?

George Cook
33 Strathmore Road

SIR IAN HOLM REMEMBERED

I WAS very interested in your article on the late Sir Ian Holm in the Lives Remembered section.

As a teenager I was a huge fan of Sir Ian, having seen him in The Wars of the Roses at Stratford.

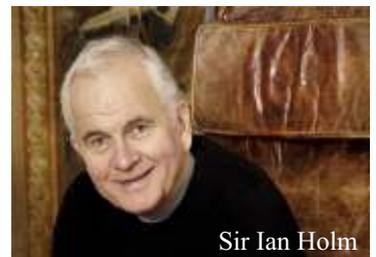
I then went to see him in anything, anywhere!

My daughters loved him in The Borrowers and it became a family favourite.

We went on to enjoy his performance in Lord of the Rings and so many more films and TV dramas.

Clearing out my attic I came across a Connaught Theatre programme for the 1953 Christmas panto Cinderella.

I knew Sir Ian grew up in Worthing so could this really be



Sir Ian Holm

him playing “Popsi” the poodle? I recently met a couple who live in Karachi, Pakistan, who surprised me by saying they knew Worthing because in the 1960s they used to leave their young daughter at a children’s hotel while they toured Great Britain and Europe.

I have lived here for most of my life and have never heard of such a place.

We love the Journal. It’s how we know what’s actually going on in our town.

Diana Thorn
Treveor House
Richmond Road

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

TEN out of ten to Journal editor Paul Holden for weeding the steps of the Guildbourne Centre.

What you have said on numerous occasions about the state of Worthing and the district’s streets and pavements is absolutely right. They are a disgrace!

I live in Goring and every road, street, lane and twitten is covered with weeds.

Our council seems so poor it can’t afford to have weed killing, grass

cutting and hedge trimming carried out.

Therefore, could The Journal persuade the council to urge all householders to look after the grass verge and pavement that fronts their property?

Where folk do tend them it looks so much better.

A member of Bury Drive Methodist Church looks after the grass verge outside the church.

A lady in Bury Drive weeds the pavement.

I cut the hedge, trim the trees and sweep the pavement and gutter by the bus stop in Fernhurst Drive.

It could be a citizens’ duty, perhaps once or twice a year?

Wilfred Rhodes
3 Fernhurst Drive

SING AND BE MERRY

HOORAY! We can now sing indoors again.

Or can we?

First we can, then we can’t, and now we have!

Masks on, visors fitted, socially distanced, deep cleaned, pods prepared, piano tuned, Zoom in place, and our conductor and

music director Lucy Goldberg is isolated behind a clear plastic screen.

Enter The Sussex Gruffs Male Voice Choir!

It was all a matter of personal choice. The question was, would it be safe to be together and sing or should we stick to our weekly Zoom sessions?

Well, we did both! Those who felt the risk was small met at Heene Community Centre, and those who were unsure “Zoomed” in.

Our music director conducted both the “podded” vocals at the centre and the Zoom team online in what proved to be a technical whizz.

After a warm up, we all sang heartily for 90 minutes, and we all felt so much better for it!

The Gruffs are on the move and there’ll be no stopping us soon.

How soon? Who knows? But we have been back together again as a proper choir (well almost) and can’t wait for the next joint session.

So, gentlemen, if lockdown is getting a bit tiresome, it is said that singing (good or not so good) is the perfect stimulation.

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PART of the much-loved Worthing traditions at Yuletide and New Year has been Sompting Village Morris dancers' Christmas holiday performances.

On Boxing Day, there are normally performances at the Black Horse, Findon, and the George Inn, Burpham; and on New Year's Day at the Richard Cobden, Worthing.

On January 5 it was customary for Sompting Village Morris to enact the Wassail procession through Tarring High Street, carrying flaming torches.

This event always attracted large and enthusiastic crowds, culminating in a blessing of the apple trees and a Mummers' performance.

Disappointingly it has been

necessary for Sompting Village Morris to cancel all December and January performances due to safety considerations and regulations regarding COVID-19.

It means we have not been able to dance in public throughout 2020.

However, we fervently hope to return with a flourish in 2021, as soon as it is safe and legal for us to do so.

Sompting Village Morris wishes all its followers a safe and happy festive season.

**Lyn Thomas
Shamrock
Bilsham Road
Yapton**

CHURCH SCRIBES

I HAVE been researching the old Christ Church parish magazines with a view to producing a small booklet with quotes from the late Victorian and Edwardian editions.

While reading the edition for May 1906, I was reminded of your oft' repeated concern that local news is no longer being reported in the way it should be.

So how about this?

Four reporters - yes four, attending a vestry meeting at Christ Church.

I suppose one each from the Gazette, Observer, and Mercury, and perhaps the other from The Argus or Sussex Daily News?

I enjoyed the vicar's slightly teasing tone and his wry amusement that their little meeting should have been so well attended by the Press.

He wrote: "We had, I suppose, a unique experience at our Easter Vestry, on 18th April, with regard to attendance. We were four all told - the vicar, two churchwardens, and the clerk.

"To hand down to posterity our weighty words of counsel, (we) had the labours of four reporters of our local Press. But their work was very light. We were all four much impressed with a deep sense of our importance, for upon our shoulders alone was the great parochial burden."

He then described the very mundane and predictable content of the meeting, ending his description with a flourish of self-congratulation:

"All this, and more, being put to the vote, was passed unanimously, and at the close of



the meeting we cordially shook hands and with one consent acknowledged the meeting to have been the most successful and the most pleasant one we had been privileged to attend.”

Chris Hare

15 Sussex Road

STORE BY THE SEA

IN December's Journal there's mention of a general store in Ocean Parade, Ferringham Lane, called McKone and Haynes.

I remember it well, having shopped there from 2001 until it closed.

It was a very useful shop which saved a car journey into Worthing.

The staff were very helpful and friendly.

Victor Palmer

31 St Osmund Road, Ferring

DOWNLAND SHEPHERD

IN the October edition a name leapt out at me from page 50 - Frederick James Sheppard, a shepherd who died in 1933.

He appears in my family tree, not as

a direct relative but as the father of Evelyn Sheppard, who married John Bishop, one of my six great-uncles.

He was actually born in Piddlehinton, Dorset, and moved to Sussex in the 1880s.

I didn't know where he was buried so am very glad to know now.

Helen Swyer

106 Eastern Avenue, Shoreham

WOOLIES WALL

I SUPPORT the suggestion proposed by Vernon Kitch for a tompe l'oeil mural on the side of the old Woolworths building, Montague Place.

It is a brilliant idea, and Vernon's photograph of an example in France would be perfect.

Vernon then goes on to suggest the mural could become a timeline of Worthing's history, and feature local people who have made an impact on the town, which I also agree with.

A trompe l'oeil would certainly brighten up a boring expanse of wall and will surely become a visitor attraction, so must be worthy of consideration.

Martin Cornford

191 King Edward Avenue

Heene Cemetery

THE Friends of Heene Cemetery are continuing to survey the burial ground through the winter and carry out research into the lives of the families buried there.

Alan Bell, from the West Sussex Geology Society, kindly came to help me identify the different materials used for headstones. It was a very cold and damp day but glistening crystals in the granite headstones still shone through, even though they are more than a century old.

Alan pointed out fossils in some of the Jurassic limestone, which was fascinating, and we will be looking at these headstones with even more interest now.

James White was born in Angmering in December 1845 and died from heart failure 100 years ago, in January 1921.

He was a prominent figure in Worthing, starting his career in Henty Bank

Later in life he played a big part in public life and became Mayor of Worthing and then Justice of the Peace during his retirement.

There is a great deal more to find out about this prestigious gentleman on our website www.heenecemetery.org.uk burial page.

We sincerely hope we will be able to conduct open days and tours very soon and will be advertising them in the next issue.

For further information about volunteering or funding our projects, please contact Sue Standing via email suestanding@hotmail.com or 07771966846.

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Fishing boats off Worthing - a timeless sight!

HENRY NICHOLLS

A TREASURE TROVE OF POP STARS

ANTIQUES dealer Henry Nicholls has a passion for vintage bottles and pot lids.

He's amassed a fantastic collection - mostly old, many rare, and some valuable examples from a bygone age.

Here Henry, who runs an antiques business in Rowlands Road, pops the stopper on a fascinating hobby and asks for readers' help in finding and acquiring more.

It's not only us that live in a "throw-away" society. This is something that's been happening for hundreds of years.

The Victorians were particularly good at it, filling old quarries and abandoned spaces with anything from unwanted furniture to domestic waste.

A vast wealth of social history still lies undiscovered in these places; even at the bottom of people's gardens.

There is a fascinating side to this rubbish - old bottles and pot lids! The 1970s saw a massive interest in this genre of collecting, with people digging into the depths of these old rubbish dumps, legally or illegally.

It slumped throughout the 1990s



but there are still collectors who covet these objects for their historical value.

Most towns and villages had their own brewers of beer, mineral waters and ginger beer; makers of meat pastes, cold creams, toothpaste and assorted chemists' potions.

All of these products were sold either in glass or stoneware containers and bottles.

Once used, people just threw them into rubbish dumps to be forgotten for 100 years or more.

Worthing was no exception.

Throughout the 19th century, the town was home to a number of manufacturers, the largest being A Hill, founded in 1877.

Based in Station Road, the company produced fizzy lemonade and mineral waters in bottles called Codd's.

The patentee was a chap named Hiram Codd who placed a marble inside each bottle.

The gas from the pop held the marble firmly in a rubber seal at the top of the neck.

When pressed down, the marble became trapped in what were called lugs, which resembled fish gills, enabling people to drink the fizzy pop.

The advantage of this was that the pop stayed fizzier for longer.

Hill produced a variety of Codd bottle designs.

The standard Codd, in aqua green, was the most common, but other patents came into use, such as the dumpy version and the bulb neck version.

In addition, as a way of marketing its products, the firm produced bottles in different colours, either emerald green or amber, to make them stand out on shop shelves.

A Hill was taken over by Tutt's in the latter part of the 19th century.



Tutt's produced a stoneware ginger beer bottle bearing a transfer print label stating "Tutt's, late Hill".

Other mineral water and pop producers littered the town, JT Phillips being one with a lovely belt and buckle design as a logo.

Also J Hume who used three fish as his trademark and housed his lemonade in standard bottles.

He also produced a hybrid of a Codd bottle, and something called a Hamilton, which had a pointed base meaning it wouldn't stand up.

Other manufacturers produced ginger beer in stoneware bottles, including E Willoughby, of 48 Market Street.

He was a grocer in the 1860s, with a cheap impressed stamp on his bottles, but he didn't last long.

Then there was M Lucas and W Shott in the town centre, and G Burstow who was based in Clifton Road at the Jolly Brewers pub. Publicans often tried their hand at brewing.

H Chapman, landlord of the Egremont pub, built a large brewing tower at the back of the inn, naming it the Tower Brewery. Parsons, the owners of the Vine in Tarring High Street, produced beer in flagons, from half gallons to five gallons.

Veterinary surgeons also got on the bandwagon, bottling elixirs and medicines for animals.

VINTAGE BOTTLES

They included Comber, a veterinary surgeon based in High Street in the 1830s. His stoneware bottles were quite primitive, cheaply produced and as such, quite wonky! This, however, gives his bottles a real charm and sense of age.

Chemists such as Astons or Cortis produced toothpaste and hair grease in small china tubs with printed lids.

They also poured medicines and poisons into a wealth of glass containers and bottles of all different shapes and sizes.

There are more I could name, but it is a long list spanning nearly a century.

New and unheard of brewers and manufacturers are unearthed every year.

However, some of them were so shortlived it is hard to research them, but that is where the fun

begins!

As the town and surrounding areas are being redeveloped at a quickening pace, old rubbish dumps, from cottage garden tips to community dumps, are unearthed and destroyed in hours, as time is money, meaning that the vast wealth of history is lost forever.

It is really now only the digger drivers and site workers that have an opportunity to save these wonderful objects, whether it be the bottles or other items of historical interest like clay pipes, buttons, horse brasses and even pieces of discarded jewellery!

If you have any local (Worthing and West Sussex) bottles, pot lids or flagons, I'd love to hear from you.

Likewise, if you're aware of any areas that contain old tips, I'd be equally keen to know. I've been



passionate about this genre of collecting for more than 40 years. To me, it isn't trash; it really is treasure!

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This took a serious toll on seafront flags donated by Worthing Journal readers.

Our stockpile was severely depleted and we need to stock up again for next summer.

The Journal will start the ball rolling by purchasing a Sussex flag.

Editor Paul Holden hopes readers will once again put their hands in their pockets and follow suit.

You have always responded with incredible generosity, donating flags worth more than £40,000 since the annual appeal was launched almost 20 years ago.

Times are tough, but if we don't respond then nobody else will.

Our flags will fly the length of the promenade from Sea Lane Café to Brougham Road, along the pier, and above Steyne Gardens.

For the third year in succession we are appealing for county flags to decorate the pier.

We need a total of **EIGHT** to make this work!

So, if you have connections with other parts of the UK, please order the county flag closest to your heart.

This year we would also like to collect a further **EIGHT** flags of other nations to reflect the rich tapestry of people from far flung nations of the globe who have made Worthing their home.

We will also need (with your assistance) our usual selection of Union, England, Wales and Scotland standards to fill every coastal flagpole.

Please note that you are entitled to a ten per cent discount on Union, England, Wales and Scotland flags if you mention The Worthing Journal when you order.

If you able to help give Worthing a head start, please order a two-yard sewn flag with anti-fray strip.

Flags made of nylon will, sadly, be torn to shreds in a week or two so they must be sewn.

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Please ask for the flag to be delivered to your home address.

Then contact Holden on **01903 245674** and he will come and collect it for the beach office.

To order a flag, ring the Hampshire Flag Company on **02392 237130**.

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Grateful thanks in advance if you

are able to assist.

Some people order them out of a sense of pride in our town; others as memorials to loved ones who have died.

It is important to emphasise that without Journal readers there would be no flags to brighten up our shop window.

They genuinely do make a difference, so thank you once again.

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But we intend to continue bringing you all the news that's fit to print (with apologies to the New York Times), insights into how our money is being spent, a faithful account of everyday life in Sunny Worthing, and the history of our town.

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GIVE YOUR FINANCES A NEW YEAR BOOST

Firstly, let me start by wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year.

I always feel the Christmas and New Year period is one where we all have the time to sit back and reflect, this year probably more than any other.

This tends to involve us making outlandish resolutions which we have no realistic way of keeping past the 12th January. However I'm sure in some small way it makes us all feel a little bit more pro-active about the year ahead.

It's no surprise then that we tend to get an abundance of calls at the beginning of the year from people who are looking at new ways to make their finances work better for them. Typically, it's about investments and what they can change or improve to make their money work harder for them in the future.

Switching has become an inherent part of everyday life, and most of us tend to do it on an annual basis with our utility, insurance and credit card bills. So, what about financial advice?

I will state at this point that I'm not an advocate of jumping ship from your current provider purely based on short-term performances.

Markets can have huge fluctuations and it can be hard to judge the calibre of your investments over such a short period of time. Switching to another Financial Adviser purely on short-term performance is not a great decision in my book. However, if you feel the relationship isn't working, then the New Year certainly gives you an opportunity to look at



alternatives.

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Girlguiding



Two members of our County Trefoil Guild were very busy in 2020 becoming published authors.

Archivist Margaret Goodyer compiled a book of memories which was edited by Avril Stouse.

Margaret has been collecting these stories for 20 years and at last her vision of putting them in a book has been realised.

Titled "A Tale to Tell", the book is a collection of favourite stories of being part of Girlguiding and the Trefoil Guild, some going back as far as the 1930s.

There are anecdotes of camps in farmers' fields, trips to rallies to celebrate special events, adventurous journeys abroad in the days before mobile phones, organising Guards of Honour for royal visits to the county, and even meeting Olave Baden-Powell.

Many of the stories are accompanied by photographs - fantastic memories of fun times and a great way to document the changes in uniform over time.

During the 2020 lockdowns, Margaret also kept up the spirits of Trefoil Guild members by emailing them a daily message - a Smiley - often containing fun cartoons relating to Girlguiding from the archives. These are also all contained in the book for people to enjoy.

I wonder what memories our current girls and leaders will have of our recent time in Girlguiding? Be it meeting online or taking part in socially distanced meetings face-to-face, there is no doubt that memories are still being made and more adventures planned.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

By Rob Blann



With Debenhams in South Street seemingly destined to close for good (page 28), Rob Blann looks back to the night in 1947 when the site was wrecked by fire.

When the old Hubbard's department (later Debenhams) was ravaged by a devastating fire in August 1947 it was witnessed by the restaurant supervisor, Mrs Winifred Sessions (later Berry), who gave the following account:

"The fire brigade was there when we arrived for work.

"There was 25 fire engines which had come from all over the place to put out the fire, and the roads around were full of them.

"I was so shocked! Old Mr Hubbard just stood there in front of the building and put his hands to his head.

"'Oh my golly,' he said. He couldn't believe it; he was really stunned.

"We had to form a long line along which we passed everything we could save out of the shop and onto lorries.

"All the china and everything from the restaurant itself, which had only opened six months earlier, was stored in a house in Grand Avenue.

"We stayed behind to wash everything up because all the china

was stained with smoke and we had to put it away in cupboards.

"A temporary Hubbard's store was set up at The County opposite the pier, so at least some of the departments kept going, but not the restaurant.

"The original Hubbard's was restored and reopened in 1952, but I didn't return to my old job until the restaurant opened a year later.

"We had this big dinner for the opening. I did waitressing for a year. Then our supervisor left and the manager, Mr Lobert, asked me to take over.

"I had 15 waitresses under me and all I had to do was to show people to their seats and take the bookings. It was a lovely job. That suited me nicely that did. I was supervisor there until I left in 1966 when I was 51.

"I lived in one of the Hubbard flats which the store owned in Princess Avenue.

"When I left I had to give up the flat."

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Nigel Watson



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JAMIE Hallama played a grand piano while the first shoppers went bargain hunting in new department store 1517.

Workmen and cleaners were still frantically putting the finishing touches to the former Beales building as customers trickled in.

They were greeted by bright and airy shopfloors filled with a fine range of goods.

The aisles seemed less cluttered than Beales, which may have been a pandemic measure to ensure social distancing.

Among those greeting the first customers was Mary Tester, in the Arthur Price cutlery and gifts section.

Mary started work at Bentalls as a 15-year-old shop assistant and remained in the store when Beales took over.

She was made redundant last March but was delighted to be back with her old employer under the 1517 banner.

Store manager Matthew Amphlett barely had time to breath as questions from staff and workmen came thick and fast.

He'd been forced to postpone the opening date at least three times due to the sheer volume of work required to bring the premises up to scratch.

He's put together an impressive array of

merchandise - many of them local - offering a wide range of good quality products.

They include fresh local fruit and veg outlet You Say Tomato, run by Louise Southwood; and Anchored in Sussex, selling county-produced wine and ale, run by Nigel Watson, of Worthing's first micropub, Anchored in Worthing.

The businesses formed part of a food hall, which was something Beales didn't have.

A vintage red sports car was an eye-catching feature at the entrance to the ground floor café.

Shoppers browsed shelves stacked with perfumes, shoes, make up, beauty products, male and female fashions, baby clothes, lighting, luggage, bed linen and towels.

In fact, everything you would expect in a good department store.

The toy section was situated in exactly the same spot as previously under Beales.

Darren Baker, director of Worthing Souvenirs and Photos, donned an I Love Worthing face mask for the occasion.

Many people had smiles of relief on their faces, though you could only tell by sparkling eyes, for their mouths were covered.



Jamie Hallama



Darren Baker

After the loss of Beales, and the possible closure of Debenhams, South Street has been given a fantastic boost by the opening of 1517.

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TABLE MANNERS



THE Crabshack, Splash Point, has erected a Mongolian-style yurt on its forecourt to keep customers warm, dry and socially distanced. More traditional-looking marquees have been erected at various hostelrys around the town, including the Cow and Oak, Brighton Road.

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SPARE a thought for the Rose and Crown, Montague Street.

The hostelry had arguably the best kitchen, food-wise, in town until it was taken over by the drinks only Craft Union Pub Company.

Customers were dismayed when the kitchen was subsequently ripped out.

With hindsight, an unfortunate turn of events.

However, the Rose and Crown rallied by dishing up pizza as a “substantial meal” as required by the Government.

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PUB landlady Emily Chatterton was inspired by one of England’s most famous Parliamentarians in a pandemic plea to politicians.

Emily runs the John Selden in Half Moon Lane, Salvington.

Selden professed that people rather than the King should have power over Parliament.

His comments infuriated King James I, who regarded



Emily



them as treasonous, and he was incarcerated in the Tower of London for five weeks.

Emily drew on parallels with the past in criticising the Government for imposing strict Tier 2 COVID restrictions on Worthing.

She said: “How ironic that the John Selden, named after the great Parliamentarian who was born within a stone’s throw (of the pub), may suffer its demise at the hands of his successors.”

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WORTHING Ginmeister Phil Duckett has spread his wings and branched out into limited edition jars of gin marmalade which at £4.75 a jar proved a festive hit with customers.

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A CAFÉ owner is trying to unravel a mystery uncovered during extension works.

While painting the façade of the unit next to the Coffee House, in the Montague Quarter, owner Tristan Murray discovered a faint outline.

It read: “Est 1856.”

But which business with a Victorian pedigree occupied the premises before him? Can readers assist?

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A NEW café called Triple Two is opening in the former Jessops camera shop in Warwick Street, according to signs in the window.

But the proprietors will have to do something about the waste bins blighting Marine Place.

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PLANS to turn the former town centre Laura Ashley unit into a Loungers café/bar have reportedly fallen through.

It’s believed Loungers was now looking at taking over the new Bayside café, East Beach.

Meanwhile, a gallery of paintings is currently being displayed inside the vacant Montague Quarter unit.

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THE former Tiffany’s café in Brighton Road, just east of Bayside, is under new ownership.

The business has been rebranded Miracle’s - quite apt given recent pandemic-related circumstances!

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WHAT'S ON

PLANS to refurbish Worthing Museum and Art Gallery, to “Let the Light In” could start in May 2024 if Heritage Lottery funding is secured at the second attempt.

VISITORS to the Connaught Theatre and Ritz Studio often face “unbearable” conditions, according to a council report.

Worthing Borough Council said both Union Place venues had inadequate ventilation and comfort cooling.

This resulted in extremely hot temperatures during the summer and stuffy conditions in the winter.

A report to councillors stated: “A capacity attendance without adequate ventilation creates an often unbearable experience for customers.

“The lack of ventilation has resulted in numerous complaints and reputational damage.”

It was feared touring productions might refuse to return if casts were unable to perform to the best of their ability due to extreme heat.

While Worthing Theatres Trust was responsible for heating bills, the council took charge of building maintenance, repairs and improvements.

The cost of providing ventilation had risen from almost £100,000 to £241,280.

To cover the increased outlay, the council proposed to defer refurbishment of toilets at the Connaught and Assembly Hall.

This would free up around £142,200 for the ventilation project.

A SHOPKEEPER facing expulsion due to the revamp of a town centre “digital and arts” hub remains in the dark about her future.

Worthing Borough Council wants to expand Colonnade House, at the junction of Warwick Street and High Street.

The scheme includes taking over neighbouring shops, and building flats.

But sitting tenants Cactus Kitchen Gals and Carolyn Keyes dress shop said they still had no

idea what was going to happen.

Cactus Kitchen Gals outlined their concerns in last month’s Journal.

Ms Keyes said: “We haven’t heard anything yet.

“I suspect they are hoping to push their plans through while we are distracted by lockdown.

“There was of course no mention of the existing businesses. They are probably thinking we will close with no business about, but we are using our time to have a clear out of all the fabric, rails etc that I have been hoarding for years.

“We do know Mr Pia (the tailor) is retiring at Christmas, which means number 7 will be totally empty, and recently asbestos was removed from number 5.

“Also, the vegan café lease expires next June.”

A council spokesman said it was aware of their concerns.

THE early impact of COVID-19 on a new trust set up to run Worthing’s theatres and museum has been outlined in its first annual report.

The report, covering 2019-20, told how Worthing Theatres and Museum launched its new season in early March.

It had lined up a strong programme of cultural events and activities.

The launch proved a huge hit, and ticket sales were booming.

But by now the pandemic had reached our shores and national panic was starting to set in.

The report noted: “Sadly just two weeks later we were forced to close our buildings and retreat to working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“WTM had been operating less than five months when the forced closure happened, putting us in an extremely vulnerable financial position.

“We responded quickly. Three home working box offices (using the standard telephone number) were set up within 72 hours; a building management system was established, additional security was installed, and 15 staff were set up with work stations at home.

“We unpicked six months of carefully planned programming, with the majority (of shows) being rescheduled into 2021, and cancelled the cinema screenings which are a crucial income stream for the organisation, putting £385,000 on the bottom line in the previous year.

“The huge task of contacting customers and offering refunds, online credits or accepting donations took months.

“By implementing the box office system quickly at▷



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◀the start of lockdown, we have been able to reassure our customers by processing their refunds, exchanges and ticket queries in a timely manner. “This has helped us to retain customer loyalty and support in the form of memberships, donations, and account credit and gift vouchers.

“The closure forced the cancellation of our community and commercial hires, wiping out another key income stream, reducing the budgeted income of £239,000 to less than £30,000.

“We are currently developing the branding, focusing on a campaign to show the great venues we will have available to hire to the community once everyone can come together to celebrate and work together once safe to do so.

“The pandemic has forced us to delay several projects including Spin Out, a programme of free outdoor events, and Let the Light In, the refurbishment and development of the museum.

“We supported the borough council Food Bank by allowing the use of the Assembly Hall for five months.

“The Government furlough scheme has been a huge financial help, with 49 contracted staff and our entire team of casual workers being furloughed from the end of March.

“We successfully applied for £29,000 of emergency funding from Arts Council England and confirmed that Worthing Borough Council would honour the contracted annual service payment (£1.46 million).

“Since March, messaging on wtam.uk and all weekly email communications to audiences has signposted people to donate, raising £17,000 including Gift Aid.

“Sadly this was not enough and we had no choice but to restructure, making 19 redundancies and temporarily reducing the hours of a further 29 staff at the end of the furlough scheme until at least March 2021. Closing the venues felt like a challenge back in March but the real challenge will be reopening.

“We have to prioritise safety for our team and the public, plan for social distancing and build back the confidence of our audiences.”

THE cost of replacing Connaught Theatre windows, said to be in a poor condition, has been estimated at £85,000.

WTM in the autumn launched a £10,000 crowd funding campaign under the heading: “SAVE WORTHING THEATRES AND MUSEUM”.

It said the cash would help the trust cover costs and “ensure our return to provide shows you love”.

WTM mothballed its theatres and furloughed staff for most of the pandemic when it proved almost impossible to stage live shows.

This had no bearing on funding from the borough council, which this year pledged £1.46 million to the trust.

Coun Dan Humphreys, leader of the council, explained: “It’s the usual costs associated with the management of four large and old buildings (maintenance, insurance, support charges, etc).

“It’s worth remembering that the theatres and museum cost us more if they’re closed than if they’re open.

“If the council had ceased the funding during the pandemic the trust would have had to fold and council taxpayers would have been hit with the business rates bill and building management costs.

“As it stands WTAM have been able to fundraise and access some Government support, meaning that they’re well set to keep putting on performances and attract people into Worthing when the town needs them more than ever.

“It’s good for Worthing Council taxpayers and another great example of Worthing being ready to bounce back from the pandemic.”

But questions have been asked by Labour opposition councillors.

Coun Jim Deen said: “I get it that there is a need to mothball the buildings and that involves real costs, but £1.4 million?

“That represents around £35 for every household in Worthing. I don’t think many of them would think that represents best value as a way to spend their hard earned money.”





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