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Royal Visit to Local Charities

Sustainability for local charities is so very difficult. So, when we get the Royal seal of approval, surely it can only help our cause.

Working together with other local charities certainly pays off. We have established a great working relationship with Wet-wheels South East, giving "Children Wings to Fly" with "Miles of Smiles"

On the 30th September 2021 Pegasus were invited along to Wet-wheels to meet The Princess Royal and Her husband Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence. Anne, the Princess Royal, is patron to many disability organisations, including Carers Trust, and it was such a privilege to meet them both. The Princess Royal was so kind and supportive with her words regarding just how Pegasus and Wetwheels work closely together, a lovely community managing to keep going through these difficult times that we find ourselves in. Telling us that we must carry on. Pegasus is vital for our local children during the long summer break.

The Princess Royal was somewhat overwhelmed at just how many teenage volunteers we have with Pegasus during the summer. We are so proud of our track record, since 1986 we have been supporting not only children with disabilities and their families but providing important voluntary work for young teenagers and beyond.

Along with the crew and volunteers of Wetwheels, Pegasus chair Sue Clark MBE and Son Jamie who has been involved with Pegasus for over 25 years spent time with both Princess Anne and Vice Admiral Sir Tim on board the Wetwheels catamaran. Kim Bladon supported Thomas Roberts as his PA. another important and valuable support network.

Jamie and Tim were discussing football teams and the poor weekend from both of their respective teams was rather amusing to hear. It was a very relaxing afternoon.

Pegasus depend entirely on local support. If any one wishes to make a donation please get in touch with sue.clark3@btinternet.com. Please visit our facebook page or follow us on twitter [@suepegasus](https://twitter.com/suepegasus). Planning for 2022 is underway, we look forward to our days on the sea and as Wetwheels founder Geoff Holt MBE says "It's like Walking on Water"



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The Astor Panto - Cinderella. You Will Go To The Ball!

If you took an American to see a traditional British panto he or she would probably sit there in blank amazement wondering what on earth was going on.

Why did everyone shout "behind you" or boo at a man dressed up as rat. Why was a strange man dressed up as an even stranger woman who kept making risqué jokes and chatting with the audience? Even more confusing was a beautiful young woman, with gorgeously long legs on display, playing a man. I have to say when I was in the early stages of puberty it certainly worried me! In actual fact the "principal boy" character was introduced in Victorian times for a rather saucy reason. It gave the supposedly prudish men a rare opportunity to gaze upon lovely ladies legs! All not quite done in the best possible taste.

The word pantomime evolved from the Latin word pantomimus. This loosely refers to a dancer/actor who portrays all the characters in one play.

Moving quickly on to the middle Ages which had the Mummers plays. Surprisingly they contained many of the elements of the modern(ish) panto: stage fights, odd magical beings and coarse (within reason) humour. Later in the 1900's early panto style were known as silent or dumb shows. They had plenty of dancing and gestures but no dialogue. Again as things gradually moved on the French actors had a big influence on the performance concept. Through time they metamorphosised into the beginning of panto as we know it today. Most pantos are based on fairy stories. Despite being aimed at children the original tales often contained sadism and violence of a blood curdling nature. Fortuitously these aspects have mellowed into slapstick, a comic violence where no one gets hurt.

Cinderella is undoubtedly the most popular of all pantomimes. The history of the story goes way back in time and varies across Europe and even in to Africa. The primary theme is virtue and love of your fellow human beings, even when evil rears its ugly head. One version is from The Brothers Grimm and they certainly did not pull their punches. Cinderella lives with her father, stepmother and 2 step sisters. Unbeknown to her father (whom I always thought was rather stupid), Cinders is bullied and mistreated by the other 3. In the original story she was seriously whipped and half starved.

I am sure most of you know the famous scene where the handsome Prince gets the stepsisters to try on the glass slipper that Cinderella dropped at the ball. He said he would marry the person it fitted. In the Grimms version it really is grim. Both sisters know the slipper would not fit. So the first sister slices off



a couple of her toes to get it on – ouch! The second sister slices off part of her ankle to get it on – double ouch! Blood everywhere but Cinderella gets her man in the end.

Fortunately none of this happens in modern panto and it has become one of the great comedy scenes.

I have played an ugly sister in panto several times, so I cannot wait to see Cinderella at The Astor Theatre in December. Rest assured the whole family will love it. I absolutely guarantee there will be loads of laughter, loads of music, and loads of booing but no blood.

A Merry Christmas to one and all.

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Seaside Scandal - Deal's 19th Century Star Crossed Lovers

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In 1802, Elizabeth Cannon married Naval Officer, Captain Edward Owen, at St. Leonard's Church in Deal. In 1815, Edward was appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, so Elizabeth became Lady Owen.

Edward and Elizabeth had been married for over 10 years, often being separated due to Sir Edward being posted abroad. It was reported that, on more than one occasion here in Deal, she became 'most anxious' and then in 1815, when Sir Edward was sent to Canada, just after he was knighted, she became 'inconsolable.'

It was then that the local surgeon (or doctor) was sent for. At first, William Hulke senior attended but soon his newly qualified son, also named William, took over her care. The frequent visits William made to Elizabeth's home in Deal began to raise suspicions amongst her staff and, on his return home, Sir Edward was informed that an 'adulterous affair' had developed between William Hulke junior and his wife.

This revelation was to eventually lead to the Sheriff's Court in Bedford Row, London, with William Hulke being prosecuted and fined £1500 for his 'criminal conversation' with Lady Owen. It's from this court case, heavily reported in the newspapers, that took place in June 1816, that we know so much about their scandalous behaviour. Just prior to the court proceedings, in May 1816, William Hulke senior, either very displeased with his son or protecting his business, decided to dissolve their short-lived partnership.

At the Sheriff's Court, witnesses were called to give evidence. Amongst the first to be called was Mary Rigden, a housemaid in the service of Sir Edward and Lady Owen. She stated that while Sir Edward was in Canada, Lady Owen stayed at home in Deal and that the 'young' Mr. Hulke often visited the house

"...at all times of the day..."

often staying until

"...Half past three in the morning in the Drawing-room."

And they had supped together in her lady's bedroom between ten and eleven at night! She also said that she had carried letters between the two lovers.

Another maidservant, Elizabeth Banks, was called. She explained how, in September 1815, that the 'young' Mr. Hulke visited Lady Owen, who was confined to bed with 'nettle rash' (!) and when they suggested to the maid that she might have had the curiosity to endeavour to look through the keyhole, her reply was an emphatic 'yes', but that she couldn't see anything as there was a handkerchief covering the hole!



Carmarquess - Home of William Hulke and his family

In April 1816, Ann Pratt was a servant at The Bell Hotel in Sandwich, when William and Elizabeth arrived by Post Chaise at 10 in the evening. Ann was ordered to prepare a bed and afterwards show the couple to the room where she provided them with a plate of sandwiches. The next morning, she took them breakfast so was able to confirm that the bed had appeared to have been slept in by two people. Eventually Elizabeth and William eloped.

Sir Edward, now anxious to rescue his wife from ruin, then sent a trusted servant after them. Once the servant found the lovers, he warned Mr. Hulke that Sir Edward would soon arrive but, according to the servant's testimony, he replied *"I don't care. I have two pistols and if he comes, I will shoot him!"*

Eventually Lady Owen returned to her husband.

The following year, Sir Edward applied for a divorce, which was granted in 1817. Lady Elizabeth Owen died in London in 1824 and was brought home to Deal to be buried in St George's churchyard. William married Elizabeth Pollard King in 1819, and the couple went on to have 13 children. He died in January 1863 and was buried in the family vault in St. Leonard's Church.

A longer version of this article along with many other fascinating stories of the people of Deal and Walmer, can be found on our website www.familiesofdealandwalmer.co.uk

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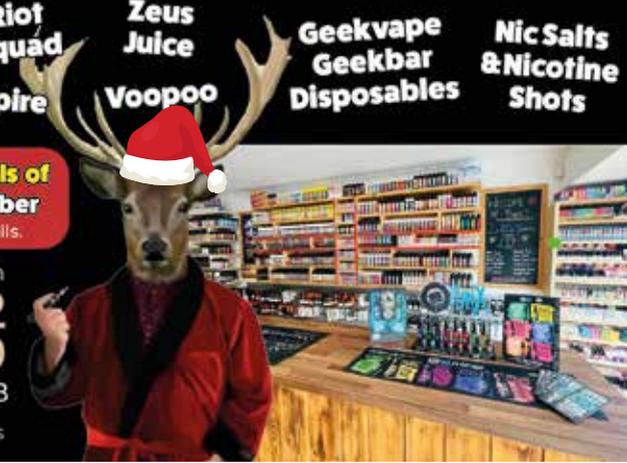
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Time For Renovation - Deal Timeball Tower Gets Lift From Reinstated Mast

The historic Deal Timeball Tower is taking a key step forward - with the reinstallation of the timeball mast.

A new mast has been made by local company Fabweld Metalworks, in Deal, and was installed on 11th October 2021 as part of an £80,000 renovation of this popular maritime landmark. The timeball mechanism is being renovated by clock experts Gillett and Johnston.

The Timeball Tower was built in 1820 with a semaphore mast at the top used to signal to ships. In 1855, the timeball mechanism was added by the Astronomer Royal, George Airy. The timeball, which is similar to the Greenwich Time Ball, was designed to fall at 1pm precisely. The time signal allowed ships in the area to check the accuracy of their chronometers, essential for accurate navigation.

The Grade II listed Deal Timeball Tower was one of only a handful of timeballs worldwide with a functioning mechanism. However, the mast upon which the timeball moves had become corroded and the mechanism needed maintenance. Dover District Council's Cabinet agreed to carry out a £80,000 renovation to the historic Timeball Tower, to refurbish the timeball mechanisms and carry out external works.

A range of repairs and renovations have been completed, including replacing the main roof and works to the rear courtyard, and further works will be carried out this year.

The building is owned by Dover District Council and is run as a successful and award-winning museum and visitor attraction by the Deal Museum Trust and its amazing local volunteers. The Trust has also been fundraising to help with the renovation costs. The Tower is currently closed but is set to reopen in the new year.

Cllr Oliver Richardson, DDC Cabinet Member for Corporate Property said: "The Timeball Tower is a fantastic historic asset, and we are delighted to invest in this renovation. We would also say a big thank you to the Deal Museum Trust and all the amazing volunteers who work so hard for this successful award-winning attraction."



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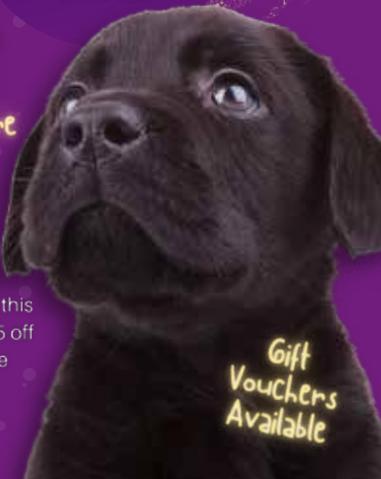
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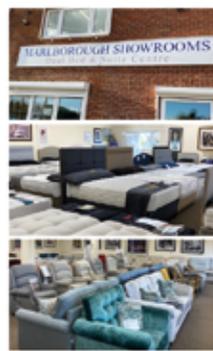

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Hurray - It's Miss Patti Boulaye

The good news is that Patti Boulaye OBE is on tour with her show Aretha & Me. The great news is that she is bringing it here in December to The Astor Theatre.

The lovely lady, as well as being a singer, has many other strings to her bow. She is an actress, dancer, lecturer, writer and painter. In fact she gave me a couple of prints of her paintings and they are excellent.

Patti was born in Nigeria and along with 8 fellow siblings went through some difficult and dangerous times. They suffered near poverty and the threat of death from the Biafra war. Patti's mother was the Lioness of the family and took great care of her cubs. She was a formidable lady but raised her children with love and discipline. She was also a devout Roman Catholic and passed this on to Patti. From a very young age Patti has cherished her faith and it is an integral part of her life.

Patti was only 16 when she first came to the UK and being rather naive it was something of a culture shock for her. She was already a good singer but had not really thought of making it a career. Her first thoughts were to become a nun. The key story to the start of her climb to fame came about by mistake. She decided one day that she would visit the famous waxworks at Madame Tussauds. She knew it was popular but was surprised at the long queue of people waiting to get in. What she didn't realize, until after a lengthy wait, was that she was in a queue at the theatre next door. This was not to see a show but to audition for the first production of Hair. Being a rather raunchy musical it is far away from the proposed life of a nun. Patti passed the audition. After that her career took off and she appeared in many productions including The Black Mikado, Carmen Jones & Jesus Christ Superstar.

In 1978 her agent asked her to go on to New Faces. However Patti didn't like the idea and didn't think it would be of any benefit. So she deliberately turned up late for the audition thinking they would not have time to see her. Fortunately her guardian angel had different ideas, there had been some difficulties at the studio and they were running late, so, much to her annoyance, they did have time to see her. When she later appeared on the show Patti was the only contestant ever to get 100% marks.

From there she went from strength to strength, including winning the New Faces All Star Final Show. Patti is highly thought of and much liked in the entertainment business. Amongst others she became friends with Michael Jackson and sang at his 45 birthday party. Other examples in her career have included writing and appearing in her own musical, having her own TV show both here and in Nigeria, appearing twice on "Pointless" and a very enjoyable time on "The Real Marigold Hotel"



Patti works for various Charities and gives lectures around the country. She also has 2 grown up children and 2 grandchildren. Her singing is still very important to her and she loves going on tour to entertain. As I mentioned her current tour is called Aretha & Me. Patti has always felt she had an affinity with Aretha Franklin because similar things happened to them in both their lives. So the shows are performed with much affection.

In case you are wondering Patti has a great sense of humour and, to use that old quote, "her smile lights up a room" (and a theatre).

To use one of my regular quotes about her - don't take my word for it!

I am also delighted to tell you that Deal Radio is running a free raffle to come and see Patti and meet her. As well as 2 tickets there will be a box of goodies & souvenirs

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9th Deal Ash Scout Group

Local Cubs and Beavers within the 9th Deal Ash Scout Group were very lucky to be invited to take part in the very first Bioblitz at Wingham Wildlife Park.

Although the skies poured down on the morning of the event in August, it did not put the children off recording some vital statistics for the team at Wingham.

We asked Markus, Curator at Wingham Wildlife Park the purpose of having a Bioblitz.

'Over the lockdowns we worked on the new bugs exhibit which includes a lot of features designed to attract native species to the park, as well as increasing the number of flowers and other plants around the park. We wanted to carry out the BioBlitz in order to establish which species are here, which we could attract in other ways and whether our work is having an impact, which we will see once we have a few years of BioBlitz events under our belts.'

Markus also mentioned why it is so important for the younger generation, such as our Cubs and Beavers to have an interest in Wildlife and conservation.

'We believe that getting kids hands on with something is the best way to teach them and hoped that by getting them actively looking for bugs and birds etc it might light a little fire with them to get a bit more interested in native species. We chose to focus on cubs and beavers because we felt that being members of those organisations, they would likely already have at least somewhat of an interest in wildlife – not everyone wants to be outside on a drizzly day counting worms!'

It was not only the children that were enthusiastic on the day, but also the adults that came along to assist. Markus commented;

'Everyone who attended the Bioblitz was happy to get hands on and really threw themselves in to the task. It was great to see such a level of enthusiasm for the event, especially as it wasn't a particularly pleasant day, especially in the morning when they all started.'

The Results.... All in all, Wingham Wildlife Park recorded 14 different bird species, 33 invertebrates and even 1 species of mammal from a total of 487 records made on that day.



'I loved recording the different types of bugs and insects found in the enclosure of the flamingos and otters.'
Edan Nimmo, Cub, Aged 9.



'Lots of grass-hoppers were jumping about in the Dinosaur Park, it was great fun.' Jack Wilkins, Beaver, Aged 6.

Section Leader – Craig Nimmo said,
'Well done to our Cubs and Beavers, thank you to Katie and the Wingham Wildlife Team for a great opportunity. This will go towards our Naturalist badge.'

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Board Games or Bored Games?



There are two types of families; those that love a game of Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit or Scrabble, and families like mine.

Our little festive hearts sink when guests suggest breaking out the Cluedo. We always thought we were odd until a few years ago when we befriended new neighbours. They invited us round for festive drinks and about halfway through the evening they suggested we play some games. They must have seen our collective look of horror. Oh no, they laughed, not BORED games...and with that they whipped out Dobble, Q-Bitz and Genius Square. These were games I had never heard of, although admittedly I hadn't really researched the subject. What ensued were a couple of fast-paced fun-filled hours, which resulted in us buying the same games and few more besides.

That evening our neighbours showed us that we didn't hate board games, we'd just been playing the wrong ones. My family is very kinaesthetic. We like to touch and manipulate things. We have a dozen different Rubik cubes and enjoy solving them. Traditional board games just aren't engaging enough for us.

Dobble is a 'spot-it' style game. There is a deck of circular cards covered in images and each card shares just one image in common with each other card. The idea is to spot the match quicker than your neighbour in a series of lightning rounds. Like snap but way more challenging and far more entertaining.

Q-Bitz is a match-it game, where you race against other players to reproduce the pattern on a card, using sixteen cubes, which all have different pattern-parts on each face. There are speed and memory variations, and children tend to be better than adults...at least in our house.

If you love Tetris you'll probably like Genius Square. The blocks are the same shapes and colours, and by throwing special dice you block out various co-ordinates on your square, then race to fit all the blocks into the remaining spaces.

These three games have become our family staples and we've discovered that lots of our friends prefer them to traditional board games too.

So, if you're 'bored with board games' try these and see if they convert you.

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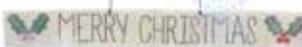
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- 3) Which jazz musician and composer was born in Deal in 1940?
- 4) How many piers has Deal had including the current one?
- 5) Walmer Beach was the possible location of whose historic landing?
- 6) Who gave Kent the name 'The Garden Of England'?
- 7) Which hit series was recently filmed in Deal by ITV?
- 8) Which Prime Minister sent soldiers to Deal to try to combat smugglers?
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Astronomy Update

With Deal's Very Own Starman Paul Thomsett

Here are a selection of astronomical events occurring during the Christmas period. We start the festive month on a new moon on December 4th promising, if the skies are clear, lovely dark nights.

December will see some of the finest constellations of the year rising in the east including Orion and his 3 prominent 'belt stars' closely followed by Canis Major or the Great Dog which contains the brightest star in the entire sky the brilliant Sirius. Ahead of Orion is Taurus the Bull driving his two horns into Auriga the charioteer. There are many more beautiful constellations including the large 'W' of Cassiopeia and Gemini the twins so get yourself a simple night sky map, look up and learn.

Over head during the early evening you may notice a faint elongated fuzzy patch in the constellation of Andromeda, you will be looking at the famous galaxy which at 2.4 million light years is the most distant object you will ever see with your naked eye. The Andromeda galaxy is like our own Milky Way galaxy consisting of over three hundred billion stars!

If you look to the south east you will notice a very prominent 'star' shining brightly, this is in fact the giant planet Jupiter, the biggest planet in our solar system. A small telescope will reveal 4 of its 79 moons and wealth of detail across



its face including the famous Great Red Spot, a storm that has been raging for over 300 years. Further to the right of the mighty Jupiter is the beautiful ringed planet Saturn. A telescope will be required to observe the stunning ring system but it is a sight you won't forget.

If you are awake during the early hours of the morning of December 13th and the skies are clear you will be able to observe some bright shooting stars from the Geminid meteor shower. This annual meteor shower can produce some very bright meteors so worth looking out after midnight.

We may be blessed this month with a bright comet for Christmas! Known as comet C/2021 A1 Leonard, discovered at the beginning of this year this comet may become visible in the pre-dawn easter sky from mid-month onwards. But... be aware, predicting comets behaviour is far from an exact science so all we can do is watch and hope.

If you are interested in finding out more then please feel free to contact me on my Facebook page, just search for Deal Starman or catch me on my Saturday spot on Deal Radio.

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An interview with senior audiologist, Joana Carvalho, Hearbase Deal

What is an audiologist?

An audiologist is a clinical health care professional responsible for helping those who have problems with their hearing and balance disorders. It's a highly qualified role, and each day an audiologist could be assessing and fitting hearing aids, providing ear protection, tinnitus support and advising on balance and wax removal.

How long have you been at Hearbase?

I have been at Hearbase for over 7 years now and I enjoy my work, especially meeting and helping so many people in the local community, old and young, including children, from all walks of life. I am based at the new Hearbase clinic at 72 High Street, Deal, CT14 6HE (opposite Rook's the butchers).

What are the first signs of a hearing problem?

Some of the early signs are when you struggle to keep up with conversation in noisy places, when



your family tell you the TV is too loud, or when you have difficulty hearing people clearly. If you experience ringing or buzzing in your ears, or head, or a feeling of blockage, these can also be early signs of hearing loss. Also, if you find you can hear better when you look into people's faces that is also a red flag and you should get your hearing tested.



Why should I have my hearing tested?

Not being able to hear, seriously impacts your quality of life, not to mention talking with friends, family and others. I recommend if you show any of these early signs, you should get it checked. If you are concerned about someone close to you who struggles to hear, speak to them about getting a free hearing test and why not join them to offer support if they need a little bit of encouragement?



Why should I go to Hearbase Deal?

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How should I look after my hearing?

If you notice any change to your hearing, large or small, then always get it checked. Having a hearing test should be done regularly like you do with your teeth and eyes. This is important however old or young you are. If you work in a noisy place or have a history of hearing loss in your family, have a hearing test, it only takes 30 minutes.



Seniors Helping Seniors in Deal

Getting involved in community is a huge part of what we do at Seniors Helping Seniors.

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For the last few weeks we have been out and about shopping for Christmas cards, Christmas presents and for the Christmas treats people love.

We know the smells of festive cooking, the sight of wrapping paper and decorations around the home, connect people to their history and therefore to their loved ones and happiness.

Some may say, family won't mind if granny doesn't send a card but we help out in this way because we respect our clients. We help our clients to stay true to the standards.

60% of our clients are living with dementia. Engagement, routine and a good giggle is high on our agenda for their wellness and their wellbeing.



We had a laugh putting on the reindeer antlers to go for our weekly swim. We seriously thought about keeping them on in the pool but the earnest job of swimming for exercise prevailed. For us, creating smiles while we keep people well and engaged is what matters most.

Thanks to our wonderful carers in and around Deal for making our mission a reality. We are celebrating nine years of outstanding care in the area early in 2022.

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It must be getting near Christmas, they are selling Easter eggs in the supermarkets.

Seriously though here at Deal Radio we look to the future as well as taking care of the present. This month saw the re launch of the station on the 21st. We sent out an open invite to come to our studio in the afternoon during a live broadcast. Then in the evening to join us at The Cin Cin Bar for an evening of live music.

The whole day went really well and we were delighted at the response. The re launch means an even wider range of shows to appeal to all tastes and a new website. When you visit the site you will find it much easier to get in touch with us

and check out just about anything you want to know about DR.

Our Saturday morning "drop in" remains very important to us. Deal Radio is part of the community and we are always happy to greet people "dropping in" on Saturdays to chat to us. So if you want to tell us an interesting story, have a moan about something important or promote a charity or any other event you will be most welcome. Let me assure you it is a painless experience talking into a microphone – you won't find out until you try.

Here are some more members of the Deal Radio team:

**DAVE PARKER: "MR.P's EVERYTHING LOUDER THAN EVERYTHING"
8PM TO 10PM. FRIDAYS.**

Despite the title of his show Dave doesn't shout too much – he's too cool for that. He is a man with a wide knowledge of the workings of the music industry. At the tender age of 16 he started his career as a trainee tape operator. It was a great start as the studio was owned by Jethro Tull. Although he was only there for 2 months he had the very pleasurable task of working with the likes of "Twisted Sister", "Level 42", "Culture Club" & "Elkie Brooks" – to name but a few.

Dave always absorbed information and developed a great liking to the setting up/take down of band equipment. Knowledge of this is vital to any band, particularly when they are on tour. He then went on various tours himself working with many bands. Later he joined Albion Records which didn't prove as exciting. He only had minimal contact with the musicians/bands. Later life took him off to Majorca where he DJ'd in one of the more decadent holiday resorts – so to speak. He had a wonderful time but still missed his greatest love – being involved with bands and their tours.

Although Dave left the industry for some 23 years he still maintained contacts in the business. In the background he had an avid interest in radio. So when his good friend Marc (DR's MD) gave him the opportunity to co-host a show he jumped or maybe leapt at the offer. From this came his own show which, like the rest of us presenters, he loves doing. A blend of metal, rock, hard core metal, classic rock and punk is a cocktail to suit many tastes. I think it's great that Dave has had enough faith in all of us to make a financial investment in Deal Radio, where he is rightly one of our directors. Without his input DR may well have not survived the cruel virus attack of last year. Rock on Dave and thank you.



**PETER FOX: "THE FOXY RADIO SHOW".
8PM TO 10PM SUNDAYS.**

According to Pete he is a legend in his own life time – well why not. His popular show on Deal Radio is a smorgasbord of great music from then and now. His love of music started way back with the likes of Lonnie Donegan and Buddy Holly – a good place to start.

Those of us of a certain age will remember that the BBC starved teenagers in the early 60's of pop music - I think they thought it wasn't that important. To begin with Radio Luxemburg was the only alternative, it was a good station but the signal reception was terrible. Then much to Pete's delight (and mine) the pirate radio stations launched themselves on the air waves. At last there was a regular supply of Rock music for us all.

Pete was and is an ingenious man. In the 1970s he set up North West Kent Radio. His equipment was somewhat "Heath Robinson" but this did not deter him from broadcasting. As things developed this led to his career as a successful DJ. His work brought him in touch with Fox Leisure Agency. It was a pure fluke about the having the same name but possibly a good sign. At first he thought he had made a mistake as they kept booking him to some of their worst venues. Gradually they realised how good he was and moved him to their top gigs

His determination continued so that along with hard work, and listening to others, Foxy got to the top of his game. This enabled him to work with many big name bands. Despite today being slightly older and slightly slower, (its called age and I should know) Foxy was gently pulled out of retirement. If the truth be known he didn't need much pulling. So he is now one of the happy band of presenters at Deal Radio. His upbeat show goes out at 8pm to 10pm on Sundays. With all his experience and wide love of music you could say he is a "smooth operator".



**ROSIE WALL: PRESENTER/COMMUNICATIONS/PR.
SATURDAY DROP IN.**

Rosie is a busy Bee and works behind the scenes as well as presenting. I first interviewed Rosie about 6 years ago little thinking she may join us – which she did. She started with a show called "Creative Women", the title for which is self-explanatory. Her heart now belongs to Deal Radio and she is proud to work for the station. She also holds the rest of the team with high regard and believes the future of DR will be even more exciting than the past and present. I am sure her contribution will certainly help this happen. As well as being a public ambassador for the station she currently describes herself as the "zany co-host" of the Saturday Morning drop in with our handsome leader Marc. I think zany is a polite word for slight madness, which is certainly catching up with all of us. I suggest Rosie writes a book using the title of one of her comments "Happy Radio Days". I will sell the TV rights and take a percentage – happy days indeed.



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Toasting Success As Café Expands With DDC Town Centre Grant

A popular local café on Deal High Street has expanded after becoming the latest business to be awarded a grant under Dover District Council's Town Centre Business Grant Scheme.

The Pop Up Café in Deal was awarded a £10,000 grant to help them expand into the previously empty premises next door. The owners opened the original café in the summer of 2012 as a temporary venture, but trading went so well they decided to stay, and they now employ 15 members of staff.

The shop bakes bread, croissants, cakes and granola bars, and also makes soups, salads, sandwiches and toasties, as well as speciality coffees and loose leaf teas.

DDC's Town Centre Business Grants are helping to revive high streets across the district, providing financial support to help local businesses bring empty commercial properties back into use.

The scheme offers grants of up to £10,000 to bring commercial properties back into use, or up to £1,000 for shopfront refurbishments.

Owner Hetty Pound said: "In these challenging times, this grant from DDC has been an amazing contribution to the South end of Deal High Street. We are really happy with the outcome and hope other shops in the locality are aware of the support the council offers small businesses."



Cllr Trevor Bartlett, Leader of Dover District Council, said: "We are very pleased to be able to help another local business to succeed in the district. This is another example of how our Town Centre Business Grant Scheme continues to help support local businesses and regeneration in our town centres."

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The Cin Cin Bar & Restaurant in Deal

I hate starting off an article with the word Covid but it has proved an unavoidable challenge to us all. On the commercial front small businesses, particularly in the catering/hospitality trade, have been bruised and battered to the edge of no return. Sadly many have not made it back.

About 4 years ago Tanya Tong started her new job as the manager of The Cin Cin Bar (Pronounced Chin, Chin – Italian for “Cheers”). Tanya had been looking for something different as a career and remembered how much she had enjoyed working at café in her mid-teens. She liked interacting with the public and got a buzz out of having satisfied customers. After 6 months as their manager the then owners decided to sell up and Tanya was the buyer.

She put together a team of 10 people, some of whom were part time. Although she expected her staff to work as hard as she did she made sure they were a happy crew. Experience taught her that becoming a “family” group made for happy employees – and happy customers. Its makes a big difference in your life if you actually enjoy going to work.

The Cin Cin Bar developed a good reputation for good service, good food and good music. I happen to know several musicians who play regularly at The Cin Cin Bar and it is one of their favourite venues. here is always a great atmosphere and a very receptive audience. The formula was working and all Tanya’s efforts paid off.

That is until the first challenge raised its ugly head. The lady living next door, who allegedly had mental health problems, complained to Dover Council about the noise. Despite the fact that Tanya then spent a small fortune on sound proofing and an acoustic engineer to resolve the problem, nothing would please the complainant. She even complained about noise when the bar was shut. Although representatives from the council visited the bar and the neighbour’s property, Tanya and the expert were never allowed access next door. Eventually the neighbour moved out and Tanya hoped this would settle matters. The council has never provided her with written evidence and has been vague in the reason for its decisions. Also it has issued her with a noise abatement order which still hangs over her like the “Sword of Damocles”.

It would also seem (in my eyes anyway) that the council is running some sort of vendetta. Although the business next door to The Cin Cin Bar has a licence to have tables & chairs outside on the pavement, Tanya’s application for one was turned down. Obviously I do not know the full details of the council’s motives or what goes on behind closed doors. Of course they must look after people but surely this also applies to local businesses.



Part of what makes Deal such a delightful place is the local cafes and shops, visitors really do like visiting them! All the council needs to do is take a large pair of scissors and cut through the red tape they have wrapped this “problem” up in.

Yet more challenges came to The Cin Cin when the big C hit town (and the UK). Tanya had to shut the business and with no income and a rent still to pay there was a great danger, like for so many others, that the lights would be turned off and the door locked – permanently. Tanya’s husband is a painter and decorator, so his work dried up. He then went and worked at a mortuary to maintain some sort of income. It was heart breaking and all her great efforts, hard work and inspiration were slowly dripping down the drain. Tanya struggled on and was eventually able to do takeaway Sunday dinners as restrictions were gradually lifted. Slowly but surely business picked up again but there is still a long journey ahead.

With Christmas on the horizon The Cin Cin Bar has scrummy food and a wide variety of great music on the menu, so to speak. Actually it always has scrummy food. One of the many regular delights is the bottomless Tapas and small plates currently available Wednesdays to Saturdays .Hold your breath £35 – 44 per person for as much as you can eat and drink!! One of the many quotes I read on line was “The best bottomless brunch I’ve had”. That said if you go regularly I doubt your bottom will remain bottomless.

Another regular feature s Sunday lunches, where you a given a wide selection and a choice of numbers of courses. Yet another great plus at Cin Cin’s is that when there is live music on there is no entry fee. Whenever you come in you will be guaranteed a warm welcome. Tanya would not have it any other way.

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Collectors Corner: Silver Boxes Coin It In & A Strongbox Gives Up Its Secret At The Canterbury Auction Galleries

You know what...it never ceases to amaze me what comes along to our Auction House and what we discover at our clients homes, all of it is thanks to the collectors out there, below are just some of the items sold at our last sale – all of it came from Kent.

Collections of Anglo-Saxon coins and precious silver and enamel boxes were the highlights of the October three-day sale at the The Canterbury Auction Galleries. The former were discovered in a bank vault only after documents were found in the late owner's park home and after attracting international interest from fellow numismatists, they sold for a staggering £185,000.

The most valuable single coin the collection was an extremely rare gold Thrymsa, or shilling, dating from 640-660 and minted in Northumbria or York, which was estimated at £8,000-12,000. It sold for £17,500.

Bidders in London, throughout England, Scandinavia, Europe and the United States competed for ownership of just over 100 lots of silver and enamel boxes. Among the most wanted was an elegant early 20th century French 18ct gold card case with chain, probably intended to hold dance cards.

The case sold for an above estimate for £2,300.

There were further gratifying surprises for other private vendors in the sale. The owner of a late 19th century Ottoman silver, engraved terrestrial table globe inherited the fine scientific and decorative piece from his grandfather and was delighted when it sold for £10,600.

Similarly, an early 18th century Chinese famille verte porcelain punch bowl enamelled in colours with figures and attendants in a landscape, 12ins (30.5cm) diameter x 6ins (15.25cm) high, from a local estate sold to a Far Eastern bidder for £4,100.

The most valuable piece of jewellery in the sale: a modern ruby and diamond ring, the 18ct gold setting featuring a central 5 carat stone flanked by 10 brilliant-cut round diamonds, of approximately 1ct total weight, which sold to a local buyer for £3,000.

Landscapist John Northcote Nash (1893-1977) has a strong following among collectors, one of



Chinese Famille Vert Porcelain Punch Bowl,
Early 18th Century



Gold Thrymsa (640-660) Northumbria/York, 14mm. 1.3g, VF

whom picked up two watercolours to add to his collection. More valuable of the two was a view of "Ben Tiannavig", on the Isle of Skye, signed, 13ins x 17.75ins, which doubled its estimate to sell for £3,000, while an unnamed scene of a hillside track with leafless trees, 8.75ins x 11.75ins, sold on top estimate for £1,500. The latter came from the Laurence John Lee Collection.

None of this would be possible without the diligent work of the collector through the generations, so KEEP ON COLLECTING...

Dave Parker BSc(hons) ASFAV
Managing Director,
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Small Business Saturday is designed to raise the profile of small businesses across the UK. With many retailers now gearing up for the festive season, DDC wants more people to recognise the value, quality and choice local independent traders provide.

On-street parking charges will still apply. It should also be noted that all other parking restrictions, like yellow lines, will continue to be enforced throughout the district.

Cllr Martin Bates, DDC Cabinet Member for Transport, Licensing and Regulatory Services, said: "We are very pleased to offer free Christmas parking and free parking for Small



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Business Profile: Goodchild's of Walmer

Dean and Rachel Goodchild run the friendly family Butchers – Goodchild's of Walmer – on Dover Road.

Dean originally moved to the area 30 years ago to manage the new telephone exchange for Pfizer, and in 2015 married Rachel. In 2019, the couple embarked on an exciting new venture when they acquired the business from G M & M Johns, who had previously held the Royal Warrant when the late Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was in residence at Walmer Castle. The business has a history stretching back 150 years, and the couple were just getting started adding to that history when COVID-19 struck. The Outlook caught up with the couple to find out more.

It's clear that animal welfare informs your ethos in relation to the way you source meat. Can you tell us more about that?

Dean; I love cooking at home, and I am a firm believer that the secret to a good meal is the use of excellent quality of ingredients. So, with that in mind, I am confident that you can tell when an animal has had a good quality of life, it is more tender and delicious.

Rachel; Yes, it is important that we know that the animals have had a good life and have been respected, that is why where possible, we source our meat direct from the local farmers; Simon Husk and Richard Gaskin and not forgetting that we buy our eggs from Coastal Farms.

Do you feel society is now more aware of the importance of "shopping locally" or is this an ongoing challenge when faced with competition from larger retailers such as supermarkets etc?

Dean; We feel it is an ongoing challenge with the supermarkets, simply because they have a greater buying power in terms of pricing.

Rachel; That said, last year when COVID-19 struck, I do believe people discovered local shops again, and I am pleased to say many of those customers who had used us for the first time, continue to do so.

Dean; Yes agreed, plus I think people are also more aware of their carbon foot print. We use local suppliers, and local abattoirs so our carbon footprint is considerably smaller than say the big supermarkets who are shipping in meat from around the world.



Talk us through some of your most popular products.

Dean; I would say our sausages and bacon. We hand make all our own sausages; Kentish Hop seems to be the favourite plus we cure our own bacon – you can't get better than that!

Rachel; I would say our pies! I can't take credit for making them as we get them made by Peter at Gatehouse Farm! Very delicious and go down a storm with our customers.

Dean; Our handmade burgers are popular, especially the Venison Burgers. Again, we buy our game locally from the Hawkhurst Estate.

What is the most enjoyable element of what you do at Goodchild's?

Rachel; I love interacting with the customers – They are great, super friendly and make working in the shop fun...although Dean tells me I talk to much!

Dean; Being confident that I am providing quality meat, I love seeing photos from our customers of the meals they have made using our produce!

Any advice for couples who work together?!

Dean; Don't! No, seriously we think that the key to a healthy working relationship is to respect the other's point of view, suggestions and find boundaries. Now don't get us wrong, it was difficult to start with, but we soon worked out what our respective roles would be within the business, and at the end of the day, when you really believe in your business, you make it work!

What are the goals heading into next year?

Rachel; We'd like to continue to grow our charcuterie offerings, such as our dried cured venison and duck and potentially start visiting the farmers and food markets. We'll see, as our primary goal is to continue to be part of the local community by providing great service and quality meat!



Last-minute Christmas Gift Cake

Traditionally Christmas cakes are made well in advance but if you haven't had time try our last-minute version.

Because it makes two you can also give one away as a gift, and solve two problems with one recipe!

Makes 2 cakes, each serving 8 Prep time: 30 minutes Cooking time: 1-1½ hours depending on oven

INGREDIENTS

600g good-quality mixed dried fruits
150ml whisky, warmed
150g stem ginger, drained, plus
8 tbsp ginger syrup from the jar
200g butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
300g plain flour
2 tsp baking powder
2 tsp mixed spice
200g soft light brown sugar
4 large free-range eggs
2 tsp milk
Finely grated zest of 2 small oranges and 2 lemons
50g ground almonds
150g whole glacé cherries

METHOD

Put the dried fruits in a bowl and pour over the whisky. Set aside for 30 minutes to allow the fruit to plump up.

Briefly blend the ginger and its syrup in a mini food processor until finely chopped. Preheat the oven to 160°C/fan140°C/gas 3. Grease and line a 20cm square cake tin.

Sift the flour, baking powder and mixed spice into a large bowl and add the rest of the ingredients except the cherries. Beat with a hand-held electric whisk for 2 minutes until pale and fluffy. Fold in the soaked dried fruits and any whisky, the blitzed ginger and the cherries.

Spoon into the baking tin and level off. Bake for 1-1½ hours (this depends very much on your oven. My fan oven is super-quick whereas my mother's aga is slower). If you're unsure I recommend you check after an hour then every fifteen minutes after that, until the cake is firm and golden brown. To check, insert a skewer into the centre of the cake. If it comes out clean the cake is cooked. You can cover it loosely with foil after 1 hour if the centre needs more time. This prevents the surface darkening too much. Leave in the tin for 10 minutes, and then remove to a wire rack to cool.

Remove a thin slice from all sides of the cake and discard. Cut the cake in half to make 2 rectangles.

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