

A little boy went into the kitchen and said ....  
 "Mum, Where do we come from?"  
 Mum says "Oh! That's easy son,  
 In the beginning there were Adam and Eve,  
 they fell in love and started a family,  
 Their children started more families and so on,  
 And that's how we all came to be here!"

The little boy thanked her and went to the garden to find his dad ....  
 "Dad? Where do we come from?"  
 Dad replies "Well son, millions of years ago,  
 When very big animals wandered this earth, the apes wanted to evolve,  
 So they learnt to walk,  
 Then they wanted more so continued to learn  
 And eventually became human, like us  
 Then they had babies and that's how we came to be here!"

Now the little boy goes back to the kitchen,  
 "Mum? You know you said we came from Adam and Eve? Well ..... Dad said we  
 came from apes?"

Mum replies " Oh darling,  
 that's your dads side of the family!"

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The Albatross

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A warm Welcome one and all! The past few months have been busy and seen changes, the next few will be much the same!

Firstly Thank you to Barry Painter for stepping up and taking on the role of Wings Appeal Co-ordinator. I'm sure I am not alone in wishing you every success !

Secondly there are now more regular events during the evening each week and some events have changed days. Please everyone support as many of these as you can, the entertainers do this voluntarily so your support would be greatly appreciated! The evenings are fun and usually involve a raffle, who knows—you might win!

Both the Battle of Britain Services are coming up in the next few weeks, firstly the Wreath Laying followed by the Church Service. Your presence at both would be wonderful! Following the Church Service there is a buffet for all, this too is provided voluntarily so if anyone wishes to contribute please speak to either myself or Dorothy.

Volunteers please! I am currently looking to form a sub-committee to help organise events such as Armed Forces day activities and possibly Bexhill Carnival etc. Things to get us out into the community really. Would anyone willing to offer some time and ideas please speak to me so we can get this moving forward.

Finally, as I'm sure most of you are aware our beloved John Leahy is very unwell, please a thought and prayers, if you do, for both him and Elizabeth .

Take care, until next time,

Tina

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**Club Opening Times**

Mon-Wed	Lunch	11.30-14.30
	Eve.	17.30-22.30
Thursday	Lunch	11.30-14.30
	Eve.	17.00-23.00
Friday	All Day	11.30-23.00
Saturday	Lunch	11.30-14.30
	Eve.	17.30-22.30
Sunday	Lunch	12.00-17.00

The Club remains Closed Sunday Evening

**Lunches served Wednesday and Fridays**  
**The Wednesday start date is yet to be confirmed for this**

A **Meat Raffle** is held every **Friday lunchtime** & a **Bottle Raffle & 180 Club Draw** every **Sunday lunchtime** with all proceeds going to the Maintenance Fund.

**Regular Events**

Every Monday	Keep Fit	13.00
1st Monday	Folk Music	20.00
3rd Tuesday	Busking the Blues	20.00
4th Tuesday	Creole Jazz Night	20.00
Tuesday/Friday	Table Tennis	11.00
1st Wednesday	Coffee Morning	10.30
2nd Wednesday	Air Crew Ass.	11.30
1st Friday	Quiz Night	20.00
2nd Friday	Ukulele Band	20.00
3rd Friday	Vinyl Night	20.00
4th Friday	Live Music Night	20.00

(Acts to be confirmed—please see Notice-board)

Bingo on Wednesdays—See Notice Board

**DATES—Regular weekly events**

**Folk Night**—Mondays  
 2nd Sept—7th Oct—4th Nov.  
**Blues Night**—Tuesdays  
 17th Sept—15th Oct—19th Nov.  
**Jazz Night**—Tuesdays  
 24th Sept—22nd Oct—26th Nov.  
**Bingo**—Wednesdays  
 4th Sept—18th Sept—25th Sept.  
 (Check notice board for future dates)

**Coffee Morning**—Wednesdays

4th Sept—2nd Oct—6th Nov.

**Quiz Night**—Fridays

6th Sept—4th Oct—1st Nov.

**Ukulele Group**—Fridays

13th Sept—11th Oct—8th Nov.

Also Beer Festival—Sunday 17th Nov. 2pm

**Vinyl Night**—Fridays

20th Sept—18th Oct—November TBA

**Live Music Nights**—Fridays

27th Sept—25th Oct—22nd Nov.

Please check Notice Board for other events & activities

**Successes and Thanks**

Firstly our summer Beer Festival was a roaring success, both the Ales and entertainment were enjoyed by many!

The music evening with Serious Sam Barrett was enjoyed by many, both the 60's Revolution and Great Gatsby Weekend were successful, with our very own DJ Dave taking us back through the years in the evening of the 60's weekend and the Albatross Ukulele Band & Jazz Alley Duo entertaining us for the Great Gatsby Event!

Though I missed it myself, sadly, the Rum and Reggae night was vastly enjoyed with an array of different rums and the dance floor of the Op's Room getting a good work out! The event raised £305.00 for refurb.

Despite the cancellation of the Battle of Britain flypast the Art presentation was a hugely successful afternoon, with our guests enjoying a buffet and entertainment from the wonderful Dick, Tony & Chris!

Lastly the Cockney Night was good as always with great entertainment and scrummy pie and mash!

**Upcoming Events**

Firstly for September we have the **Battle of Britain Wreath Laying Ceremony** on Sunday **8th September** at **12.00pm**. This is a fairly short Ceremony but heartfelt and important, please do try to come along and show respect for our fallen.

This coincides with the **Bexhill Festival of the Seas Weekend** and the **club will be open all day on Saturday 7th September** from **11.30am—11pm**

**Club Summer BBQ** Saturday **14th September** at **7.00pm**. Downstairs in the Ops Room and on the patio with live music from 'The Fieldstone Boys'. BBQ food tickets are £6 and on sale at the bar

**Battle of Britain Church Service**—Sunday **15th September** at St Michaels Church in Glassenbury Drive at **12.00pm** Following the Service there will be a buffet in the Church hall for all to enjoy.

For **October** we will be hosting our very own **MacMillan Coffee Morning** on Saturday **5th**. Starting at **10am** until midday. These have been successful in the past so do pop along and enjoy a cake or two! Obviously supporting a very worthwhile cause.

Also **The Iron Pier Brewery** (of Gravesend) will be available for a **Meet the Brewer Night** on **12th October**. Time to be confirmed.

**November** kicks off with the increasingly popular **Halloween Party** on Saturday **2nd**! Food will be available and tickets will be £6 and available from the bar soon! Fancy Dress is optional but lots of fun!

Our winter **Beer Festival** is taking place on **15th to 17th November**. Always a popular event with many delightful Ales and Ciders to be enjoyed! Full details of entertainment and more importantly the actual BEERS will be announced in due course. This event is open to everybody so **non-members are more than welcome to come enjoy a tippel!** Hours are as follows **Friday & Saturday 11.30am—11.00pm, Sunday 12.00pm—5.00pm** unless we run out of Beer!

**Race Night** this year takes place on Saturday **30th November** in the main bar from **7.00pm** Come and enjoy tote betting with racing on the big screen! Food will be available and tickets will be on sale in due course at £6.00.