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Ruth Cutler's 'Sandscripts'



Flint

Willie McKnight



Sea Anemone

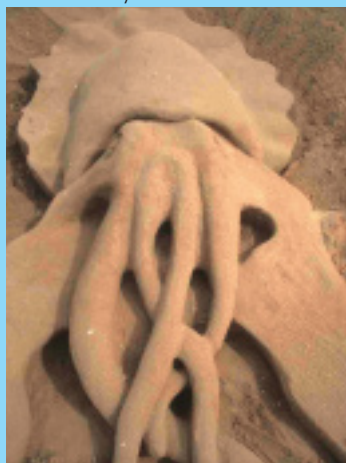
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The Coast on Camera – inspiration for SeaART2007
See page 3



Coastal Project's Log

Cuttlefish by Matt Searles



The Volunteer Team Award



Beach Clean, Plum pudding



Welcome to our new handy sized newsletter, we hope you like it, but please let us know what you think. Thanks to everyone who completed last summer's questionnaire. A staggering 98.5% backed our colourful style and contents, and it's good to see so many people enjoying our events.

Get clicking. Our online booking system is up and running. Most of our events – from Low Tide day, Rock Doc walks to Seal Trips can now be booked at the touch of a button. You can still book at Visitor Information Centres – as well as with us – if you can't access the web.

Coastal wardens continue to show their commitment to looking after their own patch of the coast, and the scheme has generated interest from many other areas wishing to set up their own scheme. Our coastal volunteers haven't gone unnoticed either, and they recently picked up 'Volunteer Team Award' in The Pride of Thanet Awards, held by the Kent Tourism Association. So our "thanks" and "well done" go to all the volunteers for helping the project!

It's been a busy time for people interested in our coast. Our coastal user group representatives – or 'stakeholders' – have finished reviewing the complex Management Scheme. See page 6 for more details on the new scheme.

Tony Child

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WAVES OF INSPIRATION



SeaART2007

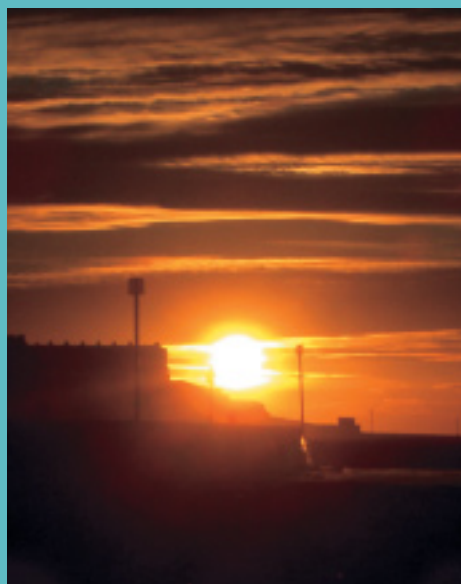
Are you inspired by the sea? Artists can register their interest to submit contemporary art works – varying from paintings, collages, sculptures and other colourful creations – for this year's SeaART exhibition in August, run in conjunction with Isle of Thanet Arts (I.O.T.A.)

To record your interest, contact the Thanet Coast Project before 21 July on 01843 577672 or thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk

PhotoSeaART

We're also keen to snap up images by local people for a complementary photo exhibition. The three themes for 2007 include:

- The nature of our coast
- Human impact on the coast
- Textures and light



The Coast on Camera

Need help with your creative flow? Why not join local artist Ruth Cutler on a coastal 'Art Walk' to record your coastal observations. Please bring your camera on the day. Or contact us before and we'll hand you a disposable camera to use.

The walks take place at Margate (10 April); Kingsgate (12 May); Ramsgate (13 May) and there is a special children's workshop in Cliftonville (7 July).

Places are limited. You can book on-line at www.thanetcoast.org.uk or book from a Visitor Information Centre.



Willie McKnight

Thanet Coastal Wardens Log

Now in its third year, the coastal warden volunteer scheme continues to increase its good work. As well as being the 'eyes and ears' of the Thanet Coast, coastal wardens are shouting about the importance of our marine environment.

The wardens have been busy recording activities at their chosen bay and collecting mountains of information on human activity and wildlife to be found there. Some wardens are getting 'hands on' when it comes to our events – giving up time to help run some of the popular seaside activities such as Seashore Safaris, Easter's Great Egg Case Hunt and beach cleans. A total of 85 days of volunteer time were spent helping out.

One volunteer warden has recently joined the Coastal Advisory Group to help carry out trial research on shellfish on the reef. While another is taking groups on Rockpool Rambles – don't miss Professor Periwinkle on Tuesday 29 May.

A packed programme of events and training – thanks to sponsorship from Cummins Global Power Generation – is set to make this year as exciting as ever for our wardens.

If you would like to get involved in the Coastal Warden Scheme, please contact 01843 577409.

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Thanet Coastal Warden Scheme

- Induction and Activity Survey (28 April)
- Shore Life Identification (tbc)

Optional modules

- Sandwich Riverbus seal trips (16 & 29 June)
- Thanet Coast Shoresearch Survey Day (8 July)

Willie McKnight



ACTION STATIONS!

Action in the Community

Over 3,000 children are learning about their beaches and bays, thanks to the Thanet Coast Project. This is the third year we've visited local primary schools with Thanet Leisureforce and HM Coastguard. Children have picked up some useful tips, including water safety, what to do in an emergency and how to look after our coast and wildlife.

The Pfizer's Science Jamboree was held at the end of March. Workshops were held by the Thanet Coast Project and Chas Matthews from the Kent Wildlife Trust to teach over 300 children about the wildlife around Kent's coast and rivers.

Pfizer's Science Jamboree



Social Services Team provide a social service!



Community in Action

Pegwell Bay has received a spring clean – thanks to some generous volunteers.

The bay has been made safer for wildlife after a visit from Kent County Council's Social Services Team from QEOM hospital, Margate. But it doesn't stop there. Cummins invited its Manston site staff to volunteer as part of their 'Every Employee, Every Community' initiative. Education Officer Naomi Biggs started the day with a presentation, before the volunteers headed to the bay for a coastal tidy-up and filled 89 bags in just three hours.

If you know a local community group that would enjoy learning about wildlife or cleaning up the coast, contact the Thanet Coast Project on 01843 577409.



Pegwell Bay

CATCHING UP WITH...

Management Scheme: 2007 to 2012

Go online and learn more about how the nature of your coast is managed. Take a look at the revised North East Kent coast European marine sites Management Scheme for 2007-12 at www.thanetcoast.org.uk

The scheme will officially be launched on 28 April 2007. It has been developed over the last 12 months with help from many local people at workshops and through consultations.

Copies of the scheme can be downloaded – or made available on CD. For more information, contact Ingrid Chudleigh from Natural England on 01233 812525 or email ingrid.chudleigh@naturalengland.org.uk

Coastal Research Conference

The North East Kent Coastal Advisory Group's third biennial conference in 2006 covered many local research subjects and is to be written up as a Research Report by the summer of 2007. You will be able to view this under 'Research' at www.thanetcoast.org.uk.

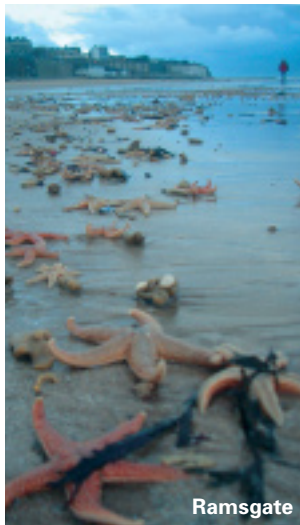
Any enquiries, please contact Geoff Meaden on 01227 767700 ext. 2327, or g.j.meaden@canterbury.ac.uk

Shoreline Management Plans – have your say

Plans are being made to manage coastal flooding and erosion on the North Kent coast. The South East Coastal Group has been developing plans for the next 100 years.

The proposals cover the coastline along the North Kent coast around Thanet to South Foreland near Dover. The plan looks at how to tackle flood and coastal erosion risks. Public consultation takes place in spring. For more information, visit www.se-coastalgroup.org.uk

...COASTAL DRIFT



Starfish

Winter storms and strong winds can put many of our coastal animals in danger – as witnessed when many starfish are washed from offshore onto our shoreline. Here they can be left stranded and are potential lunch for seagulls.



SPRING INTO 2007 COASTAL EVENTS

Guided Walks, Cycle Rides, Volunteer or Family Events

Always wear suitable clothing and shoes. Bring drinks, sun-block/hats in hot weather. Most are not too physically demanding and would suit a variety of ages – but check details, as longer events require more careful preparation.

Book: On-line booking: reserve your place under "What's On" section in www.thanetcoast.org.uk. If you do not have access to the internet, you can book through the **Thanet Visitor Information Centres** on **0870 2646111**, or through the Thanet Coast Project, to book on-line for you.

C For cycle rides – please ensure your bike is roadworthy or the leader may refuse to take you! We also recommend that riders wear helmets and this is compulsory for children.

V For volunteer tasks – wear stout footwear and suitable clothing (waterproofs / windproofs, depending on the weather). For beach cleans, gloves and bags will be provided.

F Some activities are particularly suitable for children and families. However, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult throughout the activity.

What else? A variety of events take place around our coastline, including regular events at the Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory (01304 617341). For further information call into one of the area's Visitor Information Centres.

Event organisers

- TCP** Thanet Coast Project – 01843 577672
KWT Kent Wildlife Trust – 01622 662012
PBCP Pegwell Bay Country Park events (KWT)
– contact wardens on 07889 822412 or 07747 608292



Keys to the coast

- A** Art event
- C** Cycle ride
- F** Family event
- G** Guided walk
- M** Meeting/workshop
- O** Other events
- V** Volunteer task
- W** Wildlife-related



G Sun 1 April, 2pm (2hrs)

First Signs of Spring

Stroll led by Chas Matthews.

Reculver Country Park 01227 74046 (KWT)

G Mon 2 April, 11am (2hrs)

Rock Doc Walk – Pegwell Bay

Learn the language of the rocks, chalk cliffs, flints and fossils. Meet: At the Viking ship 'Hugin'

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

A Tues 10 April, 11am (2½hrs)

The Coast on Camera – Margate

Join artist Ruth Cutler to capture your coastal observations on a walk between the Lido and Margate Harbour. See page 3.

Meet: Green opposite Fort Crescent, Cliftonville
Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

F Thurs 12 April, 12pm (2hrs)

Great Egg Case Hunt

Margate Main Sands. Join the hunt for the egg cases of skates and rays along the strandline.

Meet: By promenade shelter (opp. Train Station) near the Nayland Rock Hotel.

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

G Sun 15 April, 10am (2hrs)

First Signs of Spring

Search for the first wild flowers and migrant birds of the spring. Meet: Car park, PBCP (KWT)

O Thur 19 April,

Heineken Race of the Classics

Flotilla of 20 tall ships visit, weather permitting.

Ramsgate Harbour. 01843 572103

W Sat 21 April, 07:15 (4hrs)

Seal Trip

Wildlife Sailing from Minnis Bay. (£20). See page 11.

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

V Sat 21 April, 10am (3hrs)

Pegwell Bay Beach Clean

Volunteer to help tidy up along the shoreline.

Meet: On the beach below the former hoverport access road.

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

W Sun 22 April, 08:15 (4hrs)

Seal Trip

Minnis Bay. See 21 April & page 11

V Sun 22 April, 10am (2½hrs)

Tidal Tidy Up

Help clear beach of rubbish.

Reculver 01227 740676 (KWT)

V Sun 22 April, 10am (3hrs)

Coldharbour Beach Clean

See 21 April. Meet: Outside The Minnis Restaurant, Birchington.

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

M Tues 24 April, 6.30pm

Launch of Management Scheme

NE Kent coast stakeholder's European marine sites Management Scheme launch, and excursion to Tidal Pool. See page 6. Walpole Bay Hotel.

Book: 01843 577672 (TCP)

O 1 May, every Tuesday evening

Beach Volleyball Sessions

Viking Bay, Broadstairs 07971 251847

(£3 adult £2 junior/student)

O 4-6 May

Scooter Rally

www.vfmscoot.com

O 6-12 May

Thanet Walking Festival

www.thanetwalkingfestival.co.uk

O 10-26 May

Grand Turk

Visit, subject to weather. Ramsgate Harbour.

01843 572103

G Sat 12 May, 11am (2hrs)

Rock Doc Walk – Kingsgate

See 2 April & page 12. Meet: Outside Fayreness

Hotel. Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

A Sun 13 May, 2.30pm (2½hrs)

The Coast on Camera – Ramsgate

Capture your coastal observations on a walk between Ramsgate harbour and Dumpton Gap, Broadstairs. See page 3. Meet: By the Obelisk (o/s Casino), Ramsgate Harbour.

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

W Sun 13 May, 2pm (2-3hrs)

Shoresearch – Bishopstone Glen

Investigating shore life below the Glen, near Herne Bay. Meet: Car park at end of Reculver Drive,

Beltinge (TR206 687). 01622 662012 (KWT)

O 19-20 May

Mods and Rockers Re-Union

Crampton Tower Museum.

01843 871133

W Sat 19 May, 06:30 (4hrs)

Seal Trip

Wildlife sailing from Minnis Bay. (£20). See page

11. Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

W Sun 20 May, 07:15 (4hrs)

Seal Trip

Minnis Bay

See 19 May & page 11

G Sun 20 May, 10.30 (2hrs)

Early Season Beach Search

Beach Detective to find creatures and fossils.

Reculver Country Park (01227 740676 (KWT)

G Thurs 24 May, 6pm (2hrs)

Behind the Scenes

Inside look at new projects at the National Nature Reserve. Meet: Car park, PBCP (KWT)

F Sat 26 May, 3.30pm (2hrs)

Low Tide Day

Margate Main Sands. Get stuck into this year's low tide celebrations, with beach games and rockpooling for everyone.

Meet: On the beach next to the Marine Sands cafe. Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

O Sun/Mon 27/28 May

Fowlmead Country Park Opening

(former Betteshanger Colliery Tip, Nr. Deal)
www.fowlmead.co.uk

F Tues 29 May, 4.30pm (1½hrs)

Rockpool Ramble with Prof. Periwinkle

St Mildred's Bay.

Find out what's living between the tides.

Meet: Next to Pav's Cafe.

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

W Fri 1 June, 5pm (2-3hrs)

Shoresearch

Nayland Rock, Margate.

Chalk reef survey next to Margate's main sands.

Meet: By promenade shelter (opp. Train Station) near the Nayland Rock Hotel (TR 348 707).

01622 662012 (KWT/TCP)

O Sat-Sun 2-3 June, 10am (6hrs) (tbc)

Britannia Re-enactment

Reculver (01227 740676)

O Sun 3 June

Great Bucket and Spade Run

Historic vehicle run to Palm Bay Recreational Ground, Cliftonville. 01843 298969

V Sat 9 June, 10am (2hrs)

The Great Lizard Orchid Count

Search and count with the reserve warden. Meet at Sandwich Bay Estate Toll Gate (no toll fee!) TR 350578. 07889 822412 (KWT)

A Sat 9 June, 12pm (2½hrs)

The Coast on Camera - Kingsgate

Join artist Ruth Cutler to capture your observations on camera, on a walk from Botany Bay to Kingsgate. Meet: Slope to bay, end of Botany Bay Road. Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

C Friday 15 June, 6.30pm (2½hrs)

Coastal Cycle into the Sunset

Cycle from Margate to Minnis Bay, and back, as the sun sinks behind the Reculver Towers.

Meet: By Droit House, Margate Harbour.

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP/Thanet Cycle Forum)

O 16-24 June Bike Week

G Sat 16 June 10am (2hrs)

Orchids, Butterflies & other Wild Flowers

Meet: Car park, PBCP (KWT)

O 16-17 June

Margate's Big Event

Festival with air display at Palm Bay, Cliftonville. 01843 577167

O 16-24 June

Broadstairs Dickens Festival

Festival celebrating the life, times and works of Charles Dickens 01843 861827

F Sun 17 June 10am (2hrs)

Seashore Rambles

Join Chas Matthews on a wander to the cliffs at Pegwell Bay. Meet: Car park, PBCP (KWT)

W Thurs 21 June, 09:30 (4hrs)

Seal Trip

Wildlife Sailing excursion to the seals and a sandbank, from Minnis Bay. (£20). See page 11. Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

W Fri 22 June, 10:15 (4hrs)

Seal Trip

Minnis Bay. See 21 June & page 11

G Sat 23 June, 11am (2hrs)

Rock Doc Walk - Minnis Bay

See 2 April & page 12. Meet: On Promenade above the Tidal Pool (nr. chalk cliff)

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

W Sat 23 June 7.30pm (1hr)

Moth Nights!

See a wide variety of moths, caught the previous night. Meet: Car Park, PBCP (KWT/ www.plantethanet.org)

O Sat 23 & Sun 24 June, 10am (6hrs)

Kent Goes Wild

Kent's biggest wildlife recording event at Reculver Country Park. 01227 740676 (Visitor Centre; Kent & Medway Biological Records Centre)

O Sunday 24 June

Annual Raft Race

Margate - Nayland Rock beach to the harbour. 01843 293733

O Sat 30 June & Sun 1 July (tbc)

Beach Volleyball Open Tournament

Margate Main Sands. Entry 07971 251847

O Sat 30 June, 11:30am departure

The Balmoral steamer excursion

Thames trip to Tower Bridge via Whitstable and Southend; return by coach (20:30 pm). Margate Harbour. (£39) Book: www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk

W Sun 1 July, 2pm (2hrs)

Mini Beast Safaris

Join Chas Matthews and reserve staff in search of beetles, butterflies and dragonflies!

Meet: Car Park, PBCP (KWT)

O Thur 5 July, 12:15pm departure

The Balmoral steamer excursion

Up to London's Tower Bridge, return 20:30.pm.

Ramsgate Royal Harbour. (£37)

Book: www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk

O 6-15 July

Margate Jazz Festival

Margate Piazza stage. 01843 297350

(Town Partnership)

A Sat 7 July, 11am (2½hrs)

Under 16s – The Coast on Camera

Join artist Ruth Cutler to capture your observations on a walk between the Lido and Margate Harbour.

Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Meet: on the green opp. Fort Crescent,

Cliftonville. Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

O 7-8 July

Ramsgate Powerboat Grand Prix

01843 851601 (Town Partnership)

W Sat 14 July, 7:30pm (1hr)

Moth Nights!

PBCP See 23 June.

G Sun 15 July, 11am (2hrs)

Rock Doc Walk – Pegwell Bay

See 2 April & page 12.

Meet: At the Viking ship 'Hugin'

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

O Sun 15 July

Sea Sunday, Broadstairs

www.broadstairsseasunday.org.uk

W Sat 21 July, 09:30 (4hrs)

Seal Trip

Wildlife Sailing excursion to the seals and a sandbank, from Minnis Bay. (£20). See page 11

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

W Sun 22 July, 10:15 (4hrs)

Seal Trip

Minnis Bay. See 21 July & page 11



G Sun 22 July, 11am (2hrs)

Butterflies, Dragonflies & other Insects

Meet: Car Park, PBCP (KWT)

SUMMER MARINE MARVELS

Marine Week Celebrations and SeaART

exhibition. Book early 'on-line' for the Summer's 10 Seal Trips and 12 Seashore Safaris!

F Thur 26 July, 3pm (2hrs)

Seashore Safari

'Rockpool life' – help us discover and record what lurks between the tides. Western

Undercliff, Ramsgate. Meet: West end of beach by Tidal Paddling Pool.

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

F Fri 27 July, 4pm (2hrs)

Seashore Safari

'Rockpool life' – help us discover and record what lurks between the tides. Westbrook –

west. Meet: Promenade car park, below Sunken Garden.

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

W Fri 27 July, 7pm (2hrs)

Sandwich Terns at Sandwich Bay

See the Sandwich terns and other birds with the reserve warden. Meet: Car Park, PBCP (KWT)

F Sat 28 July, 5pm (2hrs)

Seashore Safari

'Rockpool life' – help us discover and record what lurks between the tides. Walpole Bay,

Cliftonville. Meet: By Tidal Swimming Pool.

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

F Sun 29 July, 6pm (2hrs)

Seashore Safari

'Rockpool life' – help us discover and record what lurks between the tides. Louisa Bay,

Broadstairs.

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP)

O 29 July

Quex Prom

01843 842168

O 29 July

Ramsgate Carnival

01843 594821

C Tue 31 July 10am (4hrs 7 miles & return)

Coastal Tour de Viking Cycle Trail

Dumpton Gap to the National Nature Reserve (NNR). Gentle coastal tour along the Viking

Cycle Trail through Ramsgate to the Sandwich & Pegwell Bay NNR, with a short talk about future

plans by one of the Reserve Wardens. Meet: Dumpton Gap, Broadstairs.

Book: www.thanetcoast.org.uk (TCP/Thanet Cycle Forum).

...CONTINUING COASTAL DRIFT



Seal Trips Sail!

Jump onboard a 'Wildlife Sailing' excursion. Sailing out of Minnis Bay, the trips will see our local seals, and includes a visit onto a sandbank.

The Thanet Coast Project has teamed up with Mike Turner – and his open yacht – to offer these trips, which now take place from April to August. It's £20 per person, and you can now book online under 'What's On' at www.thanetcoast.org.uk

Indicators – State of the Coast!

The SAIL (Schémé d'Aménagement Intégré du Littoral) Partnership has produced a report that uses 27 environmental indicators to assess the state of the coast in six regions around the Southern North Sea. The report provides information to help decision-makers – so that we can work towards a more sustainable future for our coast. Reports can be accessed at www.vliz.be/projects/sail/indicators.php



THE STORY OF FLINT (so far!)

What is flint and how was it formed? Two questions we are most often asked. Here our local experts – Dr Alasdair and Kim Bruce – tackle the flint stones head on! Yabba dabba pool!

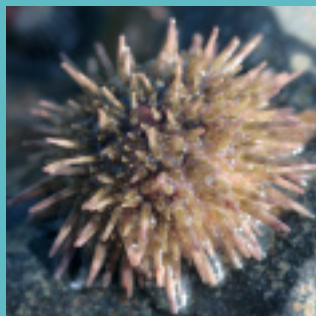


Join the 'Rock Doc' on a guided walk to discover the wonders of our ancient rocks. See Events pages for dates. Booking is essential and is now 'on-line' through the 'What's on' section at www.thanetcoast.org.uk, or ask a visitor information centre to book for you.

I am often asked on my RockDoc walks about the formation of flint, and for such a common material, flint is an oddity in geological terms.

Normally for rocks to become hard they require either heating or pressure or, more often, both. But here in Thanet we find our beautiful black flint in very soft chalk. Ask several scientists and they will give you a variety of stories – but the basics are the same. So what is going on?

Well it's all tied up in how flint is formed and from what. Flint is a solid lump of very tiny crystals of silica derived from the remains of organic life, particularly those that use silica in their skeletal make up. A modern example would be the mosquito. That needle it injects you with is made up of a single crystal of silica. The flint we see around our coast is over 80 million years old and comes from a time when Thanet was covered in a warm clear tropical sea full of Ichthyosaurs, ammonites and Plesiosaurs. Sponges and other organisms constructed of silica living on the sea floor are the source for the flint. When they died the silica in their bodies



was dissolved and entered the ground water flowing through the sediment, to form 'free silica'. All that was needed then to form the flint we see today was a chemical change in the sediment that the ground water was moving through. Perversely, this change often occurred in former homes of burrowing organisms (such as urchins and lobsters) where, perhaps some left over poo resided in a forgotten corner! Slowly the free silica reacted and tiny flint pellets formed which linked up to form the large visible blocks we see today.

So how do you get bands of flint? Well when the chemical reaction starts it tends to leave the ground water with very little free silica. This needs time to build back up before it can form again by which time some more chalk has been deposited. This is why we see bands of flint such as in Kingsgate and Joss Bay.

So next time you pick up a lump of flint remember it was probably someone's home a long time ago.

shore lines

LATEST NEWS FROM AROUND THE THANET COAST

Marine Bill Sees White!

Marine planning, licensing, conservation measures and changes to fisheries management are just some of the plans to help improve the marine environment.

A new Marine Management Organisation has also been proposed. The plans were outlined in a government White Paper in March. www.defra.gov.uk

Southern Water Power

The new £80 million wastewater treatment scheme is set to be completed this year. The work is on schedule and tests are due to begin this spring.

The Margate and Broadstairs wastewater treatment works will allow wastewater from 93,000 residents and visitors to go to a new land-based treatments works at Weatherlees, near Richborough. www.southernwater.co.uk/

New at the NNR!

Look out for the new Kent Wildlife Trust Reserve Wardens, and a series of events at the Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve taking place from the Pegwell Bay Country Park. Tony Swandale has flown in from Oare Marshes, whilst Jason Mitchell has moved down the Kentish Stour to the estuary. www.kentwildlife.org.uk

Mona Lisa in action!

New luxury cruiser excursions are proposed for Ramsgate's Royal harbour this year. Call 01843 591515 for further information or view www.galleoncruises.com

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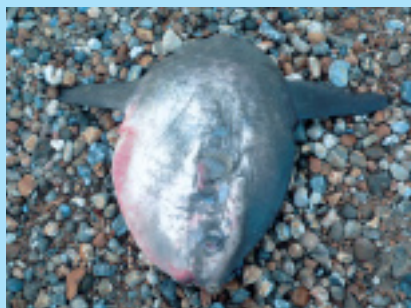
The Thanet coast, together with Pegwell Bay, is an internationally important asset for wintering birds, the marine life associated with chalk caves, reefs and sandy bays. The area is a designated European Marine Site.

Wind farms breeze onto our horizon

Two new wind farms have been given approval to go ahead by the Department of Trade and Industry. This includes the world's largest – The London Array with 341 turbines (occupying 232 sq km, 12 miles north off Kent coast), and the Thanet wind farm with 100 turbines (occupying 35 sq km, 7 miles off North Foreland). Together they will generate 1.3GW of green electricity – enough to power a third of London's three million households or the combined households of Sussex and Kent. www.londonarray.com; www.warwickenergy.com

Look what's come in from the warm!

Is this more evidence of global warming? This winter has included a few of our usual strandings of seals and harbour porpoises along our coast – but this winter also included two unusual fish records. A sunfish (*Mola mola*) – usually found in much warmer waters – was washed up dead at Tankerton, whilst a dead Blue Shark was recorded at Joss Bay, Broadstairs!



Seabird Rescue

A new contact should be used for Seabird Rescue due to the sad loss of Reg Sharp, 'Thanet Seabird Rescue', who had rescued numerous oiled seabirds over the last few years. Janet Smith helps rescue seabirds, and her contact number is 01843 223580.

Our sympathies go to Reg's family and friends, and also to those of another two coastal inspirations that passed away this last winter – coastal warden Mary Adey and avid campaigner Anita Sebastian.

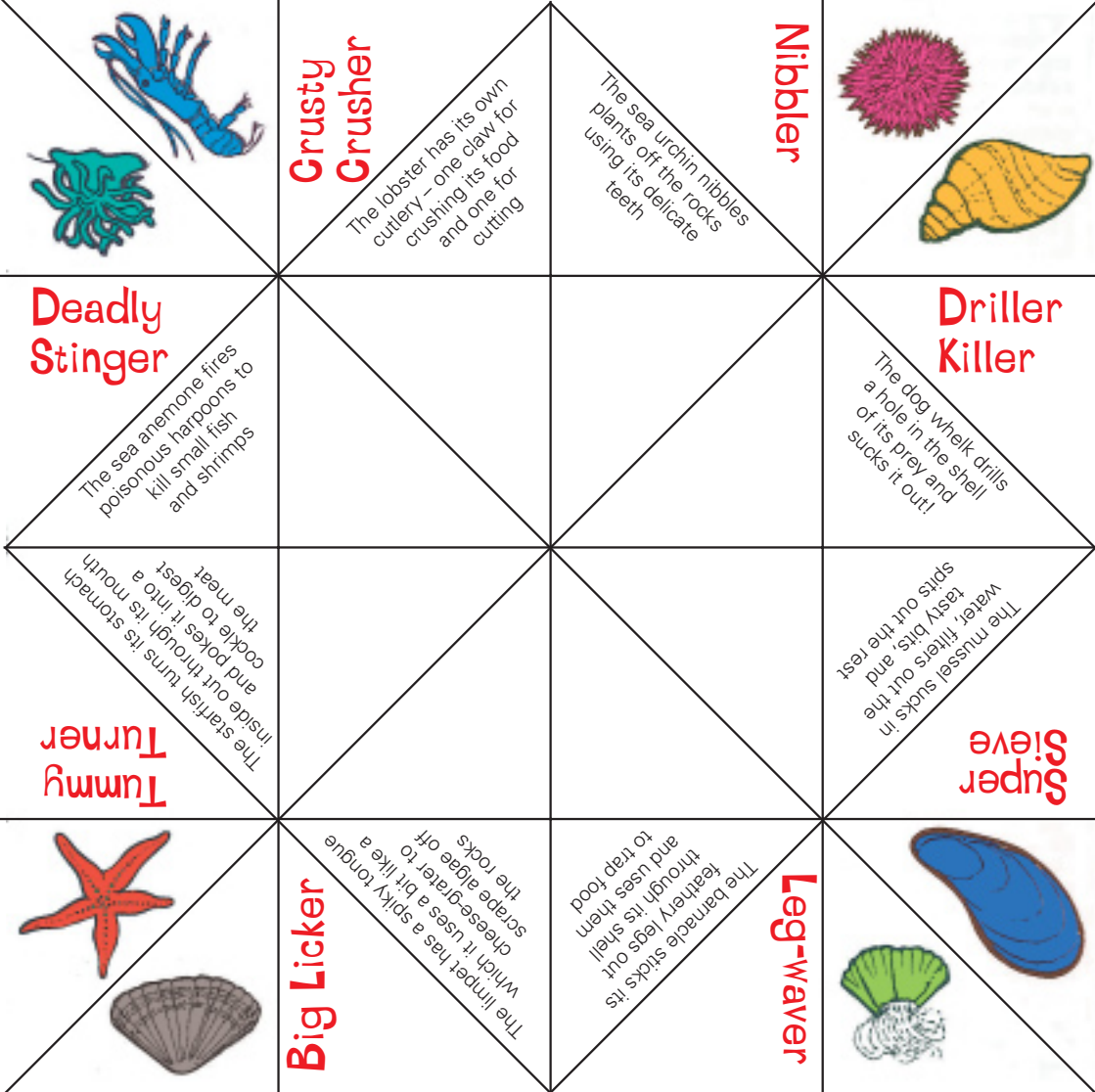


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Editors: Tony Child, Naomi Biggs, Richard Martin, with thanks to Dr Alasdair and Kim Bruce for tackling the flintstones!

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Child's Play – Foreshore Table Manners

Use the 'fortune teller' to describe the eating habits of creatures found on the seashore. The person with the fortune teller spells out the name of someone in the group, opening and closing the teller with each letter. At the last letter, the named person is asked to choose one of the four clues (eg Driller Killer, Big Licker etc), and the panel is lifted to reveal and read the description and animal name. The named person then has to act out the feeding behaviour described with sound effects if possible!



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