

## Useful Telephone Numbers

### Owner details:

Seal Island Holiday Retreats The Office, The Herbery,  
James Street, Selsey. West Sussex. PO20 0JG  
Tel No: 01243 211102

Emergency Mobile Number: 07791 857445

Maintenance Mobile Number: 07817 967908

<b>Ambulance, Fire, Police, Coastguards</b>	24 hrs service	999
<b>Bus Journeys</b>		08712 003456
<b>British Rail Enquiries</b>		08457 484950
<b>Chichester District Council</b>		01243 785166
<b>Sussex Police</b>		08456 070999
<b>St Richards Hospital</b>		01243 788122
<b>Veterinary Clinic—Pet Doctors</b>	24 hour service	01243 602635
<b>Med Cars</b>		01243 605551
<b>Box Rocks</b>	(burger-kebab-Pizza Delivery)	01243 602345
<b>Viento Delavante</b>	(Spanish-Med Restaurant)	01243 603906
<b>New Asian Spice</b>	(Indian restaurant & Delivery)	01243 605779
<b>Chiropodist and Podiatrist</b>		01243 604130
<b>Re-Boot Computers</b>	(computer Repairs)	01243 607968
<b>Cycle Hire &amp; Repairs</b>		01243 605734
<b>Mulberry Divers</b>	(Diving Instructors)	01243 601000
<b>Village Flowers</b>	(Flowers and delivery)	01243 602863
<b>Garage</b>	(repairs, service & paint work)	01243 607999

Seal Island Holiday Retreats have put this list together for you, but can not take responsibility for the service and goods you may receive. There is a full local directory for the area in the information centre in the cottage.

[www.sealislandholidayretreats.com](http://www.sealislandholidayretreats.com)

email: [enquiries@sealislandholidayretreats.com](mailto:enquiries@sealislandholidayretreats.com)

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## 'Little Thatch'

## Guest Information



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### **Buses and Trains**

The nearest railway station is in Chichester. This is easily accessible from all London stations and those in the South East. The bus station is opposite the railway station. The bus that goes to Selsey is the number 51. You should ask to be dropped at the Fishermans Joy, or the Lifeboat public houses in Selsey. Little Thatch is less than 100 Yards from both of these stops in East Street.

### **Taxi**

Taxis are readily available from the centre of Chichester and from outside the railway station. The average cost is no more than £20 for the journey to Little Thatch.

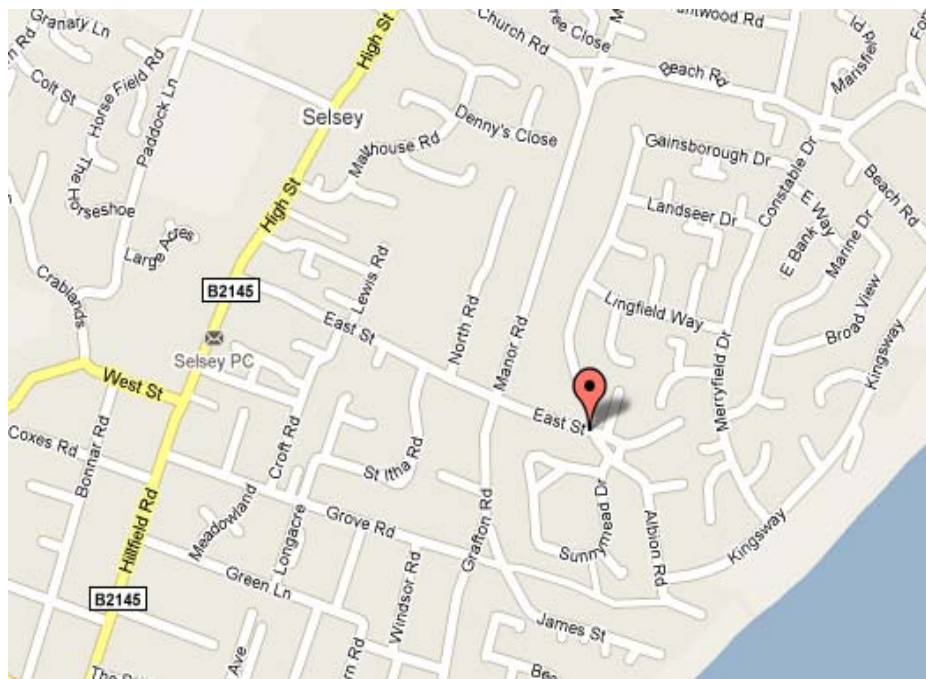
### **Parking**

The property is situated in the heart of 'Old Selsey' in a narrow street with on street parking for two cars outside the cottage. Plenty of parking is close by on the green area diagonally opposite, or in adjacent Sunnymead Drive.



## PART 4 – How to find us

**Travelling from the West** (Portsmouth/Southampton) Take the M27/A27 following signs to Chichester. As you approach Chichester, proceed straight over the first roundabout that you reach (Tesco Extra roundabout). Remain on the A27 following the signs to Goodwood Racecourse. Go straight over the next roundabout (ignore the sign to Selsey here!). At the third roundabout turn right (A2145) and follow the signs to Selsey and Pagham. Continue to the next roundabout and turn right (A2145) to Selsey. Stay on this road for 8 Miles. At the next roundabout (welcome to Selsey roundabout) take the second exit (straight over). At the mini roundabout (by the Sun Sanctuary) go straight over again into the High Street. On the left hand side of the High Street there is a public house called 'The Crown'. Turn left here into East Street and carry on. At the crossroads 'The Fishermans Joy' public house will be facing you. Proceed straight over the junction into 'Old Selsey', Little Thatch is on the Right Hand Side about 150 yards down. The front door is on the side of the cottage.



## PART 1 - About your Holiday Retreat

Dear Guests,

Firstly, and most importantly, on behalf of the Partners of Seal Island, we hope that you enjoy your holiday experience with us in our 17<sup>th</sup> Century cottage. We want your stay with us to meet all of your expectations and more. Should you feel that there is more that we can do for you, then please use the numbers in Part 2 of this guide to contact us (We are available 24 hours a day).

The retreat that you are staying in was originally the Fish Shop in the old town of Selsey. We believe that between 1827 and 1865 the property was called 'Little Pink Thatch'. Before it was adjoined to the flank wall of the cottage next door, there was an alley way between the two properties. The original path was uncovered in the downstairs wet room during the renovation. The old path also extended into the light well which is now used as an internal patio area.

The cover picture was taken in 1942 and you can see from this that the property was originally thatched. 'The baby in arms' is Mrs Anne Pearce and she still lives in Selsey. Mrs Pearce kindly gave to us the photograph for this guide. Her mother lived in the cottage for several years. We believe that after the war, perhaps in the early 1950's, the thatch was beyond repair and was replaced by the clay tiles you see now.

During previous renovations, the fire place in the original part of the cottage was clad in a timber surround. This was removed during the recent renovations to reveal the current Oak Mantel. During this process two 'one penny' coins and a page from the Bible were uncovered, these are now displayed in the cottage.

Selsey was a small fishing hamlet, and the Fish Shop is where the local fishermen dropped off their catch for sale. The fish were deposited by the fishermen through a small hatch which was to the right of the fireplace. The hatch was sealed up during the 1960's.

The property was recently owned by Mrs Sheila Day, a lovely lady who used to walk her rabbit on a lead on the sea wall. She moved from Selsey, but recently moved back to the village and has regularly visited the cottage (She has a Guinea Pig now!).

Seal Island Holiday Retreats bought the cottage in February 2007. Initially the renovation work was slow. Work progressed in accordance with strict planning control. It was discovered that at an early stage some of the supporting walls upstairs had been removed, causing the front wall to start falling away. This has now been tied using traditional corner stays, rods and crosses. Seal Island Limited has used traditional and modern methods to create what you are enjoying now. There are some interesting features in the cottage and the grounds, some of which are for structural purposes and some for fun!

If you have children who are at a loose end, then let them hunt for the little artefacts that have been built into the garden walls. This was done when the walls were being restored. Altogether there are seven to be found!

We are often asked about the ghosts of 'Little Thatch'!.... There are none..... Or are there?

Your stay may simply be for pleasure or might include business. This might be your first, or a return visit. Whatever your circumstances, we welcome you to 'Little Thatch'. We are sure this will be a pleasant stay.

This Information and welcome guide contains local information which may be of interest to you during your stay.

**Welcome to 'Little Thatch'**. If there is anything that you require that we have missed in our guide, then please do not hesitate to ask any one of our team.

The Partners, Seal Island Holiday Retreats

## PART 3– Our 'Shop Local' Partners

All the businesses in the village work hard all year round to provide a service in a tough economical climate, so we thank you if you are able to spend locally when you can. We would like to thank:

Colin & Sandy of '**Endicott Bakery**' East Beach Shops. This parade of shops can be reached by turning right out of the cottage and then left to the far end of Kingsway. The parade of shops offer all that you will require for day to day needs.

Jo and Andy Short '**The Selsey Off Licence**' offer a family run local Off Licence that stock over 1500 products ! Their knowledge and range of wines and the products is incredible. They can be found by turning left out of the cottage and walking straight up to the High Street. Turning left into the High Street, staying on the left hand side. The Off Licence can be found as the last shop on that side of the road.

Mark and Sheila of '**Seales Traditional Butchers**' are traditional family butchers located in the High Street. They prepare all of the meat on their premises and always offer a warm welcome to our guests. Try their variety of homemade sausages and burgers!

Sylvia, Steven and Robert of '**Dens Fish & Chip Shop**'. Sylvia and her sons offer the best seaside fish and chips, cooked freshly to order. Their range of lunchtime specials are hard to match for quality and value for money. Out of season they are closed on Sundays and Monday evenings. They can be found by turning left into the High Street from East Street, just past Boots Chemist.

Kat and John of '**Country Gardens**' offer a wide range of fresh fruit and vegetables plants and Local produce. Visit them at this family run business, just before you reach The Selsey Off Licence on the same side of the street.

**Telephone and Internet access** Little Thatch is a 'Haven for relaxation' and we have fought to maintain this and therefore there is NO internet or telephone service to the cottage. However, there is a public telephone box within two minutes walk of the cottage.

**Toiletries** We are proud of our locally produced organic, handmade soaps. We have these specially produced soaps ready for you to use. There are three different fragrances. One for our lady guests, one for our gentleman guests and a bath soap for general use. These soaps are for you to sample and fall in love with. We find that our soaps are very popular and so we retail them to support our local business. If you want to purchase a special gift to take home with you. Full details of our mail order service is available in the cottage.



**Towels & Bathrobes** We provide for your comfort and ease, high quality towels and bathrobes. We do ask that these are not taken out of the property for use on the beach or in the garden. We do provide separate Beach towels for this. In line with hotels, you are welcome to purchase our bathrobes and towels. We ask that you contact our office to arrange for new ones to be delivered to you for this purpose. Charges for these items are detailed in the separate 'Little Thatch Collection' leaflet in the cottage. Should you accidentally pack these items by mistake, they will be charged to you.

**Valuables** Like at home, valuables are normally safe in the cottage. The crime rate in Selsey is very low for burglaries, but we would ask that you take care when leaving the cottage to ensure that you close and lock all the windows and doors, just as you would do at home.

**Works of art and curio's** Included in your experience with us is a collection of locally produced works of art that adorn the cottage. These are pieces that you may only see once. Unlike a lot of self catering cottages, you can buy any of the works of art and curio's. We have several pieces that are hand chosen and/or commissioned for us. So, if you fall in love with a particular picture or artefact there is a price list for the current 'Little Thatch Collection' located in the information area of the cottage.

## PART 2- Important things you should know

### Our A-Z Guide

**Activities and Excursions** On the desk in the hallway, we have an assortment of leaflets about local places of interest. These include activities at Goodwood Racecourse as well as the famous Chichester Festival Theatre.

Selsey is a magnificent base for exploring on foot. Visible at low tide you can see the Mulberry Harbours. These were floating pontoons used for the D-day landings. Visit our Lifeboat Station or enjoy longer walks to and around Pagham Nature Reserve. Chichester marina, Arundel Castle and the ruins of Fishbourne Roman Palace are all within easy reach.

Other activities include diving and swimming on all the beaches. There is always and a warm welcome for you in the Pubs and Inns of Selsey.

The local tourist Office is:

'The Novium'

Tower Street  
Chichester,  
PO19 1QH

Tel:01243 775 888

If you need any assistance or more local information, you are welcome to call our office during office hours on:

Tel:01243 211 102





**Bedding** We only use the best 400 Strand Egyptian cotton sheets and bed linen, with Goose Down duvets and pillows (4 per bed). If you do have an allergy or prefer to have man made fibre this will have been made up in accordance with your pre-arrival questionnaire. If you have forgotten to tell us, then text 'BEDDING' to 0779 185 7445 and we will arrange for this to be changed for you as soon as possible. If you find that you require more bedding please do not hesitate to ask us. Alternatively, call our office on 01243 211102 during office hours.



**Board Games Playing Cards DVD's and Books** We supply a selection of these for you to use during your visit. All of our Televisions have DVD facilities and these will also play your favourite CD's. We also have an iPod docking station for you to use during your stay with us. We ask that you replace all of these items before you depart, but please do feel free to add to these for future guests if you so wish.

**Car Hire & Taxi** There are several car hire firms based in Chichester.

Enterprise Car Hire                      Tel:01243 779500  
4 Terminus Road  
Chichester

**Taxis** There are several Selsey based Taxi companies including:

Med Cars                                      Tel:01243 605 551

**Cases & Luggage storage** There is a large cupboard under the stairs where you can store your cases. If you require more storage, then please contact us and we will arrange this for you.

**Handy numbers for our pets:**

Pet Suppliers:	Vet:	Pet Swimming Pool:
The Pet Pantry	Pet Doctors	Therapaws
High Street	24 Hillfield Road,	Street End Lane
Selsey,	Selsey,	Sidlesham,
West Sussex	West Sussex	West Sussex
Tel: 01243 607071	Tel:01243 602635	Tel:01243 602635
9-5pm Mon to Sat		

**Restaurants and Eating Out** Selsey is lucky, there are a variety of Indian, Chinese, English and Mediterranean restaurants and takeaways as well as traditional pub restaurant food. Excellent quality local fish and shell fish are caught from the sea at the end of the road. We have not listed here the details of the restaurants and takeaways. We have displayed in the cottage a variety of menus. Of course there is a wealth of restaurants and bars in Chichester city centre. These are just eight miles away.



**Smoking** We ask that you do not smoke in the cottage. Ashtrays are provided for your use in the courtyard and in the main garden.

**Swimming and Gym Facilities** Within a three minute walk of the cottage there is a Blue Flag pebble beach with toilet and refreshment facilities in season. The private Oasis Pool and Leisure facility is on the other side of Selsey. This offers a competition pool, leisure pool and gym facilities. Public entry is welcomed all year round.



**Tea & Coffee** We have provided a little welcome pack of tea, coffee and biscuits for your arrival. These are not replenished under our normal non serviced rates.

**Laundry** A washing machine is situated under the stairs. Operating instructions are in the welcome binder. Items may be dried in the garden, where there is a compact clothes line.



**Newspapers** We have provided some magazines and local newspapers in the paper rack for your enjoyment. The nearest newspaper shop is situated in the High Street. Turn left out of the cottage and walk straight up East Street

to the High Street. Turn left into the High Street, the nearest newsagent is 100 yards on the Left.

**Pets** We welcome well behaved pets but have to limit their access to the ground floor of the cottage, we ask that they do not go upstairs or sleep on our guests beds. We have a safe and secure garden for them to play in. We ask that you clean up after them and dispose of the bio degradable bags (supplied) in the grey domestic waste bin. We will of course supply a bowl for their drinking water and one for their food.

Please do not allow your dogs to eat in the bedrooms or on the rugs in the cottage. But of course, a little welcome

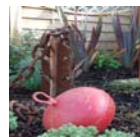


pack is awaiting them too! We have torches situated on both floors of the cottage for you to use and replace in their holsters. If you have asked us to provide pet food, then this will be left in the kitchen, with the receipt for payment, awaiting your arrival. If your pets should require

a wash during their stay with us, then we have a small courtyard with a hose pipe and bucket. We also have a small supply of towels. If you need to store your pet's travel crate, just let us know on your arrival. We regret that we can only accept small to medium size pets and will limit this to 2 unless pre arranged when you book with us. All pets are restricted to the paved areas and decking at the cottage. Please ensure that they do not sit or lay on the furniture without a protective covering. Unlike a lot of holiday cottages, we do not charge extra for pets. This is done on the understanding that our guests are responsible and tidy up after them. We do however, reserve the right to make a charge for damages caused by pets during the stay.

**Chemists** Lloyds Chemist and Boots Chemist are both dispensing Chemists and are both located in the High Street. Opening hours are usually 9.00 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Saturday.

**Children** We welcome all families to Little Thatch. We can provide highchairs and cots if these are requested in the pre-booking questionnaire. Children should be supervised in the garden. There are features that could be dangerous to young children.



**Church Services** Most denominations are represented in Selsey, and all are just a short walk or drive from Little Thatch. We would be delighted to research any faith services and provide you with details on your arrival. Please just indicate the information that you require in the pre booking questionnaire.



**Dentist & Doctors** We sincerely hope that these are the services that you will not call upon, during your stay in Selsey!

All dentists are private in Selsey.

Selsey Dental Practice

130 High Street

Selsey

Chichester

Tel:01243 606 134

The medical centre is located next to the Budgens Supermarket, just off the High Street and can be contacted on :

**[www.selseymedicalcentre.org](http://www.selseymedicalcentre.org)** or Tel:01243 608 201

The nearest hospital provides an Accident and Emergency service:

St Richards Hospital

Spitalfields Lane

Chichester

PO19 6BF

Tel:01243 788 122

**Emergency. In a medical emergency call 999 and ask for the Ambulance service, giving them the full address as :**

**112 East Street, Selsey, West Sussex, PO20 0XB.**

Selsey has a permanent First Responders base. First Responders are likely to be on the scene first.

**Departure** We sincerely hope that you enjoy your stay at Little Thatch, and ask you to complete the 'Satisfaction Questionnaire' that you will find in the cottage on your arrival We ask that you should vacate the cottage before 11 am unless an alternative time has been agreed with our partners. We hope that you understand that we need to prepare the cottage for incoming guests.

**Fire** In the event of a fire, a fire extinguisher and fire blanket are both situated in the hall next to the kitchen. The upstairs rooms can be exited by the fire escape window in the larger double bedroom. Exit from downstairs can be through either of the French Doors or through the front door.

**Please exit the building first and then contact 999 and ask for the Fire Service.**

**Flowers** We have a few local florists that we work with. If you require flowers prior to your arrival, then we can arrange the pre delivery of these. You should contact the florist directly and ask them to contact our office (01243 211102) to arrange the delivery and placement of these in the cottage.

Selsey Florist                      Tel:01243 601 888

Village Flowers                      Tel:01243 602 863

**Golf** Two splendid golf courses are within two miles of Selsey. Both clubs offer Pay as you Play and have 18 holes with a 19th hole too!

Selsey Golf Club

Golf Links Lane, Selsey

West Sussex PO20 9DR      Tel : 01243 602 203

Chichester Golf Club:

Hoe Farm, Hunston

West Sussex PO20 1AX      Tel : 01243 536 666

**Hair & Beauty** We have a wealth of hairdressers and beauty therapists in the village and would be pleased to arrange any appointments for you prior to your arrival please contact us prior to your arrival or we will be willing to give you help and guidance during your stay of course.

In Selsey Town there are hairdressers and barbers. These are mainly located in the village centre. We can also arrange for a hairdresser to come to the cottage for those special occasions.

**Hairdryers** We have provided these for you in each of the bedrooms. These are located close to the full length mirrors.

**Horse riding** We have some lovely beaches and countryside around the cottage, and if you have not ridden before then perhaps you might like to learn. Lessons and riding can be provided by:

Hunters Lodge Riding Centre, Hunston

Chichester PO20 1NR

Tel : 01243 780 651

**Iron & Ironing Board** These are provided and are stored in the cupboard under the stairs along with the vacuum cleaner and other cleaning products.

**Keys** We will meet you upon arrival and provide you with a front door key to the cottage. We can walk you through an orientation of the cottage, or just leave you to explore. There will be keys for each of the French Windows. These should be left in the locks in case of emergency. On your departure, we will meet with you and collect the key. Text DEPART to 0779 1857445 or contact our office on 01243 211102, thirty minutes before you are ready to vacate the cottage. We will be with you to assist you.