

## Invasion traps are unearthed

A £280,000 water project has been delayed after workers unearthed the remains of Second World War tank traps.

The discovery was made in Buckle Close, Seaford, during excavation work to replace a water main.

The concrete traps were laid to stop the advance of the German army if it had invaded.

David Breen, manager of the South East Water project, said: "It is always interesting when relics of the past are uncovered by our excavations. However these sorts of discoveries do have an impact on the progress of our schemes."

## Heaps of fun on social net

A MAYOR has announced her arrival in the "social networking generation".

Eastbourne mayor councillor Carolyn Heaps sent out an announcement saying: "wow, I am now officially on Facebook."

The mayor hopes it will help show her constituents what she has been doing.

She added: "I hope it will also mean I can engage with members of the community, whether it's attending 100th birthday celebrations or sleeping rough in Eastbourne."

## Inventor Reg dies, aged 88

A SCIENTIST whose inventions included the suitcase on wheels and the radio microphone has died.

Reg Moores, 88, of Horton Road, Brighton, came up with many of his simple solutions to enhance his act as a professional ice skater.

Friends have paid tribute to the inventor and entertainer who was also a proud magician and champion whistler.

Family friend Pauline Hardy, 62, of Kemp Town, Brighton, said: "He left his mark through serving his country and left his footprint through all his inventions."

"He was so clever and could speak numerous languages but was always interested in how things worked."

"It was great to have known him."



CREATIVE: Inventor Reg Moores

Mr Moores, a member of Sussex Magic Circle, was married to Aggie but had no children.

On leaving the RAF he took up ice skating and was soon in many of the shows at the sports stadium in West

Street, Brighton. He was European Whistling Champion in 1996.

Mr Moores was found dead at his home on Sunday. Leave your tributes to Mr Moores at theargus.co.uk/news

# 'We need to get a grip on obesity'

by SIOBHAN RYAN  
Health Reporter

A TOP surgeon has warned the Government needs to get a grip on obesity before it bankrupts the NHS.

Specialist Chris Pring says action needs to be taken now to treat morbidly overweight patients to cut back on the costs of treating the long-term health problems they will develop. Mr Pring said the cost of paying out now for gastric surgery would be recouped in most cases within three years.

He said: "Having surgery like this is not just about losing weight, it is about improving health."

Mr Pring, who is based at St. Richard's Hospital in Chichester, spoke following the publication of a report

which predicts obesity will cost the health service £20 billion a year by 2025.

He said: "When you are treating people who are morbidly obese, they have conditions such as diabetes, high cholesterol, arthritis and blood pressure."

"If the weight is not dealt with then these patients will continue to need expensive treatment for years to come."

"Having an operation that will lead to them losing weight can remove these problems in the majority of cases within a relatively short period of time."

"This obviously then saves the NHS money in the

long term. As well as the financial side, there is the obvious benefit to the patient in terms of their health and quality of life."

"The problem is that authorities are wary of spending so much in one go, especially at a time when the organisation is supposed to be trying to save money."

"It is too easy to simply say that obesity is all the individual's fault and therefore don't spend the money but as a society we are getting fatter and fatter and we need to tackle this straight on."

Latest figures show there are an estimated 114,697 people classed as obese in Sussex compared with 109,620 the year before.

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