## **Open session** on dementia

PEOPLE with dementia and their carers are being given a chance to learn more about dementia.

Representatives from the Alzheimer's Society will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice at an open day showcasing specialist services available in Worthing and surrounding areas.

The event will be at 27 Stone Lane, Worthing, on Wednesday, January 28, from 10am to 4pm.

For more information, call 01903 262666 or email worthing@alzheimers.org.uk.

## **Spotlight on** spiritual life

A SPIRITUAL group is aiming to make its beliefs more widely understood by holding a public

Long-practising Subud member Leonard Lassalle will appear at Lewes Wellbeing and Happiness Show on Saturday, January 31.

Mr Lassalle will discuss his book Source Of Life - which is about Subud spiritual practices - at 4.45pm in Lewes Town

For more information on the event, visit www.wellbeinglewes. co.uk.

# Victim's ordeal at hands of stepfather

abused by his stepfather when he was a boy has told how the ordeal had longlasting effects.

Nick French, 42, was tormented by Gary Moscrop, inset below, as a boy growing up in Brighton, including sexual abuse and psychological cruelty.

Last Wednesday, his abuser was finally convicted of the historical offences after Mr French stood up in front of a jury to recount the abuse, which happened in Brighton and Sussex between 1979 and 1985.

Bravely waiving his anonymity to speak to The Argus, Mr French, who now lives in Cumbernauld, Glasgow, said: "It me a long time to work out that I

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had not done anything wrong myself and nothing I had done warranted that behaviour towards me have had great

assistance from the doctors and, since going back to the police a couple years ago, it has been a huge weight off my shoulders putting everything down and saying this hap-

pened." Moscrop, 76, of Hendon

day for ten years after being convicted of ten offences against Mr French, including indecent assault, gross indecency with a child, buggery and child cruelty. Mr French first spoke up about

a small portion of the abuse in 1987 when he was 15, leading to

Moscrop being cautioned.

He was finally prosecuted after
Mr French revealed the full scale of the abuse in 2012, when he could no longer repress it after having children of his own.

He said: "It became more real because you think, 'how can someone harm a child?'

"I had psychological help and I have been to see lots and lots of doctors to try and get rid of the memories

"I had blamed myself for not saying something sooner. Why could I not explain it sooner?

"It took me a long time to be in the right place in my mind to be able to deal with it.

## **Jehovah's Witnesses** denied access to records

POLICE visited the Jehovah's Witnesses in Brighton as Moscrop was a member, but the religious group "declined to give access to their records", a Sussex Police spokesman said.

Mr French said he was astonished about that and the fact that Moscrop appeared to have been reaccepted into the organisation years after being thrown out because of his caution for sexual abuse

He said: "I was astonished. There was never any form of repentance or apology or anything like that.

A Jehovah's Witnesses spokesman told The Argus they have a "deep abhorrence of child abuse" and Moscrop had not "held a position of trust in the congregation"

He said Moscrop had not "actively associated" with the congregation for several years. He continued: "Our Bible-based beliefs actively promote a very high moral standard. Jehovah's Witnesses have, for many years. promoted the safeguarding of children.

The group did not respond to an email asking about whether they give information to the police as policy.

## The Argus



## **Spectacular Cruise Offers**





## **Summertime Fiordland**

#### On board Magellan - Maiden Season from Tilbury Departs Jun, Aug 2015

See the magnificent fjords of Western Norway clothed in all summertime glory, on this wonderful Norwegian odyssey

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- Six nights' full board accommodation on board Magellan based on two people sharing a twin cabin
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# and Edinburgh

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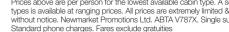
This wonderful cruise from Tilbury, explores some remoter parts of our northern shores, including the Faroes with opportunities to discover some splendid scenery and a visit to the Scottish capital at the height of its summer festivities.

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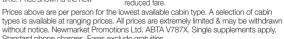
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- Wonderful ports of call: Amsterdam, Brunsbüttel. Hamburg, Transit Kiel Canal, Helsingborg, Copenhagen, Aalborg
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