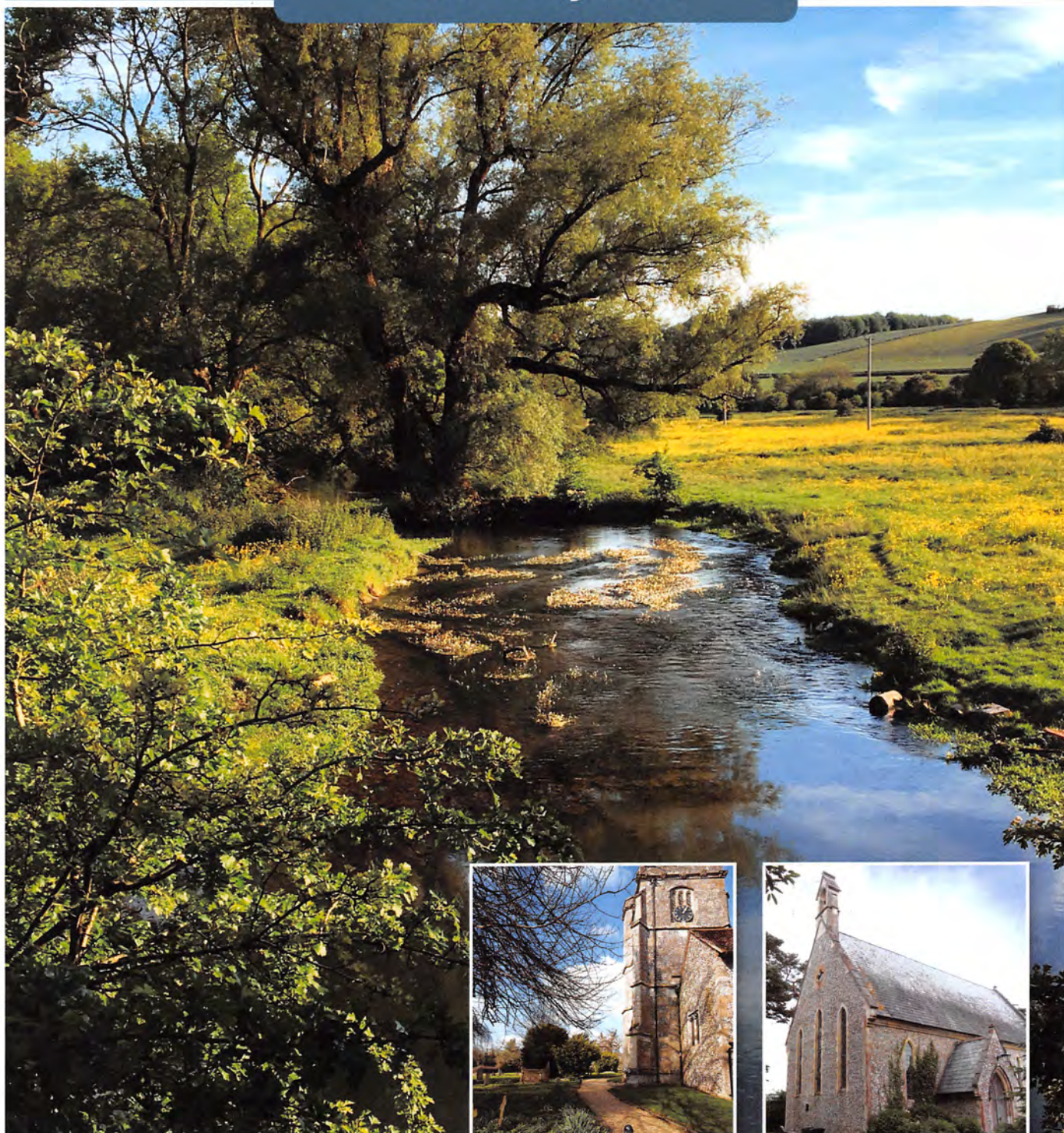


Soberton & Newtown

PARISH MAGAZINE For all the community, delivered FREE to over 700 households

June - July 2017



Evening sun on the River Meon - photo by Vicki Weston

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at

St. Peter's, Soberton and **Holy Trinity, Newtown.**

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(Sunday & Friday)

07919 547508 e-mail: canonfennemore@btinternet.com

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Licensed Lay **Mr. Norman Chapman**, Meadow Cottage, West Street, Soberton
Minister (Reader) 01489 877378 e-mail: norman@soberton.org.uk

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e-mail: canonfennemore@btinternet.com

or Norman Chapman 01489 877378 e-mail: norman@soberton.org.uk

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(frgriffiths@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) 02380 273882

6.00 pm. Saturday (First Mass of Sunday)

9.30 am. Sunday

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For further information contact Anthony McEwen 01489 877448

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Shirrell Heath 10.30 am & 6.00 pm

Waltham Chase 10.30 am

Bishops Waltham 10.30 am

Swanmore 10.30 am & 6.00 pm

Hambledon 11.00 am & 6.00 pm

MAGAZINE.

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I have been reflecting on how privileged we all are to live in such a beautiful part of the Meon Valley and of course also being part of the South Downs National Park.

The community in which we live is also one of excitement, just take a look inside the Parish Magazine to see the wealth of activities on offer, I know that many of you will already be participating in perhaps more than one activity. Most are "home grown" and I'm not just talking about the Garden Club. As a community we can truly say that we are "Gold plated" - not literally!

The other aspect is our ability to care for one another, particularly our neighbours, it's the caring aspect that stands out and we thank all who care for others.

Perhaps the two most community orientated events are the two Church Fêtes both Newtown and Soberton are in the midst of Fête preparations, by the time you read this Newtown's Fête will have taken place. The labours of so many will be recognised in the total raised towards the upkeep of Holy Trinity – thank you to everyone who played their part in putting the Fête together, particularly to Fra & Sue Wells for the use of their garden. It's also good to thank all those who travel from far and near to attend the Fêtes – spending their money on all the good things on offer.

Soberton's Fête will be taking place on the 24th June – we hope that the weather will be good to us after last years drenching, we must acknowledge the tremendous amount of work put into preparing for the Soberton Fête by Nigel Whales and his Committee; I understand that there are a number of committee members and we thank them all for their support

As I write we are approaching Ascension Day, followed closely by Pentecost (Whit Sunday) and Trinity Sunday. The two Archbishops have asked us to pray especially in our parishes between Ascension and Pentecost under the title "Thy Kingdom Come", praying globally with others around the world that all maybe more receptive and more aware of God's love for them, and the church strengthened in its mission and outreach. During this time special daily services have been planned, and will have been completed by the time you read this.

Most of us will be approaching holiday time, this is a time for enjoyment and relaxation. Jo & I had a short break in Devon and Cornwall last week, and it rained every day and night. The rain was accompanied by heavy mist and fog, not ideal driving conditions. But we still had a relaxing and enjoyable time being waited upon with good food and accommodation. We returned in good spirits in spite of the weather.

I hope all who read this will have a good holiday, a time for recharging the batteries, reading a good book or just being lazy. Have a safe journey to and from wherever you have chosen.

With every good wish

Norman

Saturday 3rd June
Cream Teas 3 pm - 4.30

in St Peter's
Church Room



The Friends of St Peter's
Looking ahead

Stop press!!

August 9th 7.30pm

A concert by
The Wykeham Quintet
Five young,
accomplished singers in
Choirs at Durham
and Winchester

Look out for more news
Try Friends webpage on
soberton.org

The Wonder of Bells

Saturday 8th July 2.30-4.30

Come and find out about the bells in the church.
How many? What are they made of?

How did it all begin?

What's special about English bells?

If you're fit, climb up and see them (some restrictions will apply) and meet some of our enthusiastic local team.

Including

A film while you wait your turn

Several exhibits

Tea and biscuits

No charge, but donations welcome

FILM CLUB

Our next evening will be our Gala Night on **Saturday 15th July at 6.15pm**, when we shall be screening **SULLY**. This is a lovely film which keeps you riveted for the entire film.

We shall start the evening hopefully outside when Mr. Pimms, otherwise known as Professor Duncan Colin-Jones, will be offering you a libation on arrival. This explains the early start-PLEASE NOTE. Dress is DJ, Norman will provide a 3 course meal and BYO as usual. Cost £15pp.

For **Thursday 19/10** I have ordered **LA LA LAND**. This is an uncomplicated love story which improves as the film unfolds. It is a musical with a lot of jazz in it. Not intellectually demanding but very pleasant nevertheless!

Our Christmas dinner is booked for **Wednesday 13/12** but the film not yet chosen.

Please note we have chosen a Wednesday this time as we clash with 3P's on Thursday, and Friday is often a social clash in the village as well.

Please book through me as usual. New faces are ALWAYS welcome (as are old!)

Lyndon Palmer lyndonpalmer@me.com 07881991763 01489896862

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Thomas George Daniel Walk	2 nd April 2017	at Soberton
Jessica Kathleen Cleeve	23 rd April 2017	at Soberton
Kathleen Jayne Brackenbury (adult)	23 rd April	at Soberton
Teresa Jennifer Polden Hollingsworth	13 th May 2017	at Newtown
Gabrielle Olive Polden Hollingsworth	13 th May 2017	at Newtown
Sofia Elizabeth Hunter	21 st May 2017	at Soberton
Harry James Duncan-Brown	28 th May	at Soberton

Service of Thanksgiving & Burial

Mary Jane Burgess	31 st March 2017	at Soberton
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Interment of Ashes

Frederick George Wearn	30 th March 2017	at Soberton
Michael Edward Donegan	25 th March 2017	at Soberton

Job Vacancy

Clerk to the Governors at Newtown Soberton School

We need someone to replace our current clerk to the governors who has moved on to full-time employment.

Are you organised, computer literate and ready to undertake some training in the administration and management of our Board of Governors?

Are you free four evenings a term (12 evenings a year) to attend and minute Governors' Meetings. Other duties include creating the agenda for meetings and updating any guidance to governors provided by Hampshire County Council.

This is a paid position.

If you are interested, please contact the Chair of Governors, Hugh Pringle on 02392 632551 or via email - hughpringle@btinternet.com -for further details.

A Date for your Diary!



SOBERTON VILLAGE HALL
Celebration Day

Saturday 16th September 2017

Please come and join us for the
afternoon and evening to Celebrate
the 50th Anniversary of Soberton Village Hall

Plans are now well underway to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Soberton Village Hall. Please keep Saturday 16th September free in your diaries as it promises to be a fun-packed day.

Some of the groups that use the hall will be giving demonstrations. Entertainment will also include Sing and Tonic (the Meon Valley community choir), the Meon Valley Orchestra, the Soberton Strummers (the ukulele group) and members of Soberton Players will be performing on stage. There will also be activities for the children throughout the afternoon. In addition there will be a display of the history of the hall, exhibits from local artists' work and a photographic competition. Refreshments and cake will be available in the afternoon.

Weather will be no problem as there will be marquees to shelter in, should the need arise. A licenced bar will be available in the evening.

The evening will include a Pig Roast and will finish with a disco featuring music from the last 50 years, so bring your dancing shoes.

Watch out for posters and articles for more details and how to obtain tickets in the coming weeks. Also, visit our website at www.sobertonvillagehall.co.uk for the latest information.



THE GREAT GET TOGETHER

INSPIRED BY JO COX

Bring Your Own Picnic

Sunday 18th June 2017

Church Green, Soberton

from 4 pm

Bring your own food, drink, tables, chairs, blankets
and your community spirit 🍰 🍰 🍰

Parking at Soberton Village Hall

Sorry to be legal but we accept no responsibility for loss or injury.



Stallholders

If you can help in any way - or have any donations -
Fete Stallholders would be pleased to hear from you ☺

Stall	Stall Holder and Contact Details	Requested Donations
Auction of Promises	John Watkins 07808 955462 Duncan Colin-Jones 01489 877237	Promises would be very welcome this year.
Book Stall	Sarah Haines 07776 256447	Good Quality Fiction and Non Fiction, CDs & DVDs. Can collect/on doorstep, but no books on the day please.
Toy Stall	Sophia Wheeler 01489 878028 Katherine Graham	Toys and Games in good condition. Please leave Porch at Down House, School Hill
Plant Stall	Phil Bergin 02392 632551 phil.bergin@btinternet.com	Plants, labelled if possible. Perennials – either potted cuttings or divided plants are especially welcome. Preferably deliver to Church Green on fete morning. Old teapots are required, any condition.
Jewellery	Jane Baskerville 01489 877124	Necklaces, bangles brooches, earrings, tie pins cufflinks watches etc gratefully received.
Bottle Stall	Darren Ettridge 01329 834770 Barry Henderson 01329 832043	Darren and Barry will be collecting throughout the Village – so please be generous!
Country Fare	Sandra H: 01329 832043 Denise S: 02392 632338 Jo Chapman: 01489 877378	Cakes, bread, scones, biscuits, sweets, marmalade, jam, pickle, fruit and veg. Can collect – or deliver to stall on Fete morning.
China and Glass	Hannah Buckley Carol Price 01489 878278	Kitchen ware, decorative ware, all gratefully received.
Household and Gifts	Jennie Blackburn 01489 877391 Vilma Scott 01489 877800	Anything for the home is welcome!
Aladdin's Cave	Jane Beardmore 01489 877578	White Elephant/ Antiques, from 1 June may be deposited in the right hand car port of West Cottage, West Street
Teas	Michelle Ettridge 01329 834770 Wendy Flynn flynn.wendye@gmail.com	Cake and Scone donations most welcome. Helpers on the day always required – if you can spare an hour please get in touch.
Tuggo	Rob Scott 01489 877800	Please contact if you wish to compete – more muscle always needed!

For any other information please contact your fete Area Co-ordinators or:

Nigel Whales: 01489 877712

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SOBERTON FETE

Saturday 24th June 2pm
Church Green

To be opened by Local Postman
Martin Chapman

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| 2.00 pm | Fete Opens
Warsash Band play for Afternoon |
| 2.15 pm | Church Rooms open for Teas
(with music from Soberton Strummers) |
| 2.30 pm | Tug o' War 1 st Round |
| 2.55pm | Dancing by Newtown/Soberton School |
| 3.15 pm | Roynon School of Dance Display |
| 3.30 pm | Auction of Promises |
| 3.50 pm | Bowman Ales Trophy - Tug o' War Finals |
| 4.10 pm | Grand Draw, Raffle for Painting and
Lucky Programme Draw |
| 4.30 pm | The White Lion on Fete Night with Live Music |

**Bottles *Books *Country Fare *Jewellery *Household*
**China *Plants *BBQ *Ices *Pimms* Toys*
**Strawberries & Cream *Wide Variety of Games * Stocks*
On Church Meadow

Bouncy Castle, Coconut Shy, Pig Bowling, Wellies,
Droxford Fire Engine and Donkey Rides

Grand Draw

includes Cash prizes Luxury Hamper* Domestic Oil*
**Afternoon Tea... and much more*

Entrance £2 – Under 12's Free
Free Car Parks: Cutts Arch, SVH & West St



Auction of Promises

1. **Holiday Let in Wallops Wood Cottages.** Modern luxury cottages; for 3 days mid-week, or a weekend for up to 6, offered by Andrew Graham
2. **Flight for 3 people in a Robin Aeroplane.** Donated and piloted by Barrie Elliott from Lasham airfield (nr Alton) – fly over the Solent or your home.
3. **Glide over the Solent** in a piloted glider from Daedalus airfield, towed to over 2,000 feet, stunning views and great experience. Offered by Nick Lambert.
4. **Canapes for up to 30.** Prepared by skilled Masterchef finalist, Gill Holland.
5. **Fly Fishing on the Itchen Navigation.** A beautiful location, casting from a long bank, with Anthony McEwen.
6. **Celebration Christmas cake** (fruit or Sponge) with your choice of decoration. Offered by Wendy Prangnall
7. **British Lion's Rugby shirt, official.** Offered by Louise McEwen
8. **Garden design** by award winning expert, Jennie Dover
9. **South Downs Pony Trekking** from Soberton stable, An hour or ½ hr on a rein, access to the railway line, 5 horses available. Offered by Cheryl Griffiths.
10. **Lady's ornate watch with clear stones, by Newbridge,** Donated by the McEwen family.
11. **Legal Advice Certificate** offered by Roger Salvetti

Please come and bid on the day!!

For more information or to make an Advance Bid

Duncan Colin-Jones (Downland, Station Rd)

John Watkins (Cole Hill)

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TUG-OF-WAR CHALLENGE



BOWMAN
ALES LTD.

male & female teams are invited to enter this exciting annual competition on Saturday 24th June at 2.00pm on Soberton Church Meadow. Contact: Rob Scott 01489 877800 or at robmunroscott@aol.com



AUCTION OF PROMISES

We have some really good offers available – thanks to villagers' generosity. For the first time we are making some items available only before the Fete. We have become aware that stallholders are so busy that they cannot take part. This year we have three meals in villagers'

homes, with wine, for up to four people.

The reserve price is £120

1. Norman and Jo Chapman at Meadow Cottage overlooking church meadow. They have long established themselves as providing exceptional meals, five courses with wine.
2. David and Jill Williams at Glebe House with their stunning garden. Their culinary skills are widely known. David is a wine buff ...need we say more?
3. Carol and Duncan Colin-Jones at Downland with a great view across the valley, offer a special three course meal with wine, usually with fish as the main course.

**BID FOR SPECIAL
MEALS IN A
VILLAGERS'
HOME BEFORE
THE FETE**

Bids should be made by e-mail or phone to either of us. If you bid for one of the meals, please state the maximum you would be prepared to bid. If your first offer is outbid, but is below your maximum, bids will be raised by £5, up to your maximum, only if needed. The highest offer wins. Please indicate if you are interested in more than one venue.

Closing date is Friday, 23rd June, with bidding until 20.00hrs (8pm).

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******If you cannot get to the Fete or expect to be fully occupied running a stall please see the separate list of great opportunities and contact us for more details including placing an advance bid through us.*******

HOLIDAY COTTAGE OFFER

Wallops Wood Cottages generously offer a break for a family in one of their de-luxe holiday cottages, for 3 days mid-week or a weekend.

These are modern and luxurious newly developed cottages looking down the Meon Valley, less than 2 miles from St Peter's church. The stay can be extended by agreement.

Not available during school holidays or bank holidays (all booked up!), and a refundable £250 deposit is required against any damage. See the website for more info. This is to be auctioned at the Fete in the usual way. Valid for a year.

www.wallopswoodcottages.co.uk

JUNE 2017

Friday 2 nd	1230	Lunch Club	Church Room
Saturday 3 rd	1500	Friends of St. Peter's cream teas	St. Peter's
Sunday 4th Pentecost	1000	Joint Communion Service & Rocs	St Peter's
Tuesday 6 th	1000	SoberTots	Guide Hut
Tuesday 6 th	1400	Stitch & Chatter	Church Room
Tuesday 6 th	1930	Children's Week Planning meeting	Guide Hut
Wednesday 7 th	1200	Open Garden	Appletree House
Wednesday 7 th	1330	MV Garden Club visit	Droxford Square
Wednesday 7 th	2000	Wives Group	West Cottage
Friday 9 th		Closing Date for Wimbledon Warm-up entries	
Saturday 10 th		Wives Group Progressive Supper	
Sunday 11th Trinity Sunday	0930 1100	Holy Communion - Patronal Festival Matins	Holy Trinity Soberton
Saturday 17 th	1000	Cyber Man Drop-in	Wickham Comm. Centre
Sunday 18th Trinity 1	1000	Joint Communion Service	Holy Trinity
Sunday 18 th	1030	Wimbledon Warm-up Finals	Meonwood
Sunday 18 th	1600	The Great Get Together	Church Green
Wednesday 21 st	1200	Open Garden	Appletree House
Saturday 24 th	0900	MV Garden Club visit	Droxford Square
Saturday 24 th	1400	Soberton Fete	Church Green
Sunday 25th Trinity 2	0930 1100	Parish Communion Parish Communion – Patronal Festival	Holy Trinity St Peter's

JULY 2017

Sunday 2nd Trinity 3	1000 Joint Service and Rocs	St Peter's
Wednesday 5 th	Wives Group Tour of Winchester	
Friday 7 th	12.30 Lunch Club	Church Room
Saturday 8 th	1430 The Wonder of Bells	St. Peter's
Sunday 9th Trinity 4	0930 Parish Communion 1100 Matins	Holy Trinity Soberton
Thursday 13 th	1930 Children's Week Meet the Teams	Guide Hut
Saturday 15 th	1815 Film Club Gala	Church Room
Sunday 16th Trinity 5	1000 Joint Parish Communion	Holy Trinity
Sunday 16 th	Big Bike Ride	
Monday 17th	1800 Magazine Copy Date	
Wednesday 19 th	1200 Open Garden	Appletree House
Sunday 23rd Trinity 6	0930 Parish Communion 1100 Parish Communion	Holy Trinity St Peter's
Sunday 30th Trinity 7	1000 Joint Service for 5th Sunday	St Peter's
Monday 31 st	Children's Week starts	Recreation Ground

AUGUST 2017

Friday 4 th	12.30 Lunch Club	Church Room
Sunday 6th Trinity 8	1000 Joint Service, Rocs & Children's Week Celebration	St Peter's
Sunday 13th Trinity 9	1000 Joint Service	Holy Trinity
Saturday 16 th	Soberton Village Hall 50 years celebration	SVH
Sunday 20th Trinity 10	1000 Joint Service	St Peter's
Sunday 27th Trinity 11	1000 Joint Service	Holy Trinity

Newtown Church Fete 2017

List of acknowledgments

Thank you to our main sponsors for their most generous support

Saje UPVC Ltd for donating the cash prize for the draw

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Watson's Dairies for their kind donation

£50 John Lewis voucher from an anonymous donor

Tull's Fine Foods, Wickham for the £50 voucher

Harriotts Butchers, West Meon for the £50 voucher

Boxx Fresh for the box of vegetables

Thanks also go to the following for donating prizes for the Grand Draw

Budgens Supermarket

Heming of Wickham

Marwell Zoo

Garson's Garden Centre

Burchall & Haydock

Mount Folly Nurseries

Marks & Spencer

Hylands Greengrocers, Bishops Waltham

Auction of Promises

The Burgess Family for the donation of **Mary's Mini** in her memory

Barrie Elliott for the **Flight for 3 people** in his **Robin Aeroplane**

Mr Maggs for the **tour and ride on a working steam roller**

Trip for four around the Meon Valley in a 1910 steam car from an anonymous donor

HMS Warrior Trust and Bob Daubeney for the **Portsmouth Dockyard Pass**

Carters of Swanwick for the **Garden Machinery maintenance voucher**

David Jacobs for the **American 2W Gas BBQ** and **Perry Abbott** for assembling it

Biscoes Solicitors for the pair of mirror wills **Sue Wells** for dinner party at Meonwood

John Stephenson for the **Tour of Lord's Cricket Ground**

JT Sports, Wickham for the football signed by **Chris Coleman**

And a big thank you to the following for making the Fete such a success

3rd Portchester Scouts – The Livingstone Troop for all their tentage and support

The Swanmore College Jazz Band **The Soberton Strummers Ukulele Band**

Sing and Tonic, Meon Valley Community Choir

The Victory Dog Training Club and Jackie Povey

Staff at Newtown Soberton Infant School for arranging the dancing

Jim at the Bold Forester for donating the beer * **Meon Valley Nurseries** for plants

Mandy Cooper for ceramics * **Jane Chantrey & Labels Designer Clothes**

The Co-op, Wickham for donating cookies * **Sainsburys** for donating donuts and rolls

Boarhunt Garage, David Cleeve & Darren Gamblin for providing transport

Our Press corps of **John & Julie Earle, Tom and Ollie** from Solent University

ASM Sound services for the loan of the PA equipment and for manning it on the day

STOP PRESS Thank you to everyone who supported the fete, on the day, beforehand and especially in the 'clear up' as by 6.30pm you wouldn't have known that 2 hours before the garden had been invaded by over 1500 people.

It was a day that makes us so proud to be part of our village and what we all achieved. We do appreciate all the support we get from everyone. Thank you so much. John and Sue

Newtown Church Fete 2017

A message of thanks from Canon Nick

The Newtown Fete this year was another wonderful occasion. The Wells family had their garden looking immaculate, the tents and gazebos were all in place, the sound system was working efficiently and people came from far and wide to make the day such a brilliant community event.

The queues started forming by one o'clock and were entertained by the Swanmore College Jazz Band. The gates opened at 1.30pm and people were greeted by the dulcet tones of Sing-and-Tonic singing "All You Need is Love" - an appropriate song after the atrocities of the week in Manchester.

A magnificent array of stalls, sideshows, displays and entertainment awaited one and all. At two o'clock the Fete was officially opened jointly by **Chris Coleman**, the Wales football manager, and his wife, **Charlotte**, a journalist and TV presenter with Sky Sports News. The formalities done everyone enjoyed a splendid afternoon, indulging in Pimms, London Pride from Jim at the Bold Forester, burgers, tea and cake and so much more.



What struck me the most was the great sense of community and everyone pulling together to make the afternoon the success it was. Of course, these events don't just happen and many people, working over many months, see their endeavours coming to fruition as everyone enjoys themselves. It is always good to see such positivity and the committed dedication of those, who on the day, work tirelessly to keep the smooth running and the timing of the events in order.

It was a joy and a delight to be a small part of something much bigger and to raise such a fantastic amount of money – thank you to everyone who was involved in any way – you should all feel proud of yourselves and pleased that you have been a part of something that brings such delight to so many.

Thank you all very much.

Canon Nick

May 29 2017

MAGAZINE COMMUNITY SUPPORT

As a result of all the voluntary effort that goes into the production and distribution of the Magazine, its Committee is able from time to time to make monetary grants to assist other organisations in our community. The Committee has recently approved grants to the following :-

- **Soberton and Newtown School** – replacement of their Playhouse
- **Guide Hut** – remedial work on electrical wiring to comply with latest standards.
- **SoberTots, Brownies, Guides and Childrens' Week** – new storage cupboards to be shared amongst all these groups who use The Guide Hut.
- **Holy Trinity, Newtown** – purchase of six new chairs
- **Soberton Village Hall** – contribution towards a new sign as part of the Hall anniversary celebrations

John Rowlinson – Magazine Treasurer

Cyber Man Drop-in

Are you worried about whether your information is safe when you use the internet?

Do you worry that your bank details may be stolen, or your personal information may be misused, or your computer may get a virus?

Then come along to a drop-in session at Wickham Community Centre and get your laptop, phone or other internet enabled devices checked and protected.

Where: Wickham Community Centre (Meon Room)

When: Saturday 17 June, any time from 10am to 12:30pm

How much: £10 per device (laptop, tablet or smartphone)

Action Hampshire is a local charity that works with communities and not-for-profit groups. We are offering this opportunity together with Fareham-based 1st Computer Services.

Lucy Dibdin, Hampshire Constabulary's Cyber Security & Protect Officer, will also be in attendance to answer your questions about online safety and security.

Your Chance to Get Involved!

The future of the Magazine would be protected and enhanced by moving to an editorial team. Individuals or pairs would take turns to act as 'guest editors'. That would probably involve editorial team members each producing the magazine twice or three times a year and dates could be agreed by negotiation. I'd organise the handover and be available if help were needed. In that way, plenty of people would know how to put the magazine together, nobody need find the undertaking burdensome and new ideas could be tried out.

The magazine appears bi-monthly, so the editor has one busy week every two months. The editor is part of a very smooth running team. Adverts, finance, delivery and distribution are all done by others.

Contributors send in their articles by copy date on a Monday evening. Some contributions, of course, arrive earlier, so work can be started. These articles have to be made up into A4 pages. When all the articles are in, the editor needs to compile a calendar (Canon Nick and Norman Chapman send the church calendar) and an Advance Planner. The front cover is produced for you and the service information and local information only need occasional modification. The printers work on A3 sheets, which means that pages need to be compiled in groups of 4. Recently there have most frequently been 48 pages, currently including 14 pages of adverts. The adverts are collected by Anthony McEwen and sent to the printers once a year for setting. The printers then retain these pages, so the editor only needs to know how many pages will be taken by adverts and to decide where to place them. The rest of the magazine is emailed to the printers when ready.

The printers prefer the pages to be sent to them in Word format and they then make up their own PDF files. This takes about a day, depending on their work load. These files are emailed back to the editor for proof reading. When everything is agreed, the printers take two days to print and bind the magazines and deliver them to Pete Woodacre on bulk delivery day (Thursday, 11 days after copy date) for delivery around the villages.

Job Done!!

So we're seeking volunteers!

If you would like to discuss your possible involvement, please get in touch with Penny Rowlinson email: john.rowlinson@theyoutrust.org.uk or phone 01489 877830.

Winchester City Councillors

Bus Station: Winchester City Council (WCC) has bought the freehold of the bus station site in central Winchester from bus operator Stagecoach. The investment ensures the future of bus operations in the city centre and will generate income through agreements with bus companies for continued use of the station. The City Council intends to make improvements to the site in the short-term. Plans are already in hand to improve the safety and appearance of the station which dates from 1934. The City Council will seek planning permission to demolish one of the disused garage buildings on the site to enable safer bus movement. This will open the way for works in July and August to create new bus parking arrangements within the bus-station. Whilst works to the bus station are carried out there will be some temporary changes to use of on-street parking in The Broadway to cater for displaced buses. The bus station work is due to be completed by September. In the longer-term, the purchase will bring new opportunities and have significant benefits for the regeneration of central Winchester and the continuing provision of bus services, improving the flow of buses through the town and increase pedestrian safety.

Winchester District Local Plan Part 2 (Development Management and Site Allocations) has been formally adopted. This follows several years of extensive work with parish councils, local communities and stakeholders and independent inspection last year. Winchester is one of the 60% of councils in the UK that has a sound local plan. Our plan meets the projected growth for our area. The plan consists of: Local Plan Part 1 – Joint Core Strategy (adopted March 2013) Local Plan Part 2 – Site Allocations & Development Management adopted April 2017 Denmead Neighbourhood Plan – made April 2015 Hampshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013. ***For those parts of the District that lie within the South***

Your Winchester City Councillors : Linda Gemmell e-mail: lgemmell@winchester.gov.uk
Frank R. Pearson e-mail: fpearson@winchester.gov.uk Vicki Weston e-mail: vweston@winchester.gov.uk

Downs National Park, the policies of the 2006 Winchester District Local Plan Review 2006 will still apply rather than Local Plan Part 2. The adopted LPP2 can be viewed on the Council's website at: <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan-part-2/> Paper copies can also be inspected at the Council offices and there is a copy in the local libraries.

Enforcement WCC attaches great importance to the protection and enhancement of the natural and built environments of the District through the planning process. While enforcement action will always need to be commensurate with the breach to which it relates, the Council will not hesitate to be firm and robust in its response in appropriate circumstances, including recourse to the courts. Every effort will be made to resolve inadvertent or minor breaches through discussion and retrospective applications. Please look at our latest Enforcement plan which explains the process in more detail, follow link:

<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning/planning-enforcement/enforcement-statement/>

Community First: is conducting a survey of community groups and charities in Hampshire. Organisations are being asked to complete a short organisational "Health Check" survey, which will help to review support needs? Please visit the link below: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Z7ZMRNN>.

Discover Jane Austen's Winchester Saturday 10th June, 15:00 – 16:30 take a tour around Regency Winchester for approximately 90 mins and end outside the Cathedral with an opportunity to go inside to see Jane Austen's grave and attend Evensong at 5.30pm.

Tickets: £6.50 adults, £2 children from the Tourist Information Centre, The Broadway, Winchester. <http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk>

This year's Mayor and Deputy Mayor. – Councillor David McLean is our Mayor and Councillor Frank Pearson is our Deputy Mayor for 2017 -2018 .

Soberton Parish Outdoor Gym?

Is there a need for an outdoor gym facility in the parish; would you like one, would you use one? There is a possibility of applying for a grant to provide such a facility in the recreation ground, a grant that will contribute to the overall cost, the rest being met by the parish itself. Outdoor gyms come in all shapes and sizes and are designed to be enjoyed



by all age groups irrespective of the weather. These gyms are springing up all over the country, offering health benefits to all those who regularly use them. And this is the point of this news piece. Like all forms of exercise, it is only of benefit if done on a regular basis. However, before we discuss/agree things like location, size, types of equipment available we need to establish if there is a Real Need among parish residents or we could spend a considerable amount of our money on what could be a 'white elephant'. How much money? Difficult to say at this stage as it depends on size etc. but irrespective of

cost do we need such a facility (even if it were free)? The parish council would like you to help us assess if there is a need by contacting us and letting us know using either the tear off strip below, emailing, telephoning or just talking to any member of the council. We have set a time frame of one month from the publication of this magazine for you to input your interest. If we do not hear from you it will be taken as a 'no vote' so do not worry about having to make contact. I am sure you will agree that the health benefits of such a gym could be a great help to us all, irrespective of age, but as important as these benefits are, we need to establish if there are enough of us that would actually use it regularly.



If you are interested in the Parish having an outdoor gym facility please register your interest by contacting any of the parish councillors (phone numbers on the inside back cover of this magazine) or use the tear off strip below.



To be handed to a parish councillor

Yes - I am interested in the parish funding an outdoor gym facility

Name:

Date: or email: norman@soberton.org.uk

Dear Residents

As a Councillor I have always written regular reports to the Parishes I represent within my County Division, so I am now delighted to be able to include Soberton and Newtown. I hope you will find these reports both interesting and helpful and I look forward to meeting you when I attend local community events.



County Elections

Following the County Council elections held on 4th May 2017 I am pleased to report that I was re-elected to represent the Hampshire County Council division of Winchester Southern Parishes with a poll of 3,011 votes and a majority of 2,215. The turnout was 36.26% and I should like to thank everyone who gave me their support.

The Winchester Southern Parishes division now includes Denmead and Southwick [including those residents who live on the Taylor Wimpey and Grainger estates at West of Waterlooville]; Boarhunt, Wickham, Knowle, Newtown and Soberton.

Of the 78 seats on the County Council, the Conservatives won 56 seats, the Liberal Democrats won 19, Labour won 2, and the Community Campaign (Hart) won one. This compares with the results of the 2013 elections, when the political make-up of the County Council was 45 Conservatives, 17 Liberal Democrats, ten UK Independence Party, four Labour, one Independent, and one Community Campaign (Hart). The overall turnout for the 2017 County Council elections was 36% of the electorate.

Hampshire School Starters

The County Council has processed more than 15,000 applications for school places in Year R this year. Just over 98% of parents have been offered a place for their child in one of their three preferred schools - with 90.86% being allocated a place at their first choice of school, up from 88.92% last year.

Of pupils transferring from Infant School to Junior School (Year 3), almost 99% received a place at one of their choices - with 97% obtaining a place at their first choice school. More information about the admissions process is available at: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Child Abuse – If you think it, Report it

In the past year, around 400,000 children in England have been supported by children's social services because someone noticed they needed help and took responsibility for reporting it. All children have a right to be safe and protected from all forms of abuse and neglect. Therefore, a national awareness campaign is underway to help everyone understand that reporting child abuse is everybody's responsibility, and to encourage more people to report a concern. You don't have to be absolutely certain about whether a child is being abused; if you have a feeling that something is not right, talk to Children's Services in Hampshire, who can look into it.

Another big worry people have is that someone will find out they have made a report. This is extremely unlikely to happen as calls can be made anonymously although, generally, most people do give their details. Some people don't report suspected abuse because they think it might just be a one-off - but, even if that is the case, it is better to be safe than sorry. For Children's Services in Hampshire, call 0300 555 1384 during the hours of 8.30 am and 5.00 pm. Outside of those hours, call 0300 555 1373

Health Update - Leaving Hospital

When leaving hospital tracking down the right type of support can be difficult. The good news is that help is now at hand in the form of a new website for the public, which is also being made available via 'smart tablets' and touch screens in the County's hospitals.

Connect to Support Hampshire [<https://connectsupport.hants.gov.uk/>] is a one stop shop for care and support services. The website brings together information about home care agencies, community activities and support groups, as well as information about residential care homes for those who need this type of long term support. The web pages can be filtered in a variety of ways, including by location, to make it easy for

residents to search for the information they need about the support available to them in their local area. Access to the information is now being made even easier for those currently in hospital, who need extra support to return home safely. Our hospital based discharge teams in Southampton General Hospital, Queen Alexandra Hospital (Portsmouth) and Frimley Park Hospital have been provided with 'smart tablets' that can be taken onto wards to help patients identify appropriate support services that can be accessed, whether or not they are eligible for Council funded care.

The Southampton General Hospital scheme has been taken one step further, with a wall-mounted touch screen installed on site for the public to use. The mounted frame enables patients, as well as their families and health professionals, to make use of Connect to Support to help meet their needs when they leave hospital care. We hope to introduce the service in the County's other hospitals in the coming months.

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

Residents may not be aware that the NHS offers confidential advice, support and information on health-related matters. PALS provide a point of contact for patients, their families and their Carers and you can find Officers from PALS in the local hospitals. Contact details for QA Hospital, Portsmouth are email: PHT.PALS@porthosp.nhs.uk or telephone 0800 917 6039. PALS provides help in many ways. For example, it can:

- help you with health-related questions
- help resolve concerns or problems when you're using the NHS
- tell you how to get more involved in your own healthcare
- give you information about the NHS
- explain the NHS complaints procedure, including how to get independent help if you want to make a complaint
- support groups outside the NHS

You can find your nearest PALS office on the NHS Choices website. You can also ask your GP surgery, hospital or telephone NHS 111 for details of your nearest PALS.

Family History Workshop

Hampshire Records Office are holding a family history workshop on 20th June 2.00 pm – 4.00. Wills and inventories will be discussed as part of this workshop and will identify which sources can help you uncover the secrets of your family and where to find them. The venue is Hampshire Records Office, Winchester, cost is £20 and advanced booking is required. The workshop can be booked by phoning 01962 846154 or emailing enquiries.archives@hants.gov.uk.

Grass Verge Cutting

There are around 4,000 miles of rural roadside verges, as well as 1,100 hectares of grass in urban areas in Hampshire maintained by Hampshire Highways. In towns and villages, the District or Borough Council cuts the highway verges on behalf of HCC, and although this can vary by District, it is usually once every three to four weeks during spring and summer – from March until October. Outside towns and villages, HCC cut a narrow strip alongside the road once a year during the growing season, and the full width of the verge once every three years. The vegetation needs to be shorter, and is cut more regularly, around bends or junctions, for example, so motorists maintain full visibility. You can report grass and foliage growth that is causing a safety risk because of reduced visibility directly to Hampshire Highways at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/grasscutting>

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Nicholas Topley, A Village School Master

June 2017 marks the centenary of the death of Nicholas Topley the third schoolmaster of Newtown School at its present site by Holy Trinity Church. He was buried, a granddaughter said, "as close to his beloved school as possible". Nicholas arrived in Newtown from Emsworth in his sixtieth year with his wife Clara in her early forties and three daughters, one a baby and one only twelve years younger than his wife.

Newtown School may have been a final challenge for an experienced teacher as the School Inspector's Reports during the time of his predecessor were not at all good. Nicholas, aided by his daughter Ellen and with his wife Clara teaching the Infants, had produced improvements by the time of the next annual inspection. It is thought that there were upward of ninety pupils on the register whose ages ranged from sometimes as young as three to the leaving age of twelve or thirteen.

Hearsay suggests Nicholas was quite a stern man but he earned the respect of his pupils and the villagers. It is difficult to know how well he was paid but the basic annual salary was about £65 with the assistant teacher receiving a little over £21. A schoolhouse was provided and there were other grants as well as payment for cleaning. It is understood that when he went to collect the money from Fareham he travelled by pony and trap which must have been lent or hired to him. Otherwise he walked to churches in the neighbourhood to read lessons, "taking his paper and his pipe, the latter he would sit and puff while enjoying a half pint of ale prior to the walk home".

My interest in him grew as I read the school log books but I was also intrigued by his family which had been added to by the birth of Constance in 1897. On meeting his grand-daughter I asked if Nicholas had been married before and was told that he had, not just once but three times before. She explained that a school master was required to be married and his wife was expected to teach the infants. To that she could have added the necessity of teaching sewing and mending to the girls.

I also learned that Nicholas had a deep love of music. He could play several instruments, piano, organ and violin, a gift inherited by some of his children. He also gave piano lessons. Nicholas retired in 1904 and his place was taken by Mr. Pearce who, a few years later, married Edith Topley (the eldest of Clara's daughters) and they emigrated to Australia. Nicholas had to vacate the school house and Mr. Abbinnett allowed the family to stay in rooms at The Grange until a cottage owned by Mr. Stares at Newtown cross roads became available. It was here that he died in 1917. (see back cover) During his illness, his grand-daughter said, that the village lads would arrive when they knew the doctor was visiting and sit on the bank opposite to get the latest bulletin.

So what is known of Nicholas before he came to Newtown? He was born in Rochester, Kent in 1836, the son of a shoemaker, and spent the early part of his life in that county. He married Elizabeth Brooker, a girl from Sussex, in London in 1859. Two years later they are living and



Photograph of Clara Topley. Her grand-daughter was virtually sure that it must be Nicholas looking through the window with their 3 daughters.

teaching in Bapchild near Sittingbourne and have a daughter Charlotte. Elizabeth died there in 1868 following the death of a baby, but leaving five young daughters the eldest, Charlotte less than eight years old.

It is not a surprise to find that by the 1871 Census Nicholas had remarried and another daughter, Minnie, had been born in Bapchild but now the family are living at the National School in Brenchley near Tunbridge Wells. They have a servant presumably to help look after the baby as Susannah is listed as a school mistress. Three more children are born while they are at Brenchley including a boy also called Nicholas. Following a move to Brill in Buckinghamshire two more sons were born but it appears that Susannah may have died when Ernest was born in 1877.

Two years later Nicholas married Eliza from nearby Boarstall and moved across the county border to Tetworth just south of Thame in Oxfordshire where Ethel was born. The 1881 census shows his six children by Susannah and his widowed mother aged 70 completed the household. Eliza is the schoolmistress so no doubt an extra pair of hands proved useful in looking after the little Ethel. Eliza died in her early thirties in 1884.

Nicholas married his fourth wife, Clara in 1889 and two years later the census gives their address as St Mary's School, Eynsham, near Witney, in Oxfordshire. During the next five years they had moved to the Havant area where Kathleen was born. Constance, the baby born in Newtown, was the last of his fifteen surviving children, twelve of whom were girls.

Roxy at Rookesbury Hall - review by Jonty Sherwill

Entertainment at Rookesbury Hall never fails to hit one button or other and Friday 12th May was no exception, with local trio Roxy livening things up with a programme that loosely resembled the advert poster. With Simon and Karen Little on guitars and vocals, their son Gavin was beating out the rhythm on tom-tom and drums.

Twice during the performance the group were joined on stage by local youngster Matthew Hennessy to play his electric guitar. This impromptu combination went well, starting out with Lynyrd Skynyrd's 'Sweet Home Alabama', followed by Stevie Wonder's 'Superstition' played with real conviction, and poo-pooing Simon's phoney apology before they got started!

The cover versions of other well known hit numbers came thick, fast and loud, and while some at the front were visibly moved by the experience those further back were in the sweet spot and thoroughly enjoying some very competent playing. The play list also included songs by Dire Straits, Eagles, Eric Clapton, Thin Lizzie, Stereophonics, and Free, all performed with a high degree of authenticity.

At half time an excellent supper of baked potatoes and a choice of toppings was prepared and served by members of the hall committee before the band returned for another foot stomping set, inspiring some in the audience to get up and dance. It may have been a bit high volume for some tastes but it was clearly spot-on for others (me included) and all too soon the evening drew to a close.

When an event runs as smoothly as this one did it's easy to overlook the amount of effort and organisation it takes to put it on, and grateful thanks are due to all those involved who work tirelessly to make sure these events happen the way they should!

SWANMORE COLLEGE

Journalism Masterclass at Swanmore College

Over the last two months, we have been very lucky to have local journalist (& parent) Patrick Horwood volunteering his time and knowledge with a group of enthusiastic students from all year groups. He spoke to them about all the different aspects of careers in media, from finding a story to editing it. Below are a few of the articles that were produced by Swanmore pupils as a response. We hope you enjoy reading them as much as we enjoyed the creation of them!

THE LAND OF ICE AND FIRE

One of the most scenic school trips abroad

By Jessica Comley, Year 10

During the April half term, Year 10 Geography and the photography students went on a five day school trip



to Iceland – the land of ice and fire (or more accurately – a land of fog and rain). The scenic location gave the perfect opportunity for scenic shots and immersive Geography: from climbing volcanoes to getting assaulted with the strong smell of sulphur in the Geothermal power plant.

The jam-packed trip included looks at dormant volcanoes, gorgeous glaciers, dazzling waterfalls and riveting geysers – paired with stunning hikes around Reykjavik. The Icelandic architecture gave a new look to the contrast between traditional buildings and modern architecture.

Students visited the unique Reykjavik cathedral, styled after basalt columns found at the black sand beach including the extravagant, arched, ceilings and organ consisting of 257 pipes.

Furthermore, the beautiful setting was portrayed in many different weather patterns including; fog, rain, clear skies and even snow, portraying the very changeable manner of the arctic weather – at least the temperature stayed the same (at around -1°C).

In addition, while staying at the Hotel Cabin, near the coast, students (although having not learnt any Icelandic) bonded with an American school who were also enjoying the Icelandic sights.

The trip was a once in a lifetime experience, with fantastic views, new friends and bizarre customs (such as the cosplaying Icelandic students that hung around the city centre) the trip was unique and eye opening. However, the real question will be if the trip will carry on next year for future year 10's to enjoy?



LIBRARY LIFE

Step Into The Library - You Might Be Surprised!

By Rachel Morrison, Year 8

Our library is a sublime place to be, full of wonderful books and also a great place to meet friends. Whether you are looking to journey to mysterious places, have wonderful adventures, walk in someone else's emotions and feelings, or learn new facts and information, then this is the place to come. Maybe you want to just sit at a computer, log into the World Wide Web and lose yourself in study facts. Maybe you

want to complete that homework so your evening is free. Maybe you just want to quietly socialise in a corner with friends. Whatever you want to do - the Library is the place for you!

The people that come through the door fall into a few different categories:, see if you can find yourself!

1. The Explorer: When you cross the threshold, or even before, the excitement is bubbling all through you. What adventures will you go on, places will you see, people good or bad will you meet? The smell of glorious books waiting to be opened and explored, whether it's reading book after book or a browse through pages to pass some time and escape into other worlds... you tingle with excitement every time you step in or journey to the library.
2. The Comfort-Seeker: When you cross the threshold, you stop and take a few slow deep breaths.....and relax! The Library is a place that feels like home. You feel comfortable to browse the shelves and get lost in a book, catch up on school work or say hi to friends. This place restores you to your happier self in a calm, secure way. A few deep breaths and you feel like you are safe and relaxed!
3. The Devourer: When you cross the threshold you are on a mission! To devour anything and everything that is written information and crosses your path. Escaping is not what you are here for..... you are here to satisfy the need for knowledge, to quench the thirst for facts and information, so you can answer the multitude of questions flying round your brain at such a rate that there aren't enough hours in the school day to use this resource! You have no idea why people come to this place to chat when there is a wealth of information at your fingertips!
4. The Quiet One: When you cross the threshold it is because you have released what was in your emotional luggage rack and left it at the door... Similar to the Comfort Seeker, you are here because it feels like home. You don't have to be anyone, talk to anyone, discuss anything with anyone. You are here to enjoy what the Library offers, but alone, on your own terms, without anyone being offended. You are happy to be alone whilst not being lonely. With the odd smile or nod of your head to other users, you are fine just to be left...content in the knowledge that everyone understands this and just lets you be!!!
5. The Inexplicable: When you cross the threshold, who knows how you will be! You actually can't explain in words why or how you come, you just do. You are a mixture of all the above and possibly more! It depends on your mood and circumstances as to why, how and when you use the Library..... but that isn't a problem, as it always draws you in to use the Library how best suits your mood that visit. It will always be the place you can come to for support.

Find yourself in any of the above? Or maybe there is a personality that has been missed? Feel free to let us know. We don't want to put people in boxes, but we all know of the different personality types the Library can bring out in us all.

The common theme is we all learn, use and enjoy the Library: that is what it is there for. So come on, give us a try. There is so much to discover - whatever your needs, we are waiting for you. Come and receive help with homework, purchase stationery or just find want someone to chat to; there is something for everyone The staff and pupil librarians are waiting to greet and assist you whilst you are here, whether it is just for a minute, an hour or an eternity. It doesn't matter how little or how often you visit, you will always be welcome.



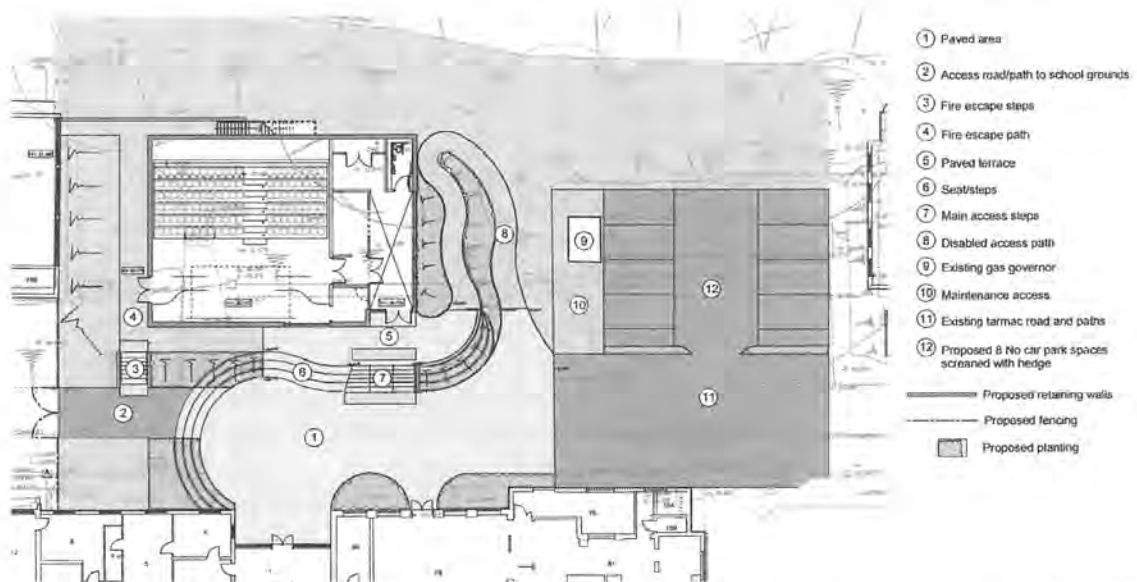
PERFORMING ARTS BLOCK - NEW IN 2018

Ruth Millen, Year 7

In April 2018, the new Performing Arts Block will be added to the school, providing more facilities for all students. The block will celebrate drama and dance aspects of school.

Mr Loveday, our Business Manager who is in charge of the project, says, "The new block will give students a state of the art facility that will give them a proper place to do drama and dance rather than an empty classroom."

The building work will start on June 9th after the Year 11 GCSEs and will be completed by April 2018. It will include performance lighting, pull-out seating for 120, a dedicated box office, and lots of technology. It will also be fully accessible.



At the moment, the block is going to be called the Performing Arts Block, as the rest of the blocks around the College deliberately spell out S_W_A_N_M_O_R_E and we can't have S_W_A_N_M_O_R_E_P!

The block is going to be an estimated £1 million to build and furnish. At the same time, some other areas of the school are being refurbished, so the total building works are going to cost £3.3million.

As someone who has an interest in drama, I'm looking forward to the opportunities that the block is going to give us as a school - I hope to do some great performing in this block!

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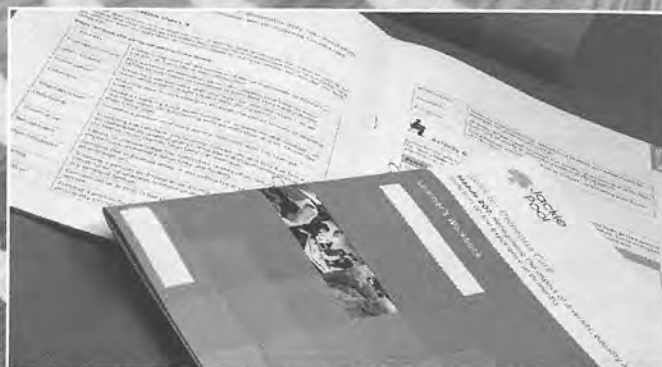
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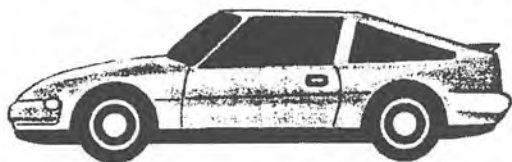
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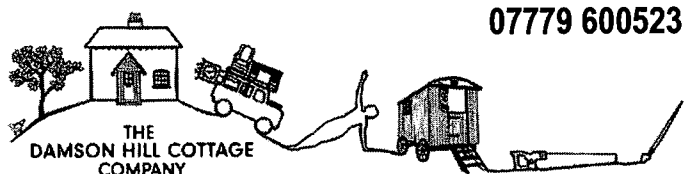
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And that is where we need you ... ideas on a postcard please, or an email to Norman@soberton.org.uk or speak to a Parish Councillor (numbers on the inside back page of this magazine). Ideas so far have included:

- an exhibition space with bi-monthly guest curators
- a lending / book swap library
- a magazine swap library
- a public 'soap box' venue
- a 'selfie booth' set up with seat, holder for your phone and a selection of props and backgrounds

Deadline for submitting ideas is 20th June and the most popular idea will be published in the August/September issue of the Soberton and Newtown magazine.

Watch this space!

Find out More!!

Inside the back cover, we have brief details – names and contacts for many of our village societies. Newcomers to the village or those who are looking to follow up a particular activity may want to know a little more about these groups.

We'd like to invite societies to send in a short paragraph giving some of the details about themselves. We'll then include as many as possible in each edition.

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Recent Events

Our pond-dipping on 13th May was a huge success with more than 50 dippers of all ages helping us survey our village pond. We are pleased to report the same vitality score as last year. Some favourites such as the Water Scorpion, Stickleback, Fish Leech, Emperor Dragonfly nymph and the inappropriately named River Snail were extracted from – and of course returned to – the pond.

Our Snail Shell Hunt on Soberton Down during the Easter Holidays attracted smaller numbers, but made up for that in enthusiasm.

Up on Soberton Down

Work parties have been continuing throughout the Spring and Early Summer on Soberton Down to clear blackthorn and bramble re-growth and allow the natural Chalk Grassland flora and fauna to flourish.

During **June** you should be able to see Common Spotted Orchids, Yellow Rattle and Bird's Food Trefoil in flower. Watch out, too, for Common Blue butterflies as well as the Meadow Brown and Gatekeeper – similar brown butterflies – or the day-flying Burnet Moth might be spotted towards the end of the month.

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Brownie Report for Guide Hut AGM - April 2017

After eight years, I still find myself getting excited when planning the term of activities for the Brownies. Looking back over the past year, I cannot believe how many fun adventures that we have had!

During Summer Term last year, we completed our Sports Badge. The girls enjoyed playing Rounders so much, that I am sure that it will make a return this year as well. Several of our Brownies took part in a St George's Activity Day at Sandy Acre where they joined with other Brownie units from the across the County. We visited GUL, an equine assisted therapy centre designed to help people from all walks of life and health to improve their well-being through contact with horses. The Brownies really enjoyed the challenge of who could pick up the most poo! Also last summer, we learnt about the Royal family ready for the Queen's Birthday Street Party, as well as visiting a local farm and a trip to the Rock-Up Centre.

During the Autumn Term, we worked on our Dancers Badge, learning about three well-known ballet stories. The Brownies were also taught an Irish dance sequence by Victoria Rogers, which was performed to the delight of the parents. We returned to Meonwood for our annual campfire, which is never complete without marshmallows, and took part in various activities to earn our Beatrix Potter Commemorative Badge. And no Autumn Term would be fulfilled without the obligatory Christmas craft and party.

The Spring Term was spent working on a Canada Challenge Badge, designed by member of the Senior Section to raise funds for her international trip to Canada. We went 'out and about' to visit Bishops Waltham Food Bank and learnt about how they help those in need. We also had fun this term painting pottery, tasting different types of bread and blowing & decorating eggs.

To give you a teaser of the term ahead, we plan to involve the girls in Yarn bombing, a trip to Hamble Springs, a sleep-over, hobby horse making, geocaching and street art! We also will be using our new pop-up tennis/volley ball net, we purchased with last year's Sainsbury vouchers. We are collecting them again this year and will happily accept any donated vouchers. This year's wish list includes some cooking equipment.

Numbers have remained at 15 girls, so if your daughter is aged between 7-10 and likes the sound of our Brownie Adventures then please get in touch! Victoria Rogers, Grace Parker, and Katie Rogers have been a great support to the unit, although we will miss Victoria greatly when she heads off to Reading University this Autumn. As I needed to take the Spring Term off on maternity leave, we implemented a parent rota which has been well received. I am back this summer, but we will continue to have parents help out, as the girls loved sharing their adventures. Of course, you don't have to be a parent! If you would like to spare an hour or so to join us on a Brownie Adventure then please contact us!

Mandy Cleeve

Tawny Owl, 1st Soberton & Newtown Brownie Pack
sobertonnewtownbrownies@gmail.com

SAINSBURY VOUCHERS

Do you have some Sainsbury School vouchers hanging around?

Why not donate them to Soberton & Newtown Brownie and Guides.

We have until the **end of June** to bank them with Sainsbury and swop them for some excellent cooking equipment and, depending on how many we get, maybe some new games equipment.

Please drop any vouchers into Caroline Rogers – Horns Hill House, Webbs Green, Soberton
Or email me on sobertonnewtownbrownies@gmail.com and I can collect when I'm passing.
Many Thanks.

SoberTots Report for Guide Hut AGM - April 2017

Sadly the Croissants and Coffee Mother & Toddler group closed in August last year after running successfully for over three years. As I felt this was an important support group for the village, I have reopened the group under a new name and new location in September 2016. SoberTots had a slow beginning, averaging about three/four mothers. However since January we have experienced an increase in numbers and now welcome six/seven mothers on each occasion. We have been successful in attracting new mothers from both Soberton Heath and Newtown, and use the school run to target mothers with young children. We advertise any child friendly events that occur in the villages, and have raised awareness of the hut's location and its availability for hire.

We would like to thank St Peters church for its loan of toys and play mats to help us get started. We received ample donations from mothers, however we would like to put out a request for toy cars, dolls, and dressing up costumes. Currently the toys are stored in a pile in the corner of the guide hut which is not ideal. We hope to benefit from the installation of bespoke cupboards, so the toys can be boxed, labelled and stored in a tidy fashion. Any larger items can then be stored in the store cupboard by the kitchen.

Unlike other groups, SoberTots will not close for half term holidays, as this is the time that parents need us the most. Such occasions have always been busy, as older siblings are most welcome. After a discussion with the parents, it is very likely that we will open for every Tuesday during the Summer holidays.

We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 10:00-11:30. Anyone dropping off from the school run is most welcome to arrive early as I am setting up from 9:15. Come along and enjoy a tea or coffee, normal or decaff, sugar or sweetener..... we cater for everyone! Fruit and snacks are available for the kids, and we make sure that they are well distracted before we bring out the freshly baked warm croissants served with butter and jam! We are a lovely group of local mums who like nothing more than relaxing on a sofa and having a good natter. Please come and join us!

Mandy Cleeve
mandy.cleeve@hotmail.co.uk

MEON VALLEY PLAY READING GROUP

"It's like being in a Radio Play"

- No lines to learn
- No acting on stage
- No commitment to attend each meeting
- You don't need to be the 'right age' for characters you're reading (or even the same gender!)

Just a fun evening, reading a different play at each meeting.
A charge of £3 pays for rent, coffee, etc.

We meet on the **2nd Tuesday each month at 7.30pm in the Meon Hall, Meonstoke.**

Next two meetings are 13th June & 11th July

More details? 'Phone Paul or Gerry Hayles (01489 878489)

June-July
2017 Update

Newtown & Soberton

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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



BREAKING NEWS from the verge!

GOVERNMENT ACTION:

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT revised penalties for drivers exceeding the Speed Limit on any road, which came into operation in April?

Offenders may now be prosecuted for driving at speeds of only one m.p.h. above the limit with heavier fines, and the greater the difference between the limit and the speed driven, the greater the penalty. Offenders with higher incomes will also receive higher fines.

IS IT WORTH THE RISK?

SPEEDWATCH AIMS TO REMIND DRIVERS OF THE SPEED LIMIT, in the interests of safety, but driving responsibly means you won't lose your licence too!

So please drive RESPONSIBLY by reducing your speed ALL THE TIME, not just when you see the Speedwatch YELLOW COATS.

SUPPORTING SPEEDWATCH - with the generosity of these community organisations and local businesses the Community Speedwatch Team has been able to repay the Parish Council loan that enabled the purchase of our speed monitor and other equipment.

BSL Scaffolding
Hampshire Police
Newtown Church Fete
Newtown Fitness
Scotts Haven (Maybush Lane)
Winchester City Council

Supported by:
Soberton & Newtown Parish Council
& Hampshire Police

If you are concerned about SPEEDING through our villages please join the Speedwatch Group

A particular area of concern is **Church Road**, in the vicinity of the **School**. We are currently working with School Governors and staff to find a solution to problems arising from parking issues and speeding.

Our local Police team continues to support us... you may have seen them joining volunteers at some sessions, and they try to attend our admin meetings to offer advice, especially when cake is on offer!

They, like us, look forward to a time when our efforts are no longer needed. Meanwhile, using data we collect, they are working with us on finding traffic calming solutions for the area. THANK YOU to CPSOs Owen and Gracie in particular.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WHO HAS IDEAS FOR ENCOURAGING DRIVERS TO OBSERVE THE LIMIT!

**SPREAD THE WORD
SLOW DOWN NOW!**

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Do something positive

We have an established group of VOLUNTEERS but we can always use more. WHY DO THEY BOTHER?

Some have joined after attending a DRIVER AWARENESS COURSE that convinced them that 30mph is fast enough in built up areas.

One has experienced the loss of a loved one to a speeding driver.

Most are just keen to preserve safety on our roads and peace in our area.

Do you live in Soberton?
Perhaps you feel traffic speed and volume is not a problem? Is this why we have only a few volunteers from Soberton? Let us know!

**THE MORE VOLUNTEERS WE HAVE
THE MORE EFFECTIVE WE CAN BE.
DON'T YOU WANT TO JOIN THE
FRONT LINE?**

You can help by setting an example:

- Keep to the Speed Limit yourself
- Spread the 30mph message

**WE DON'T WANT TO CATCH
ANYONE SPEEDING!**

Get in touch!

For more information or to sign up to be part of the team please email your name, address and telephone number to one of our local Community Speedwatch coordinators:

John Haskins:
haskins230@btinternet.com

Rob Brown:
wickhouse5@yahoo.co.uk

Graham Smart:
grahamgs@hotmail.co.uk

SOBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council, having provided over recent years items for toddlers and young children, have plans to install, in the coming months, two swings and a slide for older children. Watch this space for details of when they will be operational.

Councillor Barry Henderson



Your Local Village Agents provide information on Attendance Allowance

David is the Village Agent for Soberton and Newtown. Village Agents are volunteers for Age Concern Hampshire who can help older people (50+) to find information and services in their local community such as getting out and about; help around the home and on money matters, for example Attendance Allowance:

Attendance Allowance

If your ability to keep safe or look after your own personal care is affected by physical or mental illness or disability then you may be able to claim this benefit, subject to various criteria:

- You need to be 65+
- Could benefit from help with personal care such as getting washed or supervision to keep safe.
- Have a disability or illness. This can include dementia, sight or hearing impairment or mental health issues.
- Have needed help for 6 months (unless terminally ill, in which case, you can claim straight away).

Did you know?

- There are two different rates:- (rates for Apr. 2016-2017)
 - £55.65 per week if you need help in the day or night
 - £83.10 per week if you need help in the day and at night
- It is tax free
- It is not means tested
- It will not reduce any other income received
- It may entitle you to other benefits such as pension credit, housing benefit or council tax support
- You are not obliged to spend the benefit on a carer or other care. It is your decision and you may wish to spend the money on other services that assist you in day to day living.
- To obtain a claim form, contact the Attendance Allowance helpline on: 0345 605 6055/ text phone: 0845 604 5312 or www.gov.uk/attendance-allowance
- The form is long and can be complex so it is advisable to obtain help with filling in the form to increase your chances of successfully receiving the benefit you need. Call our Information and Advice Line on 0800 328 7154, or you can contact the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) or the Citizens Advice Bureau who will assist with form filling. In addition, your local Village Agent may also be able to help you complete the forms.

If you would like to find out more about any benefits and allowances that you may be entitled to, call Age Concern Hampshire's Information and Advice line for free on 0800 328 7154. You can also contact Citizens Advice Bureau for a full assessment of benefit entitlement: 03444 111 306. Please also see <https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/disability>

If you need any further help you can give David a call today to find out how he can help you on 01329 835122.





The Real Junk Food Project Meon Valley

We are all aware of the volume of food that gets thrown away by supermarkets when it reaches its sell by date, then taken to landfill, but what can we really do about it?

Sue, 50, from Knowle is solving just that problem for residents in the Meon Valley. She has set up The Real Junk Food Project Meon Valley and from 2-5pm each week day at Wickham Community Centre, products just past their sell by date are available - along with a cup of tea and a chat.

People are asked to make a voluntary contribution towards goods, which generally consist of bread items, flowers, fruit, veg and cakes – all of which are perfectly fresh.

Sue comments, "I was frustrated in my current role, so decided to give up work. With the support of my partner, I was looking for a worthwhile voluntary role when I found The Real Junk Food Project. I absolutely love what I do and wake up happy every morning, which is a relief after feeling very trapped in the system! The Project is basically giving people a chance to trust their instinct and effectively rescue perfectly good food that would otherwise go to waste - either for themselves or others in need. Please do come along and see what we are all about and what we have to offer!"

2-5pm each week day
Wickham Community Centre



Why not consider becoming a Village Agent for Soberton and Newtown Parishes?

You would be volunteering for Age Concern Hampshire to signpost older people to local services and information. You would offer a few hours per week and be fully supported with training sessions and informal get-togethers with other Village Agents across the county.

This is a great opportunity to develop or refresh skills, meet people and get involved in your local community.

For further information or to apply please contact
the Village Agent Co-ordinator:

Tel: 01962 892443 or

Freephone: 0800 328 7154

E: villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk



MEON VALLEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Programme June & July 2017

Exercise Class – St. Peter's Church Hall Bishop's Waltham Every Monday from 10:00 to 11:15 Cost per individual session: members £2.00, non-members £2.50 Please note there is a long waiting list for this class. Contact: Chee Price 01489 893140.

Ladies' Pub Lunch - Mondays, June 5th and July 3rd Contact Organiser below by the previous Monday for venue and to book a place June – Margaret Welland on 01489 891312, July - Lena Frost on 01489 894828

IT learning classes - The Silver Room, Jubilee Hall, Tuesdays Classes will restart in the autumn subject to demand Contact: Ian Wynne- Powell on 01329 833254

touchtennis – Tuesday mornings from 11:00 to 12:30 on outside courts at Hoe Road. Contact: Ann Joyce on 01329 232099

Tai Chi – Jubilee Hall – Gold Room. Wednesday mornings. There are two sessions: Beginners/less experienced: 09:00 to 10:00 Experienced: 10:15 to 11:15. Cost per individual session £4.00 for members; £5.50 for non-members Contact: Cherry Wynne-Powell on 01329 833254

Table Tennis – Priory Park Clubhouse, Elizabeth Way, Bishop's Waltham Wednesday afternoons from 14:00 to 17:00 These sessions are now closed to non-members (other than a taster session) due to demand. Cost per session £3.00 for members, £4.50 for non-members. Contact: John Moorhouse on 01489 896366

Gentlemen's Pub Lunch: The Barleycorn, Bishops Waltham. Third Thursday of the month: June 15th and July 20th 12:00 for 12:30 Fixed price menu Just turn up – new attendees very welcome!

New Age Kurling - Jubilee Hall – Ruby Room Fourth Thursday of the month: **June 22nd** NB: Note change of date. July – third Thursday in July 20th. Sessions run from 14:00 to 16:00. Cost per individual session: members £3.00, non-members £3.50. Contact: Geoff Matthews on 01489 890834

Spanish Lessons

Classes held on Friday mornings at The Stables, Free Street, Bishops Waltham. **NB: No classes on June 2nd, June 9th or June 23rd. Last class of semester July 21st.** Spanish for Beginners is now full; a new class will start in October 2017 subject to demand. Spanish II sessions run from 10:15 to 11:00 and Spanish III from 11:15 to 12:00. Cost £3.00 per session. Call John Moorhouse on 01489 896366 to discuss

Scrabble for Fun: Sessions on Friday afternoons in the small room at The Paterson Centre, Swanmore (next to the church) from 14:00 to 16:00. Cost £1.50 per session. beginners very welcome. Please be prompt! Contact: Lena Frost on 01489 894828

Theatre/Cinema visits: Visits are organised throughout the year. For information on theatre/cinema visits contact Kay Corke 01489 890727

Open Garden

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

Appletree House, Station Road, Soberton

As usual we shall be doing light lunches in aid of Rowans Hospice – Jane Salmon will need helpers. We raised £1000 for the Hospice and £1000 for the National Garden Scheme.

Dates: **Wednesdays 7th June, 21st June, 19th July. 12 to 4pm**

Do hope you can visit us.

Jennie Dover

100 years ago...

... on 13th June 1917, fourteen *Gotha G.IV* bombers carried out the first ever raid by fixed-winged aircraft on London. Numerous Shrapnel bombs were dropped on Essex and the East End of London around noon. 104 people were killed and 423 injured, including 18 children aged 5-12 killed following a direct hit on a school in Poplar. Hitherto, raids had been conducted at night using *Zeppelin* air ships, causing several civilian casualties. In total, German air raids on Britain during 1914-18 caused 1,413 deaths and 3,409 injuries. Although small compared to 40,000 deaths and some 100,000 injured during the *Blitz* of 1939-45, this fueled considerable anger and resentment among Londoners against anything German. The use of *Gotha* aircraft influenced King George V's decision to change the name of the Royal Family from *Saxe-Coburg-Gotha* to Windsor.



On Monday 8th May Rear-Admiral Kit Layman entertained us with a talk about the "*Wager Disaster*". *HMS Wager* (Captain David Cheap RN) was a 6th Rate of 28 guns wrecked during a hurricane off the coast of Patagonian Chile in 1741. Britain was at war with Spain and the *Wager* was part of a small squadron commanded by Commodore George Anson (later ennobled as Baron Soberton). Having rounded Cape Horn, ships of his squadron were damaged and separated, and scurvy had taken grim toll of his ships' companies. Some 140 sailors made it ashore from *Wager* to what is now known as Wager Island. As men started to die from starvation, exhaustion and hypothermia, discipline broke down. Captain Cheap intended to use the ship's boats to head north and re-join Anson but most of the survivors believed that going south was their best chance of survival. This led to mutinous behaviour and one of the officers was shot dead by Cheap, causing further disaffection. Led by Gunner John Bulkeley and one of the Marine officers, the captain was arrested and relieved of his command. Bulkeley and 81 men then headed south for the Straits of Magellan in the ship's longboat and another smaller vessel. After considerable hardship, 29 survivors eventually arrived at Rio Grande in Brazil after an epic voyage of 2,500 nautical miles. Some others journeyed on foot across the continent and eventually reached England via Argentina and Spain after 5½ years away. Meanwhile Cheap and 17 survivors headed north in 2 small ship's boats and, after further disasters and desertions, Cheap, Midshipman Byron (grandfather of the poet) and one other officer finally made it to Chiloé. Here they surrendered to the Spanish and eventually returned home under a prisoner-of-war exchange. Despite a thorough board of inquiry, the mutineers were never brought to trial. Although subsequently overshadowed by the more famous mutiny in *HMS Bounty* in 1789, the *Wager* story exceeds the former in terms of violence, endurance and hardship but never made it to the 'silver screen'.

The Branch will be holding its annual summer drinks party on Thursday 1st June which will also commemorate the centenary of the formation of the Women's Royal Naval Service (WRNS). Our next meeting will now be on Monday 18th September in Droxford Village Hall at 1900 when Superintendent Fiona McCormack of the Metropolitan Police will talk to us on "*Homicide, terrorism and hostage negotiation – policing London*". Non-members will be very welcome to join us.

SOBERTON VILLAGE HALL

Chairman's Report 2017

The year since our 2016 AGM has not in itself been a particularly remarkable one but it does however, bring us to the 50th Anniversary of our Hall being built, and perhaps gives us an opportunity to consider what it now means to the Village and our Community.

While as each year goes by there are an ever increasing number of occasions when the Hall is booked for weddings, parties, wakes, meetings etc from both within and outside the Village, there are now a number of established and regular users who I believe could be fairly said to justify the Hall being described as the main Social Centre of the Village. Any newcomers to the Village who may be wondering what happens or how they could become involved need only look at the monthly booking sheet for the Hall and would almost certainly find something that would appeal to them and where they would be made welcome.

The **Soberton Players** probably the most well known for their many and varied productions are always looking for and make welcome, new members. For those who may not want to be performers there is a large number of support roles to be filled and practical skills that are required so there is a choice of opportunities to become part of a successful team which gives a great deal of pleasure.

A thriving **Table Tennis Club** of some standing in the area playing successfully in both the Portsmouth and Fareham Leagues for the more skilful players, but also with sessions for those who simply want a sociable game or two without the pressure of competition.

The **Meon Valley Orchestra** rehearse in the Hall. It has a membership of some 45 string, brass and woodwind instrumentalists, and plays a wide variety of music under its professional conductor Lorraine Masson. It performs public concerts and plays for Village and Church events. It is always happy to welcome new player especially violinists.

The **Folk Association** Southern Area is another of our long term supporters and regularly holds its folk dancing events which are always well supported and are enjoyed by all concerned.

The **Meon Bridge Club** has, during the past years, established its headquarters in the Hall and is a large Club of all abilities which meet on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. New members are always welcome.

The **Vincent Owners Club** has also been with us for a long time and is for those with an

interest in vintage motor bikes, something different and would welcome new members.

The Riding Club is obviously well supported in an area where horses and riding are popular pastimes.

Natasha School of Dance for children and adults includes both ballet and tap dancing.

Pilates and Keep Fit, - both would welcome new members.

Two other clubs which are frequent users despite not holding their regular meetings in the Hall are the **Wives Group** and **The 3P's**.

Finally the **Meon Valley Bus Association** have their bus in the Car Park and are always looking for drivers for their regular journeys and private hire charters.

Any of these Associations can be contacted direct, through a member of the Committee or the Website. So never let it be said that there is nothing much to do in Soberton.

We are now in the 50th year of the Hall's existence and plans for a celebration to mark the occasion in September are now well in hand. Further information will be made available nearer the time.

We are also having the Hall, almost completely, redecorated, giving it a fresh start to the next 50 years!

An example of people who get on and do things without the recognition they deserve are John Rowlinson and Duncan Colin-Jones who, in return for us making a donation to the Church Funds, have kept the grass around the Hall cut and tidy for some years now, but what with an elderly mower on its last legs and the advancing years telling just a bit, they have handed the job over and it will now be done by a large sit-on commercial type mower, which says something about the size of the task they undertook, so many thanks to them both.

Finally I would like to thank all the members of the Committee who continue to support the running of the Hall in their different roles and have all agreed to continue doing so during the coming year. Having said this, we have all agreed that we will look for, and would like to welcome some new members on to the Committee. To be a member is not an onerous task, and anyone joining would not be expected to immediately take on any official position. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month and there is a considerable amount of satisfaction to be gained by providing something worthwhile for the Village. If anyone is interested in joining us please contact any of the members on the Committee who would be pleased to hear from you.

DICK TAYLOR Chairman 2017

Soberton & Newtown Wives' Group

At the meeting in April Penny Legg gave us an insight into the life of an author. For the next meeting Andrew Negus gave an amusing and informative talk about the early history of Portsmouth, we will now all look at the city in a different way.

The next meeting is the AGM on 7th June, where we will elect a new committee and consider ideas for next years programme. This will take place at West Cottage, West St, Soberton. The annual progressive supper is on 10th June.

The last event of the year, on 5th July, is a guided tour of Winchester. Partners are very welcome, as usual.

Liz Whales (Secretary) (01489) 877712 lizwhales@aol.com

Meon Valley Garden Club

The annual coffee morning was held this year at Ramblers in Corhampton, thanks to Corrine and Bob Solen for allowing the use of their lovely home and garden for this popular event. Plants, cakes and produce were for sale along with a raffle and the Grand National sweepstake. All the money raised helps to fund our annual shows.

Next to the Spring show held on Saturday 25th March, a lovely warm sunny day. The standard of entries was excellent, Daffodils were back in abundance, the majority of classes displaying entries in double figures. Members outstripped past Spring shows with both the number of entries and exhibitors. We enjoyed a record 593 entries and 95 exhibitors.

The children's classes were wonderful with a total of 38 exhibitors and 141 exhibits. Our thanks go to Pauline Bone who has inspired the children of Meonstoke School to enter the show. We are very grateful for her contribution.

If you would wish to join the club, please contact our Membership secretary Phil Butler on 01489 877596 or philipbutler831@btinternet.com

Caroline Harris, Secretary More information on Droxford Village web site

Diary for June

Wednesday 7th June Garden Visit to Mottisfont . Meet Droxford Sq 1.30 pm

Saturday 24th June Coach Trip to Arundel Castle Pick up Droxford & Corhampton
9.00 am

A year of Guides – April 2016 - April 2017

The Guides has been steady in numbers from last summer – and we have 11 guides in the Unit.

Our teen helper, Lucy Ward, left us at the end of the summer having completed the volunteering section of her Silver D of E Award, and we thank her for her support and cheery smile over the year she spent with us.

We have continued to meet on a fortnightly basis and although Caroline Rogers leads the unit, Karen Turnock and Victoria Rogers have been regular leaders on a Guide night, as well as being active in the planning of the activities and trips.

Last summer we completed our Zany Zebra challenge, took part in the Queen's Jubilee service at St Peter's, visited GUL (a local equine charity) with the Brownies and took part in the Division Guide Camp at Shedfield in June.

During the autumn, we put up some new tents that were donated to us, just to see what they looked like! We completed some Go-for-it challenges in patrols, had a campfire at Meonwood and learnt about Beatrix Potter. Christmas also proved to be a busy time as we kept our Guide promise and helped in the community by:

- Being Elves at the Fareham Santa Grotto
- Assisting the Meon Valley Lions in their street collections
- Helping at the ROCS Christmas craft workshop
- Taking part in Crib service on Christmas Eve.

The New Year brought a different set of challenges. We worked on a Canada Challenge Badge, made different types of pancakes, (and cooked them over our homemade buddy burners), visited the Pottery barn to make some special Mother's Day gifts, and of course, had some egg-citing games at Easter!

Our numbers will continue to grow after the summer as the older Brownies come on to Guides and we do need some additional adult support to ensure the Unit is active out & about and able to try new experiences.

Lack of leaders is a problem across the Division and we are looking to have a united recruitment scheme during the summer and into the autumn.

We would like to thank the Committee for their continuing support in ensuring there is a safe space for the local Units to meet and especially to Louise and Sue for opening their homes and gardens to us for meetings and social events.

If you would like to help us, you need to be 18+ and have a sense of fun. We meet on alternate Monday nights from 7 til 8:30 (term-time only).

For more details please email sobertonnewtownguides@gmail.com

Caroline Roger
Guide Leader



Advance Planner 2017

August

9 th	Concert by Wykeham Quintet	St. Peter's
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September

16 th	Soberton Village Hall Celebration Day	SVH
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18 th	Magazine Copy Date	
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October

19 th	Film Club	Church Rm
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November

20 th	Magazine Copy Date	
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December

13 th	Film Club	Church Rm
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January (2018)

15 th	Magazine Copy Date	
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March

9 th	Magazine Copy Date	
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May

21 st	Magazine Copy Date	
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Soberton and Newtown's Bones

It has been said that the membership of any organisation is made up of four sets of bones. There are the "wishbones", who spend most of their time wishing someone else would do the work.

Along with them are the "jawbones", who do all the talking about the work and very little else. Another group is the "knucklebones", who knock what others try to do.

But the most valuable are the "backbones", who get under the load and actually do the work.

Where do you fit into this little lot?

Soberton and Newtown are marvellous places to live because we have so many contributors (backbones) and they help make our communities vibrant, fun and supportive.

But we are always in need of more.

Can you, for example, help with the Parish Magazine, First Responders, Guides, Poppy Appeal, Community Bus, Good Neighbours' group or any other local organisation? Why not make contact with one of the leads mentioned inside the back cover to see if you can offer them help?

Best wishes
Anthony McEwen

Meon Valley Community Bus Association

Mondays to FAREHAM

0920 West Meon, Long Priors
0923 West Meon, Thomas Lord PH
0924 West Meon, Doctor's Lane
0928 West Meon, Meonwara
0933 Warnford Village Hall
0940 Meonstoke PO & Stores
0942 Meonstoke, Pound Cottages
0945 Meonstoke Triangle
0950 Droxford Square (PARK & RIDE)
0954 Brockbridge, The Hurdles PH
0957 Soberton Village Hall (PARK & RIDE)
1001 Webbs Green, War Memorial
1005 Soberton Heath, Chapel Road pond
1007 Soberton Heath, Bold Forester PH
1009 Sob' Heath, Liberty Rd / Heath Rd post box
1025 Fareham Library
1030 Sainsbury's, Fareham

Return:

1230 Sainsbury's, Fareham
1235 Fareham Library

Wednesdays to FAREHAM

0940 Meonstoke PO & Stores
0942 Meonstoke, Pound Cottages
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Thursday to FAREHAM

0920 West Meon, Long Priors
0923 West Meon, Thomas Lord PH
0924 West Meon, Doctor's Lane
0928 West Meon, Meonwara
0933 Warnford Village Hall
0937 Exton, The Shoe PH
0940 Meonstoke PO & Stores
0942 Meonstoke, Pound Cottages
0945 Meonstoke, Oxendown
0949 Brockbridge, The Hurdles PH
0952 Soberton Village Hall (PARK & RIDE)
0956 Webbs Green, War Memorial
1001 Newtown, Liberty Road
1004 Newtown, Rookesbury Hall (PARK & RIDE)
1008 Hundred Acres
1025 Fareham Library
1030 Sainsbury's, Fareham

Return:

1230 Sainsbury's, Fareham
1235 Fareham Library

1st & 3rd Friday each Month to WINCHESTER

0900 Soberton Village Hall (PARK and RIDE)

0903 Brockbridge, The Hurdles PH
0907 Droxford Square (PARK and RIDE)
0912 Meonstoke Triangle
0914 Meonstoke Pound Cottages
0917 Meonstoke PO & Stores
0919 Exton The Shoe PH
0923 Warnford Village Hall
0928 West Meon, Long Priors
0931 West Meon, Thomas Lord PH
0933 West Meon, Doctor's Lane
0936 West Meon, Meonwara
0955 Winchester Broadway
1000 River Park Leisure Centre

Return:

1155 River Park Leisure Centre
1200 Winchester Broadway

2nd Friday each Month to WATERLOOVILLE

0920 West Meon, Long Priors
0923 West Meon, Thomas Lord PH
0924 West Meon, Doctor's Lane
0928 West Meon, Meonwara
0933 Warnford Village Hall
0937 Exton, The Shoe PH
0940 Meonstoke PO & Stores
0942 Meonstoke, Pound Cottages
0945 Meonstoke Triangle
0950 Droxford Square (PARK & RIDE)
0954 Brockbridge, The Hurdles PH
0957 Soberton Village Hall (PARK & RIDE)
1001 Webbs Green, War Memorial
1006 Newtown, Liberty Road
1009 Newtown, Rookesbury Hall (PARK & RIDE)
1025 Waterloooville Waitrose
1030 Waterloooville Sainsbury's

Return:

1230 Waterloooville Sainsbury's
1235 Waterloooville Waitrose

4th Friday each Month to PETERSFIELD

0900 Soberton Village Hall (PARK and RIDE)
0903 Brockbridge, The Hurdles PH
0907 Droxford Square (PARK and RIDE)
0912 Meonstoke Triangle
0914 Meonstoke Pound Cottages
0917 Meonstoke PO & Stores
0921 Exton The Shoe PH
0925 Warnford Village Hall
0945 Petersfield Waitrose

Return:

1200 Petersfield Waitrose

NOTES:

1. The bus does not run on Christmas Eve, New Years Eve or Bank Holidays.
2. Fares to all destinations are £5 adult return / £2.50 adult single. Concessionary passes accepted. Children under 16 pay half fare and under 5s free.
3. Request halt operates at Station Road lay-by between Brockbridge, The Hurdles PH and Soberton Village Hall.
4. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1128 the bus will take passengers at Sainsbury's to Fareham Library and at 1132 from Fareham Library to Sainsbury's.
5. Timings for all trips are strict and the bus will not wait after scheduled time.
6. For the return journey, priority will be given to returning passengers over "one way only" passengers.

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	Non-emergency	101
Beat Surgeries	Rookesbury Hall	Alternate Fridays 10:00 to 12:00
DOCTORS' SURGERIES	Droxford	01489 877588
	Wickham	01329 833121
	Denmead	02392 239630
Good Neighbours Group Co-ordinators	Mrs Sue. Mussellwhite	01489 877282
	M/s Philomena Bergin	02392 632551
Baby Clinics	Wickham Comm.Centre	1st Wed 2.00-3.00
	Waltham Chase Village Hall	4th Wed 10.-11.30
N.H.S. Direct		111
Social Services Direct		0845 600 4555
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From the Archives.....Then and Now



Above - This evocative scene of Newtown Crossroads looking north, was taken around 100 years ago and captures the country tranquillity of the time. One of the attractive cottages was home to Nicholas Topley, schoolmaster of Newtown School from 1896-1914 and his wife, upon his retirement in 1914. (See article inside). You can just make out Hundred Acres and Wickham on the signpost. **Below** - The cottages were demolished in the 1970's and replaced with a modern house and electricity cables!



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