

# Soberton & Newtown

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Spring blooms at Webbs Green - photo by John Earle

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## SERVICES

at

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

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** Please refer to the inside pages

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(Sunday & Friday)

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6.00 pm. Saturday (First Mass of Sunday)

9.30 am. Sunday

There are Sunday evening services in Winchester and in Fareham.

For further information contact Anthony McEwen 01489 877448

**The Methodist Circuit.** Services in the area as follows:-

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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A new chapter began in the life of the churches of Soberton and Newtown with my appointment as Interim Priest-in-Charge to work on Sunday and Friday, and this is the first opportunity I have had to write to you all and introduce myself since I was licensed by the Archdeacon of the Meon at the end of January.

I was born and brought up in Portsmouth and my great grandparents lived in Soberton. After leaving school I worked for Lloyds Bank but had believed that one day I would be ordained. Following ordination training in Oxford, and marriage to Gill, I was ordained in St. Alban's Abbey by Robert Runcie, who later that year became Archbishop of Canterbury. I served as a curate in a parish near Hatfield in Hertfordshire; then a move to become vicar of Arkley and chaplain to Barnet General Hospital followed. During this time my children, Paul and Elizabeth, were born.

I had always felt called to hospital chaplaincy and after a short time in an urban priority parish in Dorset, I was appointed as the first chaplain to St. Helier Hospital in Carshalton. During this time, Gill sadly died. A little while later I met and married Edwina, a gynaecology ward sister, (and now ordained and serving as a curate in St. Alban's Church, West Leigh).

We moved to Oxford where I became senior chaplain to the John Radcliffe Hospital and Radcliffe Infirmary. This position also gave me the opportunity to become a Pastoral Studies tutor on the St. Alban's and Oxford Ministry Course, and also to develop my interest in medical ethics, serving on numerous ethics committees. In 2003 I was invited by Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, to become an Honorary Canon of Christ Church, Oxford. During our 17 years in Oxford our son James was born.

In 2006 we moved to Portsmouth where I became Head of Chaplaincy and Bereavement Services for Portsmouth Hospitals and in 2012 I spent two years as chaplain to St. Wilfrid's Hospice in Chichester. My current role is Head of Chaplaincy, Spiritual and Pastoral Care for Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust – a large community trust that covers all of Hampshire.

I have various interests which include the Church's healing ministry, cricket, bird watching, architecture and visiting National Trust properties. I am also a Liveryman and Chaplain and Almoner to The Worshipful Company of Stonemasons.

As we approach the most sacred week in the Christian calendar, it is from my ministry in health care that Holy Week and Easter have become so important to me and have helped me to make some sense of all that happens to us during our lives.

I have often wondered how people understand the Church's call to enter into the events of this week and celebrate all that happened. In some ways, it is something we do in order to ensure that we do not forget. By retelling the story, whether in liturgy or through passion plays or hearing wonderful choral works, we remind ourselves of the details of an extraordinarily powerful story. I suppose we also keep Holy Week and celebrate Easter to express our gratitude. We want to say the most profound of thanks to the God who in Jesus walked the Holy Week walk, hung upon the cross and burst from the tomb. We celebrate this time to become more like Jesus – to become more like Jesus is to find a way to cope with all that life throws at us. None of us know what the future holds. In times of quiet desperation, we find comfort in knowing that we are not alone. We draw courage from Christ's victory over death. Holy Week and Easter helps us to connect with Jesus's journey through his most difficult times; his anxiety, his pain, but also his compassion for others, his forgiveness and his love. Through all that happened to him, he remained faithful to the end. I hope that you will be able to join in the wonderfully moving services as we re-enact the story of Holy Week and Easter and find that assurance that Jesus is with us at all times, in all situations, whatever we face.

May the God of peace be with you all this Eastertide.

With my very best wishes,

Canon Nick



# Holy Trinity Newtown Easter Workshop for Children

## Easter gives us New Life



**Good Friday 14th April 2017  
10—12 at the Church**

### **Programme**

**10.00 Workshop opens**

**10.05 Introduction to the Easter Story: Canon Nick**

**10.30 Split into groups to explore the 'New Life' of Easter**

- **Make your Butterfly Garland**
- **Follow the 'Stations of the Cross' trail**
- **Make the Easter Garden**
- **Hot Cross Buns and cake**
- **Make a Stained Glass Cross and Easter banner**

**11.45 Act of Worship led by Canon Nick**

**Donation of £2 per child would be welcome**

**No need to book but if you want more info please contact:**

**Caroline Rogers 01489 877430 [ellesborough@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ellesborough@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Sue Wells 01329 834130 [sjwells@meonwood.co.uk](mailto:sjwells@meonwood.co.uk)**

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Service of Thanksgiving

Michael Bunton - 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Newtown

Joan Catherine Sarah Cleeve – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at Newtown

### Interment of Ashes

James Richard Marigold – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Soberton

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Cream Teas on a  
summer's afternoon



*The Friends of St Peter's*  
*Looking ahead .....*

**The Wonder of Bells Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**  
Come and find out about the bells in your 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

## SoberTots!

Our favourite and much loved Croissants and Coffee playgroup has been relaunched as SoberTots!!

We meet at the Guide Hut  
on every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 10:00-11:30.

We have a wide selection of toys for both babies and toddlers. For the Mothers, we still have our freshly baked warm croissants served with butter and jam, washed down with a lovely cup of tea or coffee. Come and relax on our two large sofas and have a natter with fellow village mums, dads, grandparents and carers. AND THE BEST BIT!!..... unlike other playgroups, we are still open during half term and holidays. That's the time when Mums need us the most! Older siblings are also most welcome! I look forward to seeing you soon.

Any queries, please contact Mandy Cleeve on [mandy.cleeve@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mandy.cleeve@hotmail.co.uk)

# **Children's Week 2017**

The dates: 31<sup>st</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August

The theme: **'Around the World'**

We can do: costumes, food, cultures, dance, animals, mountains, volcanoes and so much more; the world is our oyster!

**But what we really need is YOU!**

We need adults and teens to help throughout the week.

Maybe you can spare a morning making tea, or washing brushes, or help moving the models on Friday or Saturday, or maybe you can help with a group, or have a skill we use (ie can do the Haka or Japanese fan dance!) then do get in touch  
Children's Week can only happen with the help of lots of people, and we have many different jobs (big & small) you can help with

We would love to hear from you, our email is [sncweek@gmail.com](mailto:sncweek@gmail.com)  
Let's bring the World to Soberton & Newtown

Our first planning meeting is on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm**  
**at the Guide Hut**

Do come and join us and help us plan an action packed activity week

Future dates for meetings are: **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May & Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
and our **'Meet the Teams' evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July.**

All meetings are held at The Guide Hut, on Soberton Recreation Ground  
and start at 7.30pm

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**OF SOBERTON VILLAGE HALL**

**will be held on**

**TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2017 at 7.30 pm**

**IN THE BLAKES ROOM**

**Do come along and support your Village Hall**



# NEWTOWN CHURCH FETE 2017

Saturday 27th May

Meonwood

To be opened by **Chris Coleman OBE, Wales Football Manager & Charlotte Jackson Coleman TV Presenter**

## Programme

- 13.00 Classic and Interesting Car Display open for viewing  
13.15 **Swanmore College of Technology Jazz Band** play to welcome our visitors  
13.30 Gates to Garden Open – **Tractor Display opens with a working Steam Roller.**  
13.40 **'Sing and Tonic'** community choir sing on the main lawn  
13.55 Welcome by **Reverend Canon Nick Fennemore**  
14.00 Opening Ceremony by **Chris Coleman and Charlotte Jackson Coleman**  
14.05 Presentation Ceremony: **Evelyn and George Jacobs**  
14.05 **Victory Brass Band** Concert on the main lawn  
14.20 Soberton Strummers Ukulele Band play in the Scout field  
14.45 **Dog Agility Display** by the Victory Dog Training Club  
14.45 Swanmore College Jazz Band play by the Arena Café  
15.00 **Country Dancing Display** by Newtown Soberton Infant School  
15.15 **Presentation of prizes** to the winners of the school drawing competition  
by **Mrs Amanda Collins**  
Theme: **'Dragons, Football and Weddings'**  
15.20 Auction of Promises  
15.45 **Victory Brass Band** Concert on the main lawn  
**Soberton Strummers** by the Cafe  
4.15 Grand Draw

### Other attractions will include

Grand Draw \* Stalls \* Sideshows \* Ice Creams \* Home Made Teas  
Barbecue and Beer Tent \* Children's Craft and Pottery Painting \* Face Painting  
Treasure Hunt \* Cuddly Duck Fishing \* Donkey Rides \* Pet Farm  
The Arena Café \* Lucky Dip \* Pimms Tent

...and of course Jonty Sherwill and Joe Gordon are arranging the special display of **classic and interesting cars and tractors**. If you have a vehicle you would like to exhibit please contact Jonty (cars) on 01329 835555 or Joe (tractors) on 07712808081.

Entrance £2 to include entry to Lucky Programme Draw

Children under 16 years old are free

Car Parking Free

**BUT, SORRY, NO DOGS PLEASE...**

We very much look forward to seeing you on the day!

For information, please contact the Fete Co-ordinators:

John Barfoot 07974 232296 john.barfoot@solent.ac.uk

Sue Wells on 01329 834130 / 07850 011820 sjwells@meonwood.co.uk



# NEWTOWN CHURCH FETE 2017

**Saturday 27th May**

**Meonwood**

The following people have very kindly agreed to be responsible for the stalls below. Please can you get in touch with the stallholders if you have anything to donate.

Items can be delivered to Meonwood any time the week before, or if you need help with transport of items please contact John or Sue and we will arrange collection.

Auction of Promises	Charlie Oulton	07775 802668
Books	Chris & Stuart Doherty	01329 832195
Cakes	Debbie Thomas Letitia Heames	01329 832502 01329 830309
China and Glass & Sylvia's Curio Corner	Mike and Sylvia Campbell	02392 632830
Children's Toys and Games	Jo Gamblin	01329 833017
Cuddly Toys for Hook a Duck	Sarah Walton	01329 832320
Draw	Sue Wells Philomena Bergin	01329 834130 02392 632551
Garden	Mary Wren Marianne Barker	01329 833844 01329 832775
Household and Gifts	Sally Padgett	01329 834684
Jams, flans and produce	Miriam Rowswell	01329 834671
Nearly new clothes	Jane Chantrey	01329 833012
Side Shows	Mike Guy	01329 835958
Teas	Josie Cleeve	01329 833677
Tombola	Vicki Weston	01329 835161
White Elephant	Caroline Barfoot	01329 833823

## GRAND DRAW PRIZES

**£150 Cash** kindly donated by **Saje UVPC**

**£50 John Lewis voucher** \* **£50 cash** kindly donated by **Watson's Dairies**

**Luxury Hamper** with items donated by **Garsons, Budgens** and others tbc

**£50 voucher** kindly donated by **Tull's Fine Foods of Wickham**

**£50 meat voucher** kindly donated by **Harriotts Butcher of the year, West Meon**

**Family Ticket to Marwell Zoo** \* **Voucher for Mount Folly Nurseries**

**Box of Vegetables** kindly donated by **BoxxFresh**

*plus many more fantastic prizes for all the family*





## NEWTOWN CHURCH FETE 2017

Saturday 27th May

### AUCTION OF PROMISES

These lots have currently been offered.

If you would like to offer a promise or bid in advance for one of these, please contact:

Auctioneer: Charlie Oulton [charlieo@foamcomforts.com](mailto:charlieo@foamcomforts.com)

- \* **GOLD STAR LOT Flight for 3 people in a Robin Aeroplane** kindly donated and piloted by Barrie Elliott
- \* **GOLD STAR LOT 1994 Blue Mini 35 Limited Edition Motor Car** well known in the **Meon Valley**, much sought after by collectors, kindly donated by the Burgess family in Mary's memory
- \* **Annual Pass to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard for 2 adults & 3 children to include a unique 'behind the scenes' tour of HMS Warrior with chippy Bob** kindly donated by the HMS Warrior Trust
- \* **A personal tour and ride on a working steam roller** with Dan and Mr Maggs
- \* **A trip for four around the Meon Valley in a 1910 steam car**
- \* **Certificate for a pair of mirror wills** kindly donated by Biscoes Solicitors, Wickham
- \* **A Summer Buffet Lunch or Dinner Party at Meonwood.** The menu of your choice, cooked and served for you and your friends. Enjoy the beautiful surroundings while you are waited on by Sue and team.
- \* **A tour of Lord's Cricket Ground**, kindly donated by John Stephenson, MCC Head of Cricket
- \* **A load of logs**



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### 'Wimbledon Warm-up'

#### Doubles Tennis Tournament

*for everyone who plays tennis, whatever standard on courts in the village*

**Sunday 18th June 2017**

**Lunch and Final at Meonwood**



Please enter by **Friday 9th June**, the draw will be made that week and you will then be advised who your partner is and where you will be playing. As before you will play all the couples on your court, the winners going forward to a knockout round with the final being played at Meonwood.

Play will start at 10.30 am

Entry Fee: £3 per player

plus a contribution of food for the buffet lunch, to which all the family are welcome

Please bring your own liquid refreshment, cutlery, plates and glasses.

To enter contact: Josie Cleeve [josiearkle@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:josiearkle@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone 01329 833677

# APRIL 2017

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Fifth Sunday of Lent	<b>1000</b>	<b>Passiontide Parish Communion &amp; Rocs</b> Soberton APCM follows the service	<b>St Peter's</b> Church Room
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	1000	SoberTots	Guide Hut
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	1400	Stitch&Chatter	Church Room
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	1400	U3A	Wickham
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	1930	Soberton Village Hall AGM	SVH Blakes Room
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	1930	Children's Week Planning meeting	Guide Hut
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	2000	Wives Group	The Bowery
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	1230	Lunch Club	Church Room
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	1030	MV Garden Club coffee morning	Ramblers
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b> Palm Sunday	<b>1000</b>	<b>Service for Palm Sunday</b> <b>(Meet at 0945, for Procession with donkey, in Soberton Village Hall)</b>	<b>St Peter's</b> <b>Village Hall)</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1000	Conservation Group	Soberton Down
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	1100	Easter Egg Hunt	Bere Forest
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b> Maundy Thursday	<b>1900</b>	<b>Liturgy for Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2000	Local History Society	Church Room
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b> Good Friday	<b>1000-1200</b>	<b>Good Friday Easter Workshop</b>	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
	<b>1400-1500</b>	<b>Liturgy for Good Friday (Stations of the Cross)</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Eve	<b>1900</b>	<b>Service of Light with Readings</b>	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Day	<b>0930</b> <b>1100</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b> <b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity</b> <b>St Peter's</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	1000	SoberTots	Guide Hut
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	1400	U3A	Wickham
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Easter 2	<b>0930</b> <b>1100</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b> <b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity</b> <b>St Peter's</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	1345	MV Flower Club	Hambledon
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	1900	Film Club	Church Room
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	1400	Jumble Sale	Rookesbury
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b> Easter 3	<b>1000</b>	<b>Joint Service of Holy Communion</b> <b>Followed by Newtown APCM</b>	<b>Holy Trinity</b>

## MAY 2017

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1400	U3A	Wickham
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1000	SoberTots	Guide Hut
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2000	Wives Group	Church Room
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	12.30	Lunch Club	Church Room
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	1000	MV Garden Club Plant Sale	Droxford
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>Joint Communion and Rocs</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>
Easter 4			
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	1900	RBL	Droxford
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	1400	Stitch & Chatter	Church Room
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1930	Local History Society	Church Room
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1930	Children's Week Planning meeting	Guide Hut
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	1930	Roxy	Rookesbury
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	1400	Conservation Group	Pond
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0930</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
Easter 5	<b>1100</b>	<b>Matins</b>	<b>Soberton</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	1000	SoberTots	Guide Hut
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>Joint Communion Service</b>	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
Easter 6			
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>MAGAZINE COPY DEADLINE</b>	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1345	MV Flower Club	Hambledon
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0830</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
Ascension Day	<b>1930</b>	<b>Deanery Eucharist</b>	<b>Southwick</b>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	1300	Newtown Church Fete	Meonwood
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>Joint Service</b>	<b>Meonwood garden</b>
Sunday after Ascension			

## JUNE 2017

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1230	Lunch Club	Church Room
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Friends of St. Peter's cream teas	St. Peter's
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>Joint Communion Service &amp; Rocs</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>
Pentecost			
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	1000	SoberTots	Guide Hut
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	1400	Stitch & Chatter	Church Room
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	1930	Children's Week Planning meeting	Guide Hut
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	1200	Open Garden	Appletree House
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0930</b>	<b>Holy Communion - Patronal Festival</b>	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
Trinity Sunday	<b>1100</b>	<b>Matins</b>	<b>Soberton</b>



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## **Friends Of Newtown Soberton Infant School**

Church Rd, Newtown, Nr. Fareham, Hampshire, PO17 6LJ

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Dear Resident,

### **EASTER EGG HUNT, FOREST OF BERE, 12 APRIL 2017**

### **NOTIFICATION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM, 10.00hrs - 14.00hrs**

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April we will be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt at The Forest of Bere, which we hope will be a lovely family event for the local community and any other visitors who would like to come along.

**Please be advised that during the peak times of the event, Hundred Acres Road will operate a one-way traffic system. Access will be from Southwick Road with the exit onto Church Road. A route diversion will be signed along Church Road, into Goathouse Lane, then Trampers Lane, back down to Southwick Road.**

This system has been implemented for the last two years and, with the majority of people following the system, has worked well to provide safer driving conditions and access for pedestrians. Safety has to be the priority especially as many visitors are families with small children. This year we again plan to limit the system to peak times only – from 10am to approximately 2.00pm.

### **Our priority is to operate a safe and fun event.**

On behalf of FONS, the school, the preschool and all the children, I would like to thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Full details of the event and routes can be found at [www.earlybirdspreschool.co.uk](http://www.earlybirdspreschool.co.uk) website and will be updated as appropriate. However should you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me – email address below.

*Nicky Bull*

[nickybull2000@yahoo.com](mailto:nickybull2000@yahoo.com)



## **Soberton Church Fête Plant Stall**

We would be very grateful for any plants that you can donate to the plant stall for the Fête on 26<sup>th</sup> June. Perennials, herbs and vegetable plants are particularly popular so if you are dividing clumps now and can pot some up for us or sew some extra seeds, that would be much appreciated.

Please bring all donations to Church Green on the morning of the Fête.

Phil Bergin (02392 632551) & Ros Vogado (01489 877192)

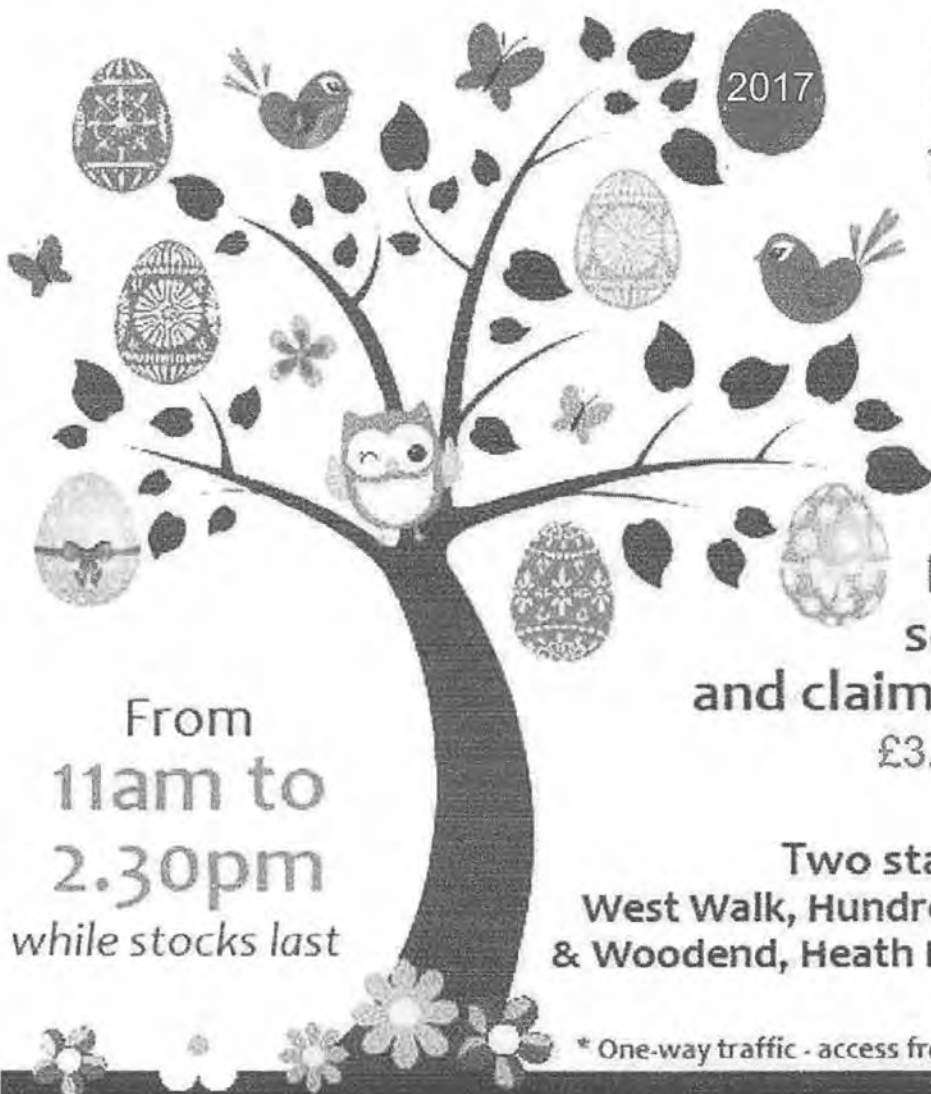


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# EASTER EGG HUNT

## BERE FOREST



Fun For All  
the Family!

Including  
stalls,  
games and  
refreshments

Find the clues,  
solve the puzzle  
and claim a chocolate egg

£3.50 to enter

From  
11am to  
2.30pm  
while stocks last

Two start points:  
West Walk, Hundred Acres Rd, PO17 6JD\*  
& Woodend, Heath Rd, PO17 6JZ (closest postcode)

\* One-way traffic - access from Southwick Rd

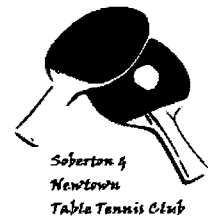
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For more information visit: [www.earlybirdspreschool.co.uk](http://www.earlybirdspreschool.co.uk)



# Great excitement and maybe more to come.....



It's been an exciting end to the 2016/17 season for the teams from Soberton & Newtown Table Tennis Club. And it could get better!

'A' team skipper Pete Woodacre set the standard at the season-ending Portsmouth and District closed tournament by toppling the reigning champion to win the veterans category, an event he last won 10 years ago! How's that for staying power! Son Dave Woodacre was in fine form too. Not only did he retain his men's singles title but he also won the handicap singles event. An outstanding achievement.

The Woodacres have added further to their impressive collection of trophies by winning, along with their talented team mates, the Division 1 title in the Fareham League. So comprehensive is their stranglehold on this competition that they retained their title with still three matches yet to be played.

With semi-final matches to come in two cup competitions the 'A' team may yet be collecting further 'silverware' before the season finally draws to a close.

The Soberton & Newtown 'B' team compete in Division 3 of the Portsmouth League. Two wins and a hard-fought draw in the closing handful of matches have steered the squad comfortably clear of relegation.

The Soberton & Newtown Table Tennis Club runs practice sessions most Sunday afternoons (4-6pm) and an adult fun coaching session on Friday mornings (10.30-12), both at Soberton village hall. Membership remains popular. For more information about joining in, please contact either Pete Woodacre (petewoodacre@gmail.com; 01489 877768) or Adrian Hunt (adrianhunt8@gmail.com; 01489 878141).

## **FILM CLUB**

**Thursday 27/4**

**The next offering is A STREET CAT CALLED BOB. This is an excellent film with a happy ending.**

**Usual format: dinner at 7pm prompt, BYO, £10 pp. Places still available. Newcomers especially welcome. VENUE: ST.PETERS CHURCH ROOM.**

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## Meon Valley Garden Club

We started our Garden Club year with a talk from Matt Soper on Carnivorous plants. His passion started with a Venus fly trap when he was 7, and 40 years later he is still as passionate about these unusual plants. He has been awarded over 100 gold medals, 18 at Chelsea and was awarded Best in Show at Hampton Court Show on 3 occasions. A number of our members purchased some of his plants; maybe we will see them in future shows.

Our March talk was on Adventurous Container Gardening, Stuart Lees is very keen on using small shrubs and perennials with seasonal plants including bulbs and annuals to create some very colourful displays. This type of planting is not such high maintenance as just using annuals. He showed us examples of many types of containers and suggested that particularly interesting containers can be left empty in the garden

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

Caroline Harris, Secretary  
More information on  
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### Diary for April/May

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April** Coffee morning (members only), Ramblers, Corhampton 10.30am

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May** Spring Plant Sale, Droxford Hall 10.00am

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May** Heavenly Hostas, Meon Hall 7.30pm

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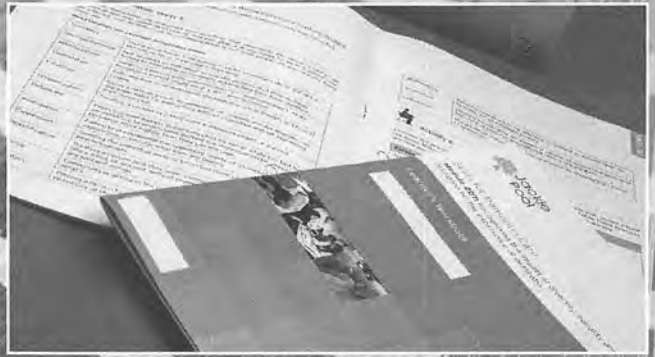
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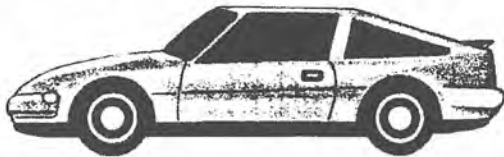
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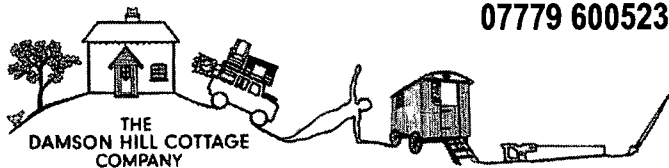
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### **Fly-tipping: Recent Successful prosecutions.**

**Kilmeston Manor, Alresford.** Builder convicted of dumping several caravans full of builders waste in various locations around Kilmeston and Cheriton, following renovations at Manor house. Fines and costs total £3,250.

**Cott Street, Droxford.** Builders waste found on bridle path across field. Local building company fined. Total fine and costs £3922.

**Cott Street, Droxford.** Large amount of uPVC windows, doors and frames. Double glazing company fined. Total fine £1,700

**Chillandham Lane, Itchen Abbas.** uPVC windows, doors and frames and some household items found on service road behind M3. Company Director and his business fined for dumping commercial waste as well as own personal waste. Total fines and costs £5,400.

**Farm land in Shedfield and Southwick,** and road side Netherhill Lane, Durley. House clearance type waste found in very large quantities. Male running house clearance type business fined. Total fines and costs £2,952.

**Durley, Wickham, Bishops Waltham and Hambledon.** Prolific fly tipper prosecuted by WCC, Gosport, Fareham and Portsmouth councils. 12 month custodial sentence and 5 year Criminal Behaviour Order.

**Cott Street, Droxford-** Mr Bartlett breached his duty of care in relation to the waste which had been within his control and which was later found at the above location; by failing to ensure that it had been properly disposed of, by failing to ensure that the waste had been transferred to an authorised person for disposal and by failing to provide a written description of the waste. Mr Bartlett was fined a total of £3100 for the offences. In addition he was ordered to pay £291.92 for the cost of clearing up the tips and £2925 in prosecution and investigation costs, making the total financial penalty £6316.92.

We have current investigations that could lead to further prosecutions.

### **Council scoops Gold Standard award for local homelessness services**

Winchester City Council has become the first council in Hampshire and only the fifth in England to receive the Government's prestigious 'Gold standard' award in recognition of its work in preventing and tackling all forms of homelessness.

Winchester City Council Housing Service has demonstrated that early intervention is a cost-effective way of preventing homelessness, which is a key priority for the Council and it also shows that Winchester City Council provides a fit-for-purpose front-line housing service in collaboration with its key stakeholders.

### **Check before you eat out**

The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme rates food businesses on their hygiene standards, based on inspections carried out by food safety officers. Businesses are rated on a scale ranging from 0 which means 'urgent improvement necessary' to a top rating of 5 which is 'very good'.

So, whether you are reserving a table at that romantic hotspot, the cosy little café, or planning on ordering a takeaway on your way home for a romantic meal, make sure you choose one of the 97% of businesses in the Winchester area with a rating of 3 or above. It's easy to check. Just go online to the Food Standard Agency's website: [www.food.gov.uk/ratings](http://www.food.gov.uk/ratings). Or, if you are out and about, check for the green and black sticker; if you can't see one just ask the business.

### **Planning Performance - Speed of decisions**

For the two-year period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2016, the Council achieved 91.11% for determining major applications within 13 weeks or an agreed extension of time. The government has set a current target of 50% for authorities to achieve over the two-year period rising to 60% in 2018.

For the two-year period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2016, the Council achieved 91.76% for determining minor and other applications within 8 weeks or an agreed extension of time. The government has set a current target of 65% for authorities to achieve over the two-year period rising to 70% in 2018

## **Winchester Criterium and Cyclefest returns to Winchester for 2017**

Date for you Diaries - Winchester Criterium and CycleFest is back bigger and better for 2017 and will take place on Sunday 11 June, supported again by headline sponsors Hargroves Cycles. The Criterium race is widely regarded as the best of its kind in the region and further afield. For those looking to race, Criterium entries are open and with a range of family activities and opportunities to try bikes, the city will be a hive of activity. A range of local cycling clubs and partners will join British Cycling's Go Ride team and Hargroves to demonstrate what they have to offer and how you can get involved.

For more information visit [www.winchestercriterium.org](http://www.winchestercriterium.org)

## **Opportunity for a Winchester car club**

In a bid to help employees and residents in the city centre make better transport choices, and also reduce air pollution in the air quality monitoring zone, a car club is being planned. Signed-up members to the car club will have the chance to hire a car on an hourly basis for local, short journeys. This can be especially useful for business people who need to attend meetings away from their base, without needing to pay for a pool car which is infrequently used.

The car club specification calls on operators to make use of ultra low-emission vehicles to further help the positive environmental impacts of the scheme. They can make use of some of Winchester's existing and planned electric car charging bays across the city. Check online at <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/parking/vehicle-parking/> for more information about electric bay locations. Anyone can sign up to a car club scheme, and Winchester City Council is especially keen to work with the business community to make it fit for employees to use, and reduce reliance on privately owned cars to commute to work. The key to success will be working with partners such as Winchester BID to liaise with the business community.

For more information contact Kate Cloud, Head of Economy and Arts at [kcloud@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:kcloud@winchester.gov.uk) or telephone 01962 848 563. Manager, at [awoods@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:awoods@winchester.gov.uk)

## **Winchester business rates**

Winchester City Council has welcomed the Chancellor's announcement at the Spring Budget to set aside over £900,000 in the next four years for businesses across the Winchester district that face a significant rise in their business rates bill.

This funding is 'front-loaded', with over £500,000 available for the coming financial year. This is as a result of the 2017 revaluation exercise by the Valuation Office that takes effect from 1 April 2017. The council's initial analysis suggests that a third of Winchester businesses will see a reduction in their business rates bills and another third will see a rise.

We will be working on a new discretionary relief scheme to make sure this money is targeted towards those businesses that are facing large rises and occupy lower value properties. This will enable the Council to further support businesses in the district that provide such a valuable contribution to the local and national economy and help make the district such an excellent place to work and live.

The Government consultation closes on 7 April 2017 and the Council aims to launch its rate relief scheme as soon as possible after the Government has confirmed the allocation.

## **South Downs National Park**

### **Take the Lead**

South Downs National Park has launched a "Take the Lead" Campaign which is promoting responsible dog ownership. The key messages in this campaign are focused on putting dogs on the lead around livestock, picking up dog mess, being aware of sensitive wildlife such as ground nesting birds and understanding the importance of responsible dog ownership.

The SDNP are in the final stages of producing the first Local Plan for the National Park.

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/national-park-local-plan/> Please see the link for the latest documents. The SDNP are "aiming to put good planning in place that puts landscapes first, cares for views and night skies; supports the local economy, promotes recreation; enables affordable local housing; and makes sure that our green spaces are properly valued and cared for."

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The group primarily aims to focus on the following:

- Raising awareness of **Riparian responsibility**– the Parish is off mains sewerage so surface water and foul water management is the duty of all residents.
- Identifying and re-establishing, where necessary, the historical open ditch network.
- Identifying and providing advice to residents vulnerable to flooding.
- Incorporating flooding into the Parish emergency plan.
- Assist in identifying simple flood prevention measures where possible and gain wider community support for those adversely affected by heavy rainfall events.
- Encouraging residents to have a household emergency plan in place.



Useful links:

Flooding information is available at:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/flooding.htm>

<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/environment/flooding/>

<http://www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk>

Flood warnings: Scroll down to find Hants, West Sussex and IoW weekly water levels.

<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/water-situation-reports-for-england#history>

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## Enclosure and Soberton Heath

One hundred and fifty years ago the results of a piece of legislation, resulting in the Enclosure Award, altered the landscape of the parish. The area known as Upper Heath or Soberton Common and sometimes Soberton Forest, was until then an open space of some hundred and fifty acres.

Prior to 1867 there was nearly five hundred acres of unfenced open spaces within the parish. The largest of these was Great Common Down. William Cobbett, in 1826 on one of his "rural rides", wrote enthusiastically that it was "the very greenest thing that I have seen in the whole county. It is not a large down, perhaps not more than 5 or 600 acres .....and I should suppose that there could not have been less than 1,000 sheep in three flocks that were feeding on the down when I came across it ... He adds that he cannot be positive as to the size of the down, he was the other side of the valley with October rain imminent if not falling.

Cobbett may well have overestimated the acreage for some fourteen years later when the parish was surveyed for the Tithe Apportionment the acreage was given as little more than two hundred acres and that of Little Common Down as about sixty, very much less than Cobbett suggested.

As well as the Upper Heath, the second largest open area, there was another fifty acres of the Lower Heath between Ingoldfield Lane and the now Church Road, otherwise known as South End Plain plus some smaller pockets.

These open spaces or common land were most important to the community. Farms and certain properties had rights on these open spaces which were highly prized. The three flocks that Cobbett commented on were most likely owned by at least three different farmers who had the right to pasture their sheep on the Downs. This right went with the farm or property. Similarly the heath land gave certain property owners or tenants the right to graze cattle and pigs, gather furze and wood for fuel etc.

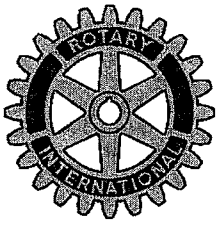
However this common land was viewed as being less productive so legislation, supposedly to improve the land by enclosing it, was passed. To compensate for the loss of common rights Commissioners were appointed to make an allotted amount of land. However, many of the poorer people could not afford the cost of enclosing a plot and many had no legal title to the right of common.

Soberton's Inclosure award was made in 1867 and the commissioners awarded three pieces of land each containing two acres to the Churchwardens and the Overseers (the forerunners of the parish council), in trust as an allotment for the labouring poor of the parish. One such allotment was by Big Tree Corner, the second on Soberton Heath, (site of the Liberties and the children's play area) and the third in Newtown. The award also allocated four acres as a place for exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the parish - the Recreation Ground. Prior to enclosure the focal point of the open Upper Heath was the Bold Forester. A track from Horns Hill to Woodend and another from Webbs Green/Ingoldfield Lane area converged there. A remnant of the latter can be seen passing behind a property on the south hill of Chapel Road. Until it was pulled down in the 1980's a bungalow faced the lane and, originally, the open common. There was an even older dwelling on the plot also with its back to the newly formed Chapel Road. This was considered to be an example of many similar dwellings of its time with one half open to the roof and the other half had a 'sleeping floor' accessed by a ladder.

The straight lines of the newly enclosed fields set a different pattern and new 'roads' appeared. Today we know them as Forester Road and Chapel Road. It was not long before houses began to be built along these roads and Soberton Heath as a distinct community was formed.

### SOBERTON & NEWTOWN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 8.00pm History of Salisbury part 2. Andrew Negus. Church Room  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm 'The Grace Dieu'. Ian Friel. Church Room



## Local Rotarian helps to stop Polio in Delhi!

Hopefully you've heard the fantastic news that the world is on the brink this year of seeing the very last case of polio. Rotary International launched a public health campaign in 1985 that led to the *Global Polio Eradication Initiative* being set up. Thirty years ago, there were a thousand cases of polio a day in 125 countries including the UK! Rotary joined forces with other organisations who have all worked tirelessly - **stopping polio in its tracks now nears reality.**

It's all thanks to programmes of routine vaccination, and Soberton residents Bob Mussellwhite (Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Fareham) and his wife Sue have just returned from administering vaccines in Delhi. One day was set aside for immunising 172,000,000 children under the age of 5 and these were carried out in 709,000 immunisation booths all over India. There were also Indian Rotarians involved in the event along with health workers. Bob and Sue were with 68 other British people, 38 Belgians, 38 Japanese, 3 Swedes, 1 Swiss and 70 from the USA.

Bob Mussellwhite said "It was a privilege for us to see the positive end results of our fundraising with Rotary in Fareham and elsewhere. This made the purchase, supply and administration of vaccines possible to great effect."

If successful, it will be only the second disease affecting humans to have been eradicated (the first was smallpox). The contributions of local people, through fundraising campaigns by the Rotary Club of Fareham and others around the world, have all helped to get closer to a polio free world.

### *Soberton & Newtown Wives' Group*

In February Tara Bond regaled us with tales of the family's sojourn in the footsteps of Alexander the Great. The wine tasting evening in March, led by David Williams, proved most convivial.

Our next meeting on **5th April**, at 8pm, will be with Sue Houlding at the Bowery, Station Road, Soberton. We will 'Meet the Author' – Penny Legg.

On **3rd May** Andrew Negus will tell us about 'Portsmouth – Harlot, Dung and Glory 1900 – present'. This meeting will be held in the Church Room, Soberton.

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

### Tombola for Newtown Church Fete Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Please can you donate a bottle or unwanted gift for the Tombola Stall, which we are co-ordinating this year. We will have two sections, one for children and one for grown-ups, so any young children's gifts would be most welcome.

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## **Bonkers for Books!**

Droxford Junior School was visited by some very dubious characters recently on World Book Day. The building was overrun by green fairies, pirates, lost boys and even a giant crocodile - but that's enough about the staff!

As always, our children made a superb effort in creating costumes to represent their favourite book characters and prizes were awarded for the best ones in each class. This was a tough choice. Spanning books both classic and modern, we had everything from *Mr Tickle* and *The Scarecrow* through to *Gangsta Granny* and *Tom Gates* to choose from.

World Book Day is about much more than just dressing up. As well as raising money for *The Rainbow Centre*, it is a chance to celebrate books and foster the love of reading. Throughout the day, children across the school took part in book-related activities and created some stunning work. We used computers to create word-clouds of our favourite books, invented fantastical animals using flip-books, wrote pirate stories and 'jumped into stories' writing from the point of view of a bookmark. The day ended with a wonderful assembly where children had the opportunity to celebrate their work.

One child said:

'I loved dressing up and it was fun doing all the activities. I wish it was World Book Day every day!'

I couldn't have put it better myself!

### **Book Buddies**

We have been fortunate over the years to have a number of 'Book Buddies'. These dedicated volunteers come in to school to listen to children read. Reading to an adult and talking about what they've read on a regular basis is a vital part of learning to read. It helps promote reading for pleasure and deepens their understanding of the text. If you have some time to spare on weekday afternoons and are interested in becoming a Book Buddy, please contact the school office on the number below. Full training will be given.

If you are interested in visiting our school – especially as we have places available – then contact our school office on **01489 877537**

## **Meon Valley Flower Club**

Tuesday April 25th a workshop with Katie Baxter for details please tel: 92 632 366.

Tuesday May 23rd is our club competition to be judged by Wessex & Jersey area judge Pauline Hurren. There will also be a plant sale.

These meetings are held in Hambledon Village Hall 1.45pm for 2.00pm. Plenty of parking.

Guests very welcome. For further details please telephone 92 632 366.

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Roxy is a rock and pop covers band who play a wide variety of popular music recorded over the last five decades. They have been gigging together and separately over many years and have honed their music to a high standard through performance, recording and session work.

Their song repertoire includes music from Dire Straits, Queen, Tina Turner, Rod Stewart, Eric Clapton, 10cc, Eagles, Fleetwood Mac, Pretenders, Stereophonics, Rolling Stones, Beatles, Cliff Richard, and many more.

*There will also be a guest appearance of Matthew aged 12, a local boy living in Newtown, who plays drums and guitar and sometimes sings!*

Tickets: £12.50 available from Newtown Post Office on Monday and Friday Mornings and from Jenny Thomson on 01329 835275 and Maggie Epps on 01329 832539

# RBL Droxford & District Branch

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
**LEGION**



[www.soberton.org](http://www.soberton.org)



## 100 years ago...

On 19<sup>th</sup> April 1917, the loss of British, Allied and neutral merchant ships by action from German *unterseebooten* (U-boats) reached its peak with 373 ships – a total of 881,027 gross registered tons (grt) – sunk in the month of April alone. With Great Britain reliant on global trade for food and raw materials to sustain the war effort, losses at this rate could have forced us to sue for peace or lose the war. The situation was eventually eased, despite opposition from the Admiralty and ship owners, by introduction of convoys – last used during the Napoleonic War. With losses reducing to 596,629 grt in May and to 399,212 grt by December, the tide of attrition was eventually turned. But, by November 1918, German U-boats had sunk nearly 5,000 ships totaling some 13 million grt with the loss of 15,000 lives. Germany lost 178 U-boats (half her fleet) and 5,000 crew.

Although a tactical stalemate, the Battle of Jutland on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1916 reinforced the Royal Navy's strategic dominion of the North Sea. This enabled Britain to enforce a blockade of Germany, effectively restricting her trade to the Baltic and mainland Europe. Germany therefore declared an unrestricted U-boat campaign that came perilously close to succeeding. Hitherto, submarine warfare had been constrained by Prize Law which required warships to stop unarmed merchant ships, board and inspect their cargoes, and allow crew and passengers to abandon ship before sinking them. The arming of merchantmen and use of 'Q' Ships

with concealed weapons made this difficult or impossible to achieve, so a policy of sink without warning was adopted. Opposition to convoy was largely due to a shortage of suitable naval escorts, a misperception that a large concentration of ships would make an easier target and commercial ship owners unwilling to accept the inherent delays that convoy entailed.

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Lt Col Alan McComb, OBE, Royal Signals from the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL) spoke to us on the future of the British Army. With a post-SDSR force of 82,000 regular troops and, potentially, 30,000 Reserves, the Army will comprise a single warfighting Division of 4 Brigades. The emphasis will be on mobility, smart weapons and state-of-the-art electronics including Laser weapons and robot technology. Future operations will invariably be part of international coalitions – NATO or otherwise.

Our next meeting is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 1900 in Droxford Village Hall when RAdm Kit Layman, CB, DSO, LVO will talk about the "*Wager Disaster*". As usual, non-members will be welcome to attend. *HMS Wager* was Commodore George Anson's supply ship, wrecked off Patagonian Chile in 1741, and some of her 140 survivors made a remarkable journey back to Britain. Admiral Anson was ennobled as Baron Soberton in 1747.



*The RBL Droxford & District Branch is always looking for new members, both Service and civilian, to help keep remembrance alive and support our Servicemen and women, veterans and their families. For more information or to join us, please contact the Secretary – Cdr Rob Scott RN at [robmunroscott@aol.com](mailto:robmunroscott@aol.com) or 01489 877800.*

Spring 2017  
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# COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



## GOOD NEWS from the verge!

Due to the generosity of 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.

### A BIG THANK YOU to:

BSL (BSL Scaffolding, Denmead)  
Hampshire Police  
Newtown Church Fete  
Newtown Fitness  
Scotts Haven Camping and Caravan-  
ning (Maybush Lane)  
Winchester City Council.

"Yellow Coats" have continued to brave the cold, damp conditions through the Winter months, with 12 sessions taking place in the period between December and February.

Road closures around the area frequently bring higher levels of traffic through our villages, and we are keen to make sure that drivers unfamiliar with our roads, as well as residents, observe the Speed Limit for the safety of our children, dog walkers, ramblers, cyclists and horse riders so our Awareness Campaign goes on.

Drivers visibly slow from speeds of 30+ when they see the monitor. Our objective is to make all drivers more speed aware at all times!

**ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU** goes to all the volunteers who give up their time to spread the 30mph message.

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 three 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



## Meon Valley

Although they were both given by members of our U3A, the two talks in February couldn't have had more diverse topics, though both displayed great depth of knowledge of their subject. Kay Corke told us of early theatre in Tudor and Stuart England, particularly theatres in London. Fires, plagues and rivalries between managers/impresarios did not make for easy times, never mind the difficulties posed by lack of lighting and other technical facilities. Mike Hollis's exposition about power from the atom and the various forms of nuclear reactor that could be used to provide us all with electricity, and how they actually work, made extensive use of very clear diagrams and charts so that even total science ignoramuses (like me) came away feeling we'd been enlightened. At the end of February we hosted – at the Wickham Centre – a meeting of the Hampshire South Central Network of U3As (HSCN). This was a meeting designed mainly for Membership Secretaries to share methods, ideas, problems and experiences of their responsibilities. There are 19 U3As in this network, most with many hundreds of members. So, clearly, the U3A movement is thriving in Hampshire!

The dates and topics for our final three meetings of the 2016-17 programme are listed below. Members free. Guests/visitors are very welcome - £2 per talk. As usual we will meet at:

### **The Wickham Centre, Mill Lane; Tuesdays, at 2.00pm**

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|------------------------------|---|
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>  | <b>Bishop's Waltham: Exploring the Unexplored,</b><br>by Tony Kippenberger                                      |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>The Civil War in the Meon Valley,</b><br>by Duncan Colin-Jones   |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>    | <b>Annual General Meeting, and –</b><br><b>Unknown Sailor at Devil's Punchbowl, Hindhead,</b><br>by David Smith |

Although the talks programme takes a break for the summer, the committee is planning some summer outings, so activity will continue. Also, the other important part of our activities, the Small/Special Interest Groups will mostly continue to meet monthly and mostly in members' homes. Current groups include Geology, Egyptology, Reading, Poetry, Visual Arts appreciation, Classical Music appreciation, Bridge and Scrabble, Strolling.

**Enquiries to: Julia Field, Tel. 01489 891353. Website: [u3asites.org.uk/meon-valley](http://u3asites.org.uk/meon-valley)**

### **KEEP FIT CLASSES**

Every Wednesday in Soberton Village Hall from 10.00 till 11.00am

Do join us

Further information from Jo Chapman on 01489 877378





# SOBERTON AND NEWTOWN Conservation Group

## April-May 2017

Contacts: [phil.bergin@btinternet.com](mailto:phil.bergin@btinternet.com)

[Richard Osmond 01489 896234](tel:01489896234)

[Nigel Johnson 01489 877324](tel:01489877324)

### **Easter Holiday Snail Shell Hunt on Soberton Down Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> 10 am to noon**

Soberton Down has been undergoing a transformation recently thanks to the magnificent blackthorn and bramble clearance undertaken over the winter by our own work parties and a team of South Downs National Park volunteers.

It is now ready to burst into bloom starting with cowslips this month.

Insect, bird and invertebrate life is also thriving and to prove it we want to start by doing a small survey of the snail population.

And what better way to do that than a **Snail Shell Hunt** – a great way to enjoy the Down and walk off all those Easter eggs!

Wear wellies or walking shoes as it might be damp underfoot – just the way snails like it! Be careful walking on the Down as there are holes left by rabbits and badgers and trip hazards such as bramble and cut stumps.

**Directions** – from Soberton Village Hall, go across the crossroads and up Chalk Hill until you come to finger post marked “Wayfarer’s Walk” (Postcode SO32 3PH).

Climb the Wayfarer’s Walk past two white cottages and at the top take the kissing gate on your left on to the down.

If you bring a dog, it must be kept on a lead.

### **Pond Dipping at Soberton Heath Pond Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2pm to 4pm**

Water scorpions, Hunting Leeches and Emperor Dragonfly – these are just some of the ferocious sounding - but fortunately tiny - creatures we found last year living quietly in our village pond. Will they still be there this year?

Come and help us survey the pond at our popular annual pond dipping on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May. We’ll be starting around 2pm and will have nets and sample trays for examining the creatures we find, as well as charts and books to help us identify them.

As well as being great fun, it’s an important part of our monitoring of the pond’s vitality. Wear your wellies and old clothes because it can get damp and muddy.

**Families are welcome to both events – you don’t have to be a member of SoberNewts - but all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

# **JUMBLE SALE**

At  
**ROOKESBURY HALL**

**SATURDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**  
**AT 2.00 PM**

**Entrance: 25p**

**Donations will be greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Hall on Friday morning, 28<sup>th</sup> April or on the morning of the sale.**

**Further information or enquiries to Jenny Thomson on 01329 835275 or Sue Miles 01329 832157.**

## **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 NGS (please read the details below of where the money goes!)

Dates: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 12 to 4pm  
21<sup>st</sup> June, 12 to 4pm  
19<sup>th</sup> July. 12 to 4pm

Do hope you can visit us.

Jennie Dover

### **Your visits to our gardens help change lives**

In 2016 the National Garden Scheme donated £2.7 million

The major individual donations were:

<b>Macmillan Cancer Support</b> £500,000	<b>Marie Curie</b> £500,000
<b>Hospice UK</b> £500,000	
<b>Carers Trust</b> £375,000	<b>Queen's Nursing Institute</b> £250,000
<b>Perennial</b> £130,000	<b>Horatio's Garden</b> £130,000
<b>Parkinson's UK</b> £100,000	<b>MS Society</b> £100,000

## Kilimanjaro - October 2017

**On October 7th 2015** the lives of the Barrow family changed forever when their handsome, funny, cheeky & talented 11-year-old son, Felix, was involved in a RTA which left him fighting for his life. Without the quick intervention of the Hampshire & IOW Air Ambulance & the Paediatric Intensive Care team at University Hospital Southampton things would have had a whole different outcome.

Eighteen months later, Felix has made remarkable progress; he is now back on a bicycle, has ventured into the pool and last September defied the odds and returned to school. His journey is by no means over and he has achieved these milestones through the amazing support of his family and friends. He still has a way to go and requires regular physiotherapy, as well as speech and language therapy and specialist equipment to aid his continued physical and neurological rehabilitation.



**So why climb a mountain?** Vanessa and Kirsty have talked about climbing Kilimanjaro for several years and over too many glasses of wine to count and when Felix was seriously injured they were inspired to put the plan into action. Vanessa wants to give something back to the inspirational teams that supported her son and no doubt saved his life in the crucial hours following his accident and Kirsty, inspired by Felix's courage and determination is pushing herself out of her comfort zone to raise money for these excellent causes.

This adventure will not only be a massive personal challenge for them both but will be raising much needed funds for HIOWAA, PICU & Felix's future.

**Kilimanjaro**, located in Tanzania, is the highest mountain in Africa rising to over 19,000ft above sea level. The aim of the climb is to raise £8000. If you would like to support Kirsty and Vanessa, please donate through the just giving page at [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kirsty-vanessa](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kirsty-vanessa)

### **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](mailto:hughpringle@btinternet.com) -for further details.



## Village Agents Help You to Find Out About Blue Badges

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

The Blue Badge Disabled parking scheme is available to residents of Hampshire if you meet certain criteria:

- If you are in receipt of the Higher Rate of the Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance (HRMCDLA)
- If you are registered blind (severely sight impaired)
- If you receive a War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement (WPMS)
- If you have been both awarded a lump sum benefit at tariffs 1-8 of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme and certified as having a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking.
- If you receive a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) award that indicates in the 'moving around' activity of the mobility component that you cannot walk further than 50 metres

If any of the above apply you should be eligible without further assessment, however you may still be eligible after assessment if you fall within one or more of the following descriptions:

- Drives a vehicle regularly, has a severe disability in both arms and is unable to operate, or has considerable difficulty in operating, all or some types of parking meter; or
- Has a permanent and substantial disability, which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking, and which is likely to last at least a year.
- Has a child over two who has problems walking, or a child under three who needs to be close to a vehicle due to a health condition.

The fee for new badges is £10 and the scheme allows the holder to use designated disabled parking spaces, in some circumstances to park on single or double yellow lines, and free parking at parking meters in some areas. The scheme applies to Blue Badge holders as drivers or when being carried as a passenger. Your Blue Badge is valid in all areas of the United Kingdom, apart from some areas of central London.

You can apply for a Blue Badge online: [www.hants.gov.uk/bluebadge](http://www.hants.gov.uk/bluebadge) or call 0300 555 1376. If you need help with your application, contact David who can help to talk you through the process on 07814 621364.



### **DANCING to LIVE MUSIC AT SOBERTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 - 10.30 to 3.30 with a Bring & Share lunch**

If you prefer you can bring your own picnic or even go home! £10 (£7 for FASH members - annual FASH membership £6)

**Geoff Cubitt** will be teaching mainly Contra Dances with excellent live music from **Andrew Purkiss**. Contra Dances can be quite energetic, but don't involve any fancy steps! All dances will be walked through and 'called'.

You don't need to bring a partner and new people are made very welcome.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017: Early Evening Dance approx. 6pm to 8.30pm** (after the FASH AGM)  
Simple English folk dances will be called by **Karen Ilott** with music from **Pete & Sue Hall** music  
As always, you don't need to bring a partner and new people are made very welcome.  
**For more information please see the website: [www.fash.org.uk](http://www.fash.org.uk)**





# **STITCH, CHATTER & BOOK SWOP**

**We have met twice now and are all knitting cream Arran wool squares to make a throw which will be auctioned at the Soberton Fete in June.**

**Join us at our next session on Tuesday April 4th.**

**More good paperbacks please!**

**Louise McEwen      01489 877448**  
**Sandra Henderson    01329 832043**

**Tuesday April 4th  
Tuesday May 9th  
Tuesday June 6th  
All in the Church Rooms 2-4pm**



## Canada, O Canada!

The Brownies have been looking at all things Canadian – the national anthem, the national flag, animals and cities, and of course, the Guiding family. By the time you read this message, they will have completed their Challenge badge and eaten the bread! (made from Canadian flour of course).

We have also visited the Meon Valley Food Bank, and learnt about how they help struggling families in the Meon Valley. We arrived with items to help stock the shelves and peeked at the store room (you would not believe how generous people can be). The Food Bank have helped over 80 families in the past year and over 800 families since it opened 10 years ago. We are looking to develop our link with such a worthy cause and are looking at having regular collections for them. If you would like to help us - help them, do get in touch with Brown Owl.

Craft was also on the programme for the spring and we visited Many Cooper at The Pottery Barn, Hipley, where we made some very special mother's day gifts. A fantastic visit with some very lovely results and even the non-crafty among us enjoyed themselves.

And of course we finished the term with an Egg hunt and some very enthusiastic egg blowing and decorating.

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again this year – so if you have any and would like to donate to Brownies and Guides we would be very happy to receive them. This year aim is to get some new cooking equipment. Thank you to everyone who has already donated their vouchers.

If your daughter is aged between 7 and 10 and would like to join us, please email us on [sobertonnewtownbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:sobertonnewtownbrownies@gmail.com). We currently have spaces and would love to hear from you.

Caroline Rogers  
Brown Owl

## Guides get busy.

This term the Guides have been busy finishing off their Go-for-it badges (there was lots of food involved and lots of laughter), completed their Canadian Challenge and even tried singing Taps in French!

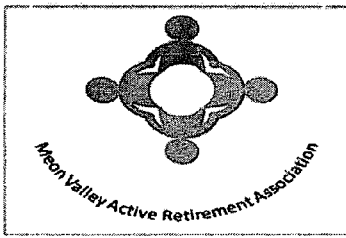
Shrove Tuesday was celebrated a day early, with pancakes being cooked on Buddy Burners made from small recycled tins and old candle wax. Not all the pancakes proved easy to cook but they were all eaten, and different types of maple syrup were tasted and scored, with the Sainsbury version being most popular.

The Guides also visited the Pottery Barn and proved they too can be very creative. A very calm evening and lots of chatting; fingers crossed their Mums enjoy the results. Two of the Guides decided to take their Guide Promises at the Barn, and we finished the evening with the traditional Guide songs 'Taps', in English this time.

To finish the term the Guide enjoyed a good old egg hunt, and a look at what Division camps will be coming up in the summer term; a total of 5 to choose from.

If your daughter is aged between 10 & 14, and would like to join our Unit, please contact us on [sobertonnewtownguides@gmail.com](mailto:sobertonnewtownguides@gmail.com). We are also looking for some additional adult help during the summer as we go Out & About. We only meet fortnightly but we do try to fit in some exciting adventures as we go along.

Caroline Rogers  
Guide Leader



## MEON VALLEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

### Programme April & May 2017

**Exercise Class** – St. Peter's Church Hall Bishop's Waltham Every Monday from 10:00 to 11:15 **NB: No class on April 17<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> or May 29<sup>th</sup>** 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 – April 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup> Contact Organiser by the previous Monday for venue and to book a place April - Kay Corke on 01489 890727 May – Ann Joyce 01329 232099

**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** – Jubilee Hall – Tuesday mornings from 11:00 to 12:30 on outside courts  
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: Ann Joyce on 01489 232099

**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: April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup> 12:00 for 12:30 Fixed price menu Just turn up – new attendees very welcome!

**New Age Kurling** - Jubilee Hall – Ruby Room Third Thursday of the month: April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup> 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 April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>** Spanish for Beginners is now full; a new class will start in September 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. Please be prompt! Contact: Lena Frost on 01489 894828

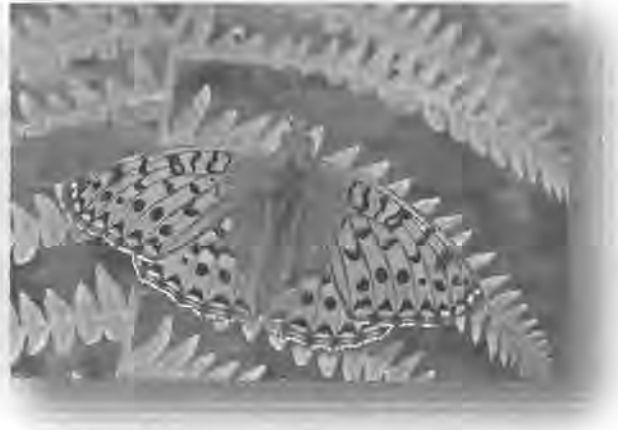
**Theatre/Cinema visits:** Visits are organised throughout the year. For information on theatre/cinema visits contact Kay Corke 01489 890727

## CAN WE FIND YOU?

It's pitch dark. You call 999. How are the emergency services going to find you? You can leave it up to SATNAV if you like but it would be prudent to note the following guidelines:

- Know your correct address and post code to give to the operator (it's an idea to have a note of this by your phone in case a visitor makes the call);
- Ensure your house name or number is clearly displayed and easily visible from the road – e.g. by or on gate or by entrance to driveway;
- At night, switch on as many front internal and external lights as possible;
- Consider purchasing a flashing lamp (green for medical) to place by roadside to help signal your location;
- Ensure pets are secured safely out of the way – even very friendly dogs can become anxious and unpredictable in an emergency;
- If possible, station a spare member of the household by the roadway to flag down emergency vehicles (wear high-visibility jackets and/or use torches as available) **BUT DO NOT LEAVE THE PATIENT UNATTENDED;**
- Compile a list of prescription and other drugs the patient is taking, when they were last taken and details of any allergies, medical conditions they suffer from;
- Ensure your path/driveway affords clear and easy access to your property;
- If you're likely to accompany the patient to hospital, don't forget your wallet/handbag and mobile phone, and ensure your property is properly secured.

The Sober Newts work party on Soberton Down had a visit from Ashley Witlock, from the **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Butterfly and Moth Conservation**. He has sent his Field Trip programme for 2017 and extended an invitation to anyone interested to come along on any of the trips. Ashley's contact details are below.



### **Field trips are for everyone.**

*You do not have to be an expert to come on a field trip. There is one exception to that the terrain over fields and woods will most regrettably often make access impossible for some people with mobility problems. Please check with the Leader if in doubt. Field trips can be enjoyed by anyone with any level of knowledge (or none). Photographers, children, (with adult supervision) first-time field trippers, **YOU ARE ALL WELCOME!***

**Ashley Whitlock Field Trip Organiser & Co-ordinator Telephone 02392 731266  
Mobile: 07752 812340 email:ashleyrwhitlock@virginmedia.com**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April** Park Hill (SU685227) *Directions: From A3 follow signs for East Meon, the church is very prominent and the car-park is also signposted in Workhouse lane (next to the Allotments) The large hillside behind East Meon church, nice pleasant walks around the village and onto Park Hill behind the church where there are good views of the Meon Valley Meet at 10:30am **Early Invertebrates, with good raptor watching***

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May** Ramsdean Down (SU712205) *Directions: Follow the signs from the A3 turnoff for Clanfield and then on towards signs for Butser Hill. There is a large mast on the top of the hill, park in the car-park where there is a charge. This will be a strenuous walk Meet at 10:30am **Duke of Burgundy, Grizzled and Dingy Skipper, and Red Kite** .With very uneven steep slopes not for the faint hearted!*

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** Small Down (SU675206) *Directions: From the A3 sign-posted Clanfield look for the Sustainability Centre, (Ex H.M.S Mercury) where there is a car-park. There is a short walk along a track known as 'The South Downs Way'. To enter the site there is a five barred gate to negotiate.Meet at 10:30am **Grizzled Skipper, Dingy Skipper, Possible Duke of Burgundy***

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May** Stockbridge Down (SU380350) *Directions: On the A272 from Winchester in the East, Stockbridge Down is 6 miles from the city centre. Good parking in both car-parks.Meet at 10:30am **Good flora and fauna Pearl Bordered Fritillary and Duke of Burgundy** Please bring lunch*

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May** Old Winchester Hill (SU646214) *Join Brian Fletcher for a walk at this chalk downland National Nature Reserve to see **spring butterflies such as skippers and blues, and other wildlife**. Meet in the main reserve car park on the minor road south east of Warnford Organised by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. For further details, please contact Mary on 01962 864440 or Brian on 01962 882746. Bring a packed lunch. Sorry, no dogs. Donations invited.*

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May** Kitts Grave & Martin Down (SU045195) *Directions: Approach the site from the A354 look for the signpost for Blandford Forum; car-park is a mile or so from the turning off from Martin village on the Fordingbridge road along the B3078. Meet at 10:30am **Excellent Flora and Fauna, Burnt tip Orchids, Adonis Blue, and other rare invertebrates**. Bring lunch*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May** Bentley Wood (SU235283) *Directions: from the West Dean Village from Romsey in the East, approach from the West via Salisbury to East Grimstead, from the north and south can be found from the M3 via Winchester/Stockbridge, along the A30 to Winterslow all well signposted. Meet at 10:30am **Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, Argent and Sable Moth**. Bring lunch*

## 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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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

### **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Waterlooville Waitrose  
1030 Waterlooville Sainsbury's

#### **Return:**

1230 Waterlooville Sainsbury's  
1235 Waterlooville Waitrose

### **4<sup>th</sup> 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.



# Advance Planner 2017

MONTH	DAY/DATE	EVENT	VENUE
June	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wives Group AGM	West Cottage
	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friends of St. Peter's CreamTeas	Church Room
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Stitch & Chatter	Church Room
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Week Planning	Guide Hut
	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Open Garden	Appletree House
	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wives Grp Progressive Supper	-
	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wimbledon Warm-up finals	Meonwood
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Open Garden	Appletree House
	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Soberton Village Fete	Church Green
July	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	FOSPS The wonder of church bells	Church Room
	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Week planning	Guide Hut
	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Film Club Gala	Church Room
	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Open Garden	Appletree House
	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> (NOT 29)	Friends of St. Peter's	St. Peter's
	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Children's Week starts	Recreation Gr'nd



Holywell Estate



We would like to bring to your attention, Beretta World  
will be taking place on Holywell Estate, Swanmore on 14th June  
and from Friday 30th June - Sunday 2nd July.  
Shooting will take place from 9am.

Please contact 07399127877 for further information.



## Local Information

<b>POLICE</b>	EMERGENCY	999
	Non-emergency	101
<b>Beat Surgeries</b>	Rookesbury Hall	Alternate Fridays 10:00 to 12:00
<b>DOCTORS' SURGERIES</b>	Droxford	01489 877588
	Wickham	01329 833121
	Denmead	02392 239630
<b>Good Neighbours Group</b>	Mrs Sue. Mussellwhite	01489 877282
	M/s Philomena Bergin	02392 632551
<b>Baby Clinics</b>	Wickham Comm.Centre	1st Wed 2.00-3.00
	Waltham Chase Village Hall	4th Wed 10.-11.30
<b>N.H.S. Direct</b>		111
<b>Social Services Direct</b>		0845 600 4555
<b>Hants Carers Helpline</b>		08457 221122
<b>Soberton Hall Booking</b>	Mrs. Rosemary Taylor	01489 877256
<i>sobertonvillagehall@googlemail.com</i>		
<b>Rookesbury Hall Booking</b>	Mrs. Jenny Doney	01329 834392
<i>Bookings@rookesburyhall.co.uk</i>		
<b>Guide Hut Booking</b>	Mrs. C. Rogers	01489 877430
<b>CHURCHES</b>		
<b>Church Wardens (N)</b>	Mr. Fra Wells Mr. Barry Rowswell	01329 834130 01329 834671
<b>Church Wardens (S)</b>	Mrs. Louise McEwen Prof. Duncan Colin-Jones	01489 877448 01489 877237
<b>PCC Minutes Secretary(N)</b>		
<b>PCC Secretary(S)</b>	Mr Norman Chapman	01489 877378
<b>Capt. Of Bells(S)</b>	Mr.Noel Evans	01489 877271
<b>Churchyard Keeper (Sob)</b>	Mr John Lester	01489 878557

<b>District Councillors(N)</b>	Mr.Frank Pearson Ms.Vicki Weston	01489 892822 01329 835 161
<b>District Councillor(S)</b>	Ms Linda Gemmell	01489 895023
<b>Brownie &amp; Guide Leader</b>	Mrs. Caroline Rogers	01489 877430
<b>CAB</b>		01489 896376
<b>Children's Soc.(N)</b>	Mrs. Sue Wells	01329 834 130
<b>Children's Soc.(S)</b>	Mrs. Liz Whales	01489 877712
<b>Film Club</b>	Dr Lyndon Palmer	01489 877174
<b>Local History Chairman</b>	Prof. Duncan Colin Jones	01489 877237
<b>Soberton Football</b>	Mr. Keith Moran	01329 834 897
<b>Soberton Players</b>	Mrs. Susan Hyland	01489 878724
<b>Soberton Hall Cttee.</b>	Mrs Jane Salmon	01489 878659
<b>Table Tennis Club</b>	Mr Pete Woodacre Mr Adrian Hunt	01489 877768 01489 878141
<b>Village Agent</b>	Mr. David Smith	01329 835122
<b>Age Concern Hants</b>	Head Office	0800 328 7154
<b>Village P.A.System</b>	Mr. Norman Chapman	01489 877378
<b>Wives Group</b>	Mrs. Liz Whales	01489 877712
<b>W.R.V.S.</b>		01962 852329
<b>SOBERTON PARISH COUNCIL</b>		
<b>Chairman</b>	John Hyland	01489 878724
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	Vicki Weston	01329 835161
<b>Finance</b>	Gus Lewis	01489 878382
<b>Planning</b>	Tim Pickford	01489 877602
<b>Open Spaces</b>	Debbie Thomas	01329 832502
	Barry Henderson	01329 832043
<b>Roads &amp; Lengthsman</b>	David Salmon	01489 878659
<b>Footpath &amp; Transport</b>	Robert Stranks	01489 878270
<b>Grant Applications</b>	Graham Smart	01329 609742
<b>Clerk &amp; Proper Officer</b>	Norman Chapman	01489 877378

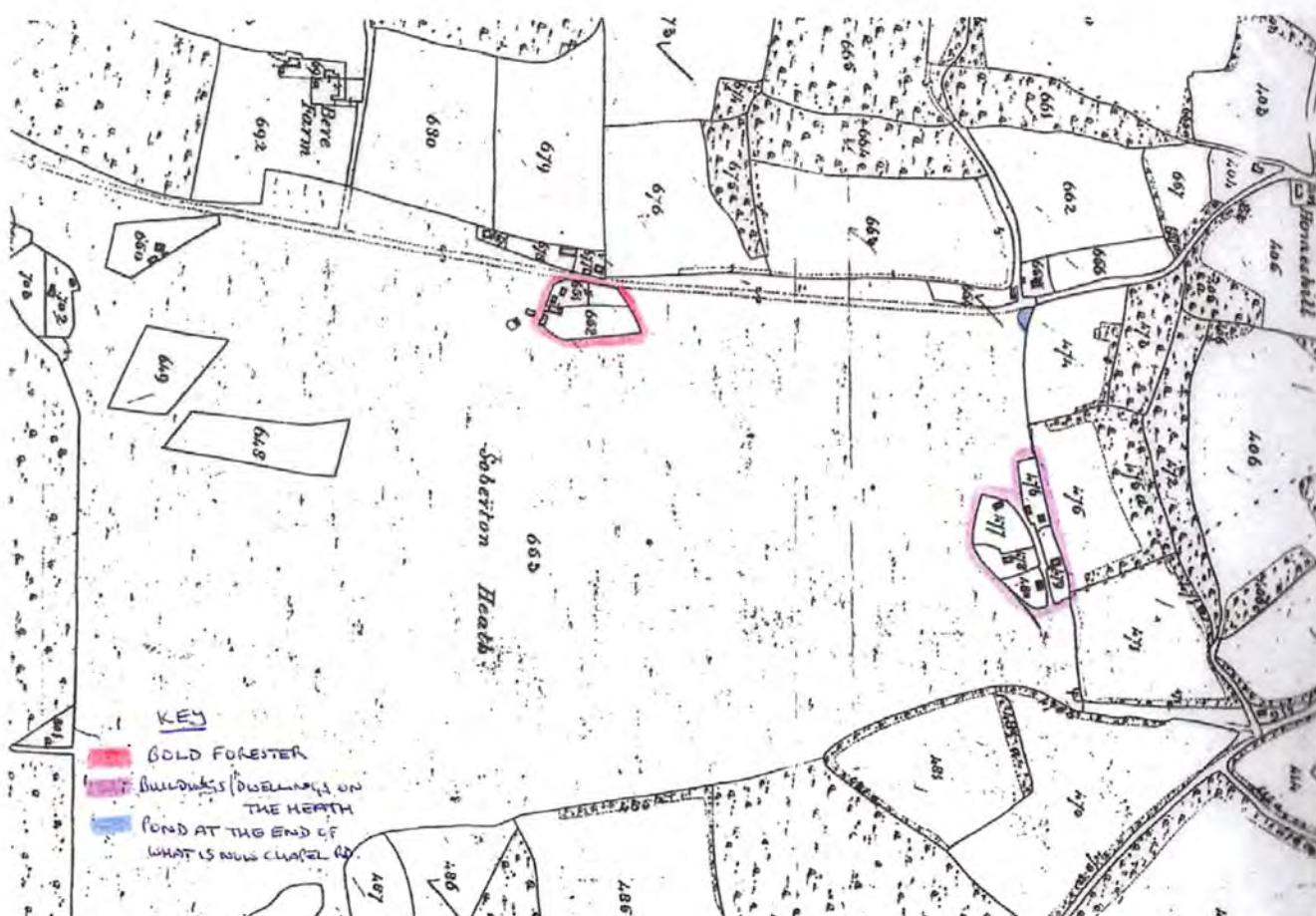
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*For copy date, see Calendar pages*



## From the Archives.....

**Above** -Cottage at South Hill, Chapel Rd shortly before demolition in 1980's. This backed on to what is now Chapel Rd and originally fronted onto Soberton Heath. Right - the garden of the bungalow showing an older cottage to the right, covered in ivy which would have been on the Heath too. See Ann Pendred's article inside for more details. **Below** - 1842 Tithe Map of the area. The Bold Forester with its blacksmith and cluster of dwellings was the focal point of the Heath with tracks leading to it from Ingoldfield Lane and Horns Hill. The map is E-W with Chapel Rd area to the right.



(from the Archives of the Soberton & Newtown Local History Society) any additional information is always welcome. Please Contact [duncan.colinjones@btinternet.com](mailto:duncan.colinjones@btinternet.com) or [petewoodacre@gmail.com](mailto:petewoodacre@gmail.com).