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

SUNDAY SERVICES: Please refer to the inside pages

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9.30 am. Sunday

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Shirrell Heath	10.30 am & 6.00 pm
Waltham Chase	10.30 am
Bishops Waltham	10.30 am
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Are you, like me, completely amazed at the number of gardening catalogues delivered by our postmen and women just as the weather turns cold, with biting winds snow and ice? Psychologically I suspect it's to give us time to snuggle down in front of roaring fires with pen and paper selecting our plants for the coming year. Then of course we receive our goods while the weather is still not suitable for planting out. I wonder how each of us deals with that conundrum.

Spring should be here soon; as I write this snow has fallen again! The first day of spring is on the 20th March (the vernal equinox) and Easter this year is relatively early, Easter day being on the 1st April. .

When we think about Spring and Easter our minds think about growth. This is very good as we ponder nurturing our plants. But there is another nurturing we need to concentrate on, that is our children and young people being taught about the Christian faith – that may also apply to some who are not so young!

It was a delight to see so many children with their parents and grandparents participating on Mothering Sunday, they all enjoyed the service and we hope to see you all again in the near future.

In a previous magazine letter I wrote about the large number of organizations and groups, in our parishes - the magazine provides contact details of most. If you have not yet joined one or more, do consider carefully the enjoyment you will receive from mixing with others.

If you are new to the villages or feel lonely, perhaps you are unable to get out. Just let me know and I will call round for a chat.

There is some important remedial work going on at St Peter's; new drainage and strengthening of the Curl Chapel. Work that has been needed for a long time. If you are passing, do have a look, it's all very interesting.

Please remember that you are always very welcome at our services – the Calendar shows where and when our services are being held.

Keep safe, well and happy - **Norman**

You will see, on the following pages, important information on the future of our churches. The Churchwardens want everyone in the villages to be kept informed.

There are also further details about the remedial work at St. Peter's which is mentioned in Norman's letter. Editor

From the Churchwardens

of Holy Trinity Newtown and St Peter's Soberton

As you will probably know, the Joint Benefice (two parishes with one Priest) of Holy Trinity Newtown and St Peter's Soberton are currently in "interregnum" – that is without a Priest in Charge. We thought that the villages might appreciate some information regarding the likely future arrangements which Portsmouth Diocese have in mind for our Joint Benefice.

For many years the Diocese has allocated half salary to be shared between the Soberton/Newtown Joint Benefice. That means that Holy Trinity and St Peters are looked after by a part-time Priest.

Following Sandra Beavis' retirement, the Soberton/Newtown Joint Benefice was most fortunate to obtain the part-time services of Canon Nick Fennemore, albeit that he worked as interim Priest in Charge only on a Sunday and a Friday. The current interregnum commenced at the end of January, following Canon Nick's move to work at Winchester Cathedral.

It is generally (but not always) the case that it is difficult for Diocese to recruit part time Priests – especially a Priest with the wish and commitment to drive parish life forward. For this reason the Diocese has a policy to seek to appoint full time Priests.

At much the same time as Canon Nick left the Soberton/Newtown Joint Benefice, the Rev Canon Robin Coutts retired from his appointment as the Vicar at Hambledon. This post is also half salary (although the holder of that post had also held a second, Diocesan, post which provided a second half salary - this second Diocesan post will not be available for the next Vicar at Hambledon).

It is therefore not surprising that the Diocese has proposed that a full time Priest be appointed to a Joint Benefice comprising of Soberton, Newtown and Hambledon. It is important to note that this is not a proposal for a "merger" of Parishes – rather for one full time Priest for the three Parishes. This has obvious attractions, but one concern raised is that our present benefice probably has stronger links with the Meon Bridge Benefice (comprising Droxford, Meonstoke, Corhampton and Exton with Preshaw) than Hambledon. At a recent joint meeting of our two PCCs with our Archdeacon, Gavin Collins, it was agreed to examine ways of **all** working more closely together, such as through joint-licensing of the priests and lay readers of the proposed new benefice of Soberton, Newtown and Hambledon (with its one full-time priest) and the existing Bridge benefice (who currently have a full-time priest, Rev Tony Forrest, with a trainee curate, Rev Samantha Martell).

So these are times for change in our parishes, and exciting. The churchwardens and PCCs will be discussing how best to develop these ideas and will keep you all informed. And throughout these discussions and our interregnum, you will always be made very welcome at our services – do join us.

Louise McEwen Barry Rowswell

Fra Wells Duncan Colin-Jones

BUILDING WORK

AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

For some years anyone walking up the path to the lovely old church (listed Grade I) will probably have noticed a large vertical crack near the corner of the south transept (Curl chapel). Some 30 years ago a marker was placed across the crack inside, enabling monitoring, and since then the crack has widened 6.5 mm (more higher up), 1.5 mm in the last 4 years. Advice was taken and it was agreed that remedial action is needed.

The floor of the transept is constantly damp, even algae growing in places, and the structural engineer considers that this soil moisture contributes to the wall rotating outwards through reduced stability of the soil under the wall (there are, of course, no foundations in such an old building). So work is about to take place externally to put effective drains from the corners of the transept with the main building down to a soakaway in the field – thanks to the owner's (Mr. Tom Busher) very kind permission. This should stabilise the moisture in the floor. Then a long U-shaped steel brace will be secured on top of the walls internally, anchored to the tops of the walls to fasten the south wall to the two side walls. The firm undertaking the work is Startox.

This is a big project, costing about £20,000, to help preserve the building we all love. The cost is being met from the church's restoration fund which will of course be hit by it – any donations would be welcomed. Thank you.

Duncan Colin-Jones Louise McEwen Churchwardens, on behalf of the PCC



The Brownies & Guides say Good Bye ...

After many years of faithful service Louise McEwen, Sue Wells, Ian and Jan Cox are stepping down from the Soberton Guide Hut Committee.

With over 100 years of experience between them (no they are not that old!) and £1000's raised, they are an excellent example of teamwork and community spirit. We will miss them but have no fear – they are still around to support and guide us as a new team take on the task.

To thank Louise, Sue, Ian and Jan for all their hard work, we are holding an

Afternoon Tea Party at the Guide Hut

on Sunday April 22nd from 3 til 5pm.

If you would like to join us there are tickets available @ £2.50 per head

From Caroline Rogers on sobertonnewtownbrownies@gmail.com

If you would like to join our Guide Hut Committee we would love to hear from you – we meet once a term and hold 3-5 events a year. The main post we need to cover is Treasurer but we do need some active help for our fundraising events, so do get in touch.





NEWTOWN CHURCH FETE 2018

Saturday 26th 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	Karen Turnock Jenn Hughes	01329 835958 01329 835222
China and Glass & Sylvia's Curio Corner	Mike and Sylvia Campbell	02392 632830
Children's Toys and Games	Alison Blume	01329 835022
Cuddly Toys for Hook a Duck	Caroline Rogers	01489 877430
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 Rowsell	01329 834671
Nearly new clothes	John Barfoot	07974 232296
Side Shows	Mike Guy	01329 835958
Teas	Josie Cleeve	01329 833677
Tombola	Vicki Weston	01329 835161
White Elephant	Caroline Barfoot	07736 714565

GRAND DRAW PRIZES

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

£100 voucher kindly donated by **Meon Valley Butchers**

£50 cash kindly donated by **Watson's Dairies**

2 tickets to the 4th Test Match: England v India at the Ageas Bowl

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

Family Ticket to Marwell Zoo * Fareham Leisure Centre membership

plus many more fantastic prizes for all the family



NEWTOWN CHURCH FETE 2018

Saturday 26th May

Meonwood

**To be opened by Reverend Tim Daykin, Sunday show presenter
BBC Radio Solent
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
- 14.00 Opening Ceremony by **Revd Tim Daykin**
- 14.05 Presentation Ceremony: **Bethany and Rose Cleeve**
- 14.05 **Victory Brass Band** Concert on the main lawn
- 14.45 **Dog Agility Display** by the Victory Dog Training Club
- 14.30 **Arena Café Music** Swanmore College Jazz Band
Joe Goodlads PS Band
Soberton Strummers
- 15.00 **Country Dancing Display** by Newtown Soberton Infant School
- 15.15 **Presentation of prizes** to the winners of the school drawing competition
by **Stuart and Joan Firth**
Theme: **'Castles, Helicopters and Weddings'**
- 15.20 Auction of Promises
- 15.45 **Victory Brass Band** Concert on the main lawn
- 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
Bouncy Castle * 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 johnbarfoot@solent.ac.uk

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



NEWTOWN CHURCH FETE 2018

Saturday 26th 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

- * **GOLD STAR LOT** Flight for 3 people in a Robin Aeroplane kindly donated and piloted by Barrie Elliott
- * **GOLD STAR LOT** A family photo shoot by our resident photographer John Earle
- * 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
- * A Christmas hot tub and gazebo package kindly donated by Rob Kendall
- * Vouchers for maintenance of garden machinery kindly donated by Carters of Swanwick
- * A load of logs

3Ps

'Wimbledon Warm-up'

Doubles Tennis Tournament

for everyone who plays tennis, whatever standard

on courts in the village

Sunday 17th June 2018

Lunch and Final at Meonwood



Please enter by **Friday 8th 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 or telephone 01329 833677
or Sue Wells sjwells@meonwood.co.uk or telephone 01329 834130

Calling all children in the village please join us for our annual

Easter Workshop at Holy Trinity on Good Friday from 10 – 12

We shall be making an Easter Garden, Easter trees for the windows of the church, following a trail in the churchyard, craft activities with Caroline and of course hot cross buns, bix and refreshments. There will be a short act of worship at the end of the workshop to mark Good Friday.

All enquiries: Caroline Rogers: ellesborough@yahoo.co.uk 01489 877430

Sue Wells sjwells@meonwood.co.uk 01329 834130



MINI BEAST WORKSHOP

Come and explore the Churchyard, find out what creepy crawlies live there,
Make your very own woodlouse racer or caterpillar head, complete the
Churchyard Hunt and make you very own wild flower garden.



**When: Thursday 31st May 2018 from 10pm til 12 noon
at St. Peter's Church, Soberton.**

This workshop is open to everyone £2 donation to cover refreshments
Teens and over 6's may be unaccompanied but spaces must be pre-booked.
(under 6's must be accompanied by an adult)

To book your space please contact Caroline Rogers
01489 877430 or email rocsofstpeters@gmail.com

Spring Plant Sale



Saturday 5th May 10.00am
Droxford Village Hall

All sorts of plants at very good prices
www.droxfordweb.co.uk (under clubs and leisure)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

Emily Martha Headon

18th February 2018 at Soberton

Wedding

John Robert Phillips and N'Da Brou Paulette Benedicte Dienzou

10th March 2018 at Soberton

Soberton and Newtown Village Design Statement

The Village Design Statement (VDS) needs updating and bringing in line with the new planning legislation. To view the existing document use this link <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/village-neighbourhood-design-statements/soberton-and-newtown-village-design-statement>

Since the adoption of our VDS back in 2002 we have had the creation of the South Downs National Park (SDNP) which encompasses part of our parish. We have an adopted Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 and 2 with the development of the SDNP plan that should be adopted later this year. We have also seen National Planning Policy change with the National Planning Policy Framework that was adopted in March 2012.

We have produced an updated draft of the VDS that covers the whole of the Parish (Soberton, Soberton Heath, Newtown, Hoe Cross, Hundred Acres and the out lying countryside areas). We have made sure the great work from the original document has not been lost and the relevant sections transferred over.

We would like to initially start with a small steering group with representation from the whole Parish and each area of no more than 8 to 10 to make final adjustments before this draft is published for full consultation by residents. The SDNP plan is due to be submitted to Government for examination in Spring 2018 so we may need to make final tweaks to bring our draft VDS in line once their plan is adopted. Therefore our timescale will have to fit in with their plan.

Your commitment to this steering group will be reading the draft and making comment. We would like to schedule in 2 meetings to discuss any points raised and produce a final draft for further consultation with the whole community.

Please let us have your commitment by the end of April. The plan is to set our first meeting at the beginning of June and the second at the beginning of July. The day of the week will be a Monday evening.

If you have some time and have an interest in planning policy and the future of our community please contact Vicki Weston on 01329 835161 who will be co-ordinating and chairing the VDS planning meetings.

'SING AND TONIC' & ROTARY IN SUPPORT OF ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL IN FAREHAM

Saint Francis School is a Special School for children aged between 2 and 19 years with severe learning difficulties or profound and multiple learning difficulties, including complex medical needs. For some years now The Rotary Club of Fareham, whose membership includes a number of Soberton residents (known as the 'Soberton Mafia' and five of them past Presidents), has had a close relationship with the School, supporting it in a number of different ways.

That support has included outings to Paultons Park and Marwell Zoo, a Christmas Visit to Garstons Garden Centre to see the Reindeer , and



use of the Rotary Wheelhouse on the shore at Hillhead for classes.

A high proportion of St. Francis children are wheelchair users and school transport is essential for them to get out into the wider community. So our first major fund raising project was to contribute towards the purchase of a new, much needed specialised mini-bus.

Rotary have now embarked on a drive to help to fund a further mini-bus, since each bus can only take about five children in wheelchairs plus their carers and with all their support equipment.

Our fund raising opens with an evening of



relaxed music and fun singing to be provided by :-

**'Sing and Tonic'
On Saturday 5th May at 7:30
In the United Reform Church,
Osborn Road, Fareham, PO16 7DG**

The programme content will follow the pattern set by the highly successful concert held in aid of SCOPE in Soberton Village Hall on March 3rd and will include a mixture of songs from the shows and well loved favourites. There will be additional solo items and audience participation.

**Tickets will be available priced at £10 from
Bob Mussellwhite 01489 877282 or
John Rowlinson 01489 877830**

APRIL 2018

Sunday 1st Easter Day	1000	Parish Communion Celebrant Rev Canon Anthony Rustell	St Peter's
	1000	Parish Communion Celebrant Rev Anne Boggust	Holy Trinity
Wednesday 4 th	2000	Ladies Group	Old Forge Cottage
Friday 6 th	1230	Lunch Club	Church Room
Saturday 7 th	1030	MV Garden Club coffee morning	Highfield & Pywell
Sunday 8th	0930	Parish Communion Celebrant Canon Anthony Hulbert	Holy Trinity
2nd Sunday of Easter	1100	Matins & presentation by Victoria Rogers	St Peter's
Tuesday 10 th	1200	MV Carers Pub lunch	Black Dog
Tuesday 10 th	1400	U3A	Wickham Centre
Tuesday 10 th	1930	MV Play Reading Group	Meon Hall
Thursday 12 th	1930	Local History Society	Church Room
Friday 13 th	1900	Quiz Night	Rookesbury Hall
Sunday 15th 3rd Sunday of Easter	1000	Parish Communion Joint Service Revd Elizabeth Groves	Holy Trinity
Tuesday 17 th	1400	U3A	Wickham Centre
Tuesday 17 th	1945	Children's Week planning meeting	Guide Hut
Thursday 19 th		Film Club	Church Room
Saturday 21 st	1400	Jumble Sale	Rookesbury
Sunday 22nd 4 th Sunday of Easter	1000	Parish Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 22 nd	1500	Farewell Tea Party	Guide Hut
Tuesday 24 th	1330	M V Carers outing	Brambridge
Tuesday 24 th	1400	MV Flower Club	Meon Hall
Tuesday 24 th	1930	Soberton Village Hall AGM	SVH
Sunday 29th 5 th Sunday of Easter	1000	Parish Communion Joint Service Revd Norman Chatfield	Holy Trinity

MAY 2018

Wednesday 2 nd	2000	Ladies Group	Church Room
Friday 4 th	1230	Lunch Club	Church Room
Saturday 5 th	1000	MV Garden Club Plant Sale	Droxford Hall
Saturday 5 th	1930	'Sing & Tonic' concert	United Reform Church
Sunday 6th 6 th Sunday of Easter	1000	Parish Communion & Rocs	St Peter's
Tuesday 8 th	1400	U3A AGM	Wickham Centre
Tuesday 8 th	1930	MV Play Reading Group	Meon Hall
Thursday 10 th	1930	Local History Society	Church Room
Sunday 13th Sunday after Ascension	0930	Parish Communion Canon Anthony Hulbert	Holy Trinity
	1100	Matins	St Peter's
Monday 14 th	1900	RBL	Droxford Hall
Thursday 17 th	1930	MV Garden Club	Meon Hall
Sunday 20th Pentecost	1000	Parish Communion Celebrant & Preacher The Ven Gavin Collins – Archdeacon	St Peter's
Sunday 20 th		Christian Aid Walk	Wickham
Monday 21 st	1800	Magazine Copy Deadline	
Tuesday 22 nd	1400	MV Flower Club	Meon Hall
Wednesday 23 rd	1945	Children's Week planning meeting	Guide Hut
Thursday 24 th	1000	Minibeast workshop	St. Peter's
Thursday 24 th	1900	Boy Choristers of Cathedral	St. Peter's
Saturday 26 th	1300	Newtown fete	Meonwood
Sunday 27th Trinity Sunday	1000	Parish Communion in the Garden at Canon Anthony Hulbert	Meonwood

JUNE 2018

Friday 1 st	1230	Lunch Club	Church Room
Sunday 3rd Trinity 1	1000	Parish Communion & Rocs	St Peter's
Sunday 10th	0930	Parish Communion Canon Anthony Hulbert	Holy Trinity
Trinity 2	1100	Matins	St Peter's

The Friends of St Peter's Soberton

Thursday 24th May 7.00pm **

In St Peter's Church

We look forward to a Concert by

🎵 **The Boy Choristers of** 🎵

Portsmouth Cathedral Choir

Tickets available from 20th April

(01489) 877237, 878659, 877378

£10 : students free

**** More details and confirmation of time to be
published on parish and church noticeboards and
Friends webpage (www.soberton.org)**



POPPIES!

ST PETER'S STITCH & CHATTER GROUP

AS 2018 IS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WW1 WE ARE PLANNING TO
KNIT/CROCHET POPPIES TO MAKE A DISPLAY IN THE CHURCH AND ALSO TO
PROVIDE A TRAIL OF POPPIES ALONG THE ROUTE FROM ST PETER'S TO THE WAR
MEMORIAL FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY.

THIS IS AN AMBITIOUS PROJECT – WE WILL NEED LOTS OF POPPIES! – BUT THEY
ARE QUITE SIMPLE TO MAKE.

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO HELP WE WILL SUPPLY THE PATTERNS & WOOL.

PLEASE CONTACT

SANDRA 01489 877978 barry596@btinternet.com



THE
GREAT
GET
TOGETHER




INSPIRED BY JO COX

Bring Your Own Picnic

Sunday 17th June 2018

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.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF SOBERTON VILLAGE HALL

WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH APRIL 2018

AT 7.30 PM AT THE BLAKES ROOM AT THE HALL

Do come along with any suggestions you may have

Soberton & Newtown Local History Society

The February meeting was the Society's AGM and the Church Rooms were filled to capacity with an excellent turnout. The AGM was followed by two interesting and informative talks on the history of Woodend House and Maypole Cottage given by Ann Pendred and David Erskine. There was also a fascinating display of finds by two local metal detectorists who were on hand to answer questions.



In March was the long-awaited Mary Burgess Memorial Lecture, given in memory of one of our founders and I'm sure that anyone who was lucky enough to get a ticket will remember the evening for a long time! The speaker was Andy McConnell, one of the Antique Roadshow experts and his talk was on "5000 Years of Glass". Andy was a real livewire, and his talk was hilarious, irreverent, un-PC, unexpected, as well as managing to be riveting and full of information! Quite an achievement! We managed to cram 185 people into the Hall and the atmosphere was fantastic. Even better, thanks to the Burgess family and the generosity of the audience, the evening raised around £3400 for Andy's charity ARRC which supports people with all kinds of disabilities in the Rye and Kent areas. Altogether a remarkable evening!

The next meeting is on Thursday 12th April in the Church Rooms and there will be a talk by Tim Mason "Plague and Pestilence 2000BC-2000AD" which promises to be very interesting. On Thursday 10th May, Jill Edmunds will be telling us about the history of Leydene House and the Sustainability Centre. All meetings start at 7.30 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

Soberton & Newtown Ladies' Group

In February Carolyn Hughes told us how she researched and wrote her book, 'Fortunes Wheel'. At the following meeting Susan Purcell gave an interesting insight into the history and compilation of crosswords.

Our next meeting on 4th April, at 8pm, will be with Faith Mortimer in Old Forge Cottage, High St, Soberton. Stephen Horn will be telling us about 'Farming in Hampshire'.

On 2nd May Andrew Negus will be giving part 2 of his fascinating talk about 'Portsmouth – Harlot, Dung and Glory. This meeting will be held in the Church Room, Soberton.

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

Children's Week 2017

The dates: Tuesday 24th July to Friday 27th July

The theme: 'The Shires '

We plan to explore some English counties and see what they have to offer visitors in the way of :
food, landscape, dialects, flags, tourist attractions, famous people and whatever else may come upon
our travels.

But what we really need is YOU!

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 need adults and teens to help throughout the week. Maybe you can spare a morning making drinks or washing brushes, or help moving the models on Friday or Saturday. Maybe you can help with a group, or have a skill we could use; we need you to get in touch. Whether you have helped before or this is your first time, CW is a great way to be part of our wonderful communities, and meet lots of neighbours.

We would love to hear from you.

Our email is sncweek@gmail.com

So go on – let's explore England together.

Our first planning meeting is on Tuesday 17th April, 7.45 pm at the Guide Hut

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

Future dates for meetings are: Wednesday 23rd May & Tuesday 12th June

(All meetings are held at The Guide Hut, on Soberton Recreation Ground and start at 7.45pm)

Our 'Meet the Teams' evening on Monday 16th July.

With Teens from 6.30pm and Adults from 8pm

Community Litter Pick – a BIG THANK YOU to everyone

Another very successful Community Litter Pick despite the snow and rain. Our thanks go out to the team of volunteers from the all over the Parish and also to the stalwarts who pick up litter on a regular basis.

Making the effort this time of year when the vegetation is low allows us to keep the litter under control and prevents that horrid build up and mess.

This year we decided to weigh the rubbish collected, with a grand total of 108.60 kilos.

If all the rubbish collected this year were tin cans it would equate to over 7,000 cans or if the rubbish were all glass bottles it would be approximately 640 glass bottles.

A good proportion of the rubbish collected is tin cans and glass beer bottles with fast-food packaging and plastic bags the next most likely item. There are some very odd things that people throw out of their car windows – a positive pregnancy test, bag of soiled nappies, LP's and I am sure there are many more.

Please everyone, keep up the good work throughout the year, your efforts are not unnoticed.

If one had time it would be great to produce a wonderful artwork of wildlife made out of the rubbish deposited and collected from our ditches and lanes, to have on display as you enter the Parish to try to and make those thoughtless individuals that chuck their rubbish out realise through their ignorance what damage they are doing to our environment.

I ask myself so often why don't people care, and what more can we do to encourage everyone to be part of the solution not the pollution. I don't have the answers but keep doing my bit where I can.

SLOGANS FOR THE MONTH:

THINK 'BLUE PLANET'

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION NOT THE POLLUTION!

OUR DUTY IS TO SAVE OUR ENVIRONMENT'S BEAUTY & PROTECT WILDLIFE - DON'T THROW - LET IT ALL GROW!

Vicki Weston

The Meon Valley Flower Club

The club is a member of the Wessex & Jersey Branch of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS).

We would be delighted to meet visitors and potential members at our meetings held at 2 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month at The Meon Hall, Pound Lane, Meonstoke SO32 3NP.

For April and May 2018 the meetings are on:-

Tuesday 24 April at 2 pm, Plant Sale & Talk by Steve Ingham on 'Who Needs a Camera'.

Tuesday 22 May at 2 pm a demonstration by Sue Swaby from East Cowes called 'Wedding Day'.

Enquiries please to Margaret Wallace, the Chairman, on 01489 878349.



The Newtown Church Fete Cake Stall

Saturday May 26th 2018

We need your bakes!

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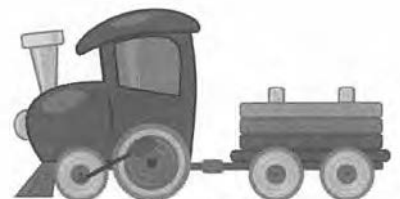
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Please will you donate a bottle or unwanted gift for the Tombola Stall, which we are co-ordinating this year.

We will have two sections: one for children and one for grown-ups, so any children's gifts would be most welcome.

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Many thanks,
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Meon Valley Garden Club

Our first talk of the New Year was entitled Delightful Dahlias. The talk covered all ways of cultivating and caring for this versatile plant, which has become increasingly popular for adding late colour to herbaceous borders. A number of slides showed the enormous variety of Dahlias that can be cultivated.

In February we had a short history of the seed, from early settlers, through the wars up to the present day. We now know that most of our seeds have been introduced from around the world. We then learnt about 'Italy from Seed to Plate' (the title of the talk). It was obvious that Paolo the speaker from Franchi seeds the speaker is very passionate about flavour. His message is if you make the effort to grow vegetables they should taste great. Many members went away with a little taste of Italy in their hands. We await the results with interest.

It is our Spring Plant Sale soon (see advert) so do come along to buy plants for those spaces in your borders or to cheer up that neglected pot.

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 April & May

Saturday 7 th April	Coffee Morning	Highfield & Pywell, Swanmore Rd 10.30am
Saturday 5 th May	Spring Plant Sale	Droxford Hall 10.00am
Thursday 17 th May	Gilbert White Talk	Meon Hall 7.30pm

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

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.... on 24th May 1943 the tide at last turned in favour of Britain and her allies in the battle against the *unterseebooten* or U-boat. The Battle of the Atlantic was the longest, hardest and most vital campaign ever fought by this nation, beginning just after war was declared on 3rd September 1939 and ending 68 months later on 7th May 1945. 5,000 merchant vessels and 175 Allied warships were lost, and 757 U-boats destroyed. 30,000 merchant seamen, 36,000 Allied sailors and airmen, and 28,000 U-boat crew lost their lives. The 'battlefield' comprised 41 million square miles of ocean (20% of the earth's surface) with some 75,000 ships sailing in 2,200 convoys. Weather conditions were often appalling, battering friend and foe alike. Winston Churchill wrote: "*The Battle of the Atlantic was the dominating factor all through the war. Never for one moment could we forget that everything happening elsewhere depended ultimately on its outcome.*"

The Droxford & District Branch was formed in 1920 as 'Comrades of the Great War', merging with other charities in 1921 to form the British Legion – now the Royal British Legion (RBL). The RBL has two principal aims: to remember those who died in conflict and to support living members of the armed forces, veterans and their families. Whilst championing regular remembrance activities, support ranges from debt counselling to the provision of residential nursing care. To do this, the RBL needs to raise just over £150 million every year for which the annual Poppy Appeal contributes 31%. Your local branch assists in fundraising via the Poppy Appeal and other events, including an annual dinner, summer drinks party, Grand National draw and pub-style quiz, plus the annual Remembrance Sunday service. We also hold 4 meetings a year at which visiting speakers talk on a range of interesting subjects; **non-members are encouraged to attend.** The next such meeting will be at 1900 on **Monday 14th May at Droxford Village Hall when Rear-Admiral David Snelson CB will talk about 'UK maritime trade, ports and Brexit'.**

Unlike sea battles of the past, the Battle of the Atlantic was not confined to the fighting navies and the role played by the Merchant Navy cannot be overstated. This loose federation of commercial shipping companies endured all the risks, deprivations and sacrifices of the Royal Navy, Royal Canadian Navy and Allied navies without the glamour or much recognition. In 1939, 33% of the world's merchant shipping was British – 22 million tons or 7,000 vessels – whereas today only 3% is British flagged. Although now 30 million tons or 500 vessels are UK registered, the largest merchant fleets sail under flags of convenience – e.g. Liberia and Panama. Many of these (a further 30 million tons) also help to serve UK's interests as 95% of our trade is still carried by sea, including 45% of our food requirements; as in 1939-45, this represents about a million tons of cargo a week. Second World War convoys typically comprised some 60 ships with cargo capacities of between 5,000 and 15,000 tons – a total of about 500,000 tons. The shortest route, from Liverpool to Halifax in Canada, is 2,500 nautical miles and, steaming at 6-8 knots, this took over 2 weeks using evasive routing to avoid U-boat concentrations or 'Wolfpacks'. Today a single large container ship or supertanker can carry up to 500,000 tons whilst travelling at 15 knots or more. Although commercially advantageous, such huge ships are vulnerable to enemy action with torpedoes, bombs or anti-ship missiles capable of depriving UK of the virtual cargo capacity of an entire Second World War convoy at a single stroke. Potential adversaries such as Russia and China have the capacity to interdict Britain's trade in this manner and some smaller nations operate submarines, aircraft and missile systems that could do so at critical choke points – e.g. the Straits of Hormuz at the mouth of the Persian Gulf.



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 or 01489 877800. www.soberton.org/rbiweb.

Industry in Soberton Parish associated with the Forest of Bere

Traditionally one thinks of Soberton as an agricultural parish with the villagers directly concerned with farming and forestry or providing services to the community, such as carpenters, wheelwrights, blacksmiths and the like. However, there is evidence of industries which are perhaps unexpected. The oldest perhaps being an ironworks in Bere Forest dating back to Roman times.

The Roman-British iron working site was discovered when the Wood End Car Park was being constructed. It was widely acclaimed as it was one of the first to be discovered in the area. Stan Rickards, head forester at the time, recorded "the most concentrated deposit of iron waste cinders and furnace shards adjoins the Wood End car park, there is a surface scatter of materials to the east of it for at least 400 yards". This has never been subjected to investigation. He also mentioned iron nodules, but not of quality, found in the West Walk by West Lodge.

The skill may have been lost as there is no further evidence until we have documentary evidence of a lease in 1647 by Thomas Earl of Southampton to John Greengoe, a hammerman and Justinian Gregory, joiner, both of Soberton, of a plate mill with house, buildings and land in the parish of Wickham and Soberton and the Forest of Bere. The iron mill was close to Northfield Farm on the Soberton/Wickham boundary and paid dues to both churches. A century later John Smith and a Widow Smith, both described as "at the iron mill" were buried at Soberton.

The Greengoe/Gringo family were Quakers, (some are buried in Swanmore's Quaker Burial Ground), and were the dominant master in the area from Beaulieu to Titchfield and Wickham where they had a forge. Quaker ironmasters controlled something like 80% of the business.

It might be expected that there would be some evidence charcoal making in the forest. Stan Rickards did send some charcoal samples to Dr. Tim Schadla-Hall, the archaeologist in charge of the iron work site, but there was no action. Stan spoke of flint working in Upperford Copse close to the chalklands.

From Anglo-Saxon times the Forest of Bere was a royal hunting ground and whilst in royal favour other activities were strictly controlled under the forest laws. Within the designated forest area there would have been large 'plantations' of trees, the heart of the forest, and this for centuries provided timber for the navy.

In more recent times, after relaxation of the forest laws, we have evidence of other occupations associated with the forest such as basket making. Although in the 13th century Henry III ordered five hundred wicker baskets for his navy from Soberton it was not the Forest of Bere that was to provide them but they were to come from the estate of the Lord of the Manor. (The Abbot and Convent of Beaulieu). In the 19th century baskets, pegs and other small objects were often made in the winter months and 'hawked' around the area and nearby towns in the summer months causing the children to be absent from school as they went with their parents in 'vans'.

Another seasonal occupation which kept the children away from school was the bark harvest. In the latter part of the 19th century the Newtown School Log Book records several instances of the older children assisting their parents with the bark stripping or carrying provisions etc. for them. The bark was used in the tanning and leather industry and had to be cut in the spring when the sap was rising. As it was stripped the children helped to gather it up and stack it in large bundles before it had time to dry out. Local residents say it was taken to the tannery at Wallington, Fareham, although it is believed there may, at some time, have been one at Hipley Farm.



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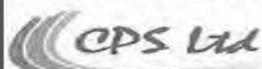
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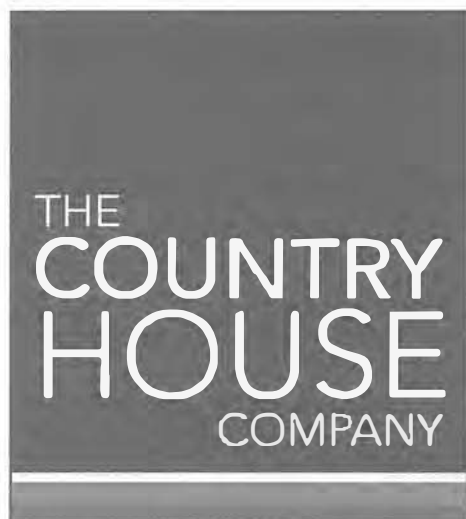
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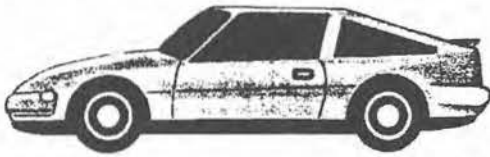
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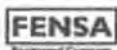
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We are desperately seeking more people to help serve Teas in the Church Rooms – so please get in touch if you can spare 45 minutes during the afternoon. It is hard work – but a jolly affair!!

Donations for the stalls are always gratefully received – details of how to donate will be in the next Parish Magazine.

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Soberton Fete offers home to unwanted plants

If you are dividing up plants in your borders or sowing seed over the next few weeks and don't know what to do with the spares, why not pop them into a pot for the Plant Stall at Soberton Fete.

Or if you don't have the time or space, let us know and we might be able to take divisions or spare seedlings off your hands and grow them on for you.

Last year we had a lovely display of perennials and shrubs sourced from local gardens, set off with a brilliant splash of colour from bedding plants provided by Meon Valley Nursery. We hope the weather will gradually sort itself out so we can do the same again on June 30th this year!

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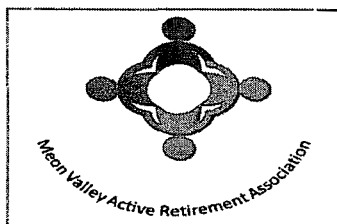
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MEON VALLEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION Programme April & May 2018

Exercise Class – St. Peter's Church Hall Bishop's Waltham

Every Monday from 10:00 to 11:15 **NB: No class on April 2nd, May 7th nor May 28th** Cost per session: members £2.00, non-members £2.50 Please note there is a waiting list for this class.
Contact: Chee Price 01489 893140.

Ladies' Pub Lunch. Mondays – lunch on April 9th & May 14th Contact Chriszena Strachan 01489 893719 by the previous Monday for venue and to book a place. Please note there may be a waiting list.

Advanced French Conversation – meetings held on second and fourth Tuesday afternoon of the month from 14:00 in the home of a member. Please note that these sessions are now full.
Contact organiser Lyndon Palmer on 01489 896862 to join the waiting list.

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. An intermediate class will be held in April on Wednesday mornings from 11:30 to 12:30. This may continue subject to demand. Cost individual session £3.00 for members; £5.00 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 Please note a waiting list has now been opened with a view to holding an extra session. Cost per session £3.00 for members Contact: Leslie Craddock on 01489 32589

Spanish Lessons Classes held on Friday mornings at The Stables, Free Street, Bishops Waltham.

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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 £2.00 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



ADVENTUROUS GIRLS FROM BISHOPS WALTHAM AND SWANMORE BRAVE THE COLD AT WINTER CAMP

Girls from the Meon Valley braved the freezing temperatures to sleep under canvas at Girlguiding's extreme winter camp.

The 3rd Bishops Waltham and 2nd and 3rd Swanmore units joined hundreds of other girls at Sparkle and Ice, a weekend event held at Girlguiding's activity centre Foxlease near Lyndhurst on 2nd-4th February.

After pitching their tents, the group kept warm by making the most of the activities on offer from going on a zip wire, climbing, ice skating and abseiling, to testing their survival skills by making shelters and building fires. And at night, had the choice of ditching their welly boots for dancing shoes to enjoy the onsite disco or enjoy a hot chocolate whilst stargazing before layering up to endure plunging temperatures to take on the challenge of winter camping.

Jaime found it a bit cold but said: "At first it was cold but we warmed up doing the activities, trying new things and it was good to meet other guides."

Victoria said: "The weekend was packed with activities. We did Jacobs ladder and climbing and many more but the best had got to be the zip wire. Sparkle and Ice was a weekend I will never forget."



Zoe enjoyed the activities too, saying: "The Sparkle and Ice weekend was fun, we did many activities ranging from rock climbing to ice skating all in a weekend with a beautiful fireworks display to top it all off!".

This is the second time Sparkle and Ice has been held following last year's successful launch. A thousand girls and young women joined the three camps which happened simultaneously across Girlguiding's activity centres in Lancashire, Hampshire and Sussex. The event was supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery.

Girlguiding gives girls opportunities to have fun and adventure, gain life skills and make friends. Sparkle and Ice is the first of three weekend events to be held at Girlguiding's activity centres during 2018 for girls and young women from across the country, with Magic and Mayhem and Wellies and Wristbands coming up in the summer.

Meon Valley Girlguiding is keen to recruit more adult volunteers. For more information about how to get involved with Girlguiding, the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, visit www.girlguiding.org.uk or contact Caroline on 01489 877430 or meonvalleydivcommis@gmail.com.

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SOBERTON Parish Council – Annual Report

Chairman's Annual Report for the year 04/17 – 03/18

Soberton Parish Council meets eleven times a year, on the third Tuesday of each calendar month except for August. The Parish Meetings alternate between Rookesbury Hall, Church Road, Newtown and Soberton Village Hall, West Street, Soberton. The meetings start at 1930hrs, finishing at 2045hrs. These are public meetings where a standing agenda item for Public Participation allows matters to be raised by members of the public at the meeting. The remainder of the meeting runs to a published agenda and is debated by members of the Council.

There are eleven seats on the council, allocated 3 to 8 between the North and South of the Parish.

Members are elected every 5 years, the next election being in May 2018. Forms for those interested in becoming a Parish Councillor will be available from the Clerk in mid-April. Members are drawn from those who live in the Parish of Soberton (or close to its boundary).

For the efficient running of the Parish Council, activities such as open space maintenance, planning consultations, roads, transport, finance and specific projects (i.e. St. Clair's Meadow, the Lych Gate at Holy Trinity, Newtown) a series of sub-committees are formed by members.

Members of the Parish Council have been involved in the following during 17/18:

- **Planning Consultations and the Village Design Statement (update):**

The Planning sub-committee comment on planning applications made in the parish to Winchester City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority. Generally where an application complies with Planning Policy the Parish Council will not comment, however, should neighbours object, the Parish Council will listen and make comment on the merit of the applications to the Planning Authority.

The Village Design Statement (VDS) is a dynamic document in that it is constantly updated as local and national planning policy change and is required to stay relevant. The Parish Council will be consulting in the late spring following a working party groups conclusions.

If you would like to Join the VDS working party please speak to the Clerk or a Councillor.

- **The Recreation Ground and Children's Play Area:**

The Parish Council's largest financial ongoing commitment.

The Recreation Ground located on Heath Road, Soberton Heath, is a formal public open space and provides a series of facilities, these being: Football Pitch and Pavilion used by Soberton United and occasionally by youth teams, skate park (which we are reviewing with a view to either upgrading or removing) and the Children's Play area which is continually upgraded and managed. Generally items such as benches and signage are added/change regularly.

- **Roads, footpaths, bridleways and transport:**

Generally the Parish Council monitors the condition of roads and footpaths, involving the appropriate authority where repairs or other work needs to be carried out. It is possible for everyone to register pot holes and the like on the HCC website. Ongoing matters such as the Church Road Newtown where traffic at the school and speeding traffic in the residential area is causing safety concerns the Parish Council is leading discussions with the highways authority to seek possible interventions to slow traffic.

- **Other Projects:**

St Clair's Meadow an initiative with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust where the Parish Council had a leading role in both the process and the match funding to assist in the purchase of the land. The Parish Council has an ongoing advisory role in the management of the land by HIWWT. The success of this exercise was ensured by the active support from a few individuals from the Village in time and donations from many. A great example of working together to seize the moment and the Parish Council thanks everyone for their support.

The Lych Gate, Newtown, is a registered war memorial and, following a structural survey which established there was movement of the entire structure, action is required. The Parish Council is able to access a grant to assist in the reconstruction of the Lych Gate from the War Memorials Commission, this requires both a detailed specification and three quotations. This is being progressed and hopefully we will begin the work this coming financial year. The Parish Council has made a budget provision for match funding for this project.

• Other Matters

Finance: Annually the Parish Council receives a precept which represents its entire funding; 2017/18 the Precept received was £31,532.00, which is the same as agreed for year 18/19. 50% is received in April and 50% in September. This represents £62.37 (£1.20/week) for a band G house.

Last year the Parish Councils outgoings were –

1. Running Costs open spaces, grant funding £33,215
2. Administration, printing, hall rentals insurances, audit fees £2,606
3. General management staff costs and expenses £4,697
4. Section 137, grants £1,500

Total spend 17/18 approximately £42,018 this was met by £30,500 precept £11,518 saved from previous years. The Parish Council is required to maintain a reserve fund equal to one year's income this fund currently stands at about £30,000.

Crime Statistics; These statistics have been provided by Hampshire Constabulary

	LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR
Anti-Social Behaviour	15	11
Assault	14	10
Burglary other than in a dwelling	1	8
Burglary in a dwelling	2	1
Criminal Damage	2	1
Suspicious Incidents	23	18
Theft	9	5
Theft from vehicle	1	4
Theft of vehicle	0	1
Theft of a pedal cycle	1	1
Drug offences	2	3
Public order	10	1

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A brief overview of some of the actions and achievements during 2017/2018 for Winchester City Council

Fly Tipping Council achieves 100% success rate in fly tip prosecutions. Winchester City Council has been actively looking to reduce fly tipping in the district and has demonstrated its zero tolerance approach to fly tipping.

Air Quality Action Plan for the city centre Air Quality Action Plan has nine high impact core actions aimed at improving air quality and working towards meeting the relevant air quality objectives within Winchester district.

New Council Strategy core outcomes, and supported by four new principles to deliver the Strategy, this sets out a clear direction for the Council in the medium-term

Safer Communities - A partnership approach Winchester City Council's Community Safety and Neighbourhood Services Team works side-by-side with the police, Council teams and others as part of the Community Safety Partnership to deliver a range of actions that reduce crime and disorder.

Local Plan for the Winchester District passes inspection After its successful Examination in Public and the incorporation of modifications, the Winchester District Local Plan Part 2 – Development Management and Site Allocations (LPP2) was adopted by the Council on 5 April 2017.

Winchester responding to Government housing plans Winchester City Council's ambitious plan to double the number of homes it is building in the next three years has received a welcome boost from the latest Government announcements.

Central Winchester Regeneration Project - Supplementary Planning Document Vision for Central Winchester Regeneration Area. The local community were invited to help shape this vision. The draft SPD was presented to the public in November and the formal consultation period started in mid-December until early February 2017. Details on the outcomes shortly.

Winchester City movement strategy and study now underway

Winchester affordable housing scheme reaches major milestone. One of the district's largest affordable housing schemes in Winchester, the Chesil Lodge, a new Extra Care scheme providing 52 homes for people aged 55 and over is nearly completed.

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.

New business support service for Winchester City Council invited bids from organisations or individuals for a new business support service for the Winchester district for a two-year period from 1 June 2017. The business support service will provide training, networking, one-to-one advice sessions and mentoring tailored to the needs of businesses located in the Winchester area.

Opportunity for a Winchester car club This gives signed-up members 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 that is infrequently used.

New affordable houses get off the ground in Alresford and Stanmore

City Council buys Winchester bus station Winchester City Council agreed to buy the freehold of the bus station site in central Winchester from bus operator Stagecoach.

Changes to on-street parking permits

Winchester Parking Strategy Helping people to find the right parking for their visit and the needs of the environment and air quality are at the heart of Winchester's Parking Strategy.

Council's confirms its financial commitment to voluntary organisations

City Council to appoint architects to kick-start Winchester Sports Park project

Friarsgate car park re-opens

Council invests £1m on Disabled Adaptations Winchester City Council has agreed to double its spending on adapting resident's homes, helping them to remain independent and in many cases making sure they can return home from hospital more quickly.

91% of tenants happy with Council - Tenant satisfaction rises by 3% Customer satisfaction with Winchester City Council has increased, with 91 per cent of tenants surveyed saying they are happy with the service they receive (compared to 89% when the survey was completed 2 years ago).

Council consults local businesses on rate relief Following Central Government changes Winchester City Council has been awarded £900,000 from central government to help local businesses struggling with changes in their business rates bill.

Council invests £100,000 in open space for residents in Abbots Barton

Green light for 76 new Council homes in Stanmore Plans to build 76 new homes in Stanmore was approved – with work set to commence in the next 12 months.

Council ups transparency with new style reporting Winchester City Council has adopted a new way of reporting to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Surgery plans move a step closer Plans for a replacement doctor's surgery in the heart of Winchester have moved a step closer as Winchester City Council's Cabinet has approved plans to relocate St Clements Surgery to new premises at Upper Brook Street Car Park.

Winchester City Council Cabinet meetings take to the road Every other Winchester City Council cabinet meeting will be held in a different location around the district for the rest of the municipal year, which runs until May.

Living Wage Foundation measures to tackle Winchester's affordability Winchester City Council is one of only four authorities in the south east of England to be accredited by the Living Wage Foundation and detailed ways in which this influences the Council's social and community policies.

New opportunities are part of vision for Winchester Station Approach stakeholder workshop draws upon local insight for new employment and leisure opportunities for Winchester after recommendations on a fresh process for regenerating the Station Approach area of the city.

New Look for the Winchester City Council website More user friendly and easier to navigate and access a service. To view the website <http://www.winchester.gov.uk>.

Lower rents for council tenants Council tenants in Winchester will see their rents reduced by 1% from April next year.

£15m added to strategic asset fund to support future Council services Members ratified a plan to increase Winchester City Council's ability to invest in strategic assets that can be used to boost the organisation's income and support local services going forward.

Winchester's residents help keep Air Ambulance flying Winchester residents have helped raise a staggering £24,000 for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, by using council clothing recycling points around the district to turn their unwanted clothing, shoes and textiles into cash.

Kerbside glass collection considered for Winchester Winchester City Councillors are considering introducing kerbside Glass Collection.

Traveller Development Planning document consultation reaches key stage Winchester City Council has reached a key stage with publication of its Traveller Development Planning Document (Traveller DPD).

Extra peak hours for Park and Ride bus to be launched

Your Councillors for Central Meon Valley

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Dear Resident

Although the snow has now long cleared from our driveways and hedgerows, and spring flowers remind us that warmer weather is on its way, I want to record the sincere thanks of residents to the 100 plus volunteer farmer workforce who helped Hampshire County Council to keep our roads clear and passable during the heavy snow we had earlier this year. A wide range of volunteer workforce worked around the clock to keep priority routes open and essential services ongoing eg meals on wheels. Thank you all so much.



Helping Hampshire's Local Charities

Across Hampshire there are over 6000 registered charities and many more local groups who offer vital community support to residents across our County - but where do these groups go when they need help? A new resource has been established - the Hampshire Council for Voluntary Service Network is an alliance of 10 local organisations who work together to provide development services and the specialist skills needed for local groups to grow and meet the challenges facing their local communities.

In a recent survey of their members, over 50% reported an increase in demand for their help from Hampshire residents. Similarly, many charities also report that it is becoming harder to find people who are able to volunteer their time and talents to help. In response, the Hampshire CVS Network has launched a new website that is designed to help local charities and community groups connect with network partners to provide clear and easy access to the skills and resources they need. The site provides access to information on Hampshire's volunteering development services, information on training available across the county and a toolbox of resources for groups and charities that covers everything from transparent and effective governance to raising vital funds to carry out their work. To find out more visit <https://www.hampshirecvs.org.uk/>

Preferred Choice Secondary School

Of the parents applying for a September 2018, Year 7 place at a Hampshire secondary school, 98 per cent have been offered a school of their choice - with more children (over 92 per cent) being allocated a place at their preferred first choice school. The County Council received 13,981 on-time applications this year, up by 428 from last year.

Pupils who did not secure a place at one of their chosen schools have been allocated a place at a school near to where they live, with available spaces. Parents have the right to appeal in these situations and their child's name will be added to the waiting list for their preferred schools. Places do become available if parents change their mind, or families move home. The admissions team is now busy processing primary school applications with offers due to go out to parents on 16 April 2018.

Young Musicians

Did you know that Hampshire Music Service supports more than 60 ensembles, orchestras and choirs across the County for young people aged between 5 and 19 years? There are groups for all levels, from beginners trying out instruments, to advanced musicians looking for more challenging material and performance opportunities. The Hampshire Youth Orchestra are preparing for their next big performance, at the Royal Albert Hall in April, in front of an audience of 2,000 people.

To find out more about the variety of groups, ensembles, choirs and orchestras available across Hampshire, visit Hampshire Music Service or follow @hantsmusic on Facebook and Twitter. The main Hampshire County Youth Ensembles are currently open for applications, with a deadline of 31 May. See how to apply <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hampshireremusic/ensembles/countyenembleHampshire>.

Council Tax

At full Council held on Thursday 22nd February 2018 elected members agreed a 5.99% increase in the council tax precept for 2018/19 (which is made up of a 2.99% core council tax increase which Government now expects all councils to implement, and 3% specifically to support adult social care pressures). Residents in the average band D property will pay £1,200.96 for Hampshire County Council services in 2018/19 – or around £1.31 extra per week.

Hampshire's council tax precept will still be nearly £100 lower than it would have been when measured against inflation since 2010 and remains one of the lowest in the country, whilst still protecting valued services. This has been no mean feat when factored alongside the very tough decisions we have needed to make in order to live within our means given the reduction and eventual removal of the Revenue Support Grant and the £480 m of savings we have to make by 2020.

Despite those challenges and the need to make economies the Cabinet and Conservative group have agreed to save all Hampshire household waste recycling centres, as well as community transport schemes and school crossing patrols. Reductions in these services had been under review but the pressure was eased by an extra 1% council tax increase Government authorised us to make for social care and in the final adjustment of the local government settlement by the Government, when additional funding was allocated to Hampshire. All that helped to offset demands on the budget, although it should be noted that social care costs HCC significantly more than £1 million every day!

Recycling Plastic

For a number of years the County Council has worked through various local government networks to lobby and influence central government and the supply chain to re-think the types and amounts of plastics that are used in packaging. Recent publicity [the Chinese government's decision to stop accepting waste plastic and paper from the UK] has been helpful in raising the priority of this issue, leading to its inclusion in the recently published Defra 25 year Environment Plan. The County Council is leading on a project for the HIOWLGA Board that is looking to develop a business case for a new Super MRF that would be able to accept and separate a wider range of plastics than at present. In time, this will lead to an increase in the range of accepted plastics in the kerbside collections carried out by district and borough partners.

£3 million Refurbishment Plans

Buildings at three Hampshire schools are to be refurbished as part of a £3 million project to modernise classrooms and reduce energy costs. Work at the Westgate School in Winchester is due to start this summer.

£1 million for Leisure Centre

The County Council has agreed to give £1 million towards the cost of a proposed new sport and leisure complex at Bar End, Winchester.

Funding for Hampshire's Athletes

Hampshire's most promising athletes have been awarded funding by Hampshire County Council to help them on their journey to sporting success. This year, 191 sportsmen and women have been picked for the Hampshire Talented Athletes Scheme (HTAS), funded by the County Council and managed by Energise Me. Of the 191 athletes awarded support this year, 119 will receive grant funding worth a total of £40,825. The scheme provides athletes with grants for competition and travel costs, physiotherapy and sport science support, free access to leisure centres and bus travel, plus public speaking training to inspire children during school visits. Two former HTAS athletes include Winter Olympic 2018 skeleton racer Gold Medalist Lizzy Yarnold and alpine skier Laurie Taylor.

Patricia Stallard

County Councillor for Winchester Southern Parishes

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NEWS

Aid delivered where it's needed, with no overheads!

Sadly, there has been a lot of controversial press recently about international charitable aid organisations. Lions fall loosely into that category in that we provide aid, are registered as a charity and work internationally, but that's where comparisons stop. Meon Valley Lions, are members of Lions Clubs International, a global network of 1.4 million volunteers and we work through this international network of clubs to make a real difference. When a humanitarian crisis strikes, Lions Clubs International Foundation mobilise cash and resources but work with, and are guided by, their own Lions members who are ordinary, local people present on the ground.

As the World's largest voluntary, non-governmental organisation, our volunteers fundraise and serve their own local communities, with every penny raised being used to help those in need. We don't spend money on fancy fundraising campaigns and all our administration and marketing costs are funded by members' subs. It can prove challenging providing aid this way, but we are committed not to waste the money entrusted to Lions by the public and ensuring it can genuinely help victims of a disaster. Lions Clubs of the British Isles are very grateful for public support, which enables us to commit to solving long-term problems through our presence in local communities throughout the world.

Meon Valley Lions Club has a policy of dedicating a minimum of 80% of its fund-raising activities to local good causes and projects, with the balance going to national and international relief causes. One of our most recent projects was the purchase of a specially adapted duet-bike for Ella who lives in Shirrell Heath. Ella is 10 years old and suffers from Rett Syndrome, a rare neurological disorder resulting in severe mental and physical disability. Lions contributed a shade under £3,000 towards the cost of this specially adapted bike, so now she is able to join the whole family on cycle rides in this beautiful corner of Hampshire. A great investment!



As a club, we are open and transparent about our fund-raising and where we spend the money. If you visit the "About us" section of our website, there is an accounts page containing a full breakdown. If you would like to get involved and help our charitable work, you can contact us via the website, or you can simply make a donation on the home page.

Meon Trail charity walk

On Saturday 12th May, Meon Valley Lions Club is organising a sponsored walk along the old Meon Valley railway line (The Meon Valley Trail) from Wickham to West Meon. We are partnering with a number of charities on this event, including Homestart – Meon Valley, Fareham Rainbow Centre, Rose Road Association, Rowans Hospice and Prostate Cancer. Walkers can choose a number of route and distance options, to suit adults and children and then channel their sponsorship to one of these listed charities via the charities' own "Just Giving" pages.

Transport will be available to ferry participants between the various start and finish points. Entry costs just £3 for adults and £1 for children under 12, to include transport, water at start/finish and check points, first aid and maps. Entry fee can be paid on the day. For full details and to download a sponsorship form, check out the dedicated page on the "events" section of our website!





Meon Valley

Meetings are held at the Wickham Centre, Mill Lane twice a month, usually on the first and third Tuesdays at 2.00pm.

Meetings are free to members, visitors are welcome at a cost of £2 per talk

In February we were treated to a talk on the Robert Louis Stevenson Trail in the Cevennes, France. Carol Watson gave a lively talk on her experience of walking the trail with her husband, illustrating it with copious photographs. Staying in bed and breakfast accommodation each night they experienced the beautiful scenery and friendship of fellow walkers on the trail.

For our second talk Dr Lyndon Palmer stepped in at the last moment to cover illness of the scheduled speaker. His talk on Anglo Saxons and Vikings covered a large span of information which touched on the settlement of the Saxons in the Meon Valley. Illustrated by slides and with references to Bede and other early historians plus archaeological evidence such as that of the Sutton Hoo ship burial, he gave a thorough background to this period of early English history.

April and May Meetings:

Apr 10th	Our Interesting Lives	Branch Members
Apr 17 th	The Plague from 1000 BC	Tim Mason Disease Specialist
May 8 th	AGM followed by a mystery talk	

There will be no more meetings until September. There will be three outings during the summer months.

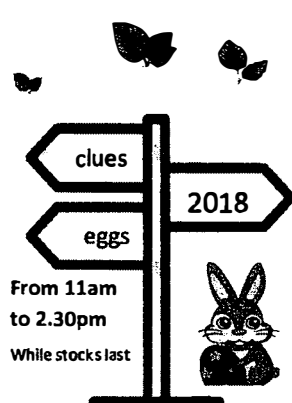
Meon Valley U3A also has Small/Special Interest Groups, which mostly meet monthly in members' homes. Current groups include Geology, Egyptology, Reading, Poetry, Art appreciation, Classical Music appreciation, Strolling and World Faiths. If anyone would like to set up a new interest group please let us know.

Enquiries to: Betty Hiscock 01489 894807. Website: u3asites.org.uk/meon-valley



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MEON VALLEY CARERS GROUP NEWS

The Meon Valley Carers Group is a voluntary group supporting carers and families dealing with dementia. An informal pub lunch is held on the second Tuesday of each month, this provides the Carers with the opportunity to relax and socialise. On the fourth Tuesday of the month a group meeting is held at the Paterson Centre in Swanmore and this provides members with enjoyable events to participate in. It also provides an opportunity to hear a variety of talks on relevant themes, and volunteers provide activities for the cared for to allow their Carers a little time off. Thanks to the generosity of the Meon Valley Lions Club who own a minibus we are able to offer transport for members living in the Meon Valley who do not drive and would otherwise be unable to join us. If you would be interested in seeing more of what we do, please contact the office and a programme can be posted to you.

During Carers Week in June we try to offer our members a pamper afternoon where in the past we have been really fortunate in being able to use the services of another charity and been able to offer hand/arm massage, head/neck massage, manicures etc. Unfortunately the charity we have used is no longer able to offer this facility. If you know anybody that could help and would like to get involved for one afternoon please contact the office at the number below.

10th April Pub Lunch at The Black Dog, Waltham Chase 12 noon

24th April Outing to Brambridge Garden Centre with a cream tea, 2pm-4pm. Cost £5.50.
If transport is required the minibus will leave the Paterson Centre at 1.30pm.

If you would like any more information regarding the group then please contact the office:

**Meon Valley Carers Group, at the Paterson Centre, Church Road, Swanmore Mon 9.15 am –1.15pm,
Tel: 01489 895444. E-Mail meon-valley@btconnect.com**



ADVANCE PLANNER

<u>June</u>	6 th	Ladies Group AGM	Rivendell
	12 th	Children's Week planning meeting	Guide Hut
	17 th	Wimbledon Warm-up Finals	
	17 th	Village Picnic	Church Green
	30 th	Soberton Church Fete	Church Green
<u>July</u>	24 th	Children's Week starts	Recreation Ground
<u>October</u>	13 th	Postie Retirement Party	Recreation Ground



***The SOBERTON FETE on Saturday 30th June
2018 welcomes you and
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- ❖ ***SCRUFFIEST MUTT***

***Chief Judge & Sponsor: Peter Heather BVSc MRCVS (Fareham
Creek Vets)***

Registration in Church Meadow at 2pm – entry fee £3 per dog

Any questions, contact Rob Scott 01489 877800

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

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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.

Local Information

POLICE	EMERGENCY	999
	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
Hants Carers Helpline		08457 221122
Soberton Hall Booking	Mrs.Rosemary Taylor	01489 877256
<i>sobertonvillagehall@googlemail.com</i>		
Rookesbury Hall Booking	Mrs. Jenny Doney	01329 834392
<i>Bookings@rookesburyhall.co.uk</i>		
Guide Hut Booking	Mrs. C. Rogers	01489 877430
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	Mr.Barry Rowswell	01329 834671
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	Prof. Duncan Colin-Jones	01489 877237
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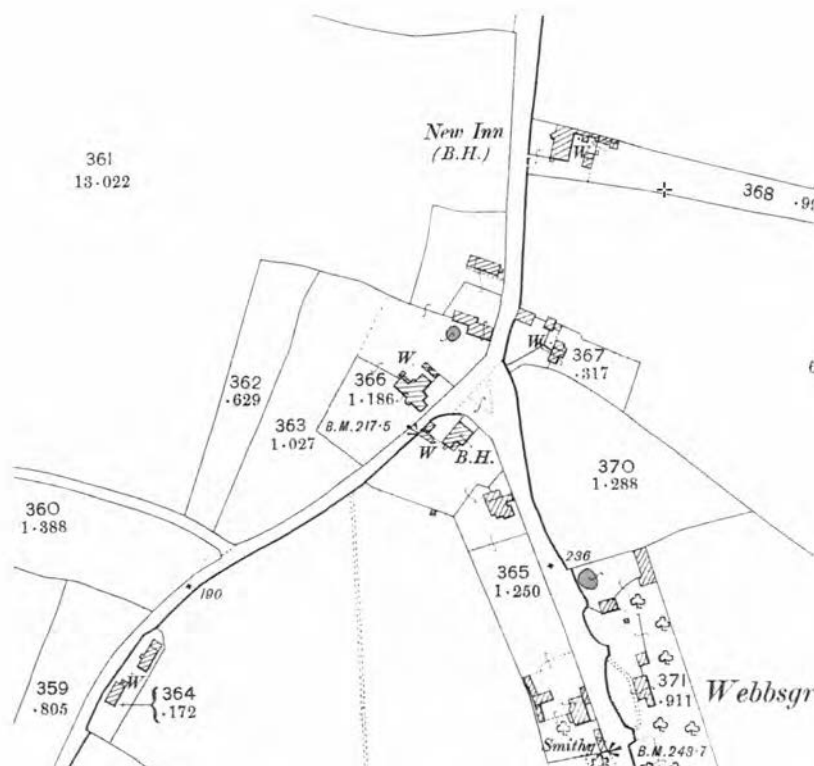
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District Councillor(S)	Ms Linda Gemmell	01489 895023
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CAB		01489 896376
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Soberton Players	Mrs. Susan Hyland	01489 878724
Soberton Hall Secretary	Mrs Jane Salmon	01489 878659
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	Mr Adrian Hunt	01489 878141
Ladies Group	Mrs. Liz Whales	01489 877712
Meon Valley Lions Club	Mr Ian Adams	0845 833 7812
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Chairman	Vicki Weston	01329 835161
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	Barry Henderson	01489 877978
Roads & Footpath &Transport	David Salmon	01489 878659
	Robert Stranks	01489 878270
Grant Applications	Graham Smart	01329 609742
Flood Action Group	Graham Smart (N) Robert Stranks (S)	01239 609742 01489 878270
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From the Archives.....



Above - In the past, Soberton had many Public Houses, nearly all of which are long gone. The Falcon Inn was situated next to the War Memorial at the top of Selworth Lane. It was a striking building and the earliest reference found so far was in a Trade Directory of 1878 where George Lee was listed as the beerhouse keeper. This photo was taken in the inter-war years. The Falcon Inn closed in the 1960's although the building wasn't demolished until the late 1980's after it was sold at The Royal Hotel, Winchester on 22nd July 1987. A modern terrace of houses occupies the site now. (Postcard courtesy of Mrs M Wingham.) **Below** - This map is from the 1892-1905 series showing the same area. (Map courtesy of The National Library of Scotland)



(from the Archives of the Soberton & Newtown Local History Society) any additional information is always welcome.
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