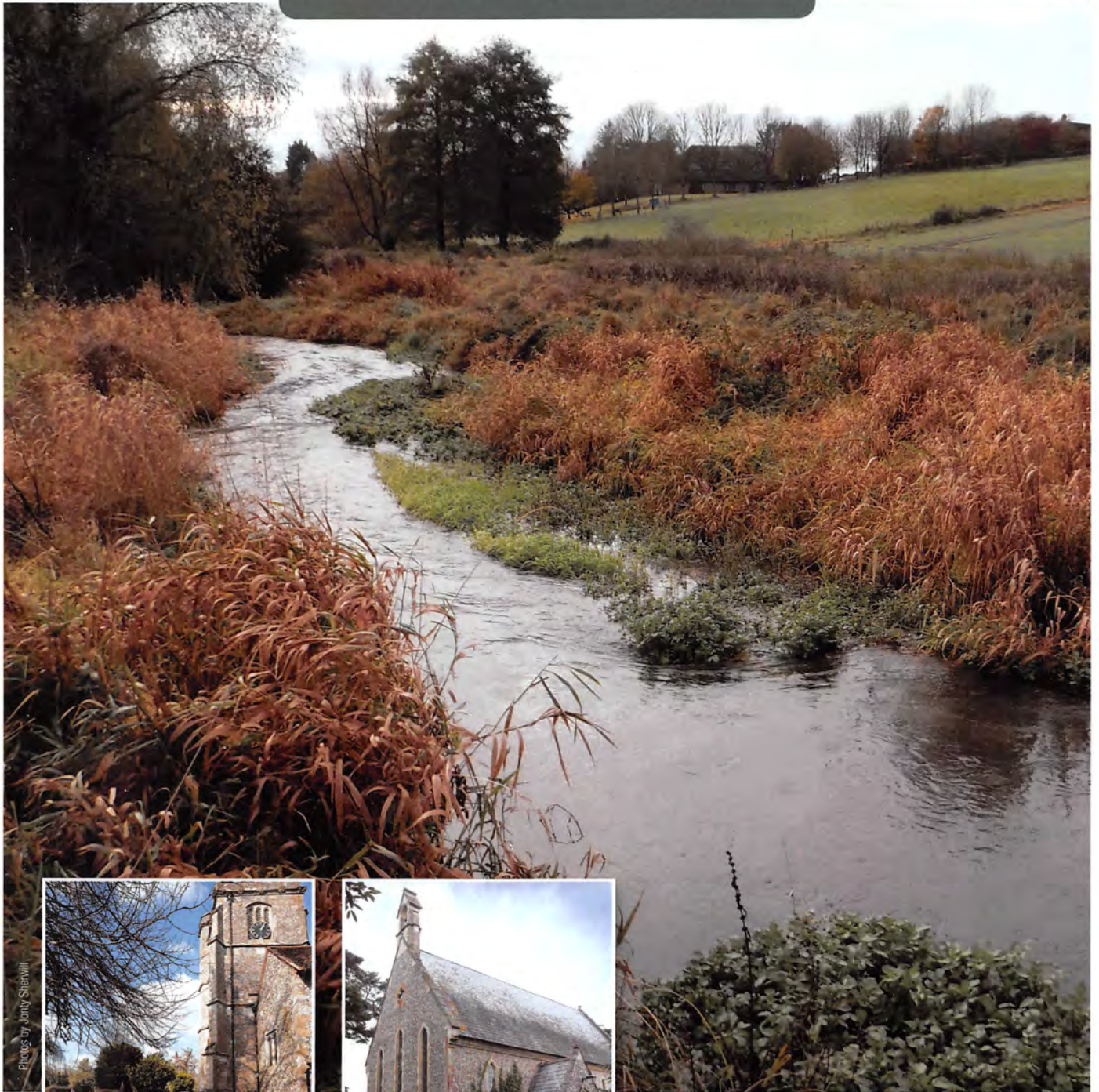


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at

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(Sunday & Friday)

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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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2017 has been passing by with great speed – so much has happened Worldwide, in the United Kingdom and locally. So where do we begin trying to make sense of all the confusion around us?

The world is busier than ever before, our parish organisations need our support, likewise friends and neighbours also need our friendship and ongoing support. Locally we live in a somewhat aging population; it's good to see how our Good Neighbours organisation is able to help in so many ways lots of our parishioners. I know from what they tell me how much they rely on and appreciate the work of Good Neighbours

In the wider world we have had to listen to the blustering threats which the US President and the President of North Korea employed against each other as they boast of the fearful damage each could do to the other with the unthinkable, destructive power of their nuclear arsenals. Still in the wider world we have seen and heard about the terrible hurricanes and storms which have left death and destruction in their wake. Many have been killed many have been left homeless their homes having been torn to pieces by nature's strength. More recently we have seen some of our politicians facing the possibility of serious action being taken against them if the stories about their behaviour are found to be true. It seems quite unbelievable – but we in this county have observed 5 terrorist attacks with the loss of life amounting to 36 so far this year; with many badly injured.

I am writing this page during the afternoon of Remembrance Day, where we remembered all those who gave their lives for us.

The 13th November was designated World kindness day – during which random acts of kindness were being acknowledged universally.

Dear reader I can just hear you saying that this is all doom and gloom! Nevertheless I want us to recognise that these things are happening all around us and that we should give thanks for our own community and our place in society including our friends and families, neighbours and strangers too.

A great deal of the activity in our parishes is based on our churches.

Sunday 3rd December is Advent Sunday, the beginning of the Church's New Year, a time to reflect on the past, a time to give thanks for all the good things in our lives, a time to stop, think and pray about the future. It is the world in which we live that sets our future agenda and we should be prepared to exercise our God given right to play a part in the decision making process, not only for ourselves but for our friends, neighbours and our community.

After Advent Sunday we quickly come into the lead up to Christmas, when we watch and wait for the coming of the Christ child. On Sunday 17th December at 1000 in St Peter's Church we will hold our service of nine lessons and carols – this service is for everyone, come and sing Carols listen to the Christmas readings – you will be very welcome.

One week later will be Christmas Eve (this year on a Sunday), you will see all the services we offer you on the poster for Christmas elsewhere in the Magazine. You will be particularly welcome, mums and dads, uncles and aunts, grandparents bring the children 6.00 on Christmas Eve in St Peter's for the Children's Candlelight & Nativity.

Can I please remind you that on Christmas morning this year there will be one service of Communion and Carols – it's at 9.30 in Holy Trinity do join us.

The Calendar pages in the magazine provide all the information you require about church services, times and venue.

Just under 3 years ago Canon Nick Fennemore joined us assisting in the Sunday Services, in December 2016 the Archdeacon licensed Nick as Interim Minister and since then he has been with each Sunday and Friday. Nick has now announced that he is to move on at the end of January 2018. We record our thanks for Nick's ministry amongst us, particularly for his pastoral care of all in our villages. He has also been instrumental in guiding our parishes through the Interregnum. We wish him well in his new vocation at Winchester Cathedral.

It is in this magazine each year that we send Christmas Greetings to all who live and work in our parishes, we pray that you will all have a joyful and peaceful Christmas with your families and friends, we look forward to welcoming you into our churches over the festive season.

With sincere Christmas blessings,

Norman

FROM THE REGISTERS

Burial

Beryl Hartley

10th November 2017 at Newtown

Interment of ashes

Doreen Lilian Rose Gilbert

21st October 2017 at Soberton

Alistair James Blackburn

11th November 2017 at Soberton

THANK YOU

David & Josie Cleeve and family would like to say a big thank you to the Rookesbury Hall Committee for the wonderful afternoon tea that was held to remember Joan. It was a lovely occasion, attended by lots of Joan's friends.

It was very special (and emotional) to be told that the main hall in Rookesbury has been named 'The Cleeve Room' to honour her memory and dedicated service to the hall committee for 50 years.

Joan would have been very proud!

Good Neighbours Group

We assist people of all ages who reside in Soberton and Newtown and need transport - to the hospital, GP, Dentist, Optician and other medical appointments as well as lunch clubs and essential shopping. There is a modest charge for this transport. All our drivers are DBS checked and insured to drive.

At the present time we are fortunate to have 20 volunteer drivers and therefore we are in a position to offer support to more people.

Please pass the word to your contacts so that everyone in the villages is aware of the Good Neighbours Group.

Sue Musselwhite 01489 877282

The 3Ps are delighted to welcome you to a very special evening this Christmas:



'CAROLS & CHEER'

*with Tamsin Rowlinson
and a selection of guest performances from our talented community*

**An evening of carols, mince pies, a warming Wassail Cup
and general seasonal merriment!**

**Thursday 14th December 2017
Doors open 6.45pm for 7.00pm start
Rookesbury Hall, Newtown**

All welcome!

Christmas jumpers or a touch of sparkle positively encouraged.

There is no entry fee but silver donations are gratefully accepted to cover our costs



Saturday 6th January 2018



As part of an ongoing fundraising exercise, Elsie Gordon along with her parents will be coming through the village on Saturday 6th January 2018 to chip your Christmas trees for charity. 100% of donations will be sent to Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity.

To register your interest, please email Ceri Gordon on heathies@btinternet.com

Suggested donation £5, thank you.





Hello Soberton!

My name is Victoria Rogers, and next year I am going on my biggest adventure yet, climbing to Mount Everest Basecamp!!

Why? Good question. This is all to raise money for Childreach International, an amazing children's rights charity which helps children around the world to achieve their potential, whether this is providing after-school clubs in Brazil, or teaching about health in India.

In Nepal one of biggest problems is trafficking, but if children stay in education until they are 16, they are significantly less likely to be taken.

If you would like to sponsor me on this amazing journey to Mount Everest, and to help children around the world, please go to my fundraising page

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/victoriarogers1>

or email me at: Voggyrogers@gmail.com

In the run up to Christmas I will be running a few workshops to raise money for this amazing charity.

Thank you ☺

Pre-Teens Craft Workshop for Christmas

Come and make some Christmas crafts with glue-guns, baubles and glitter!

A workshop led by me for older children looking for some homemade sparkle this Christmas.

Monday 18th December 6 - 8pm at the Guide Hut

Soberton Recreation Ground, Heath Road

£5 entry

Cake & Hot chocolate included and all materials

To reserve a place please contact Caroline Rogers on 01489 877430 or email ellesborough@yahoo.co.uk or you are welcome to turn-up on the day

Adults Wreath Workshops

Come along and make a Christmas wreath for your door, your dining room, or your Guinea-pig cage!

Small crèche area available **£10 minimum donation**

includes materials (holly, ivy, ribbon etc), and refreshments

Dates: **Sunday 10th December 3-5pm**

or drop in **Thursday 14th December between 9:30 - 12:30**

Both workshops are at the **Guide Hut** on the Recreation Ground, Heath Road

To reserve a place please contact Caroline Rogers on 01489 877430 or email ellesborough@yahoo.co.uk, or you are welcome to turn-up on the day

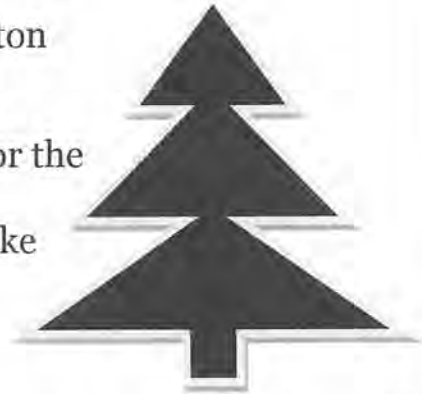
Rocs invite you to a Christmas craft workshop

Friday 22th December 10 – 12 (noon)

at St Peter's Church Rooms, Soberton



Come and help make
GIANT decorations for the
church and some
Christmas crafts to take
home.



£3 child to include Refreshments (mince pie/biscuit & mulled wine/squash)

To reserve a place please contact:

Caroline on 01489 877430, Sophia on 01489 878029
or email rocsofstpeters@gmail.com

We are also holding the annual Crib Service at St Peter's on Sunday 24th December at 6pm. If your child would like to be involved in the nativity parade please let us know, there are roles for everyone.



The Friends of St. Peters



Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 2nd December
10.30 to noon **in the Church Room**

Season's Greetings
All welcome – entry free

Coffee, with mince pies, shortbread
Bring & Buy
Festive Goods, Cakes, Jams etc for sale

KEEP FIT CLASSES

Every Wednesday 10.00 till 11.00 in Soberton Village Hall. We will break for Christmas after class on the 13th December and begin again Wednesday 10th January 2018.

HITTING THE COLD SPOTS

David is the local Age Concern Hampshire 'Village Agent' volunteer for Soberton and Newtown. His role is to help older people in their local community to find information and services
He can also assist with keeping warm this winter with the aid of Hampshire County Council's, 'Hitting the Cold Spots' Campaign

How can we help?

- Visits from Advisors offering advice and practical support
- Support with emergency heating measures (electric oiled filled radiators) if you are without heating
- Help to access funding where available for boiler repairs and replacements
- Help to access funding for first time central heating
- Access to small grant support to help cope with winter emergencies

Other services

- Practical support and advice with debt, money and benefits
- Free home safe and well visits, which can include a carbon monoxide detector, smoke detector and a fire safety plan
- Assistance to switch your energy provider or fuel tariff to help save money on your fuel bills

Contact us today

- Call the Hampshire information line where our friendly team of advisors will be available to offer information and advice

TEL: 0800 804 8601 Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm

Email: staywarm@environmentcentre.com

Web: www.hants.gov.uk/cold-spots

Please call David on 01329 835122 if you'd like any more information on the 'Hitting the Cold Spots' campaign, or if he is unavailable call Age Concern Hampshire on 0800 328 7154 or email villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

MUSICIANS

CHRISTMAS EVE– Children's Nativity and candle light service at 6.00pm

We look forward to welcoming musicians to play at this service – if you play an instrument do join us – practice at 5.15 in the Church.

If you are coming please let Norman Chapman know 01489 877378 or email norman@soberton.org.uk

I look forward to seeing you all again.

Norman

The Soberton and Newtown Local History Society

Is proud to be organising **A Memorial Lecture**



in honour of our founder

Mary Burgess

on

Thursday, March 8th

in Soberton Village Hall at 7.30pm

We are thrilled to announce that the guest speaker is to be

Andy McConnell

"Antiques Roadshow" Expert

Who will present

5000 Years of Glass



The evening is being generously supported by David Burgess and the Burgess family.

There is no charge, but entry is by ticket only

with numbered seats as we anticipate a full house for this popular speaker.

Mr McConnell wishes us to support his charity ARRCC, aiding disabled people in Kent, so a raffle will be held for them.

Tickets available from January 12th, from

Jill Woodacre (tel 01489 877768 ; 1, Glencoe Cottages, opposite the Village Hall) or

Jane Salmon (01489 878659, Meoncrest, High St, Soberton)

St Clair's Meadow Sub-committee Report

We hope you have already heard the good news that the 39-acre St Clair's Water Meadow was purchased at the end of September 2017 by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT) following successful fund-raising by the local community and a substantial Biffa Award under the Landfill Communities Fund scheme.



**Hampshire &
Isle of Wight
Wildlife Trust**

Following the amazing turn-out of residents at the Public Meeting in St Peter's Church in September to discuss the future of St Clair's Meadow you were promised an update.

The Parish Council has set up a sub-committee to liaise with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT).

The members of this sub-committee are: Jane Masterman (chair) as member of the Parish Council, Hugh Pringle, who has been involved from the start of negotiations and is a member of SoberNewts, and Jane Beardmore, who not only represents the dog walkers of the parish but is also a resident of West Street which is the road that will be most affected by what happens in the meadow.

This sub-committee is your contact point to ensure that all your views about the future of St Clair's Meadow are passed on to HIWWT and are considered in the draft plan.

To have your say in the preparation of the draft plan please go to the Parish Council website at www.soberton.org and click on the **St Clair's Meadow Consultation** tab (under the photo) and you will find regular updates about the meadow and instructions for sending your comments to the sub-committee.

The draft plan will be published early in the New Year on the Parish Council website (via the same tab) and you will be invited to make comments on it during a one month consultation period.

The HIWWT will present the completed plan for the meadow at a

Public Meeting in Soberton Village Hall

on Monday 26th March at 7.30pm.

There will also be an opportunity at this meeting to become a Friend of St Clair's Meadow and to become a volunteer or member of the HIWWT.

NEW ST PETER'S APRONS NOW AVAILABLE!

Royal Blue with white print of the church and a double pocket Polyester/cotton and wash well
Made in the UK £9 each All profits to FOSP Good gifts for Christmas!

Please contact Sandra 01489 877978 email barry596@btinternet.com



The Benefice of St Peter's Soberton and Holy Trinity Newtown

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017

Sunday 17th December

1000 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Peter's

1830 Carols by Candlelight at Holy Trinity

CHRISTMAS EVE

1000 Parish Communion at Holy Trinity

1800 Children's Candlelight and Nativity at St Peter's

2230 Midnight Communion at St Peter's

CHRISTMAS DAY

0930 Joint Parish Communion and Carols at Holy Trinity

Sunday 31st December

1000 Joint Parish Communion at St Peter's

*We look forward to welcoming you all to these services
as we celebrate Advent and Christmas*

DECEMBER 2017

Saturday 2 nd	1030	FOSP Coffee morning	Church Room
Sunday 3rd Advent Sunday	1000	Parish Communion and Rocs	St Peter's
Tuesday 5 th	1400	U3A	Wickham Centre
Wednesday 6 th	2000	Ladies' Group	Church Room
Friday 8 th	12.30	Lunch Club (note new date)	Church Room
Sunday 10th Advent two	0930 1100	Parish Communion Matins	Holy Trinity St Peter's
Sunday 10 th	1500	Adult Wreath Workshop	Guide Hut
Monday 11 th		Brownies & Guides Carol Singing	Heath Road
Tuesday 12 th Tuesday 12 th		MV Flower Club Members' Lunch 1930 Play Reading Group	Hambledon Meon Hall
Wednesday 13 th	1900	Film Club	Church Room
Thursday 14 th Thursday 14 th	1845 1900	Carols & Cheer MV Garden Club Skittles	Rookesbury Southwick Park
Sunday 17th Advent three	1000 1830	Nine Lessons & Carols Carols by Candlelight	St Peter's Holy Trinity
Monday 18 th Monday 18 th	1800 2000	Pre-teens craft Workshop 'Allo, 'Allo casting	Guide Hut SVH
Tuesday 19 th	1400	U3A	Wickham Centre
Friday 22 nd	1000	Christmas Craft Workshop	Church Room
Sunday 24th Christmas Eve	1000 1800 1130	Joint Parish Communion Children's Candlelight & Nativity Midnight Communion	Holy Trinity St Peter's St Peter's
Monday 25th Christmas Day	0930	Joint Parish Communion & Carols	Holy Trinity
Sunday 31st Christmas 1	1000	Joint Parish Communion	St Peter's

JANUARY 2018

Friday 5 th	12.30	Lunch Club	Church Room
Saturday 6 th		Christmas tree chipping	
Sunday 7th Baptism of Christ	1000	Parish Communion & Rocs	St Peter's
Monday 8 th	1900	RBL	Droxford Hall
Tuesday 9 th	1930	Play Reading Group	Meon Hall
Saturday 13 th	2000	Ladies' Group Party	SVH
Sunday 14th Epiphany 2	0930 1100	Parish Communion Matins	Holy Trinity St Peter's
Monday 15th	1800	MAGAZINE COPY DEADLINE	
Tuesday 16 th	1400	U3A	Wickham Centre
Sunday 21st Epiphany 3	1000	Joint Parish Communion	Holy Trinity
Sunday 28th Presentation of Christ	0930 1100	Parish Communion Parish Communion	Holy Trinity St Peter's
Tuesday 30 th	1400	U3A	Wickham Centre

FEBRUARY 2018

Friday 2 nd	12.30	Lunch Club	Church Room
Sunday 4th 2 nd before Lent	1000	Parish Communion & Rocs	St Peter's
Tuesday 6 th	1345	MV Flower Club	Hambledon



Casting for 'Allo, 'Allo

Monday 18th December

As the parish magazine goes to press, our brilliant cast of "My Fair Lady" are preparing to meet their audience. If you read this in time you might just be lucky enough to get a ticket for the Saturday 2nd December matinee or evening performance. Email tickets@sobertonplayers.co.uk or ring the Box Office on 07802 791615 to check availability. Tickets are £8 for adults and £4 for children.

Then with scarcely time to draw breath after what we hope will be another rip-roaring success for Soberton Players, we need to crack on with the casting for our next production – a revival of one of our greatest hits, "Allo, 'Allo" which will be on stage from 22nd to 24th March 2018

We last staged this hilarious comedy in March 2004 and have been longing to reprise it ever since. It's a large cast with lots of delicious cameos as well as some strong character parts, so if you have ever felt the urge to join in one of our productions this could be absolutely the right time to do so. We are a very friendly group and always give a warm welcome to new members, so do come and give us a try.

Casting is on Monday 18th December at 8pm in Soberton Village Hall.
If you are busy on 18th December but would like to be involved, contact the director, Caroline Barfoot on caroline.barfoot@solent.ac.uk

Important Date for your diary

Please note: **Children's Week 2018** will be

Tuesday 24th July to Friday 27th July

Just 4 days, to fit in with the School term dates

If you can help with planning/organising next year, we would love to hear from you. Starting in January, and meeting once a month until July, we will be looking at themes, activities and our day out. So any ideas, suggestions or help would be gratefully received.

Our email address is: sncweek@gmail.com

Children's Week is an activity week for children (from yr1 to yr7) who live in Soberton and Newtown Parishes, and is supported by the local churches: Holy Trinity, Newtown and St Peter's, Soberton.

Look out for details in the spring parish magazine.

The application form will be in the June 2018 edition.

With Best Wishes from **The CW Leadership Team**

Midweek Stress Buster

If you like singing and meeting lovely people you are most welcome to join us.
We meet on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of each month
at Droxford Village Hall at 7.30pm.

We are very much a community choir and explore the lighter side of the repertoire.
We range from experienced singers to those who have never sung in a choir
before.

To find out more go to **www.singandtonic.org.uk**.



Meon Valley Garden Club

The Autumn plant sale in October was well attended, lots of plants were for sale and there was an opportunity for members to catch up over a cuppa. Thank you to everyone who donated plants and helped on the day.

We were to visit Exbury gardens in October but, due to storm Brian, it had to be cancelled, which was a shame for all those who were looking forward to the trip.

Next year's programme is now prepared; it is a mixture of talks, visits and social events. I hope you will come to as many as you can.

The committee would like to thank all members for their support this year and hope this will continue into 2018. Here's to a successful gardening year!

If you would like 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 December/January

Thursday 14th December

Skittles

Southwick Golf Course 7.00pm

January

No meetings

A Busy Autumn for the Brownies & Guides

So, with just 10 weeks and a whole heap of activities, what did we actually manage to do?

Well, the Brownies...

played games, had a promise evening, held a campfire with Brownies from Bishops Waltham, made scarecrows, watched a film, made a poppy wreath and attended the British Legion Service, helped at our Ploughman's lunch fundraiser, had some animal visitors, made our own collection (of cute baby photos), took part in Parliament Week, played games, oh and are having a Christmas craft party!!!

and the Guides (in just half the time!)

went trampolining, played board games, had a debate for Parliament Week, did 8 challenges for Booms-a-Daisy challenge over 2 sessions which included chocolate!, attended the Remembrance Service, served soup for the Ploughman's Lunch, made Christmas crafts and will be helping at the Churches' Christmas workshop.

And as if that is not enough, to finish the term we will be joining forces to go

Carol Singing along Heath Road on **Monday 11th December**.

Our chosen charity is Childreach International, in support of our Young Leader Victoria.

Our next project... well let's see what inspiration Santa brings.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Ploughman's Lunch in November

– the money raised will be spent on the upkeep of the hut.

If you would like to get involved with the Brownie or Guide units, please give me a ring on 01489 877430, or email sobertonnewtonbrownies@gmail.com.

'More helpers mean more girls can join in the fun'.

Have a good Christmas xx

Caroline Rogers

Mandy Cleeve

Karen Turnock

Brownie & Guide Leader

Brownie Leader

Guide Leader

Christian Aid Sponsored Walk 2018 20th May 2018

The Walk will begin at St Nicholas Church Hall, Southwick Road, Wickham PO17 6HP.

Car parking will be available in the church car park 100 yards on the left beyond the church or alternatively in and around the village.

Choice of walks...10 miles, 5 miles and Family Walk. Dogs welcome *on leads*.

All walks will start at 1.45. Registration will be from 1pm. (No picnic is planned this year due to previous very small numbers.) Complimentary tea and cake at the end of the walk.

Individual 'Parish Contacts' can expect sponsor forms and posters at the latest by early February.

Point of contact for information or concerns – Anna Sketchley 01329 847095

anna.sketchley@gmail.com

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.

Soberton & Newtown Ladies' Group

In October Gill Holland gave us a wonderful and varied demonstration making canapés. They tasted delicious! At the beginning of November Jackie Hunt told us about the origins and work of Street Pastors and particularly her activities in Portsmouth. It was an eye opener.

The meeting on 6th December is in the Church room, Soberton. Zoe Phillips will be helping us with Craft for Christmas. We will start the festive season with mulled wine and mince pies.

The New Year's Party is to be held on 13th January 2018 in Soberton Village Hall. This is open to husbands, partners or a guest.

New members are always welcome. Further details from
Liz Whales tel:01489 877712 lizwhales@aol.com

MEON VALLEY PLAY READING GROUP

"It's like being in a Radio Play"

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

Just a fun evening, reading a different play at each meeting.

A charge of £3 pays for rent, coffee, etc.

We meet on 2nd Tuesday each month at 7.30pm in the Meon Hall

The next dates are 12 December 2017 and 9 January 2018.

More details? 'Phone Paul or Gerry Hayles – 01489 878589

16 YEAR OLD LOOKING FOR A PART LOAN

Preferably free (in exchange for yard work) but this is negotiable. I can do a few hours on a Sunday and an evening during the week.

Having done Saddle Club for 2 years I can tack-up and un-tack, groom, catch from field, turn out, lead, poo-pick and muck out.

I am able to walk, trot and canter confidently.

I am looking for a **15-16 hand horse** located within a 15 minute drive (approx 10 miles) from Soberton.

CONTACT GRACE ON 01489 877713

Broadband Blues

Openreach may have rebranded their vans with Superfast Broadband logos but for many of us in rural locations with a dwindling internet speed it seems another hollow promise on top of the often inconsistent information about when a decent internet service will arrive, if at all. The 'cabinet lottery' has meant that some areas are already upgraded to a superfast broadband while houses only a few hundred of yards away languish with an unacceptable service. This is way short of the government's commitment to giving every premise in the UK a 2Mbps download speed by the end of 2015, and for outlying communities with no prospect of gaining the service being cajoled to arrange self-funding schemes it must be doubly frustrating. Whether being vocal on the matter has any influence on the Openreach planners is hard to judge but either way at least Peter O'Sullivan's campaign for Droxford and Meonstoke is a prime example of how to keep spirits high before the engineers arrived, which they did!

Even if a new fibre cable does reach your local cabinet there is still no firm promise that all premises will get faster broadband as part of commercial rollout, so for residents with kids struggling to get their homework done or whose business may be suffering, finding a viable solution may be getting ever more critical. It might help things if Openreach was able to deliver a part cable, part microwave solution but that, apparently, is not part of their remit. For those motivated to look elsewhere a possible solution is being offered by Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), part of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, via Hampshire Superfast Broadband. Anyone with a download speed of less than 2Mbps can apply for a subsidy to help cover the cost of hardware installation for a wireless or satellite internet service, but is this an affordable long term solution as it should be or just a distraction?

Applying for the subsidy is straightforward enough and once accepted one is issued with a voucher to partly cover the cost of the hardware required. The voucher is valid for just 60 days and a long list of potential service suppliers is provided for you to do the donkeywork to find an acceptable contract, but it soon becomes evident that not all of these service providers are able to reach your location with the technology they use.

The services on offer vary, including satellite to a dish on the side of your house, terrestrial microwave transmission from a mast to an external aerial, or from the 4G mobile phone network, either direct to an indoor router if signal strength is good, or with an additional external aerial if it's low. Each option has an associated set up cost, and while satellite internet is more readily available at most locations it has latency issues (a slight signal lag to you and me) so may not be ideal for keen online gamers, plus it does not provide complementary telephone services, i.e. you will still need your landline for non-mobile phone calls.

To receive the internet by microwave broadband 'line of sight' is required, and early hopes for a locally managed service for Soberton and Newtown have been delayed due to the difficulty of establishing relay stations on high buildings. Even so it appears that installation costs would be quite high and to be viable another potential supplier said it might require a dozen properties in a village location to take up the service.

The option of 4G mobile internet, even though some areas have patchy mobile phone coverage, may still be viable as it is a separate signal from the GSM telephone transmission although the choice of network may be limited because of different mast locations. O2's 'Tugo' or other similar internet booster systems are of no help as they are channeling the GSM element via landline, but recent enquiries suggest that EE is the front runner for 4G internet for properties in the Newtown area. This is yet to be proven and I hear that there have been some service issues recently.

Whichever type of service you chose the monthly cost is likely to be significantly higher than your current ISP deal via the Openreach telephone network, and while domestic users might buck at this, for businesses it may be an acceptable price to pay if productivity is improved.

A recent email I received from Hampshire Superfast Broadband saying that Church Road in Newtown should be connected by FTTP (Fibre to the Premises) by January 2019 makes it tempting to hang on for another year, but the reality is that there is still no guarantee all premises will be reached. Of the options mentioned, for me, if mobile internet can deliver a reliable service to my location it would seem the ideal and also portable solution, but I'm not holding my breath!

Any feedback from readers with experience on the subject would be most welcome.

Jonty Sherwill.

PRIVATE HENRY TANDEY VC

“An amazing and truly moving evening”

Soberton was privileged to be selected to stage the premiere performance of the musical story surrounding the actions of Private Henry Tandey VC during the First World War.

The premiere was staged in the village hall, early in October in front of a record, sell out audience.

It is a factual story of glorious bravery, with a cruel twist of fate that unfairly left a stain on Henry's name. His acts of bravery and subsequent commendations are there in the pages of history for all to see. But his momentary lack of action, albeit for an honorable reason, on 28th September 1918, linked Henry's name forever to one of history's most evil figures. For it was on this day, that Henry Tandey may have had the opportunity to shoot a young German infantryman, Adolf Hitler. But the soldier was wounded and Henry was honorable. He lowered his rifle and waved the wounded soldier away. The rest, they say, is history.

This amazing musical was written by local Newtown musician, Mike Grogan who also sings, plays the guitar and the banjo. Robert Martin, another renowned local musician, playing the violin, ably supports him providing a series of plaintive melodies which greatly heightened the play's many poignant moments.

The role of Henry Tandey VC is brilliantly played by local actor, Ben Bracken. His sympathetic handling of this complex role was a joy to behold and had the audience totally enthralled throughout the whole of the evening.

Another well known local actor, John Rowlinson, played the part of Brigadier Sir John Smyth VC. Yet again, John gave an outstanding performance that was much appreciated and enjoyed by the audience, who left the evening both enlightened and enthralled by the story and the manner in which it had been portrayed.

The musical now goes on tour in the South with a further eleven performances at various venues throughout Hampshire during October and November culminating in an appearance at the Shaftesbury Arts Centre on 11th November, the evening of Remembrance Day. There are then plans for it to go out to a wider audience in 2018 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the actual event.

Mike Grogan is to be congratulated on not only having written the musical and the songs that accompany the story, but in having arranged for the performance to take place across various venues in Hampshire and further afield. He should also be commended for choosing Soberton as the venue for the premiere showing.

In writing the musical, Mike has captured the essence of Henry Tandey, but more is to be discovered by those set upon the worthy task of delving deeper into the life of this true British hero.

Paul Clarke

CORRECTION

In the last edition of the Magazine, the back page featured a photograph of The Plough Inn. The correct order of the three people standing in front are: l-r Vic Mitchell, Gilbert Cleeve Snr and Bill Long. Also, the flint building next to The Bold Forester was incorporated into the extension and not demolished as stated. Our thanks to Mandy Cleeve and others. The History Society is always interested in the accuracy of our records and always happy to receive comments and information.



Meon Valley

Meetings are held at the Wickham Centre, Wickham twice a month, usually on the first and third Tuesdays. Meetings are free to members when the speaker is a member or £1 for guest speakers. Visitors are welcome at a cost of £2 per talk. New members are welcome.

Our October meetings concerned topics in America and here in Hampshire. The first talk, 'Crossing America by Model T' given by Peter Yeoman, told us about the history of Henry Ford's motor car and the subsequent Centenary drive across America from east to west. This was divided in to sections and various Model T cars and trucks took part. The Model T was so versatile it was even converted into a tractor for farm work. Did you know some were made here in England? Jill Daniels gave a talk on the river Itchen over the centuries including the famous story of the Tichbourne Dole, the giving of bread and then flour to its inhabitants. The Itchen was important for the wool trade and other industries which led to the creation of the Itchen navigation.

Wickham Centre, Mill Lane; Tuesdays, at 2.00pm

December and January Meetings:

5 th December	Power From The Sun	Mike Hollis, Branch Member
19 th December	Jane Austen Miscellany	Brian Barrett, Branch Officer
16 th January	Neville Shute	David Dawson Taylor, Neville Shute Society
30 th January	A View of Denmark	Beryl Pyecroft, Branch Member

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, Bridge, Strolling and World Faiths.

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

The Meon Valley Flower Club.

December 12th: Christmas Lunch, in Hambledon Village Hall. Members only.

No meeting in January.

The AGM will be held on **Tuesday 6th February 2018** in Hambledon Village Hall, 1.45pm for 2.00pm. All welcome. There will be a short talk by Jane Pepys on " Fascinators ", how to make them.

Droxford Junior School

News round-up from Miss Sarah Jacobs, Deputy Headteacher



Precious Places

We are always keen to make the most of our beautiful environment and, recently, have been lucky enough to work with the education team from The South Downs National Park. The team helped teachers to create the plan for the Year 5&6 Precious Places topic.

As part of this work, our intrepid staff and children set off on a 7 mile walk from Droxford to Old Winchester Hill and back, stopping for a picnic lunch along the way. The children returned to school tired but with a real sense of achievement.

Cool Planet Week

Our theme for Cool Planet Week this year was 'Localities'. All the children across the school worked together. They researched different countries online, and through our library - going on to create country 'fact files'. Banknotes were designed and an old bundle of airmail envelopes, from as far back as the



1890's, provided inspiration for the children - in drama to create the stories behind these letters, and in English to write their own letters and postcards.

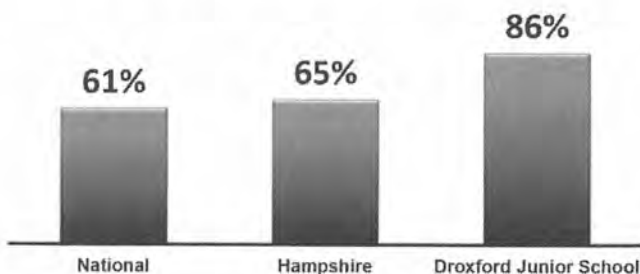
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Sports News

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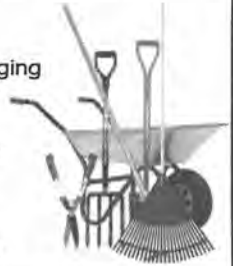
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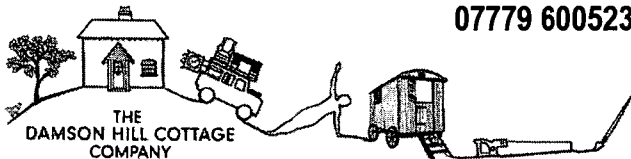
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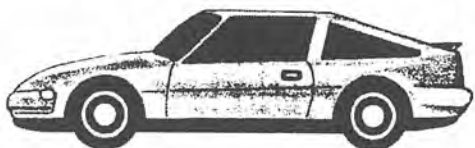
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Sue Wells, Newtown Coordinator

SOBERTON

Many thanks to those kind collectors who made house to house visits on behalf of the Poppy Appeal this year and also, of course, to those who generously donated. **We raised £962** towards this thoroughly worthwhile cause.

These funds will make a real difference to supporting those who have given service to our country.

I feel very fortunate to live in such a supportive village. Thank you again.

Anthony McEwen (Soberton Poppy Coordinator)

The total for **the Royal British Legion Droxford Branch was £5,003.28** many thanks to Paul our local organiser for his support.

Dear Resident

You may have read in the Press that the former Leader and Chairman of Hampshire County Council, Honorary Alderman Ken Thornber CBE passed away recently following illness. Ken Thornber served on Hampshire County Council for 40 years. He was Leader of the County Council from 1999 to 2013, and Chairman in 2013/14. In 1993 he was awarded the CBE for services to politics and the public. His lifelong and distinguished contribution to the public life in Hampshire was again recognised in 2005, when he was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by Winchester University in the context of health and policing as well as his work with Hampshire County Council. Ken served the people of Hampshire with diligence and commitment and was a hugely respected politician, both locally and nationally.



Children in Care

Hampshire County Council has opened five new children's homes across the County, with a sixth soon to be completed - providing a better home environment to some of the County's most vulnerable children. The new homes will have much lower running costs, benefiting from 21st century, energy-efficient building techniques and technologies such as solar power. The redesign was also an opportunity to choose the best possible locations for vulnerable children to grow up in. All the homes are near to good transport links, within walking distance of schools and also within easy reach of local amenities and leisure activities, enabling young people to develop their independence safely.

School Dinners

The Council has agreed an increase of 15p for a two course school dinner. This will come into effect from September 2018 and will bring the price per meal in line with those charged by many other local authorities, as well as the Department for Education's funding for free meals, which is set at £2.30. In the last school year, HC3S, the County Council's award winning catering business, cooked and served over 14 million school meals in Hampshire's primary and secondary schools.

Energy Savings

Hampshire County Council is lighting the way to energy savings by replacing 75% of light fittings in its buildings with low energy LEDs. The light replacement project is part of a wider energy saving programme which has seen the County Council reduce its carbon emissions by 38.1% since 2010 – saving around £30 million in energy costs in total.

Switching to LED lighting makes perfect economic and environmental sense – reducing energy and maintenance costs by £240,000 a year, as well as lowering carbon emissions. The County Council are well on track to reaching their 40% carbon reduction target by 2025, with the ultimate aim of being carbon neutral by 2050.

The light replacement project is part of the County Council's £2.7 million investment in to its Energy and Carbon Management Programme, which also includes:

- Investigating the feasibility of converting its small vehicle fleet from diesel to electric on a phased basis
- Installation of approximately 40 new electric vehicle charging points at sites to be finalised, in addition to the 14 charging points already owned by the County Council
- Trial of local and bulk battery storage either in conjunction with existing solar arrays or by purchasing at off peak tariffs - subject to a positive business case and viable return on investment.

As well as saving around £30 million in energy costs since 2010, the County Council has also reduced its carbon tax charges by £330,000 since the start of the programme

Hampshire Finances

You will know from my previous reports that, following a reduction in the Government's revenue support grant, inflation and the rising costs of social care, a total of £140 million savings have to be found by April 2019. Council is now considering proposals for achieving this and Government is being lobbied to allow charging per visit at household waste and recycling centres [HWRCs]. If we were able to charge, the local authority could raise up to £4 million and this may prevent some HWRCs from closing. Hampshire currently provides more HWRCs than comparable authorities with almost 85% of the population currently within five miles of an HWRC. 26 HWRCs are listed on the Council's website.

Trading Standards

Hampshire County Council Trading Standards have helped vulnerable residents recoup more than £2 million from scams and mis-sold goods and services. Since 2009, the service's Safeguarding Team have helped around 800 Hampshire residents subjected to financial abuse by preventing payments to criminals, cancelling ongoing subscriptions for unnecessary services or by arranging refunds. Local residents can also help protect their families, friends and neighbours by becoming a 'Friend Against Scams' or a 'Scam Champion'. For further information please email: tsadvice@hants.gov.uk or visit www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk

A Career in Care

The County Council has teamed up with home-care providers to encourage more people to consider a career in care in order to help meet the growing demand. Care workers working for the County Council, or one of the care agencies it commissions, receive full training toward recognised qualifications, paid travel time between appointments, flexible working options and are paid at least the minimum wage, plus 20 per cent. To find out more visit hants.gov.uk/changelives

Hampshire Record Office

Hampshire County Council's Record Office is celebrating 70 years of collecting, preserving and providing access to documents dating back more than 1,000 years – including a rare 10th century Anglo-Saxon charter, Florence Nightingale's letters and Jane Austen's baptism record

The Record Office officially opened on 20 October 1947, in the former premises of a bank in the city's High Street. It relocated to the County Council's Castle Avenue offices in 1959, then to St Thomas's church in 1972, before moving to its current, purpose-built premises on Sussex Street, in 1993. The Record Office offers free on-site and online access to fascinating items, including Poor Law records, title deeds, maps, photographs, diaries and parish registers - all stored in climate-controlled strong rooms. Wessex Film and Sound Archive, also based at the Record Office, brings history to life through 38,000 visual and audio recordings, from late Victorian times to the present day.

Funds for the Community

I have a small budget for funding community related projects across the Division. For example, I have funded Lunch Clubs; Church group; trim trail for a school; music stands and theatre equipment for a school, playgroups; youth groups; Christmas party for village children; trips to the theatre for Golden Years; trips to the pantomime for young people, etc. The group must have a Treasurer and a bank account. To find out more visit <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/grants/county-councillor-grants.htm> and discuss the idea with me before making an application. Only one application per year per group. I look forward to hearing from you.

And finally

I should like to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Patricia Stallard
Executive Member for Public Health,
Supporting Families; Emergency Planning & Resilience
County Councillor for Winchester Southern Parishes
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November 2017 Report from your Winchester City Councillors

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We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WINCHESTER City Council has demonstrated its zero tolerance approach to fly tipping following another successful prosecution in October maintaining its 100% success rate in bringing offenders to account. Please report all fly tipping as soon as you notice it and do not touch anything, as it may be vital evidence that can result in prosecution. We hope that we are sending a clear message to others who think they can flout the law: Winchester will not tolerate fly tipping in its district. We will, wherever it is appropriate, take those we have evidence against through to prosecution.

Boundary Commission for England have your say before the 11 December. A hard copy of the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) proposed changes for the Winchester District could be viewed by visiting the Winchester City Council Reception on Colebrook Street. Or you can have your say and view the proposals online by visiting <https://www.bce2018.org.uk/node/6488>

Plan for Central Winchester Regeneration gets broad approval from public meeting

The plan for the regeneration of central Winchester received broad support when a draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the area was presented to Winchester City Council's Informal Policy Group (IPG) and over 100 members of the public.

The initial draft SPD is available on the [Council's website](http://www.winchester.gov.uk) or visit <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/projects/5744/central-winchester-regeneration> and hard copies can also be collected from the City Council's reception in Colebrook Street which is open Monday to Thursday 8.30am until 5.00pm and Friday 8.30am until 4.30pm.

Timeline (Autumn 2017 to Spring 2018)

ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

KEY: IPG - Information Policy Group SPD – Supplementary Planning Document

Public IPG	>SPD & >	> Drop in	>Overview	> Cabinet	> Formal	> Touring	> Formal	> Final SPD
SPD	Consultation	Exhibition	& Scrutiny	Approval to	Consultation	Exhibition	Consultation	approved by
Presentation	Questions	<u>14 Nov</u>	Committee	commence	begins.Launch	across district	Ends	Cabinet
<u>30 Oct</u>	available to	4-8pm	<u>27 Nov</u>	Formal	exhibition	<u>11-16 Jan</u>	<u>5 Feb</u>	Spring/Summer
	Public <u>31 Oct</u>	Guildhall		Consultation	<u>11 Dec</u>			2018
				6 Dec	2-9 pm	Guildhall		

The Winchester City Council website has a new look and hopefully more user friendly. To view the website <http://www.winchester.gov.uk>. It is divided up with all blue icons being online tasks like reporting Fly Tipping, Missed bins, Pot Holes, Drain Problems, Noise and Light issues and many more and all the red icons services.

General Enquiry Use this form to submit a request.	Garden waste bags - new or rep... Use this form	Report bin collection problems. Report bin	Housing Repair Reporting Report	Fly Tipping Report items dumped in public areas
Abandoned Vehicle Report a vehicle that	Grass cutting Request for grass cutting Please note	Order a waste and recycling ca... Waste and	Complaints, Complaints & suggestions Please	Pest Problem Report pest problems to us
Litter Request street cleaning	Dead Animal Please report all animals killed and left	Dog Fouling Report dog fouling on the footpath or a	Dogs - Lost or stray Report lost or stray dogs	Housing & Council Tax Benefit Any
Bus Stop Report problems with bus stops	Drain Problem Report blocked drains and	Empty Properties Report empty & derelict	Food Hygiene Reporting food hygiene issues	Graffiti Report graffiti in public places
Health and Safety Please report all health and	Leaf clearing Report areas to be cleared of leaves	Leisure Centres Report issues at local	Fly Poster Report illegal fly posters	Noise or light problems Report nuisance
Park Areas Report problems in our park	Parking - car parks Report problems in	Parking pay and display Report problems with	Planning Breaches Please report any	Potholes Please report all instances of potholes on
Public Conveniences Report issues with public	Public Rights Of Way Please report any issues	Street Report Report street problems, pavements.	Street Light Text Report faulty street lights	Library Report issues to your library

Remember to RECYCLE RIGHT especially with the all the packaging that we need to dispose of over Christmas For more information on what can be recycled please visit <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-recycling/recycling-collection>

To download your 2018 refuse collection calendar follow the link below or click on the Find our when your bin is collected on the home page of the website.
<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/bins>

Nottingham Knockers We have had reports of cold calling selling in the Meon Valley. The advice from the crime prevention team is that whenever you get an unexpected knock on the door, please check to see who is on the other side of you door before opening it. What are Nottingham Knockers? They are doorstep callers who target areas offering small household products for sale. Sometimes called 'Nottingham Knockers' these callers may claim to be ex-convicts attempting to mend their ways, however Nottingham Knockers are not part of any recognised rehabilitation scheme.

Please warn your neighbours, particularly elderly or vulnerable neighbours, not to open the door to strangers or buy or sell on the doorstep. Some doorstep callers may offer poor quality goods at inflated prices and if a caller is not genuine, they may be gathering information for future crime.

Please keep in mind that if cold callers don't get any sales in your area, they are less likely to return. For more information <https://www.safelocaltrades.com/consumers/advice/nottingham-knockers>

Visit **Winchester's Christmas Market**. The market is recognized as one of the best in Europe and loved for its unique location—nestled beside the cathedral in its historic close and surrounding a real ice rink. Find chalets manned by high quality exhibitors, including leading charities, hand-picked for their interesting and exclusive products. The focus on British crafts, independent traders and artisan festive foods, as well as regular performances by local choirs, really does make this market stand out from the rest. It runs until 22nd December: and is open from 10am 'til 6pm Sunday to Wednesday and 10am 'til 7.30pm Thursday to Saturday – telephone 01962 857 200.

Parking in Winchester at Christmas 2017.

Additional capacity

- Capacity at South Winchester Park and Ride has increased from 807 spaces to 857 spaces.
- Friarsgate car park is now providing an additional 72 spaces.
- BID members are being asked whether they would like to use Hampshire County Council's basement level in Tower Street at weekends.
- Winchester City Council depot is being used for additional coach parking and Marwell and University of Winchester are on standby should there be additional needs (although coaches have to book in advance).

Park and ride

Extra Park and Ride services will run from Monday 20 November until Saturday 23 December 2017. These services will run at least every 10 minutes until 6pm, then every 20 minutes until 8.30pm, Monday to Saturday. At peak times P&R services will be every 7.5 minutes.

Winchester City Council has arranged for Stagecoach to provide five additional bus services for the Westgate and the hospital between 3.30pm and 5.30pm each weekday.

There will also be free Sunday shuttles from the East (St Catherine's and Barfield) and South Park and Rides to The Broadway. Sunday services will run from 9am to 6.30pm. They will be every ten minutes from East Park and Rides and every 15 minutes from South Park and Ride on Sunday 26 November, 3, 10, and 17 December 2017. There is no Sunday Park and Ride service from Pitt.

Christmas holiday timetable for P and R services:

Saturday 23 December	Enhanced service
Sunday 24 December	No service
Christmas Day	No service
Boxing Day	No service
Wednesday 27 December	Saturday service
Thursday 28 December	Saturday service
Friday 29 December	Saturday service
Saturday 30 December	Saturday service
Sunday 31 December	No service
New Year's Day	No service
Tuesday 2 January 2018	Normal service

Location Puzzles

One of the frustrating things about village history prior to the end of the 19th century is locating a particular property as there were virtually no addresses. Even the census enumerators, although local men, did not agree on the name of a location. What we know as School Hill was, at different census, referred to as Soberton Village, High Street, Upper Street or simply 'road leading to village church'. The High Street as we know it was sometimes just 'Soberton' or Soberton Lane. Cold Hill is mostly named although it would appear to cover a larger area than we think of today as Cole Hill. Apart from the named 'large' farms the only other area where the address is conclusive is Hundred Acres.

There is one document however which, with its attendant map, does help locate although not always name a property and that is the Tithe Map of 1842. The whole parish was surveyed for the purpose of amending the way tithes were collected. Every house, cottage, barn, field, wood, orchard, road and even part of the river was recorded. The name of the owner, the occupier and in the case of fields whether it was arable, pasture or wooded was noted and valued. There were 851 entries which corresponded to 851 numbers on the Tithe Map. It should be easy then to find where every household listed on the 1841 census lived but it is not so simple because many properties have multiple occupants. For example no 183 is owned by the Lord of the Manor, H.J.B Minchin and occupied by Thomas Lawrence and Another. (No 182 is the White Lion). No.183 is obviously shared occupancy but it might not be with just one other household.

Sale Notices are equally unhelpful. The following advertisement of 1807 comes from a local paper but imagine it was in a national newspaper.

Forest of Bere, Hants To be Let to the Highest Bidder, for the term of 7 or 14 years, either together or separate, 2 small Estates. One comprising a Dwelling house, Farming buildings and an extensive **Brick Kiln**, situate in the Forest of East Bere, with 30 acres 9r 0p of rich Meadow and Arable land, and some valuable privileges, extending over a purlieu of 200 acres in the said forest, besides Commonable Rights over such forest.

The other consisting of a neat Dwelling house with necessary outbuildings situate at Mislingford, parish of Soberton, within or near the confines of the said forest of East Bere, and of 39 acres + of extremely rich watered and dry Meadow known by the name of Kings Meads and 3 acres of good Arable land, known by the name of Mislingford Field, and extensive Common right over the said forest appertaining to the said premises.

The above estates are in the occupation of **Mr. Hoad**, or his under-tenants and will be shown by **Mr. Pafford** at the Brick Kiln and **Mr. Hatch** of Soberton

Hampshire Telegraph & Sussex Chronicle Mon 23rd Nov 1807 issue 424

The second lot gives a better indication of its location but is still difficult to pinpoint. Mislingford Field may have been abbreviated to Ford Field by 1842 and recorded in the Tithe Apportionment as next to the Turnpike Road, aka. the A32. But the house and farm buildings may have been some distance away.

One would assume that the first relates to Clamp Kiln Farm as that is the known site of brick making in the parish and at this date it would still have been in the confines of the Forest of Bere. A Mr. Pafford, brickmaker, was in this area at the time of the 1841 census. Brickmaking had been carried out in the parish since at least 1643 and one wonders if there might have been some workings at Kiln Hill.

Even in more recent years there was some surprise when an official sign went up announcing the name of Selworth Lane and even more when local residents discovered that Heath Road extended down to the A32. On this latter HCC don't seem to be too sure because some literature still uses the old name of Stoneover Road.

Ann Pendred

Local History Society

There is no meeting in December.

100 years ago...



.... Between 20th November and 7th December 1917, the First Battle of Cambrai was fought. Initial British success was due to massed use of tanks, achieving surprise and overwhelming well-prepared German barbed wire and entrenched defences. After the triumph of the 1st day mechanical unreliability of the British Mark IV tank, together with accurate German artillery and robust infantry defence, took its toll. After the 2nd day, less than half the initial force of 476 tanks were operational. Rapid reinforcement of the German lines then led to a massive counterattack, but the result of the battle was inconclusive with casualties on each side exceeding 40,000. Cambrai, however, remains significant as the first major all-arms engagement using massed tanks, artillery and close air support, together with infantry and mounted cavalry.

Although Leonardo da Vinci designed something resembling a tank in 1482 and H G Wells wrote his prophetic novel *Land Ironclads* in 1903, it was Winston Churchill as First Lord of the Admiralty who championed development of an armoured 'land ship' to help break the stalemate of the Western Front. Initially a naval project, the term 'tank' (the hulls resembled steel water tanks) was adopted for security purposes. The project utilised recent Royal Naval Air Service experience of operating armoured cars and mounting guns in steel hulls drew inspiration from centre batteries in pre-Dreadnought warships; this connection would continue with later development of rotating gun turrets.

After a few unsuccessful prototypes, the rhomboidal-shaped Great War tank (as pictured) evolved with His Majesty's Land-Ship (HML-S) *Centipede* beginning trials in January 1916. Also known as 'Mother', her trials were sufficiently successful to spawn an initial order for 100 Mark I tanks. Subsequently, these and later Marks were fitted out as 'male' or 'female' variants: the former mounted 2 six-pounder (57mm) naval cannon and 3 machine guns, and the latter 5 machine guns. Ironically, 'Mother' was re-classified as male! Each tank had a crew of 8 but, travelling at barely infantry pace (max 4 mph), they lacked the speed to fully exploit opportunities on the battlefield. Carbon monoxide fumes were also a major problem for crews.

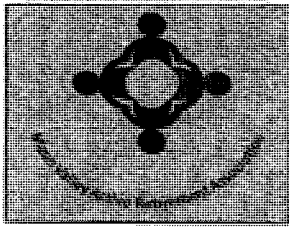
After the Great War, Britain reverted to her former role as a colonial power and tank development was largely neglected. The value of tanks had not been lost on the Germans however, who utilised their tactical mobility, armoured protection and firepower to create the formidable *Panzer* divisions of World War 2. With supporting air power and mechanised infantry, these would spearhead the Third Reich's conquests across Europe. The infamous *Blitzkrieg* or lightning war was born.

With modern UK's emphasis on light, readily deployable sea- or air-portable forces, tank development has again been relegated to the 'back burner' and the current Challenger 2 main battle tank (MBT) may prove to be our last. Any further developments may be limited to tracked or wheeled armoured infantry fighting and reconnaissance vehicles with air or surface launched missiles countering hostile MBTs.

On Monday 8th January 2018 at 1900 in Droxford Village Hall, Roger Crowley (naval historian and author) will be talking to us on "*Venice's maritime empire – a model for Pax Britannica*". Non-members will be very welcome to join us. Please see the parish website for further details of the Branch's programme for 2018.



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/rblweb.



MEON VALLEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

December 2017/January 2018

Exercise Class: St. Peter's Church Hall Bishop's Waltham Every Monday from 10:00 to 11:15
NB: No class on December 4th, December 18th or January 1st Cost per individual 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: First Monday of the Month December 4th 12:15 for 12:30 **NB: No meeting in January** Contact Organiser Chriszena Strachan 01489 893719 by the previous Monday for venue and to book a place. Please note that there may be a waiting list

IT learning classes: The Silver Room, Jubilee Hall, Tuesdays mornings. Subject to demand, IT sessions may start in the New Year so if you are interested please contact the organiser Ian Wynne-Powell Wynnepowell@btinternet.com or telephone him on 01329 833254

Touchtennis: Tuesday mornings from 11:00 to 12:30. Active Academy Tennis introduces sessions based on the philosophy of touchtennis with smaller courts, net, racquets and a slower ball enabling easier movement to reach it. Contact: Sam on 07759 811194

French Conversation: Meetings held on second and fourth Tuesday afternoons from 14:00 in a member's house for a chat in decent French. This is a new activity and there is still room to join. **NB: one meeting in December on 12th. January meetings on 9th and 23rd** Contact: Lyndon Palmer on 01489 896862329

Tai Chi : Jubilee Hall – Gold Room. Wednesday mornings. **NB: There will be one class on December 20th from 09:30 to 10:30 and no class on December 27th** There are two sessions: Beginners/less experienced: 09:00 to 10:00 Experienced: 10:15 to 11:15. Cost per session £4.00 for members; £5.50 for non-members Contact: Cherry Wynne-Powell on 01329 833254

Table Tennis: Priory Park Club House. Wednesday afternoons from 14:00 to 17:00 New members welcome. Cost per session £3.00 for members, £4.50 for non-members. Contact: Les Craddock on 01489 325894

New Age Kurling: Jubilee Hall – Ruby Room – Third Thursday of the month December 14th and January 18th - Sessions run from 14:00 to 16:00. Cost per individual session: members £3.00, non-members £3.50. Contact: Geoff Matthews on 01489 890843

Spanish Lessons: Classes held on Friday mornings at The Stables, Free Street, Bishops Waltham. Spanish I for Beginners: from 09:15 to 10:15. Spanish II from 10:45 to 11:45. **Term finishes on December 15th. New term starts on 5th January.** Call contact 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. **NB: No sessions on December 22nd nor December 29th** 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

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NEWS

Fund raising for a great cause!

The Meon Valley Lions barbeque was busy again this October at the bi-annual Wickham charity beer festival. As well as raising over £700 from the sale of burgers and sausages, we took the opportunity to organise a bucket collection and dedicate the fundraising at this event to a specific project – a special Duet-bike for Ella!

Ella who lives in Shirrell Heath is 10 years old and suffers from Rett Syndrome, a rare neurological disorder resulting in severe mental and physical disability. There is no known cure. The specially adapted bike costs £7,334 and will allow the whole family (including her twin sister) to enjoy time together going on cycle rides, whilst she still has some awareness of her surroundings. The family, with donations from Rotary Club and the Pindar Trust, had already raised £4,419. The Lions intend to make up the remaining £2,915 from the Beer festival BBQ takings, the generous £168 donated in our collection buckets by the drinkers, plus the balance from our charity funds. This means that Ella's family should be able to order the bike in time for Christmas – which is a great result.



Christmas is coming, Santa needs to lose some weight...

Unbelievably, we already find ourselves on the downhill run to Christmas! The Lions are well advanced with planning the annual tour of the Meon Valley villages with Santa and his Sleigh, which has been brought out of storage to be given a wash and a lick of paint for this year's fun! Santa and the Lions will be out and about throughout the month of December, with visits to all the villages from East and West Meon at the top of the valley, to Wickham, Boarhunt and Knowle at the bottom. He'll also be on duty on the Saturday mornings running up to Christmas at Wickham Square, Bishops Waltham High Street and Swanmore Village Store. It takes a lot of time and effort helping Santa over the three-and-a-half-week period and we are grateful for the support of other local groups such as the Scouts and Guides, allowing us to put enough feet on the ground. If you are able-bodied and fancy helping us out as a volunteer, we'd be grateful to hear from you. Use the "contact us" facility on our website.

The full Santa sleigh schedule will be published on the special Santa page on the Lions' website. (Just "google" Meon Valley Lions Santa.) We raised over £4,100 last year – let's see if we can surpass that this time!

Zone Champion!

Lions is the largest volunteering organisation in the world and there are hundreds of Lions clubs dotted around the UK. We have a network structure organised into Districts and Zones. So, it was with great pleasure that Roy Cuthbertson from the Meon Valley Lions Club, received recognition for his contribution as the best Zone Chairman during 2016-17. He was presented with an award, following a visit from the out-going District Governor, David Taylor. Well done Roy!

MEONSTOKE CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 10AM – 12.30PM

MEON HALL

ENTRY: £1 ADULTS | CHILDREN FREE

**CHRISTMAS TREES | HOLLY WREATHS | LOCAL PRODUCE | CHRISTMAS CRAFTS |
MULLED WINE**

SANTA'S GROTTTO | CHILDREN'S MOVIE | FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS



ADVANCE PLANNER

<u>January</u>	15 th	Magazine Copy Date	
<u>February</u>	7 th	Ladies' Group	Ashley House
<u>March</u>	7 th	Ladies Group	6 The Towers
	8 th	Mary Burgess Memorial Lecture	SVH
	26 th	St. Clair's Meadow Meeting	SVH
<u>April</u>	4 th	Ladies group	Old Forge Cottage
<u>May</u>	2 nd	Ladies Group	Church Room
	20 th	Christian Aid Walk	Wickham
<u>June</u>	6 th	Ladies Group AGM	Rivendell
<u>July</u>	24 th	Children's Week starts	Recreation Ground
<u>October</u>	13 th	Postie Retirement Party	Recreation Ground

*The Magazine Committee wishes you all
a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year 2018*



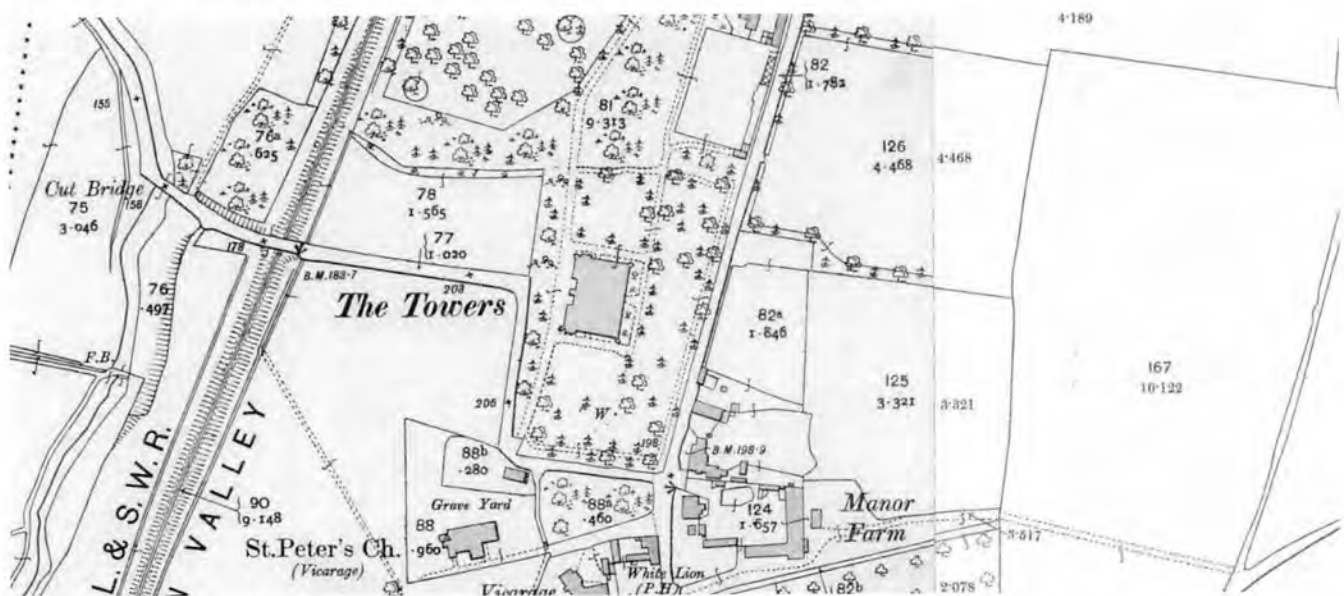
*Perry Abbott, Annie Jacob, Anthony McEwen,
John Rowlinson, Penny Rowlinson, Pete Woodacre*

*Special thanks to the many people who have helped with
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From the Archives.....



Above - Soberton Towers from a postcard postmarked 1913 when it was still a private house. On the site of a house called Upper House which was lived in by Capt. James Bashford from 1826, the Towers was built by his grandson, Col. Charles Brome Bashford at the very end of the 19th C. It became a boys prep school by 1927 until it was taken over by the MOD as accommodation for the WRNS and affectionately known as The Wrennery. The Towers was sold for £115,000 in 1973 for conversion into apartments. (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.
Please Contact duncan.colinjones@btinternet.com or petewoodacre@gmail.com.

We wish all our friends in Soberton and Newtown
a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

