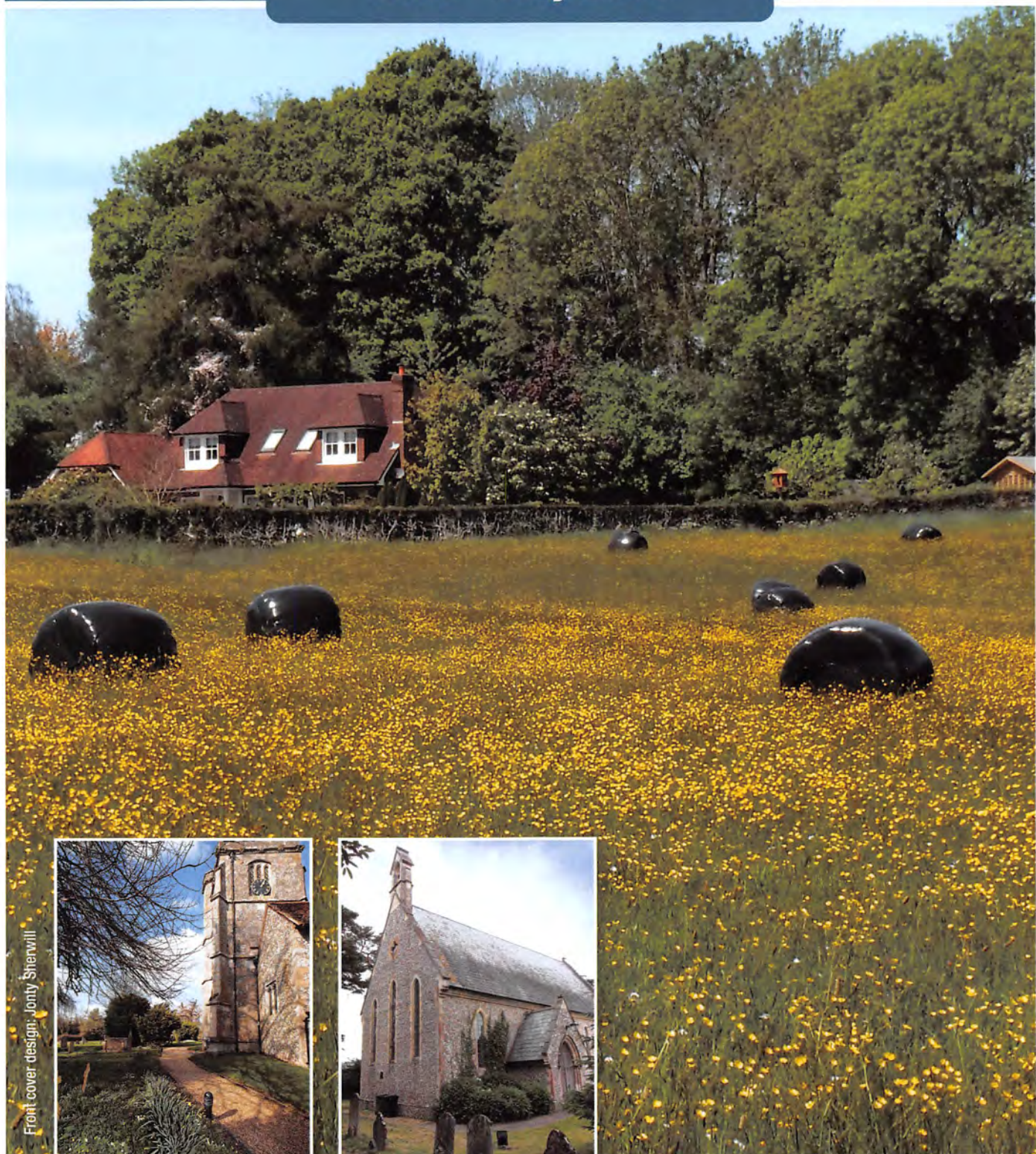


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6.00 pm. Saturday (First Mass of Sunday)

9.30 am. Sunday

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For further information contact Anthony McEwen 01489 877448

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Shirrell Heath	10.30 am & 6.00 pm
Waltham Chase	10.30 am
Bishops Waltham	10.30 am
Swanmore	10.30 am & 6.00 pm
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This year, 2018, marks the centenary of the end of the Great War and many of us will be preparing to mark this important anniversary in our Parish churches and at War memorials later this year.

Of course, we know now that the longed for peace was quite short lived.

War is all around us and, even though its impact on most of us in Hampshire is not as acute as it was in the first half of the last century, we cannot avoid the images and news bulletins on our TV screens. Nor should we hide from the sense of global and communal responsibility these images provoke. As we prepare for this celebration in our churches and villages we pray for peace in the world, peace in our communities, peace in our families; places where love shines on us.

We are now in the season of church fetes; by the time you read this, Newtown Fete will be over and Soberton's will take place at the end of June. Income derived from our fetes generally keeps us afloat throughout the year. We record our thanks to those who organise the Fetes, and we give thanks for all those who attend.

At this point in writing I stopped to go to St Peter's Church to listen to a concert being performed by "Cantate" the Youth Choir formed by boys and girls from Portsmouth Cathedral - what a wonderful evening it was; we were transported with pieces from J S Bach, G Faure, Brahms, Stanford, Vaughan Williams and others. The music was superb - the quality of performance by so many young people was incredible. If you weren't there you missed a real treat!

No doubt you will have heard of GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation). This applies to churches as well as other organisations and commerce. The effect of these regulations which are now in place means that you must provide us with your consent for us to contact you about details of church services, and most activities undertaken in the villages. Groups & organisations e.g. History Society, Lunch Club, Film Club and all the others are required to keep a record of your consent or maybe your refusal. Please help those who are attempting to comply with the regulations, by completing the required forms and returning them so that you are kept in touch.

We think of those young people revising for and sitting examinations at this time. We hope you do well.

Coming shortly is Children's Week; we pray for those preparing for this, the children who will take part and the young people and adults who will supervise.

Summer holidays will soon be upon us. We remember all those who will go on holiday, we pray for safe journeys, relaxation and refreshment on return.

I repeat my invitation to you all to join us in our services at St Peter's and Holy Trinity in the coming months.

Keep safe over the holidays - my best wishes to you all.

Norman

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

Finley Jaxon Coleman

Indie Lilly Rose Coleman both at Newtown on 20th May 2018

SERVICE OF THANKGIVING AND BURIAL

Stella Bower at Soberton on 10th April 2018

Sea Sunday – 8th July – HMS SOBERTON



This year marks the 60th anniversary of the commissioning (coming into service) of our namesake, HMS SOBERTON.

Her bell is hanging in the nave of St Peter's where it was laid up for safekeeping in 1992 when the ship was paid off (taken out of service).

To celebrate her anniversary, and our connection with the ship, there will be a special service at 1100 on Sea Sunday, 8th July, in St Peter's Soberton. We anticipate a number of those who served in SOBERTON and similar vessels attending. It would be wonderful to give our visitors a really warm Soberton welcome. The occasion also offers a tremendous opportunity to learn more about "our ship".

Immediately on completion of the service a glass of Pimms will be offered to attendees in the Church Room after which Alan Marks at the White Lion is kindly putting on a (cash) barbecue on the Church Green.

All are welcome – so do come and join the celebrations if you possibly can.

Anthony & Louise McEwen



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.



Stallholders

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

Stall	Stall Holder and Contact Details	Requested Donations
Auction of Promises	John Watkins 07808 955462 Duncan Colin-Jones 01489 877237	Promises would be very welcome this year.
Book Stall	Sarah Haines 07776 256447	Good Quality Fiction and Non Fiction, CDs & DVDs. Can collect/leave on doorstep (10 Big Tree Cottages), but no books on the day please.
Toy Stall	Jane Salmon 01489 878659	Toys and Games in good condition. Meon Crest, High Street, Soberton
Plant Stall	Phil Bergin 02392 632551 phil.bergin@btinternet.com	Plants, labelled if possible. Perennials – either potted cuttings or divided plants are especially welcome. Preferably deliver to Church Green on fete morning. No EMPTY flowerpots please!
Jewellery	Sue Houlding 01489 878554	Necklaces, bangles brooches, earrings, tie pins cufflinks watches etc gratefully received. Please leave in box in Porch at The Bowery, Station Road
Bottle Stall	Barry Henderson 01489 877978	Bottle collections will be made throughout the village– so please be generous!
Country Fare	Sandra H: 01489 877978 Denise A: 02392 632338 Jo Chapman: 01489 877378	Cakes, bread, scones, biscuits, sweets, marmalade, jam, pickle, fruit and veg. Can collect – or deliver to stall on Fete morning.
Household and Gifts	Louise McEwen 01489 877448	Anything for the home is welcome! Leave in Porch of Great Down, School Hill. (opposite White Lion)
Aladdin's Cave	Jane Beardmore 01489 877578	White Elephant/ Antiques, from 1 June may be deposited in the right hand car port of West Cottage, West Street NO Electrical Items Please
Teas	Michelle Ettridge 01329 834770 Wendy Flynn flynn.wendye@gmail.com	Cake and Scone donations most welcome. Helpers on the day always required – if you can spare an hour please get in touch.
Tuggo	Rob Scott 01489 877800	Please contact if you wish to compete – more muscle always needed!

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

Nigel Whales: 01489 877712

sobertonfete@gmail.com

flynn.wendye@gmail.com



SOBERTON FETE

Saturday 30th June 2pm

Church Green

To be opened by John Hyland
Chairman of Parish Council

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| 2.00pm | Fete Opens
Warsash Band play for Afternoon
Dog Show Registration |
| 2.15pm | Church Rooms open for Teas
(with music from Soberton Strummers) |
| 2.30pm | Tug o' War 1 st Round |
| 2.45pm | Dog Show begins |
| 3.00pm | Dancing by Newtown/Soberton School |
| 3.30pm | Auction of Promises |
| 3.50pm | Bowman Ales Trophy - Tug o' War Finals |
| 4.00pm | Grand Draw, Raffle for Painting and
Lucky Programme Draw |
| 4.15pm | Dog Show Prizegiving (Church Green) |
| 4.30 pm | The White Lion on Fete Night with Live Music |

*Bottles ♦ Books ♦ Country Fare ♦ Jewellery ♦ Household Plants ♦
BBQ ♦ Ice Creams ♦ Pimms ♦ Toys
Strawberries & Cream ♦ Wide Variety of Games ♦ Stocks*

On Church Meadow

*Bouncy Castle ♦ Bungee Run ♦ Coconut Shy
Pig Bowling ♦ Wellies ♦ Droxford Fire Engine*

Grand Draw

*Includes Porsche Driving Experience ♦ £250 Cash
Luxury Hamper ♦ Local Restaurant and shop vouchers ... and
much more*

Entrance £2 – Under 12's Free

Free Car Parks: Cutts Arch, SVH & West St



AUCTION OF PROMISES

Once again, there are some excellent offers available this year, thanks to villagers' continued generosity. We are making details of certain offers known **before** the Fete, as we know that stallholders are often too busy on the day to take part in the auction.

This will give you the chance to bid for these beforehand.

- 1. Jo and Norman Chapman at Meadow Cottage are offering a magnificent 5 course dinner with wine for 4 people (bids starting at £120).**
- 2. Carol and Duncan Colin-Jones at Downland are offering a superb three course meal with wine for 4 people, with fish as the main course (bids starting at £120).**

*****THESE 2 DINING OPTIONS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE BY AUCTION ON THE DAY OF FETE. *****If you are bidding for one of the meals, please also state the maximum you would be prepared to bid. If your first offer is outbid, but is below your maximum, bids will be raised by £5, up to your maximum, only if needed.

The highest offer wins.

Advance Bids can also be made for the following offers.

- 3 Holiday Let in Wallops Wood Cottages.** Modern luxury cottage; for 3 days mid-week, or a weekend for up to 6, offered by Katherine and Andrew Graham
- 4 Master-class in croquet for 4, plus cream tea,** offered by Judy and Stephen Hillier (Upper Swanmore)
- 5 Flight for 3 people in a Robin Aeroplane.** Donated and piloted by Barrie Elliott from Lasham airfield (nr Alton) – fly over the Solent or your home.
- 6 Canapes for up to 30.** Prepared by skilled Masterchef finalist, Gill Holland.
- 7 Icon-painting** (5 day course at St Peters) – all materials supplied – suitable for novices, offered by Jackie Hunt
- 8 Salmon Fishing on the beautiful Itchen,** offered by Steve Smallwood.
- 9 Celebration Christmas cake** (fruit or Sponge) with your choice of decoration. Offered by Wendy Prangnell
- 10 1 nights accommodation at the White Lion** (B and B in a double room) offered by Allan Marks
- 11 Garden design** by award winning expert, Jennie Dover
- 12 50% off Wills and bottle of wine** offered by Alice Summers, Biscoes Wickham
- 13 Sailing for 2 on the Solent plus picnic** offered by John and Susan Hyland

Please make any bids or for more information on offers please e-mail or text John Watkins (Cole Hill) at jwat18@aol.com or 07808 955462 before

8 pm on Fri 29th June.

CHILDREN'S WEEK 2018

Co-ordinated by the Churches of Holy Trinity, Newtown
and St Peter's, Soberton



- When:** **Tuesday 24 July to Friday 27 July, 10am to 4pm**
Plus, a celebration evening for the children and their families on Friday 27 July, 7pm to 8.30pm (Holy Trinity, Newtown). *Children are required to attend the full 4 days.*
- Where:** The Guide Hut, Soberton Village Recreation Ground, SO32 3QH
- Cost:** £45 per child - full amount payable on confirmation of your child's place.
(Teenage helpers £15)
- Age Range:** 6 – 12 years old inclusive (Years 1 to 7)
(Year 7s will be in their own group of NQTs (*not quite teenagers*))
Plus teenage helpers
- Who is it for?** Children who are resident in the parishes of Holy Trinity, Newtown and St Peter's, Soberton.
Other children may apply and will be added to a reserve list. Priority will be given to children who attend Newtown Soberton Brownies/Guides, Church within the parishes, or Newtown Soberton Infant School.
- What do we do?** Children's Week has been a part of the summer holidays in the parish for over 40 years and is organised by an enthusiastic group of volunteers.
The children are divided into mixed-age groups and take part in a whole range of activities: games; crafts; trails; a day trip away; and much more!
- Requirements for the week:** A packed lunch with drink, old clothes that can get dirty, clothes suitable for the weather eg: wellies, coats, sun hats and sun cream!
- Can you help?** Children's Week is organised entirely by volunteers and further help is always needed to ensure the week can go ahead. There are lots of ways to get involved, from working with one of the groups to washing-up! It is a great fun week and our volunteer helpers usually return year after year, as they love it as much as the children!

To apply please complete our on-line form: at <http://bit.ly/childweekSN>

A link can also be found on the Parish Website: www.soberton.org

If you have any other queries or if you are unable to access the internet, please email snweek@gmail.com and a paper copy will be organised.



PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 22 JUNE

You will be notified of the result by Friday 6 July latest, when payment will then be due.

Brownie Report for Guide Hut AGM - April 2018

Writing the annual report, I am always amazed about the number of adventures that we manage to cram into a year! We work hard to ensure that the girls are provided with a huge range of unique and stimulating experiences. This is what we have been up to over the past year!

During the Summer Term last year, we worked towards our Booms-a-daisy badge. This involved making smoothies, playing games with cotton wool and vaseline, and learning and performing the special Booms-a-daisy song. We made a trip to Hamble Spring, and visited our yarn bombing at Bishops Waltham. The girls teamed up with 2nd Bishops Waltham Brownies and enjoyed a fantastic sleepover at Soberton village hall. The girls also had a taste of Banksy Street art, hobby horse making and geocaching around 100 Acres. The summer term ended with a family rounders match where I believe some adults may have got a little too competitive!

During the Autumn Term, we continued our work on the Booms-a-daisy badge, as well as beginning work on our Collectors Badge. The girls were treated to scarecrow making, a film night, and poppy making. We teamed up again with 2nd Bishops Waltham Brownies and invited them to our annual campfire at Meonwood. We also invited in Zoolab to display their 'collection' of interesting animals. The girls got up close and personal with bearded dragons, snakes, scorpions and guinea pigs! To finish off the year we had our Christmas craft, Christmas party and carol singing at Meonwood. A big thank you goes to Sue Wells for accommodating the Brownie and Guide families.

The Spring Term was filled with rehearsals for the Meon Valley Gang Show! This variety performance comes round once every three years, and involves all the units in the Division. Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section, and the Leaders all took part in two performances for the parents at Swanmore Secondary School. Amongst all the rehearsals, we completed our Collectors badge, with a visit from Bluebird the StoryTeller. The term was finished with an Easter Egg Hunt and a play in the park!

The Summer Term looks to be just as exciting with a three day Pack Holiday to Marwell with Swanmore Brownies. We also plan to make scones, produce clay pots, taste British Cheeses, have a Pamper evening, climb St Peter's Church Tower, invite Fathers in for some woodwork, and finally finish the term with a trip to the beach with the Brownie Families!

Numbers have remained at around 14-15 girls, so if your daughter is aged between 7-10 and likes the sound of our Brownie Adventures then please get in touch! Grace Parker and Katie Rogers have been a great support to the unit, and we have now been joined by Rebecca Wilson. Victoria Rogers still helps out when she returns from University, where she is supporting another Brownie unit. If you would like to offer some support to a local unit, either on a regular or spontaneous basis then please contact us! Recently we have seen a number of units that have closed, or will be closing shortly due to the lack of adult support. We are desperate for additional adult help! Could it be you?!

Mandy Cleeve

Tawny Owl, 1st Soberton & Newtown Brownie Pack

sobertonnewtownbrownies@gmail.com

SoberTots Report for Guide Hut AGM - April 2018

It is amazing to see how much SoberTots has developed over the past year! We are now a **weekly** group every **Tuesday from 10:00-11:30 at the Soberton Heath Guide Hut.**

Unlike many play groups we continue to meet during all of the school holidays, as this is when the parents need us the most! Older siblings are especially welcome to become Special Helpers!

Rachel Rowlinson has now joined the team and helps to run a fortnightly Music group. Out come the rattles, coloured scarves, bubbles and parachutes as the parents stimulate their children with song and movement. The alternate weeks are a free-play session, where the parent can relax on the sofa and watch the kids play.



We offer a selection of coffee and teas for the adults, fresh fruit and snacks for the little ones. We have recently changed from croissants to freshly baked pain au chocolat, which the parents are finding to be a refreshing change! There is a suggested donation of £2 per family.

We are a supportive group for our Mothers and arrange regular **Social Events!** We like to offer something different and new for our mums, so last October we had a Paint-A-Pot party with tapas! Mums were allowed to express themselves creatively without a little one hanging on, and the resulting pots, mugs and ornaments were amazing! Our second social was an American Supper evening with Bluebird the Storyteller. Our mothers enjoyed a cosy evening wrapped in blankets, mesmerised by a variety of fascinating stories. As an extra social, we met at the newly opened Bold Forester for a meal and drinks! Our next event will be a relaxing aromatherapy evening at the Guide Hut.

We are a very welcoming group, so please come and join us! You can contact me via email or search for our SoberTots Facebook page. It is a great way to meet other village mothers and to find out all the gossip! x

Mandy Cleeve
mandy.cleeve@hotmail.co.uk

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Magazine committee is happy to report that we were able to support a record number of projects this year.


We contributed to Soberton Village Hall's new sign and to the upgrade of the Guide Hut electrical supply. We purchased a playhouse for Newtown/Soberton infants' school. We paid for some extra seating for Newtown church and for roomy new storage cupboards for the use of the children's groups who use the Guide Hut. We also awarded a young person's travel grant. Lastly we were able to make a contribution to the successful Water Meadows purchase fund.

We are very grateful to our team of volunteers and to our advertisers who have made this possible.



JUNE 2018

Friday 1 st	1230	Lunch Club	Church Room
Sunday 3rd	1000	Parish Communion & Rocs	St Peter's
Trinity 1			
Thursday 7 th	1330	MV Garden Club visit	Droxford Square
Friday 8 th	0930	Volunteering Day	The Project
Saturday 9 th	1500	MV Garden Club visit	Droxford Square
Sunday 10th	0930	Parish Communion	Holy Trinity
Trinity 2	1100	Matins	St Peter's
Sunday 10 th	1400	SoberNewts	Soberton pond
Tuesday 12 th	1200	MV Carers lunch	Black Dog
Tuesday 12 th	1930	MV Play Reading Group	Meon Hall
Sunday 17th	1000	Joint Service	Holy Trinity
Trinity 3			
Sunday 17 th	1600	Village Picnic	Soberton Church Green
Saturday 23 rd	9000	MV Garden Club visit	Droxford Square
Saturday 23 rd	1400	Tower Farm Cottages open afternoon	Tower Farm
Saturday 23 rd	1830	Film Club Gala	Church Room
Sunday 24th	1000	Joint Service Patronal Festival	St Peter's
Trinity 4			
Tuesday 26 th	1345	Meon Valley Flower Club	Meon Hall
Tuesday 26 th	1400	MV Carers meeting	Paterson Centre
Saturday 30 th	1400	Soberton fete	Church Green

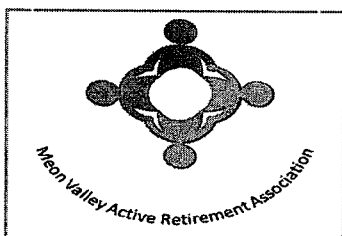


JULY 2018

Sunday 1st Trinity 5	1000 Parish Communion & Rocs	St Peter's
Monday 2 nd	1930/2000 Players panto casting	SVH
Friday 6 th	12.30 Lunch Club	Church Room
Saturday 7 th	1100 MV Garden club Open gardens & BBQ	Swanmore
Sunday 8th Trinity 6	0930 Parish Communion 1100 Special Service for Sea Sunday	Holy Trinity St Peter's
Tuesday 10 th	1200 MV Carers lunch	Black Dog
Tuesday 10 th	1930 MV Play Reading Group	Meon Hall
Sunday 15th Trinity 7	1000 Joint Service	Holy Trinity
Sunday 15 th	1345 Rail Trail	St. Peter's
Monday 16th	1800 LAST COPY DATE	
Sunday 22nd Trinity 8	1000 Joint Service	St Peter's
Sunday 22 nd	1330 MV Garden Club show	Meon Hall
Monday 23 rd	1000 Icon painting course starts	St. Peter's
Tuesday 24 th	1000 Children's Week	Guide Hut
Tuesday 24 th	1200 MV Carers outing	Hillhead
Wednesday 25 th	1000 Children's Week	Guide Hut
Thursday 26 th	1000 Children's Week	Guide Hut
Friday 27 th	1000 Children's Week	Guide Hut
Sunday 29th	1000 Joint Service Children's week	Holy Trinity

AUGUST 2018

Friday 3 rd	12.30 Lunch Club	Church Room
Sunday 5th Trinity 10	1000 Joint Service & Rocs	St Peter's
Sunday 12th Trinity 11	0930 Parish Communion 1100 Matins	Holy Trinity St Peter's



MEON VALLEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Programme June & July 2018

Exercise Class – St. Peter's Church Hall Bishop's Waltham Every Monday from 10:00 to 11:15 Cost per individual session: members £2.00, non-members £2.50

Please note there is a waiting list for this class. Contact: Chee Price 01489 893140.

Ladies' Pub Lunch. Mondays – lunch on June 4th and July 2nd 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. Contact organiser Lyndon Palmer on 01489 896862.

Tai Chi – Jubilee Hall – Gold Room. Wednesday mornings. There are two sessions: Beginners/less experienced: 09:00 to 10:00 Experienced: 10:15 to 11:15. Cost 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 325894

Spanish Lessons Classes held on Friday mornings at The Stables, Free Street, Bishops Waltham. Cost £3.50 per session. Spanish I for beginners runs from 09:15 to 10:15 and Spanish II from 10:45 to 11:45. NB: Term finishes on July 20th, new term will start on 21st September. Call John Moorhouse on 01489 896366 to discuss

Scrabble for Fun: Sessions on Friday afternoons in the small room at The Paterson Centre, Swanmore (next to the church) from 14:00 to 16:00. Cost £2.00 per session. Please call before the session to confirm location. 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

RAIL TRAIL

Sunday 15th July

A LOVELY COUNTRY WALK, including **short talks** on history in the Meon Valley. The walk is approximately 3 miles, with a **short break and talk** at half way.

Starting at 1.45pm in Soberton church for registration and the first talk.

At the end of the afternoon there will be a **final short talk before tea and cake** in Soberton church room.

There is parking on the Church Green.

If too wet for walking 'Paddington 2' will be shown instead and tea afterwards.

Price for all ages for the afternoon: £3

For Further information contact:
Lettice Palmer 01489 896862

THE BIG TEA COSY TEA PARTY – At The Chapel

Tea for two turned into a committee of four - add dozens of helpers and you get over one hundred guests at a GREAT BIG TEA PARTY!



On Sunday 15th April 2018 David and Kate Buttriss welcomed friends, neighbours and guests to their new home at The Chapel, Chapel Road, Soberton Heath for a fund-raising tea party, very kindly sponsored by Rob Doney of Boarhunt Vehicle Services, in aid of the Breast Cancer Haven at Titchfield. In spite of a somewhat damp afternoon everyone enjoyed a delicious tea in great company and we hardly noticed the smooth 'fund-raising', a raffle, a plant stall, guess the weight of the Christmas Cake, lucky entry ticket prize draw, not to mention a beautiful flower arrangement and scrummy Tea Cosy Cake auction.

During the afternoon Marian Parfitt, Manager of the Breast Cancer Haven at Titchfield, gave us an insight into the wonderful work done by Breast Cancer Haven at its six centres. Its staff, in partnership with Macmillan specialists, provides invaluable support, counselling, and therapies to men and women suffering from breast cancer (yes, men get it too) and their families. All this is free hence the need for fund-raising. For more information on other events and challenges arranged by the Wessex (Titchfield) area go to wessexfundraising@breastcancerhaven.org.uk or call 01329 559295.

At the last count, with money still coming in, the 'Soberton Committee' have raised the amazing amount of **£1903** which makes it the second highest raised amount by a third party event for the Wessex area.

I wonder if we could make it a 'round' £2000? Sam Dunlop has some wonderful tea cosies made by the Stitch and Chatter Group, any offers over £10 each please get in touch with Sam Dunlop samandmatttdunlop@btinternet.com or Tel (H) 01329 833268 (M) 07720 305613.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the organisers, helpers, kind donors and supporters of this very happy and worthwhile event. Without your help The Breast Cancer Haven would not be able to provide their invaluable services to those affected by breast cancer and in need of support.

The '**Soberton Stakes**' is to be the next event held in aid of the Breast Cancer HAVEN, horse racing (RN flight deck format) will be held on **Sunday 15th July at 2pm**, at the Chapel, Chapel Road. Please contact Kate Buttriss for more details kate.buttriss@gmail.com or Mobile 07801 441998.



Gill & Trevor Hill

Thank you for your patience and good wishes
during the building and restoration work at:

Tower Farm Garden Holiday Lets, Station Road, Soberton SO32 3QU

You are invited to view

Courtyard Cottage, Stable Cottage and Garden Cottage

as well as the Walled Garden on

Saturday 23rd June 2018 from 2pm. to 5pm.

Guide Annual Report - April 2018

The Guides have reduced in numbers from last summer – and we have 8 guides in the Unit. Our Young Leader, Victoria Rogers, left us to go Uni in September and Caroline had a foot op in Oct – but fortunately Karen was able to continue with the meetings while Caroline was out of action. Mandy has also been a great help and stepped in when Karen's work has meant she couldn't come.

Last summer we took part in the Bishops Waltham Yarn Bombing Festival with the rest of the division. Making a pompom mat, and other creatures made from wool. We then visited BW and took a walk around town to see the yarn creations and finished off with chips in the park.

Some of the guides attended the Division Indoor Camp in Manor Farm Park, which also included a Divisional incident hike; some went to Sandy Acres and camped with some visiting Americans, and some attended the annual Wellies & Wristbands festivals camp in August at Foxlease in the New Forest.

We finished for the summer break with a friendly rounders match with the Brownies, and instead of having party food, donated tins and packet food to the Meon Valley food bank.

We started September with a trip to a trampoline centre – making use of the Community bus, and then started working on the regional challenge – Booms-a-Daisy. Carrying out all sorts of activities covering 5 areas: Service, Food, Active, Creative and Out & About!

For the Spring term this year we concentrated on our performance for the Division Gang Show – where the girls decided on what they wanted to do- a Sketch :- they then adapted the idea, made props, organised costumes, and finally performed it, in front of 200 + parents for two shows. They were very nervous but it would appear that they enjoyed the whole term's work.

Who knows what we get up to this summer!

If your daughter is aged between 10 and 15, they might like to join us at Guides. We meet on **alternate Mondays, during term time, from 7:15 to 7:45pm.** For more details email sobertonnewtownguides@gmail.com or ring 01489 877430

Caroline Rogers Guide Leader



Thank you from Soberton Players

Listen very carefully, I shall say this only once...

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our sell out production of "Allo, 'Allo". Special thanks to everyone who attended our Gala Dinner on the Saturday night which was in aid of the Rowans Hospice – we're delighted to announce that £1,000 was raised for this very special charity.

The night wouldn't have been possible without the sheer hard work and commitment of the wonderful Jenny Clarke who prepared and cooked the most amazing meal with the help of her husband Paul and daughter, Alice. Thank you too to Katie Flannagan for organising the raffle and to all the local businesses (and Sue from the Auberge Camelia in Aviernoz) who generously donated raffle prizes.

It's time to think Panto!

Casting call: Monday 2nd July

It's back to the world of Panto for our winter 2018 production – this time on the theme of King Arthur and the legendary Camelot.

There will be plenty of opportunity for our younger and not so young actors to shine in this lively panto by well-known panto writer, Paul Reakes.

So if you are new to the area and want to join a friendly local drama group or if you've finally decided it's time to strut your stuff on the Soberton stage, do come along and give us a try. We're sure you won't regret it.

The casting meeting will be in two sessions at Soberton Village Hall on Monday 2nd July – children and teenagers starting at **7.30 pm** and adults starting at **8pm**.

Performances of **King Arthur, A Pantomime** will be on Thursday 29th of November to Saturday 1st December with a 2pm matinee on the Saturday. The technical rehearsal will be on Sunday November 18th and the Dress Rehearsal on Sunday November 25th. Katie Flannagan is our director and Susan Hyland our producer.

If you would like to be involved in the panto but can't be there for the casting let Katie or Susan know by email jhyland@btinternet.com or katieflannagan@btinternet.com

Not (Cow)plain sailing in the Stannard Cup but sweet revenge in the Constad Cup



Having been bundled out of the Stannard Cup at the semi-finals stage by eventual cup winners Cowplain Cocktails, the A team from Soberton & Newtown Table Tennis Club took revenge in the best possible way – by beating the same opponents in the final of the Constad Cup.

The two cup competitions are organised by the Portsmouth & District Table Tennis Association. The Soberton & Newtown Club fields two teams in the Portsmouth league. The A team (captained by Pete Woodacre) plays in Division 1 and the B team (captained by Adrian Hunt) in Division 3. The 2017/18 season ended with both teams achieving third place in their respective divisions.

The A team narrowly missed out on the runners-up spot. They won the same number of points as their nearest rivals but lost out on 'games difference'. For the B team third spot was a great result given that they were battling against relegation in the preceding season. A near-perfect performance by Russ Anderson and well supported by other team members, among them Mike Vogado, kept the B team in contention for much of the time.

The end-of-season closed Tournament saw the A team's leading player Dave Woodacre and playing partner and club member Richard Billings win the men's doubles event. Dave went on to win the mixed doubles too.

In the neighbouring Fareham League Dave Woodacre topped the season averages and helped his team from Soberton and Newtown achieve an unbeaten record and emphatically win the league trophy.

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

The Meon Valley Flower Club

The next meeting will be on Tuesday June 26th at 1.45pm for 2.00pm in the Meon Hall, Pound Lane Meonstoke.

A floral Demonstration and Workshop titled " Innovations (Bridge The Gap)" by Liz Pelley. For further details about the work shop, please phone Margaret on 01489 878349.

Wessex and Jersey Area of NAFAS Floral Art and Photography show titled " Flowers at Midsummer " will be held at The Sir Harold Hillier Gardens Jermyn's Lane Ampfield Hampshire SO51 0QA on Saturday 30th June 10.00am- 5.00pm (last entry 4.00pm) and Sunday 1st July 10.00- 3.30pm (last entry 3.00pm)

FILM CLUB

The dates for the rest of the year:

23/6-a Saturday will be our **Gala evening**. Traditionally we have dressed up a bit -DJ's if you wish. Pimms outside the church room . So far we have been lucky with the weather! We will start therefore at **6.30**.

2 course meal and the price pp will be £16 to allow for inflation (Pimms is shooting up, don't you know)! The film is **THEIR FINEST** with Bill Nighy and is a second WW film about making propaganda films. This was a request. I have seen it and it is good.

Please book through me in usual fashion by phone or email.

Thursday 27/9 at 7pm comes next. Then Thursday **25/10** and finally **WEDNESDAY 12/12** when I shall show **Paddington 2** and we have our **Christmas dinner**. This was by popular demand! We choose Wednesday in order not to clash with other village Christmas activities. These are all priced at £10 PP to include a Norman supper. BYO drinks.

I plan to show **THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO** etc film ASAP. I have not yet seen it .The critics seem to like it and all the men like Lily James, so what can go wrong?

All evenings are held at St.Peters Soberton church room.

Best wishes

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The Swanmore College Jazz Band The Soberton Strummers Ukulele Band

Sing and Tonic, Meon Valley Community Choir Joe Goodlads Band BluSoulJazz

The Victory Dog Training Club and Jackie Povey

Staff at Newtown Soberton Infant School for arranging the dancing

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STOP PRESS Thank you to everyone who supported the fete, on the day, beforehand and especially in the 'clear up' as by 6.30pm you wouldn't have known that 2 hours before the garden had been invaded by over 2000 people.

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

Newtown Church Fete 2018

It was touch and go with the weather at times, but the sun shone on the day and we had one of the hottest Newtown Church Fetes that we have had for quite a while. Not surprisingly we sold all 240 pints of Wallops Wood before 3.30pm and the Pimms tent had their best year ever!

Over 1,000 people paid at the gate and the lawn was thronging with people even before Tony Daykin from Radio Solent had officially announced that the fete was open. His opening speech was full of his usual panache and flair and the crowd cheered as the clock struck 2pm. Bargain hunters made a dash to be first in the queue for the plants, cakes, clothes, White Elephant, china & glass and produce stalls.

The fete was a resounding success with a gross income of almost £17,000 – that is such an incredible achievement for a small village community like ours, but it certainly doesn't happen without a great deal of hard-work and commitment. Behind every stall, there's been someone working hard to make, bake, collect or grow – plus someone to lift, shift and put up the gazebos and tents. Collectively the village and their family and friends pull together to do their bit and make it the very special event that it is. You know who you are – and we salute you!

Preparation takes place over many weeks and months. Things really start to come together on the Thursday evening before the fete, when the Boarhunt lorry arrives with tables and tents from 3rd Portchester Scouts and the Big Slide is put up in the arena. The Friday night is a hive of activity, full of much laughter and fun as the gazebos go up around the lawn, the plants arrive and the clothes are sorted for the sale. There was much hilarity this year with the discovery of a red PVC bralet that few ladies in the village would get away with wearing! From 9am on the day it's all go at Meonwood. To be fair it's a well-oiled machine under the management of Sue Wells and John Barfoot, who plan, guide, cajole and support everyone.

There are so many highlights – but a special shout-out to all the entertainers who make the Fete such a joy including the Soberton Strummers, the Swanmore College Jazz band, Sing & Tonic, BluSoulJazz and the Victory Brass Band. And of course without the technological wizardry of Aubrey Miles and his sound system, we wouldn't be able to hear the mellow tones of Malcolm Padgett as he guides us through the afternoon.

It's great to see so many children enjoying some old-fashioned games that have been around for generations including the Spinning Jenny, Quoits and the always popular Horse Racing. Mike Guy does a splendid job of bringing all the games and sideshows together – this year he was very ably supported by his son Ed who won the prize for doing the most steps as he clocked up over 28,000 – the equivalent of walking 19 kms! Thomas the Tank was also a great success once again – although the Fat Controller was looking a little hot at times!

The Fete has moved with the times and has its own Facebook page now. Last year we received a message from someone whose family was involved with Holy Trinity when it was established in the 1850s. She messaged us to say how pleased her ancestors would have been that the fete was such a success. It was wonderful to think that new media had connected us with the past. As I was writing this, another message came to say 'Once again another lovely garden fete for Newtown. It is so wonderful to see the spirit of togetherness within the community of this lovely village. Bless you all.'. I think that says it all – see you next year.....

Lions – putting in the hours for good causes

Meon Valley Lions Club once again supported the 43rd Annual Ford Charity Sea Angling competition on Weston Shore. It's a tradition that we channel the proceeds of the Fishing Festival to the Winchester based hospice, Naomi House and Jacksplace and it was fantastic that this year we again managed to generate £1,000 for this hard-working organisation

Another regular event in our calendar is the bi-annual Wickham Charity Beer festival, where we once again provided the BBQ catering on a balmy, Spring-Saturday evening in April. You might be interested to know that apart from raising over £800 for our charity account, this event recorded that we put in 75 Lion-hours and 31 non-Lion helper hours to deliver the BBQ, totalling 106 hours in all. Of course, we're never too short of volunteers for the beer festival, but it's interesting to see the amount of time and effort goes into community volunteering for something relatively simple like a barbeque.

Coming up in the summer is the biggest fund-raiser in our calendar in the form of the Lions' Swanmore Fete. This event alone requires the support and effort of around 30-40 volunteers not including the Lions and their partners, to ensure a successful day. This year the Lions' Swanmore Fete is on Saturday 14th July and we're hoping for fine weather to enjoy a fun afternoon for all the family. Gates open at 12.30pm and there'll be live music from Contraband, Soberton Strummers and Swanmore College of Technology Jazz Band, as well as contemporary dancing. Once again, we'll have the classic cars and bikes on display, plus, we've over 40 stalls, coconut shy, beat-the-goalie, games and rides and oodles of yummy things to eat and drink.

If you are looking to take a stall, be involved in the classic bike ride or show off your classic car, you need to book now! Full details may be found on the fete page of our website and on our Facebook page. The entry cost for the fete is still only £1.50 (not increased for almost ten years) and you could get in for FREE if you come along and help out as a volunteer! Drop us a line to get involved: contact@meonvalleylionsclub.org.uk.

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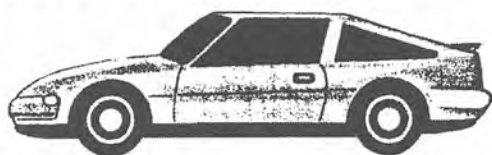
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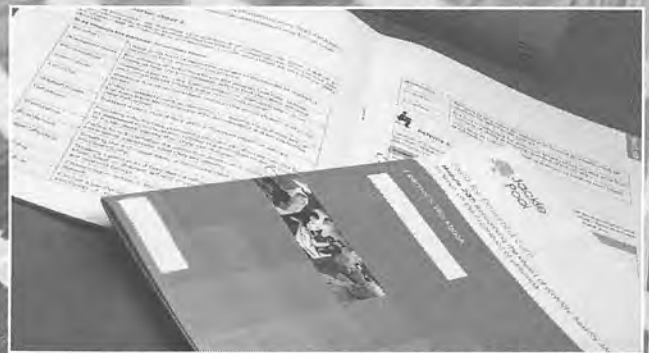
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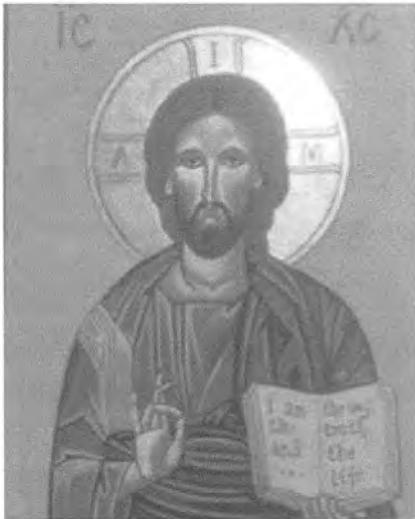
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St Clair's Meadow Sub-committee Report

The public meeting to discuss plans by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife trust for the newly acquired St Clair's Meadow attracted a large and enthusiastic audience to Soberton Village Hall on 26th March. The meeting was chaired by Parish Council Chairman, John Hyland, and Jane Masterman, Chair of the Liaison sub-committee.

Presentations by John Durnell, Director of Estates and Conservation for the Trust and Reserves Manager, Jamie Marsh provided an overview of the Draft Management Plan which they said would remain dynamic and subject to change as the Trust's knowledge of the meadows developed.

They thanked the local community for its support and involvement in securing the meadows which they said were rich in wildlife and would, they hoped, be a valuable habitat for over-wintering wading birds such as snipe and lapwings. They also outlined their plans for access, grazing and environmental improvements to further enhance the meadow and answered many questions from the audience about the management plan.

Bad weather earlier in the year has slowed progress on fencing and grazing the meadow, but cattle will be introduced during the summer. Volunteer wardens have been recruited and will be keeping a watchful eye on the cattle and reporting back to Jamie Marsh and the St Clair's Reserves Officer, Chris Lycett. Meanwhile the Trust's conservation volunteers have been hard at work clearing scrub in preparation for the new fencing.

The meeting was closed by John Hyland who thanked HIWWT for their contribution to the evening and reminded those present that regular updates would appear in the Parish Magazine.

The St Clair's Meadow page on the Parish Council website www.soberton.org remains live and will feature updates about the Meadow. Click on the St Clair's Meadow Consultation tab under the photo on the Home Page.

You can also direct questions or comments to HIWWT via the website's Contact tab. These will be forwarded by the liaison sub-committee to the HIWWT.

Volunteer wardens are also monitoring visitor levels at St Clair's Meadow, and the associated car parking, particularly over the May Bank Holidays. They have reported their findings - via this sub-committee - to the Parish Council which will discuss this further with the HIWWT.





SOBERTON AND NEWTOWN Conservation Group June-July 2018

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Family Pond Dipping – Sunday 10th June 2pm Soberton Village Pond

This is our annual survey of the village pond where you are warmly invited to come along, grab a net and help us check what creatures are living in the pond, which is at the junction of Heath Road and Chapel Road. Children must be accompanied by adults. Wellies and old clothes are recommended as people can get rather muddy and damp.

Helping us identify the creatures will be the SoberNewts' own pondlife expert, Dr Richard Osmond.

Soberton Down Work Parties

Over the past year we have been busy on Soberton Down with blackthorn and bramble clearance which is making a huge difference to this conservation area. A team of South Downs National Park volunteers have joined us on a couple of our work parties over the past few months and helped us make great progress. We look forward to a return visit in July. A small herd of Dexter cattle from Mark Black Farming also did great work grazing the site, supported by a small flock of sheep. Two ponies who moved in for a spot of extra grazing in April surprised us – and their unsuspecting owner - by turning into three with the arrival of a beautiful little foal. Do go up and have a look – dogs on a lead, please, because of nesting birds etc.

Birds: One of our team has been surveying birds on the Down and in the past weeks has seen 38 species of bird, including Hawfinches, a Red Kite, Greenfinches, which are not as common as they used to be, and a lot of Bullfinches.

New Volunteers – we need more help with the many practical tasks required to keep our local sites of environmental interest in good shape.

We have a core team of 7 or 8 people who work on Soberton Down on Tuesday mornings from 9am with occasional reinforcements when other members have time. But we also need volunteers for work parties to manage the village pond, help Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust with woodland management of East Bere Copse (Fay's Wood) and other occasional jobs. If you would be interested in helping let us know by email – phil.bergin@btinternet.com - which days of the week or weekend you might be available.

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SoberNewts also organise occasional events such as amphibian surveys, guided walks and family activities where young and old can join in learning more about the natural environment of our villages.

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The Coffee morning was our next social event held in Droxford, thank you to Olive Hathaway and Barry and Gill Austin who hosted this event. It was forecast rain but in true British style we just had a few drops. It was an enjoyable event with cakes, plants to buy, a racing sweepstake and a raffle to try and win.

We have three visits in June, the first to Gilbert White's house, then to a member's house to view her garden and then our annual coach trip to Abbotsbury garden and swannery. In July we have our open gardens, BBQ and Summer Show. We would like good weather for these events, please. Will we get it? Only time will tell!

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Diary for June & July

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Saturday 9th June Visit to Gillian Taylor's Garden Meet Droxford Sq at 3.00pm

Saturday 23rd June Coach Trip to Abbotsbury Gardens & Swannery Meet at Droxford Sq at 9.00 am with a pick up in Corhampton

Saturday 7th July Droxford Open Gardens (11.00am – 3.00pm) and BBQ at Westwood, Swanmore at 5.00pm

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This year commemorates the centenary of the formation of the Royal Air Force on 1st April 1918 through the merger of the British Army's Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. Hitherto military flying had evolved along partisan lines and the RAF, under a new Air Ministry, sought to improve efficiency by coordinating aviation procurement and reducing inter-Service rivalry. The RAF became the first independent air force in the world and, with 290,000 personnel and 23,000 aircraft, its most powerful. RBL Droxford & District will be celebrating the RAF's centenary at a Summer Drinks Party on 14th June and at its annual dinner on 8th October. The Station Commander and officers from RAF Odiham will attend both occasions. Anyone who is not a branch member but who would like to attend should contact the Secretary (see footnote below). **The next meeting to which non-members are invited to attend will be at 1900 on Monday 10th September at Droxford Village Hall when Rear-Admiral Chris Parry CBE PhD will talk about 'Admiral King and Grand Admiral Raeder', leaders of the United States Navy and Kriegsmarine during the Second World War.**

The Allied invasion of Sicily and, subsequently, the Italian mainland was a compromise. With the Soviet Red Army the only major element of Allied land forces actively engaged in fighting Nazi Germany in mainland Europe, pressure from Stalin was increasing on Churchill and Roosevelt to open up a second front. The Americans favoured invading occupied France but this required a massive buildup of troops and materiel in Britain, which would take time. With memories of the carnage of the Great War still fresh, the need to minimize risk of defeat and unnecessary slaughter was paramount (although, ironically, infantry casualties in Italy were to exceed those suffered in other theatres). This is where attitudes between the totalitarian dictatorship in the Soviet Union (and to a lesser extent Nazi Germany) and the Western democracies differed; the Soviets were prepared to sacrifice over 20 million citizens defeating Germany – more than 20 times the combined losses of their Western allies across all theatres. Also, despite Roosevelt's policy of 'Germany First', some of his senior military commanders still saw their priority as defeating the Japanese in the Pacific. In the end Churchill's compromise worked; saving face to an extent with Stalin, precipitating the collapse of the Italian/German Axis, reducing pressure on Allied naval and air forces in the Mediterranean and eventually diverting nearly half-a-million German troops to Italy.



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Dear Resident

In addition to these monthly reports in the Parish Magazine I also visit local Parish Councils regularly and give them an update on items relating to events at Hampshire County Council. I also prepare an annual report for each Parish Council which acts as a review of the past year. Hampshire County Council covers 1,500 square miles with a 2016 population of almost 1,400,000 people so there is always a lot going on. With that in mind, I have reproduced in this newsletter some of the key points from my annual report to local Parish Councils, which I hope will give you some background to the challenges and achievements of the past and forthcoming year.



Population

- Hampshire is the third most populous County [after Kent and Essex]
- It is less densely populated than the South East as whole [3.7 people per hectare compared with 4.7 per hectare]
- The population is set to increase by a further 7.5% to 1.46 million by 2023
- Hampshire is ageing faster than the rest of the UK
- Between 2011 and 2016 the population aged 65 years and over grew by 17.9%
- Young people [aged 0-19 years] make up 23% of the population
- The population of those people aged 85+ years is forecast to increase by 28.9% by 2023, to 54,000 people

Health in Hampshire

- Obesity remains a key issue. One in four Hampshire adults is classed as obese
- Childhood obesity levels double between reception year and year 6
- In Hampshire 22.8% of 4-5 year olds are obese, that is higher than England at 22.1%
- Secured European funding to work with partners to improve men's mental and physical health
- Nationally, just over three out of four suicides [76%] are by men and suicide is the biggest cause of death for men under 35 years
- Produced a Suicide/Postvention Protocol for Hampshire Schools and Colleges
- An estimated 24% of Hampshire population drink at above the safe recommended levels for alcohol each week. This represents around 257,000 people, or one in five people. Around 40,000 people in Hampshire are classified as "high risk drinkers" or dependent upon alcohol.
- HCC commissioned an Alcohol Nurse Service in QA Hospital and Southampton Hospitals
- It has been estimated that around 1 in 3 people over 65 and 1 in 2 over 80, fall each year. In Hampshire this equates to approximately 95,000 people over 65 years falling each year, of which 40,900 are over 80 years old
- Age related macular degeneration rates are higher in Hampshire than England; smoking and obesity [poor diet] are significant factors

If you want to find out more, including our plans to address some of these issues, visit the Public Health pages on Hampshire County Council's website. Useful documents are "Towards a Healthier Hampshire : A Strategy for Improving the Public's Health, 2016-2021" and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for 2016/2017.

Revenue Budget of £2.0 billion [2018/2019] including –

- £860 million for Education
- £628 million for Social Care and other services for children and adults
- £143 million for highways, transport, economic development and waste disposal

Plus a capital programme of £540 million over three years [2018/19 – 2020/21] for extra-care housing, additional school places and new schools

Financial Challenges –

HCC's total general grant loss since 2010/11 has been £219m.

- Reductions of a further £140 million are required by 2019/20 to meet anticipated grant reductions and additional pressures from, for example, social care and the National Living Wage.
- 2018/19 adult social care pressures are £23 million. The 3% adult social care precept from Council Tax will raise an extra £17m.

Council Tax 2018/2019

- For 2018/19 HCC increased Council Tax by 5.99% (including 3% for Adult Social Care) but we still have the second lowest council tax of any county council.
- HCC froze Council Tax for five years prior to 2016/17. Had Council Tax gone up with inflation, it would be nearly £100 more than it is for 2018/19 – even with the 5.99% increase.

Primary School Performance

- Hampshire - 66% of pupils meeting expected standard in reading, writing and maths
- England average – 61%

Secondary School Performance 2017

Pupils achieving Grade 5 or above in English and Maths GCSE

- Hampshire average 45.5%
- National average 39.6%

School Admissions

Primary School Admissions 2017

- 91% of children in Hampshire were offered a place at their first choice primary school.
- 98% were offered a place at one of their preferred schools.
- **England average (2017)** – 90% of children received an offer of their first choice school and 97.7% at any of their preferences.

Secondary School Admissions 2018

- 92% of children in Hampshire applying for a Year 7 place were allocated a place at their preferred school.
- 98% were offered a school of their choice.
- **England average (2017)** – 83.5% of children received first preference and 96.1% received an offer of a school of their choice.

Highways

- Over 5,500 miles of road are maintained by the County Council.
- HCC investing more than £10 million annually on planned maintenance for roads in Hampshire
- Additional £3 million 'pothole fund' recently awarded by central government for flood resilience and pothole repairs.

Other Information

- Extended the meals on wheels service to include young adults [those with learning, mental health issues or physical disabilities]. Afternoon tea is now an additional option for users of this service.
- Almost 1,800 people presently receive Meals on Wheels, and 35,000 lunchtime meals are delivered each month in a £16 million contract.
- HCC has over 500 maintained schools
- Agreed to give £1 million to WCC for the new sport and leisure complex
- Maintains over 133,000 street lights and 4,300 miles of pavements
- Maintains 5 country parks

Patricia Stallard

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Vicki's May report

Winchester City Council Election - 3 May 2018

The political make up of the Council after the election is:

Conservative: 23

Liberal Democrats: 22

Turnout: 44.19%

Total votes cast: 37,541

Electorate: 84,955

Your councillor Linda Gemmel was elected back in. Elections will be held again next year 2019 and 2020 when Cllr Vicki Weston and Cllr Frank Pearson will be up for election, respectively. For more information on the election results visit <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/elections/elections-results-may-2018>

Winchester Family Cycle Ride with the South Downs National Park team

The City Council's sixth Winchester Criterium and CycleFest will kick off proceedings on Sunday 10 June with the ever-popular family ride, in partnership with the South Downs National Park.

This year, the theme of the family ride will be 'Share the Space' with activities focussing on the South Down National Park's countryside as well as promoting local commitment to active travel. Abbey Gardens will be hub of the event and is also the starting point for the family ride. Participants will set off on the Criterium route at 9.45am before the main races begin at 11.00am.

LEADER funding available to support rural enterprise

Rural businesses are encouraged to apply for grant funding from the Fieldfare LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) to support projects that will create jobs and boost the local economy. Farmers, foresters, growers, rural businesses and rural communities have until the end of August 2018 to bid for a share of a £1.6million fund across the East Hampshire, Eastleigh & Winchester areas.

The Fieldfare LEADER programme is delivered in partnership with Winchester City Council, Eastleigh Borough Council, East Hampshire District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority.

Further details about Fieldfare LEADER can be found at www.Fieldfareleader.org.uk

Eighteen71 Café receives silver accreditation for excellent accessibility

The Eighteen71 Café has been awarded silver accreditation from– Winchester Area Access for All (WAAFA) which is a scheme assessing accessibility in Winchester area. WAAFA is dedicated to improving general access and wheelchair access conditions for people in the Winchester area with physical or sensory impairments.

Council asks public to be 'dragons'

A new business innovation fund is being launched by Winchester City Council this week, giving members of the public the opportunity to vote on which innovative business ideas the council should fund. The fund is aimed at small businesses located within the Winchester District. It will focus on innovation and the creation of new business ideas, services and projects – and the awards will be in the region of £1,500 per business.

Businesses have until 30 June 2018 to apply by completing an online application form and providing their business plan and cash flow forecasts. They will then produce a three minute online pitch to market their innovative idea to the public. Winchester City Council residents and businesses will vote over the summer for the ideas they would like to fund, with the final decisions being made in autumn.

GDPR

On 25 May, the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) replaced the data protection legislation across Europe. In the UK, there will also be a new Data Protection Act which will cover some data protection matters that are not included in the GDPR. The new laws modernise data protection and privacy law by giving new and improved rights to people and placing more obligations on organisations who hold your personal data. The emphasis is on privacy, accountability and transparency. This means that we have to tell you more about how and why we use your personal data, who we share it with and how long we keep it for. We also have to give you more information about your rights and what you can do if you are not happy with the way in which we hold your personal data.

Most of the time, Winchester City Council will only collect and hold information about you so that we can carry out a statutory function (such as collecting Council Tax), provide a service to you (such as emptying your bin) or to fulfil a contract or agreement with you (for example where you are a tenant of Winchester City Council). Sometimes, we will have to ask for your consent to use your information; however, where we do need your consent, we will always explain why and will give you easy ways in which you can withdraw your consent.

We will always ensure that we keep your personal data safe and that we do not share it with other people or organisations without your explicit consent unless the law requires or allows us to do so. We do not sell your personal information to other organisations (with the exception of the Electoral Register which the law requires us to make available for sale).

If you have any queries about how we handle your personal data, or on the rare occasion that we don't get things right, you can contact the Council's Data Protection Officer who will work with you to try to resolve any problems. You can contact our DPO in

writing or by email: legalwork@winchester.gov.uk
We will be updating the data protection and privacy pages on our web-site over the coming weeks.

Winchester District Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpersons Development Plan Document 'Traveller DPD'.

Submission under Regulation 22 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Winchester City Council has submitted the Winchester District Traveller Development Plan Document to the Secretary of State on the 9 May 2018. A statement of the availability of the Traveller DPD and its key supporting documents is attached. The Submission Traveller DPD is not published for consultation and its content is unchanged from the Publication (Pre-Submission) Plan which was subject to consultation in January/February 2018, although the Council has prepared a schedule of suggested modifications. The DPD will now be considered alongside the comments made on the Pre-Submission version by an independent Planning Inspector through the Examination process. Information on the Examination hearing dates and location will be posted on the Council's website when available.

The Inspector will decide which matters he/she wishes to examine and who will be invited to appear at the Examination hearings. A Programme Officer has been appointed to assist the Inspector and will contact those invited to participate in the hearing sessions of the Examination. However, anyone can attend and observe the hearing sessions. Any communication from or with the Planning Inspector and regarding the hearing sessions will be dealt with by the independent Programme Officer. To view the Submission documents and for further information, please visit our website: <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/traveller-dpd/gypsy-and-traveller-dpd-examination>

More than 50 MPs have called on the government to do more to improve 4G coverage in rural areas.

Some 56 MPs have signed a joint letter to digital secretary Matthew Hancock asking him to challenge the current speed and ambition of 4G coverage roll out. They are calling for a legally binding obligation for all four major operators to ensure mobile coverage across 95% of UK geographic landmass by the end of 2022.

See also: Rural businesses call to improve rural 4G coverage

The government estimated that achieving this ambition would add £75 billion to UK GDP. The letter has been signed by 56 MPs from parties including the Conservative Party, Labour, Liberal Democrats, the Scottish National Party and Plaid Cymru. It has been co-ordinated by the All Party Parliamentary Group for Rural Business, which is

chaired by Julian Sturdy, MP for the York Outer constituency.

Not good enough

While people inside 90% of UK premises can make telephone calls on all four mobile networks, this falls to 57% in rural areas, according to a recent Ofcom Connected Nations report. Mr Sturdy said: "This is just not good enough and progress in connecting the countryside has been painfully slow.

"We are asking the Secretary of State to step in and work with Ofcom to ensure that the mobile operators speed up delivery of 4G to rural areas."

The move follows a Country Land and Business Association report that mobile operators have been failing to submit applications for new masts in rural areas with the worst 4G coverage. CLA deputy president Mark Bridgeman said people living and working in the countryside had been disadvantaged by poor signal and mobile 'not-spots' for too long.

'Abandoned'

"It is clear that the mobile operators will only make the investment needed to connect the countryside if they are forced to do so," he added.

While many rural communities seem to have been abandoned by the mobile operators, these 50 MPs are making sure the rural voice is heard. The MPs' joint letter calls on the government to ensure that Ofcom works towards the delivery of universal quality mobile coverage. It also calls for a significant change in transparency rules that enable mobile operators to refuse to tell communities where and when they plan to roll out coverage.

The full letter can be read at <http://cla.org.uk/sites/default/files/Rural%20Mobile%20Coverage%20-%20Joint%20MP%20Letter.pdf>
Taken from the Rural Services Network.

The South Downs National Park Authority has submitted their local plan to the Secretary of State for examination.

The Pre Submission Local Plan consultation was held between 26 September 2017 and 21 November 2017. We received over 2500 comments from 568 respondents. All the comments can be seen on our Local Plan examination page, or the consultation home page.

We would like to thank everyone who commented for taking the time to review the plan. If you have requested to be kept informed of the Local Plan progress you will receive further correspondence as the plan moves through the examination. If you are required to speak at the Local Plan public hearing the programme officer will contact you directly. All details relating to the Local Plan examination, including the programme officer's contact details, can be found at www.southdowns.gov.uk/localplan.

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SOBERTON VILLAGE HALL

Chairman's report

Writing reports can quite often be a rather tedious task and one to be avoided if possible, but not so as far as our Village hall is concerned. As each year passes we seem to go from strength to strength and it is virtually all good news, the past year certainly being a case in point.

On the practical side, the main hall and foyer have been completely redecorated and the floor sanded and treated, the decoration being completed in time for our Celebration marking 50 years since the Hall was built. The Celebrations and the installation of our new sign have already been reported upon at some length and a substantial number of our Village Community shared and took part in them with us, so I do not intend to report on what was a very happy and successful occasion all over again, but suffice to say it was something we will all look back on with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction.

Many people in the Village both past and present have been involved with the Hall during the past 50 years, but I would just like to mention Mary Burgess, who was the first Secretary to the Committee and later Booking Secretary. Sadly Mary has passed on but happily the History Society organised a Memorial Lecture for her by Andy McConnell, the Antiques Roadshow Glass Expert, which was held in the Hall in March and was a most successful and enjoyable evening.

We were delighted to welcome Sue Holding on to our Committee in August, and my thanks again to all our Committee Members who, as always, have freely given of their time and energy towards ensuring the Hall continues to be a facility for all to enjoy.

There are no major projects planned during the next twelve months apart from the possible installation of a more modern hot water system. Rosemary and Sue will be looking into one or two ways of updating the kitchen; other than that perhaps a bit of consolidation will be a good thing. However, with all the bookings from our regular supporters and an increasing number from outside the Village, particularly for weddings, we have a busy year ahead to look forward to.

Next year will also see some changes regarding our Committee. Sadly Meg Sparks has decided to retire having served without a break since 1985. All those involved with the Hall in whatever respect owe her a debt of gratitude for her support and input towards its progress over some 30 years. She has always been an important link with the Players, has been a leading light in a good many fund raising and social events and, most recently, took on the responsibility for lifting and guiding us into the wonderful world of Health and Safety which entailed a lot of hard work and, at times, considerable frustration producing what seemed endless documentation relating to all the rules and regulations by which we now have to abide. So a big thank you to you from all of us, we will miss you.

One other significant change is that Jane Salmon, our Secretary for as long as anyone can remember, is retiring but, thankfully, is staying on the Committee. Jane has not only faithfully recorded the minutes of all our meetings and carried out the other duties of Secretary for all those years, but is one of those invaluable committee members who will do anything she is asked to do and volunteer to do anything she has not been asked to do.

MEON VALLEY CARERS GROUP NEWS

Registered Charity No. 1107865

Promoting a positive way of living with dementia



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 socialize. 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.

Finally there seems to be a break in the grey skies with some lovely warm sunshine breaking through at last. Upwards of 20 members regularly attend the pub lunches enjoying lots of conversations and good food. This month we are looking forward to a visit from The Memory Box Project, offering an afternoon of reminiscence. These afternoons are always thoroughly enjoyed and usually with lots of laughter involved and as always finishing with tea and biscuits and yet more chat, as the old BT advert used to say "It's good to talk"

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| 12 th June | Pub Lunch at The Black Dog, Waltham Chase 12 noon |
| 26 th June | Group Meeting at the Paterson Centre, Swanmore 2pm
The Memory Box Project/Reminiscing |
| 10 July | Pub Lunch at The Black Dog, Waltham Chase 12 noon |
| 24 July | Outing to The Wheelhouse, Hillhead 12 noon |

If you would like any more information regarding the group then please contact the office, details below.

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

MEON VALLEY PLAY READING GROUP

No lines to learn – No acting on stage – No commitment to attend every meeting
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
Next dates: Tuesday 12th June and Tuesday 10th July**

More details? 'Phone Paul or Gerry Hayles – 01489 878589 (please note the corrected number)

More Industry associated with Soberton Parish

It should not be a surprise given the names of several locations in Newtown to realise that brickmaking was carried out here. Kiln Hill, Clamp Farm and Clamp Kiln Farm are obvious clues. As long ago as 1678 when William Gisby, Senior made his will he was described as a brickmaker, twenty three years later another member of the Gisby family made his will, not a common occurrence in those days. It suggests that brick making was quite lucrative, and also important enough to be given as their main occupation.

For over a century from 1740 the Pafford family were brickmakers. In 1741 John Pafford is known to have occupied '*a good dwelling house, garden, brick kiln, two acres of inclosed land, two forest plots and four acres of meadow*'. There are leases in 1748 & 1755 of *brick kilns, the liberty of cutting furze etc. in the walk called Charles Wood in Bere Forest*. Furze, or gorse, would have been used for the firing of the kilns. In the census of both 1841 and 1851 a William Pafford's occupation is given as a brickmaker. In the latter census he was a 61 year old widower living at Charles Wood. (NB this represented a larger area than today since six properties – including two farms and would almost certainly have included Clamp Kiln).

Then a new name occurs, William Lotam, or Lotem, or Loten, (spelling has not been standardized). William was both farmer and brick maker. In the 1841 census William Loten, formerly of Hambledon, lived at Clamp Brick Kiln. In the 20th Century the Lay Family carried on the industry in Newtown, it was neither continuous nor carried out by them. Sometimes a Mr Clinch, stayed with a family member at Nightingale Cottage just for the period of brick making but he did become a resident. The trade directory of 1935 has an entry for Build-O-Bricks Ltd., brick and tile makers at Clamp Kiln. it is understood that operations ceased on the outbreak of WWII. When an older property just beyond Newtown School was pulled down in the late 1960's or early 70's the pupils had first hand experience of digging for and moulding clay.

It may be more surprising to learn that in 1859 that William White's trade directory mentions a large chemical works at Mislingford where naphtha and acids are manufactured by Messrs. Gale and Savage. These names belong to Soberton Mill. This enterprise would need a good supply of running water and possibly the collaboration with Soberton Mill was more than a working relationship. However, the 1859 Post Office Directory, possibly more reliable, lists Charles Pink & Co. Manufacturers of Naphtha and Vegetable Acids at Ford Works, Newtown. The site of the chemical works seems to have been lost but was evidently in the Mislingford area. The 1841 census names two young mechanics staying at The Roebuck, neither Hampshire men. Ten years later on census night the guests included an engineer from Yorkshire, two copper smiths, one of whom was from Yorkshire and a young bricklayer from London. Was this a coincidence or were they working on the new project?

Possibly the pumping station built in 1907 for the Gosport Water Works Company was on the site of the former chemical works. Although not exactly an industry the new building with its machinery and chimneys inspired the master of Soberton School to arrange a visit for some of his older boys soon after its opening.

During the latter part of the 1930's two friends decided that there must be a market for waste farm and animal products. Chicken farmer Mr. Jones and John Cole set up a Soberton (or Hampshire) Guano Company assisted by Archie Cole. The two brothers went into the army in 1939 and Mr. Jones carried on the business until they returned. The Local History Society was fortunate to secure some of the business ledgers and has a photograph of the buildings



ADVANCE PLANNER

August	13 th	Icon Painting Course starts	St. Peter's
September	10 th 27 th	RBL Film Club	Droxford VH Church Room
October	13 th 25 th	Postie Retirement Party Film Club	Recreation Ground
November	29 th 30 th	Players' Panto Players' Panto	SVH SVH
December	1 st 12 th	Players' Panto Film Club	SVH



**Come & try Volunteering
during National Volunteers' Week!**

Have you ever thought about giving something back to the community but don't know where to start? Can you spare some time to help support a local community initiative called The Project that saves out of date supermarket food from going to landfill? We are looking for help to build a community garden from scratch at The Wickham Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham and are asking for more volunteers to give a helping hand.

The event is taking place on **Friday 8th June between 0930-1330**, with a number of staff from local businesses taking part and residents from Wickham & surrounding areas. Janet Duggan, Volunteer Service Manager from Community First says "we are keen to get as many people as possible to come and get involved with this community project, it is your chance to be part of the UK's biggest celebration of volunteering, recognising the contribution of 23 million people who volunteer in their communities across the UK. It's going to be such a great day, with local MP's George Hollingbery and Suella Braverman coming along to lend a hand to give their support".

The Project is a local initiative which collects food that is past its sell by date from large supermarkets, a selection of which will be available on the volunteering day. It then opens to the local community giving them a chance to use that food on a donation or skills swap basis. Sue Cooper from The Project says "We are looking to extend our reach by building a community garden, where local residents can come and help maintain the vegetable patches. The vegetables grown will then be available to everyone in the local area. We are so grateful for the volunteers who have already signed up to take part, but we need more help. There is a role for everyone even if you're not green fingered, we need support painting the storage container and other day to day tasks at The Project!"

If you would like to get involved with this exciting and innovative volunteering day please email julie.eden@cfirst.org.uk.

To find out more about other volunteering opportunities available across Hampshire go to volunteerwessex.org or telephone 0300 500 8085 option 1

Meon Valley Community Bus Association

Mondays to FAREHAM

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

Return:

1230 Sainsbury's, Fareham
1235 Fareham Library

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1030 Sainsbury's, Fareham

Return:

1230 Sainsbury's, Fareham
1235 Fareham Library

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 Waterlooville Waitrose
1030 Waterlooville Sainsbury's

Return:

1230 Waterlooville Sainsbury's
1235 Waterlooville 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. Musselwhite	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
CHURCHES		
Church Wardens (N)	Mr. Fra Wells	01329 834130
	Mr. Barry Rowswell	01329 834671
Church Wardens (S)	Mrs. Louise McEwen	01489 877448
PCC Secretary(S)	Mr Norman Chapman	01489 877378
Capt. Of Bells(S)	Mr.Noel Evans	01489 877271
Churchyard Keeper (Sob)	Mr John Lester	01489 878557

District Councillors(N)	Mr. Frank Pearson	01489 892822
	Ms. Vicki Weston	01329 835 161
District Councillor(S)	Ms Linda Gemmell	01489 895023
County Councillor	Mrs Patricia Stallard	02392 251484
Brownie & Guide Leader	Mrs. Caroline Rogers	01489 877430
CAB		01489 896376
Village Agent Age Concern	Mr. David Smith Head Office	01329 835122 0800 328 7154
Film Club	Dr Lyndon Palmer	01489 877174
Local History Chairman	Prof. Duncan Colin-Jones	01489 877237
Soberton Football	Mr. Keith Moran	01329 834 897
Soberton Players	Mrs. Susan Hyland	01489 878724
Soberton Hall Secretary	Mrs Jane Salmon	01489 878659
Table Tennis Club	Mr Pete Woodacre	01489 877768
	Mr Adrian Hunt	01489 878141
Ladies Group	Mrs. Liz Whales	01489 877712
Meon Valley Lions Club	Mr Ian Adams	0845 833 7812
SOBERTON PARISH COUNCIL <i>www.soberton.org</i>		
Chairman	Vice John Hyland	01489 878724
Chairman	Vicki Weston	01329 835161
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Planning	Tim Pickford	01489 877602
Open Spaces	Barry Henderson Andy Andrews	01489 877978 01489 878270
Roads, Footpaths and Transport	David Salmon Bob Stranks	01489 878659 01489 878270
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From the Archives.....



Above - Soberton village from the Down, c1905. The foreground shows Birds Eye View and Westdown Cottage on Chalk Hill, Glencoe Cottages & Down House in the centre and a large farmyard adjacent to School Hill. The footpath across the Down can just be made out bottom left close to Bird Eye View. **Below** - similar view 1980's with the addition of the Village Hall built in 1967.



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