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A sailing event developed in Newtown!

Jonty Sherwill and Vicki Weston racing their 1926 classic dayboat 'Cockleshell' in the recent Hamble Classics Regatta in the Solent with third crew member Gordon Bonney. Now in its second year the event attracted 64 beautiful classic yachts from 16ft to 65ft long, the oldest built in 1888.

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SERVICES

at

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

SUNDAY SERVICES: Please refer to the inside pages

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(Sunday & Friday)

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Minister (Reader) 01489 877378 e-mail: norman@soberton.org.uk

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ALL WEDDING & BAPTISM ENQUIRIES

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e-mail: canonfennemore@btinternet.com

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

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Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1DN. Canon Alan Griffiths
(frgriffiths@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) 02380 273882**

6.00 pm. Saturday (First Mass of Sunday)

9.30 am. Sunday

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For further information contact Anthony McEwen 01489 877448

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Shirrell Heath 10.30 am & 6.00 pm

Waltham Chase 10.30 am

Bishops Waltham 10.30 am

Swanmore 10.30 am & 6.00 pm

Hambledon 11.00 am & 6.00 pm

MAGAZINE.

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Dear readers,

Our country continues to recover from three terror attacks and one of the worst fires in modern British history. There is still a great deal of trauma and anxiety on our streets, and the personal and political ramifications of these events will continue for months, if not years. In all these tragic events, I have been struck by the stories of heroism and community action; ordinary people doing the extraordinary to help those caught up in terrible situations. People risking their lives, communities gathering around to care for those in need, including our church communities, as well as other faith groups.

The Church has always acted to serve the community, and there is huge scope for our places of worship, here in Soberton and Newtown, to be beacons of healing and health for the whole community, not only in times of particular need. I have been appreciative of all the community events and the caring and compassion that is shown to people within our communities.

Many of you know that I have spent over 30 years of my ministry as a chaplain in the NHS. I have always had a passion for the Church's Ministry of Healing, and have been an advisor in this area of ministry to both the Bishops of Oxford and Portsmouth. I have a vision for Holy Trinity Church in Newtown to be a Centre for Wholeness and Healing – to create a place for everyone, of all faiths and none, where they will find peace, quiet, and a sense of God's healing presence with them. We will create a Garden of Healing, alongside our Peace Garden and many people have already expressed an interest to be involved in this project, including our school. We will have lectures, debates, talks and regular services of healing. The first of these will be on St Francis' Day, Wednesday, 4th October at 7pm. These reflective services of healing will take place on the first Wednesday of each month in Holy Trinity Church.

Also taking place in October (1st) is our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. This year it is at St Peter's Church at 11am and will be followed by our Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall. Celebrating Harvest goes very deep in us – it seems to stir in us a sense of our country roots, memories of a land that lived by agriculture as Soberton and Newtown used to do, and still does in some parts today. Harvest marks the end of a sequence in the church/country calendar. Plough Sunday in January, when farm implements were blessed; Rogation Days in May, when Prayers were offered for favourable weather for growing crops; Lammas day in August, when the first loaf made with flour from the new crop was offered in token thanks, and coming full circle to Harvest. A time for a pause before it starts all over again! Harvest is time to be thankful, to remember God's mercy and goodness.

It is good to be thankful but there is something uncomfortable about harvest, too, especially as our television screens show us people who haven't got a harvest to celebrate, some who haven't for years, perhaps because the rains have failed or more and more frequently because of man's inhumanity to man, where wars have made it impossible to cultivate the land – South Sudan and Yemen come readily to mind. So please, when you give thanks for our harvest, remember those who do not have one and pray for all the relief organizations throughout the world who are striving to make a difference.

The beginning of November sees the festival of All Saints which reminds us that we are part of a great company of people who have been touched by God, and have responded by living lives that in some measure give God glory. Then comes the remembrance of All Souls, and our annual All Souls service is on 5th November at 6.30pm. At this service we remember all those whom we have loved and see no longer, giving thanks for them and all that they continue to mean to us. Remembrance Sunday is on 12th November and our service on that day will be at St. Peter's and start at 10.50am to enable us to have the 2 minute silence at 11am.

With my best wishes,

Nick
Interim Priest-in-Charge

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust to take over St Clair's Water Meadows, Soberton



Congratulations to everyone involved in the process of enabling Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT) to acquire the historic water meadows between Selworth Lane and West Street.

Match fund-raising of £60,000 from the community and many letters of support for the acquisition helped secure a landfill tax grant for the Trust to purchase the 39-acre meadows. It is hoped that the purchase will be completed by the end of September.

It was good to see so many people at the public meeting on Tuesday 19th September to meet the officers of the Trust and ask questions about the future of the meadows.

HIWWT Estates Director John Durnell briefly described what he called “the exceptional wildlife value” of this stretch of the Meon which is the least well-known, but possibly the best in environmental terms, of Hampshire’s four chalk streams, which in turn are among the best chalk streams in the world.

As I explained at that meeting the Trust is now at the very early stages of developing their thoughts about the best way of managing St Clair’s Meadows. The Parish Council intends to nominate as soon as possible an individual or small team to liaise between the HIWWT and the community to ensure that all views about the future of the meadows are considered in the development of a draft plan.

Once the draft plan is complete it will be posted on the parish council website – www.soberton.org – and also circulated by email as widely as possible (see above).

There will be one month’s consultation where we will all be invited to comment on the draft proposals before the plan is confirmed.

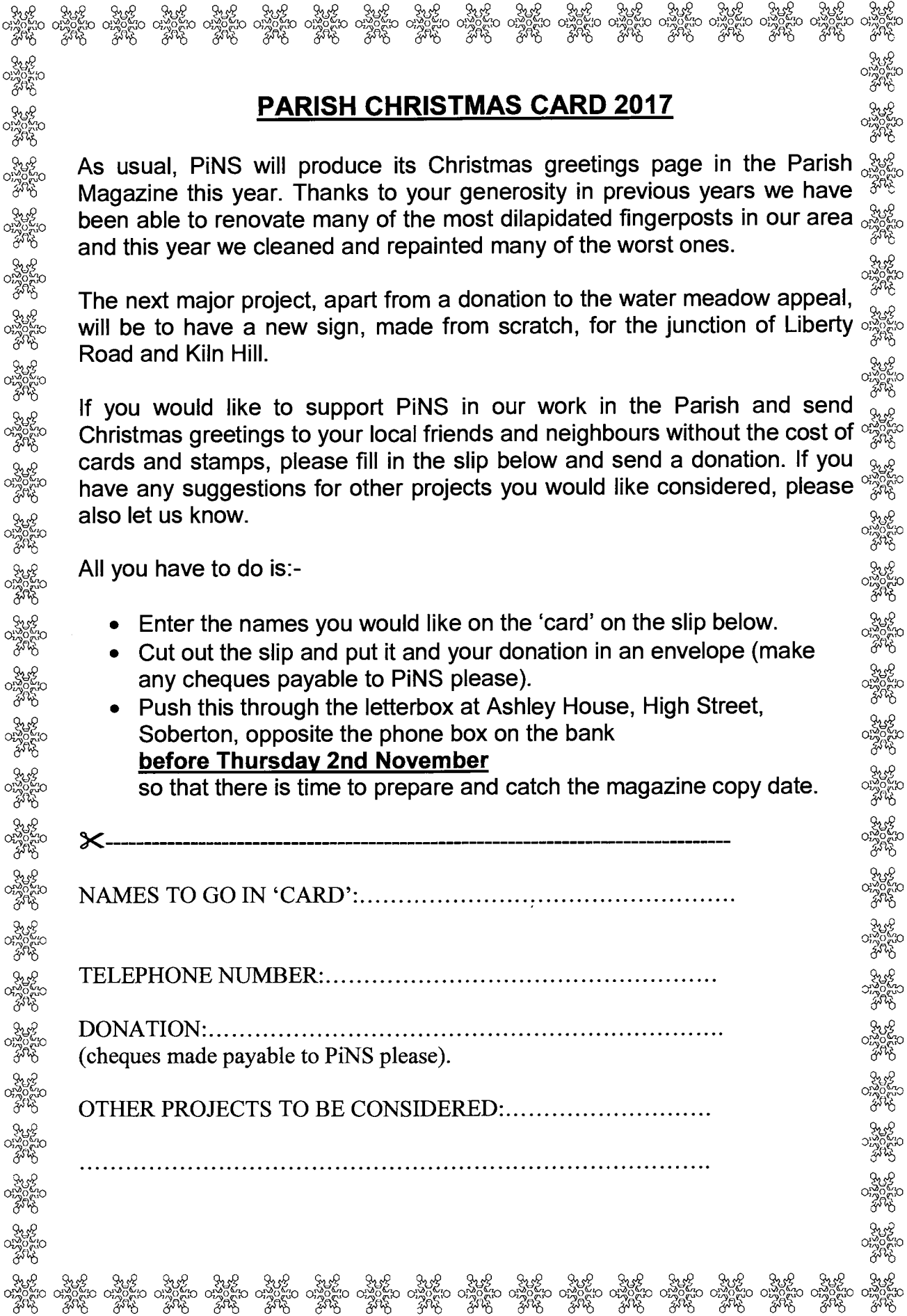
The plan will include immediate actions such as fencing in preparation for the introduction of grazing cattle, consideration of public access and possibly signage to guide visitors about appropriate behaviour to safeguard wildlife on the meadows.

John Durnell said that he hoped to introduce educational visits on the meadows, hosted by his Reserves Officers Chris Lycett and Emma Hunt. He would also like to encourage people from the area to get involved in monitoring the site and conducting wildlife surveys.

Future fishing rights – the current lease to the United Services Fishing Club expires with the sale – will form part of the consultation.

If you have not been receiving regular emails about the progress of the St. Clair's Water Meadows Appeal and would like to be added to the mailing list please email sobertonmeadows@btinternet.com

John Hyland, Parish Council Chairman.



PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD 2017

As usual, PiNS will produce its Christmas greetings page in the Parish Magazine this year. Thanks to your generosity in previous years we have been able to renovate many of the most dilapidated fingerposts in our area and this year we cleaned and repainted many of the worst ones.

The next major project, apart from a donation to the water meadow appeal, will be to have a new sign, made from scratch, for the junction of Liberty Road and Kiln Hill.

If you would like to support PiNS in our work in the Parish and send Christmas greetings to your local friends and neighbours without the cost of cards and stamps, please fill in the slip below and send a donation. If you have any suggestions for other projects you would like considered, please also let us know.

All you have to do is:-

- Enter the names you would like on the 'card' on the slip below.
- Cut out the slip and put it and your donation in an envelope (make any cheques payable to PiNS please).
- Push this through the letterbox at Ashley House, High Street, Soberton, opposite the phone box on the bank **before Thursday 2nd November** so that there is time to prepare and catch the magazine copy date.

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NAMES TO GO IN 'CARD':.....

TELEPHONE NUMBER:.....

DONATION:.....
(cheques made payable to PiNS please).

OTHER PROJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED:.....
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ADVANCE NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARIES

THE SOBERTON & NEWTOWN HISTORY SOCIETY

is organising a special **Memorial Lecture in honour of Mary Burgess**, our founder 35 years ago, and Chairman for 25. Generously supported by the Burgess Family, we are thrilled to announce that the lecturer is to be:

Andy McConnell, glass expert on the Antiques Roadshow,
who will talk on **"5,000 years of Glass"**.

To be held in Soberton Village Hall on **Thursday, March 8th** at 7.30pm.
More details later – but make a note of the date.

World War I

As we approach Remembrance Day we remember five men from our parish who lost their lives in World War I. October 4th marks the centenary of the death of Wilfred Withers Scardifield, son of Lot & Mary Catherine of Newtown, at the age of 27. He was a Corporal in the 1st Battalion Duke of Cornwall Light Infantry and was buried at Tyne Cot, Zonnebeke, in West Flanders. There are a few people in the parish who can still remember his brother's wife but his niece, Joan Cleeve who died earlier this year, was known and loved by everyone in Newtown.

Another man from the parish who almost certainly at Passchendaele in 1917 was Emmanuel James Lutman, but the date of his death is unknown. He was with the 15th Battalion of the Hampshire regiment and is said to have died from his wounds in Ypres. He is buried in the Menin Road Cemetery. "Manny" was married with three children.

Hugh Twynam was the first Soberton casualty of 1917. The 29 year old was the third son of John and Mary Twynam of Soberton House. Hugh was serving as a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy Reserve on Submarine E36 which was involved with another submarine off Terschelling, an island off the Northern Netherlands, and sank with no survivors.

There were two local men who died in April just ten days apart and both are commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais. William Bevis is recorded on Newtown War memorial as serving with Leicester Regiment (Private 40009) and Private Robert William Rye of the 1st R.M., Bt. R.N. Royal Marines Light Infantry died on the 23rd April. Robert, the son of William and Mary Rye, was born in East Meon but had lived at Ingoldfield Cottage some ten years or more.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

Athena Poppy Evelyn Lloyd

3rd September 2017 at Soberton

Weddings

Charles Peregrine George Abbott and Denise Ann Solman 26th August 2017 at Newtown

Gary Timothy Chilcott and Raluca Mihaela Zahiu 16th September 2017 at Newtown

The Friends of St Peter's

*You will be welcome to join us
on Friday 27th October 12.30 for 1 pm*

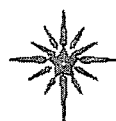
Special 3-course Autumn Luncheon in St Peter's Church Room

***Tickets (£8) are limited so phone soon 01489 877378 or 01489 877237
Bring your own wine or soft drink. A raffle will take place during the event***

ALSO ! ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday December 2nd 10.30 to noon in the Church Room

Annual Christmas Coffee Morning



Bring & Buy



OCTOBER 2017

Sunday 1st Trinity 16	1100 Joint Service – Harvest Festival & Rocs Followed by Harvest Lunch	St Peter's
Tuesday 3 rd	1000 SoberTots	Guide Hut
Tuesday 3 rd	1400 U3A	Wickham Centre
Wednesday 4 th	1900 Service of Healing	Holy Trinity
Wednesday 4 th	2000 Ladies' Group	West Down Cottage
Friday 6 th	1230 Lunch Club	Church Room
Saturday 7 th	1400 Jumble Sale	Rookesbury
Saturday 7 th	1000 MV Garden Club Plant Sale	Droxford Hall
Saturday 7 th	1930 Private Henry Tandey VC	SVH
Sunday 8th Trinity 17	0930 Parish Communion 1100 Matins	Holy Trinity St Peter's
Tuesday 10 th	1000 SoberTots	Guide Hut
Tuesday 10 th	1930 Play Reading	Meon Hall
Thursday 12 th	1930 Local History Society	Church Room
Saturday 14 th	0945 Pilgrimage Trail	Exton church
Sunday 15th Trinity 18	1000 Joint Service	Holy Trinity
Tuesday 17 th	1000 SoberTots	Guide Hut
Tuesday 17 th	1400 U3A	Wickham Centre
Thursday 19 th	1900 Film Club	Church Room
Saturday 21 st	1000 MV Garden Club visit	Droxford
Sunday 22nd Trinity 19	0930 Parish Communion 1100 Parish Communion	Holy Trinity St Peter's
Tuesday 24 th	1000 SoberTots	Guide Hut
Tuesday 24 th	1345 MV Flower Club	Hambledon Hall
Friday 27 th	12.30 FOSPS lunch	Church Room
Saturday 28 th	1900 RBL Quiz Night	Droxford Hall
Sunday 29th Trinity 20	1000 Joint Service 5th Sunday Bible Sunday	Holy Trinity
Tuesday 31 st	1000 SoberTots	Guide Hut

NOVEMBER 2017

Wednesday 1 st	2000 Ladies Group	Downland
Thursday 2 nd	Deadline for PiNS card	
Thursday 2 nd	1930 MV Garden Club AGM	Droxford Hall
Friday 3 rd	12.30 Lunch Club	Church Room
Sunday 5th	1000 Joint Service with Rocs	St Peter's
All Saints & All Souls	1830 Service for All Souls	St Peter's
Sunday 5 th	1030 FASH Dance	SVH
Tuesday 7 th	1000 SoberTots	Guide Hut
Tuesday 7 th	1400 U3A	Wickham Centre
Wednesday 8 th	1900 Service of Healing	Holy Trinity
Thursday 9 th	1930 Local History Society	Church Room
Sunday 12th	1050 Remembrance Service	Holy Trinity
Remembrance Sunday		
Tuesday 14 th	1000 SoberTots	Guide Hut
Tuesday 14 th	1930 Play Reading	Meon Hall
Saturday 18 th	1200 Ploughman's Lunch & Fair	Rookesbury
Sunday 19th	1000 Joint Service	Holy Trinity
Second before Advent		
Monday 20th	1800 Magazine Copy Deadline	
Tuesday 21 st	1000 SoberTots	Guide Hut
Tuesday 21 st	1400 U3A	Wickham Centre
Wednesday 22 nd	1930 MV Garden Club	Meon Hall
Sunday 26th	0930 Parish Communion	Holy Trinity
Christ the King	1100 Parish Communion	St Peter's
Tuesday 28 th	1000 SoberTots	Guide Hut
Tuesday 28 th	1345 MV Flower Club	Hambledon Hall
Thursday 30 th	1930 My Fair Lady	SVH

DECEMBER

Friday 1 st	1930 My Fair Lady	SVH
Saturday 2 nd	1400 My Fair Lady	SVH
Saturday 2 nd	1930 My Fair Lady	SVH
Sunday 3rd	ADVENT SUNDAY Details t.b.a on pew sheets	
Tuesday 5 th	1000 SoberTots	Guide Hut
Friday 8 th (N.B. new date)	1230 Lunch Club	Church Room



The Guide Hut Committee invite you to a

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH CHRISTMAS FAIR



Saturday 18th November 2017

12 noon

Rookesbury Hall, Newtown

Christmas Gifts * Cakes * Christmas Produce * Draw

Adults: £7 on the door

Adults: £6 in advance

Children £3

Tickets from: Sue Wells

Caroline Rogers

Josie Cleeve

Proceeds to The Guide Hut

All enquiries to Sue Wells: 01329 834130 sjwells@meonwood.co.uk

Ooohh – Nice Cupboards !!

We would like to say a very big **THANK YOU** to the **Soberton & Newtown Parish Magazine** and the **Soberton Working Poor Fund**, for their very generous grants to enable us to have some new cupboards fitted in the Soberton & Newtown Guide Hut. The wonderful set of 6 cupboards now occupies the full 6 meter width across the end of the Hut and each cupboard is dedicated to a different group/use: Children's Week, SoberTots, Brownies, Guides, general Games and general craft. It all looks very smart and as they are 850mm deep, they store lots of equipment, so the Hut is now looking very tidy!

Thank you again to the Parish Mag and the Working Poor Fund for their support; many children across the parishes will benefit from this marvellous improvement in storage.

With grateful thanks,

Caroline Barfoot
Children's Week

Caroline Rogers
Brownies & Guides

Mandy Cleeve
SoberTots

SOBERTON  PLAYERS

LENER AND LOEWE'S

MY FAIR LADY

Book and Lyrics by Music by
ALAN JAY LERNER FREDERICK LOEWE

Thurs 30th Nov, Fri 1st Dec 7.30pm
Sat 2nd Dec 2.00pm and 7.30pm



Soberton Village Hall – SO32 3PF
Tickets: £8 (adults), £4 (children)

Pre-theatre 2-course supper available at 6pm at The White Lion
Book direct with the pub on 01489 877346 • Adults: £17.50, Children: £9.95

Box Office: 07802 791 615
Email: tickets@sobertonplayers.co.uk

Adapted from George Bernard Shaw's Play and Gabriel Pascal's Motion Picture "PYGMALION"
Original Production Directed and Staged by Moss Hart

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe). All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe. www.mtishows.co.uk



SoberTots

Happy Birthday to Us! Yes, we have made it a whole year and grown remarkably in that time! From our humble beginnings of just my cousin and me on a fortnightly basis, we have increased in popularity to average 10 mothers per meeting AND we have now gone WEEKLY!!!

Yes, WEEKLY!!

Thank you to Rachel Rowlinson, who was inspired enough to propose running a music group. We meet at the **Guide Hut** along Heath Road in Soberton Heath, from **10:00-11:30 every Tuesday.**

We continue throughout the holidays when you are welcome to bring older siblings to be Special Helpers! Tea, coffee or whatever your preferred beverage will be provided, with snacks for the kids and warm croissants for the adults (if you can keep them hidden from the Munchkins!) There is a suggested donation of £2 per family.

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, we have our SoberTots - Play group. This allows free play for the children to explore our range of toys, games and books, whilst the mothers rest their tired feet on our comfortable sofas, enjoying a cup of coffee and a freshly baked croissant with butter and jam.

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, we have SoberTots - Music group. A more interactive group for you and your baby, to enjoy singing, rattles, scarves and feathers. A tactile and stimulating session for you to work out your vocal cords, and your muscles with our giant parachute!

As a special treat to our hard-working mums, we are planning our first 'Mums' Only' outing to Paint-A-Pot Party at Hoemoor Farm in Bunns Lane. A chance for the ladies to relax with some painting therapy, adult beverages and posh nibbles.

We are a lovely group of local mothers, fathers and grandparents and we would love you to come and join us! If you would like more information please contact me on **mandy.cleeve@hotmail.co.uk** or search for our Facebook page.

Meon Valley Flower Club.

Our next meetings will both be held in Hambledon Village Hall 1.45pm for 2.00pm.

Tuesday October 24th a demonstration by Gill Homer titled " Bright Ideas "

Tuesday November 28th a demonstration/ workshop titled " Festive Yuletide " by Nina Tucknott. Please bring along pieces of foliage suitable for a table arrangement. All other materials flowers, containers and sundries will be provided. As this is a workshop, the demonstrator will need to know how many people will turn up, please could you telephone Alison Bartlett on 02392 632366.

Refreshments. Plenty of Parking. Raffle. Members £5 Guests £10



Private Henry Tandey VC

Or 'Henry & Hitler'

Saturday 7th October at 7.30pm

In Soberton Village Hall

**The true story of how one shot in
World War I might have prevented
World War II !!**

Local musician Mike Grogan has written the script and music to commemorate the remarkable story of this highly decorated soldier; villagers Ben Bracken and John Rowlinson are the actors, with two musicians providing vocals, guitars and violin to perform songs.

On Saturday 7th October, Soberton Village Hall is hosting the première of this 12 date tour.

Full itinerary on www.henrytandey.co.uk

DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS!

01329 834176 or www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/388349

Meon Valley Pilgrimage Trail 2017

This 28-mile walk up the Meon valley was planned as a suggested route which might have been taken by St Wilfrid, Bishop of York in the late 7th century as he travelled through the lands of the Meonwara tribe, preaching Christianity. The walk starts at Titchfield Haven and in six annual stages averaging five miles follows the length of the river to East Meon. Walkers from the villages of the Meon Valley have gathered each year on the Saturday nearest to St Wilfrid's Day to walk a section of the trail. This year we will follow the penultimate section of the route; from Exton to West Meon.

Please join us on **Saturday 14th October** at the church of St Peter and St Paul, Exton in time to leave at 9.45am. We will stop at the church of Our Lady, Warnford, and perhaps at the George & Falcon, before arriving at St John the Evangelist, West Meon at 12.15. We will be welcomed with refreshments followed by a short service, before dispersing, either to return home or to honour the old English tradition and walk down the hill to the Thomas Lord.

As this is a linear walk with no bus service you may wish to consider car-sharing.

For more information please contact Robert Goulson (01329 832915)

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

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Good gifts for Christmas!

Please contact Sandra 01489 877978 email barry596@btinternet.com



Meon Valley

By the time you read this our first two meetings in September will have taken place. 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.

Wickham Centre, Mill Lane; Tuesdays, at 2.00pm

3rd October	Crossing America by Model T	Peter Yeomans, Traveller
17th October	River Itchen – Source to Sea	Jill Daniels, Local Speaker
7th November	Southwick – Reformation to today	Harvey Griffiths, Branch Member
21st November	A Ukulele Afternoon	Soberton Strummers

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

KEEP FIT CLASSES

Every Wednesday in Soberton Village Hall from 10.00 till 11.00am

Further information from Jo Chapman on 01489 877378 Do join us!

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, minced pies, a warming Wassail Cup
and general seasonal merriment!**

All welcome



**Thursday 14th December 2017
7.00pm
Rookesbury Hall, Newtown**

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

SOBERTON AND NEWTOWN LADIES' GROUP

The first meeting of our year was an interesting and amusing talk given by Mandy Cleeve, a Guide to Insect Control. Mandy gave a brief overview of lots of insects, but concentrated on ants, wasps and bees. We all learnt something new about these insects and how to get rid of them!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th October when Gill Holland will demonstrate making some canapés. The meeting will be held in Gill's home, West Down Cottage, Chalk Hill, Soberton, with parking available at the village hall.

On Wednesday 1st November, Jackie Hunt will be telling us about the Street Pastors and their work. The meeting will be held in the home of Carol Colin-Jones, Downland, Station Road, Soberton.

New members are always very welcome. If you would like further details about the group, please see the contact details below.

Liz Whales 01489 877712 or lizwhales@aol.com
or Helen Stranks 01489 878270 or helen.stranks@btopenworld.com

Hands, Knees and...

Boomps-a-Daisy is the new regional challenge badge our brownies have embraced with enthusiasm. The aim of the challenge is to offer variety to our members by exploring five themes: Adventure, Activity, Social Action & Tradition, Creativity and Food& Fun. So to start the adventure we taught the girls the Boomps-a-Daisy song, with actions!

Over the summer term we have: made smoothies, been geocaching, made pompoms and wool spiders for Yarn Bombing, decorated hats, had cotton wool games, made Hobby Horse and done dressage, and created Street Art (displayed around the village during September).

We also had a Brownie Sleepover at Soberton Village Hall with 2nd BW Brownies. Camping in tents inside the hall, as well as making boats for racing on the Meon and Father's Day presents.

In June we also took some of Brownies to Foxlease, in the New Forest, to a 'Magic & Mayhem' day with over 1000 Rainbows and Brownies from across the south. A great day filled with fun and thank you to the Community Bus Group for letting us hire the lovely bus to make the day smooth from start to finish.

To finish the year we had a family games evening and then played rounders with the Guides. Instead of party food we elected to collect tins for the Meon Valley Food Bank, as we visited them earlier in the year and know they help so many families in need.

Our faithful Young Leader: Victoria Rogers said 'Au Revoir', as she will already be at University before we start in the spring, and two of our older Brownies jumped the toadstool, as they are now off to Guides.

This autumn term we will see 5 new brownies joining us and together with our young leaders: Grace Parker & Katie Rogers, we will continue with our Boomps-a Daisy challenge badge and work on our collector's badge, as well as enjoy those wonderful new cupboards(!).

If you would like to join us as we explore some exciting challenges, please contact Mandy (Tawny Owl) or Caroline (Brown Owl) by email at sobertonnewtownbrownies@gmail.com
We meet on a Monday evening (during term-time) 5:30 to 7pm.

Do Something Different this Autumn!

Enjoy the 'C' words, including Creativity, Co-operation, Complicity and Confidence

- Come along to 6 workshop sessions, led by a former director of SCAT Theatre Company and based on the courses he devised for Eastleigh Adult Education and Ashcroft Arts Centre
- While these sessions include various theatre games and exercises, this is NOT an Acting Course, so no plays to read or public performances!
- No experience necessary. It's for 16 -86 year olds – if you can move and speak, you can join in.
- A focus will be the 'F' word – FUN!
- Workshops to be held every Sunday afternoon (2.30 – 4.30pm) from October 8th to November 12th at DROXFORD VILLAGE HALL
- Just £3 per session, with no commitment to attend every week; just come and give it a try.
- Questions? Contact Paul Hayles (01489 878589)

And Relax...?

The summer Term bought some new adventures to the Soberton & Newtown Guides as they started their term with a Reflexology session with Emma Hazeldene. A very relaxing session and some excellent techniques on dealing with stress!

Next some of the Guides organised a party and ran the whole evening, which included party food, and then it was off to indoor camp at Pauline's Lodge in Manor Farm Country Park where the campers took part in a divisional Incident hike (not so relaxing!)

Our next meeting saw us visiting Bishops Waltham to look at the Yarn Bombing around the village, and ended up walking through the Highland cattle to BW Guide hut for some well earned chips. Following half term we started a new Regional challenge Boomps-a-Daisy, and planned which activities we could do over the rest of the term and into the Autumn.

So we have been: playing with cotton wool, doing origami, chain dancing!, making ice cream, litter picking, comparing chocolate brownies and blondies and going on a Penny Hike in the Bere Forest (and that's just the summer term!)

For our last meeting of the summer we had a rounders match with the Brownies and instead of party food, donated some tins to the Meon Valley food bank.

Over the summer holidays some of our Guides camped with some American guides – (this was the very wet week at the beginning of the hols) and some went to our music festival camp – Wellies & Wristbands (this was the lovely hot, bank holiday weekend) and you can't say Guides don't camp in all weathers, as between these two camps they only avoided snow!

A trip to Flip Out in Portsmouth started our autumn term and was an opportunity to say 'Goodbye and good luck' to Victoria Rogers, our dedicated Young Leader, as she leaves for her new adventure at Reading University. We will miss her, but we are sure she will be back enjoying our activities when she is back home.

This term we will be concentrating (!) on our Boomps-a Daisy challenge list, and who knows what we get up to, and enjoying the wonderful new cupboards!

If you would like to come and help us have fun, on a Monday evening (alternate weeks) 7pm til 8:30pm please give me a ring – we do need some extra hands.

Caroline Rogers
Guide Leader for Soberton & Newtown
Email: sobertonnewtownguides@gmail.com

FILM CLUB

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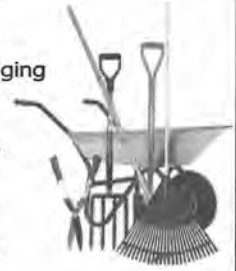
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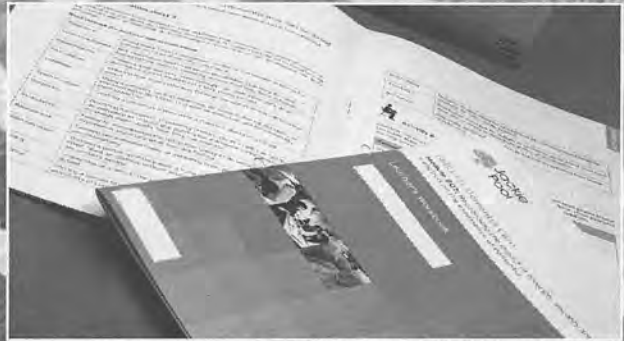
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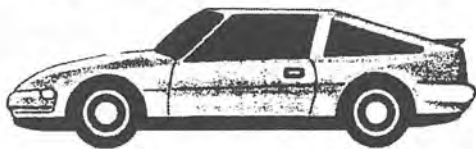
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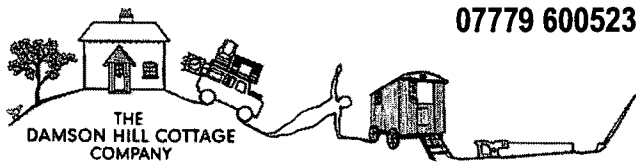
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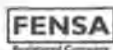
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Further information or enquiries to Jenny Thomson on 01329 835275 or Sue Miles 01329 832157.



DANCING to LIVE MUSIC AT SOBERTON VILLAGE HALL

Sunday 5th November 2017 - 10.30 to 3.30 with a Bring & Share lunch

If you prefer you can bring your own picnic or even go home!

Pete & Marj Hendy - two of our most popular callers - lead the morning session and in the afternoon we have our very own **Nigel Close!**

Andrew Purkiss – a legend on the piano accordion - will be providing the music.

All dances will be walked through and 'called'. You don't need to bring a partner and new people are made very welcome. **£10 (£7 for FASH members - annual FASH membership £6)**

For more information please see the website: www.fash.org.uk

MEON VALLEY PLAY READING GROUP

A fun evening reading a different play at each meeting.

**We meet on 2nd Tuesday each month at 7.30pm in the Meon Hall
Next meetings are Tuesday 10th October and Tuesday 14th November.**

A charge of £3 pays for rent, coffee etc.
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You don't have to be the 'right age' for the characters you are reading, or even the same gender.
More details? 'Phone Paul or Gerry Hayles – 01489 878489

50 YEARS
SOBERTON VILLAGE HALL
Celebration Day

The community spirit that led to the planning and building of Soberton Village Hall in 1967 is still much in evidence in our village, if the celebrations for the hall's 50th anniversary held on September 16th this year are anything to go by.

Back in 1965 when the idea for a village hall was mooted to replace the old Reading Room in the High Street huge resources of time, energy and sheer inspiration were conjured up by the late Captain Tony Evans and his committee to raise the £10,200 required to complete the hall in 1967.

Similar levels of precision planning went into marking the hall's half-century, this time with Pete Woodacre and Bob Stranks of the Village Hall Committee competently at the helm, carefully co-ordinating a magnificent overview of the hall's vital role in our community today.

During the afternoon around 150 visitors dropped in to the village hall to sample demonstrations by the various groups who use it regularly. They marvelled at the suppleness of the keep-fit, table tennis and Pilates groups, enjoyed the music of the Meon Valley Orchestra and admired, then joined in with, a lively series of country dances by the Folk Association of South Hampshire.

Pete had also found time, along with Duncan Colin-Jones and Ann Pendred – all members of the Local History Society – to compile a fascinating display about the hall's history and uses over the past 50 years which triggered happy memories for many visitors.

Meanwhile younger visitors were entertained with face painting, traditional games and ice cream from a Mr Whippy van and others enjoyed tea and delicious cakes, provided by the Ladies Group.

After a short break, the festivities continued at 7pm with a cavalcade of music and humour from the past five decades performed by our local community choir, Sing and Tonic, the Soberton Strummers ukulele band and members and friends of Soberton Players reprising some comic sketches from the shows they have been staging in the hall since 1985.

Village Hall Committee Chairman, Dick Taylor rounded off the show with thanks to Pete and Bob for organising the celebrations with such enthusiasm and competence and to Chris van Schaick, Jeremy Miles and Caroline Barfoot for choreographing and compering the evening show in such entertaining style and to John Barfoot for his technical support. Dick also paid tribute to the foresight of the hall's founders for providing us with a venue for so many wonderful events and activities which form the bedrock of our community.

Some 150 people then enjoyed a delicious hog roast supper, washed down with wine, beer and soft drinks from the bar provided by the White Lion before dancing the night away to old favourites from the 60s – with some of the dancers dressed for the occasion as Sgt Pepper and other notable characters of the era – to the present day.

It was a truly great day, celebrating all that is best about our community – teamwork, fun and companionship. We all owe a huge debt to the founders of the hall and to the current committee for ensuring this vital hub of village life continues to flourish and we look forward to enjoying events there for many more decades to come.

50 YEARS
SOBERTON VILLAGE HALL
Celebration Day

To mark 50 years of Soberton Village Hall, a new sign was commissioned.



In the picture above, the Chairman of the SVH committee, Dick Taylor, is overseeing its installation.

Thanks are due to the Parish Magazine for their very generous donation enabling the purchase of the weighty sign.

Pictured below, Dick is thanking the Chairman of the Parish Magazine, Perry Abbott.



September 2017 Report from your Winchester City Councillors

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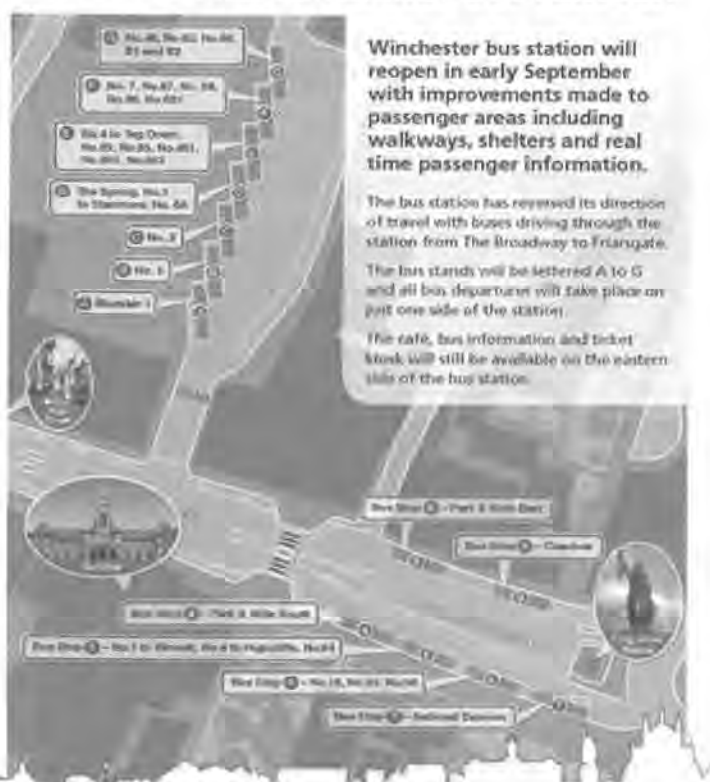
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New Winchester bus routes in operation

Buses will be taking a new route in Winchester from September as the new bus station opens for business.

- Buses will no longer exit the bus station onto the Broadway and move on to the lower High Street and Middle Brook Street
- Buses will instead enter the bus station from the Broadway and exit onto Friarsgate, then turn into Tanner Street and continue onto St Georges Street
- A new bus stop has been put into St Georges Street, outside M&S, to replace the existing bus stop in Middle Brook Street which will be removed once the new route is in operation
- Middle Brook Street will become a cycle only zone at all times and the high street will become a cycle only zone between 10am and 4pm

WINCHESTER BUS STATION WILL RE-OPEN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER



Winchester bus station will reopen in early September with improvements made to passenger areas including walkways, shelters and real time passenger information.

The bus station has reversed its direction of travel with buses driving through the station from The Broadway to Friarsgate.

The bus stands will be lettered A to G and all bus departures will take place on just one side of the station.

The café, bus information and ticket shop will still be available on the eastern side of the bus station.

Winchester City Councillors (cont.)

Winchester City Council has updated the site of the old bus station, demolishing a disused building to allow buses a more straightforward route through the site. The changes have allowed re-routing of the buses off the high street making the area safer for pedestrians.

Successful architecture firm announced for Station Approach

Winchester City Council has announced the appointment of Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands as the architecture firm to take forward the Station Approach development.

The Development of Station Approach is an important aspect of the vision for Winchester's future and will allow us to offer much needed Grade A office space to the business community who are regularly requesting premises of this calibre in the city. The area creates that all-important first impression for many people who come to the city and serves thousands of commuters every month. The appointment of Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands is our first step in regenerating the area so it is appealing to residents, businesses and visitors alike. The next step is to develop concept designs - as with all our major projects consultation with residents and other stakeholders is absolutely key and ensuring this is done satisfactorily has played a critical role in the RIBA selection process. The process has been overseen by RIBA Competitions and their advisor Roger Hawkins, chaired the Council's Project Evaluation Board. The Council is tasking the successful tenderer to design the area with a sensitive blend of commercial and residential property developments. As an initial task Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands will scope the mix and balance of different uses across the Carfax and Cattlemarket sites.

Council ups transparency with new style reporting

Winchester City Council (WCC) has published the first in a series of new quarterly reports which set out the Council's progress against budget, key performance and project measures and will be presented to a cross-party committee who look to monitor delivery. The new measure reflects the Council's commitment to providing greater transparency – affording residents and local organisations a better oversight of its key activities in a single document. The move also looks to demonstrate that the organisation is monitoring this information, building on the recommendations of the Corporate Peer Challenge that the Council requested earlier in the year. Cllr Guy Ashton, Portfolio Holder for Finance reported that our current financial position is strong; we are making positive progress on delivering our Council Strategy aspirations and our major projects are all moving forward to help deliver good outcomes for our residents and businesses. We know that we have many challenges ahead and this report helps to ensure that we can track how we are delivering against these in a consistent manner.

FLY TIP – What is Winchester City Council doing about it?

Winchester City Council actively pursues fly tip perpetrators who blight our society. To ensure we can deliver an enforcement service the City Council has employed a specialist enforcement officer to undertake investigation. Once the investigation process has been undertaken and providing there is sufficient evidence the council will pursue a prosecution for those identified as the offender, whether they are individuals or a company.

What should you do if you find a fly-tip?

- Do not remove anything - all evidence is vital to identify perpetrators.
- Report it on-line or via the telephone system.
- Make a note of the logging number if you wish to check what progress is being made.
- Wait for the Council to remove the fly-tip materials - they need to be allowed at least 24 hours notice to visit with intention of waste removal within 48hrs (once a yellow W has been put on the waste and subject to case load)
- For fly-tipping on private land, we will offer a visit to the site and if evidence collected we will pursue for prosecution as appropriate, however site clearance costs will be the responsibility of the landowner.
- Neighbourhood Service Officers can also offer advice about remedial action in order to reduce the risks of fly tip.

RECYCLE RIGHT

Please help to increase the recycling rate for Winchester and make sure that you are recycling the right items into your "Green Bins". A huge amount of recycling is wasted. More and more contamination is being reported so make sure you throw the correct items into your Green Bin.

For more information please visit <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/recycling-collection/>

Dear Residents

As the summer gives way to Autumn, highways and drains get blocked with falling leaves, branches, trimmings and other debris. As well as gullies in the roadsides, ditches on private land also need to be clear for water to run off the roads, particularly during periods of heavy and intense rainfall. That's why HCC ask all residents to make sure ditches on their land are clear, to help prevent localised flooding this winter. Check ditches and watercourses regularly to make sure they are clear of leaves, vegetation and other debris, and are not blocked up by grass cuttings or other detritus. For more information on flood management and prevention visit <http://documents.hants.gov.uk/flood-water-management/HCCFloodRiskManagement-Landowners.pdf> To report a flooding or drainage problem visit <https://roadenquiries.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems/highwaydefect/otherdrainage.aspx>



Balancing the Budget

This autumn, Hampshire County Council will consider steps to help address an anticipated budget shortfall of £140 million by April 2019. Proposals to deliver this latest round of anticipated savings will be considered by the County Council's Cabinet on 16th October – informed by feedback from Hampshire residents' responses to the *Balancing the Budget* public consultation, held over the summer. A final decision will then be made on 2nd November by the full County Council.

Helping Families

Did you know that the County Council has a Family Information and Services Hub where you will find information and details on how to access services, organisations and activities in Hampshire, and get support and advice. Visit <https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/home.page> and browse the categories - Childcare and Early Years Education – Family Support – Activities, Leisure and Play – Young People – Employment, Training and Learning.

Just ask Alexa

Teaming up with Amazon to help people live independently in their homes for longer Hampshire County Council has become the first ever Local Authority to pilot new Amazon Echo technology to support older people needing care. The Amazon Echo is a voice-activated home speaker with Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connectivity, powered by the Alexa software. Echo users can add new 'skills' to the device and then simply "ask Alexa" to remind them to have a drink, take medication or check when their carer is due to arrive.

Ageing – Facts

- An 85 year old Hampshire male can expect to live 11 months longer, and a Hampshire female 10 months longer, compared with ten years ago
- There are 280,600 people aged 65 years and older in Hampshire and this is projected to increase by 34,000 over the next five years
- The number of people aged 85 years and over is likely to increase by 21% to almost 50,000
- By 2030 for every 2 people working in Hampshire there will be 1 person of pensionable age
- Hospitalisation and social care for hip fractures [caused by falling] is estimated to be £50 million per annum for Hampshire
- A significant proportion of blindness in older age is preventable if detected and treated in time. Sight loss due to age related macular degeneration is significantly higher in Hampshire when compared with the national average [158.8 cases per 100,000 in Hampshire compared with 118.1 cases per 100,000 for England].

Health & Care for Adults

Do you think you might need help now that the winter months are approaching, but don't know who to ask, or whether or not you would qualify? Why not ring 0300 555 1386 or email adult.services@hants.gov.uk and find out more.

Driver Skills Scheme 60+

Mature drivers generally have fewer accidents than young drivers. However, as people grow older gradual changes take place which mean their ability to deal safely with some situations diminishes. A professional driving assessor can identify any risk in someone's driving and help to correct it. The aim is to help people stay safe on the road for as long as possible.

The scheme is for Hampshire residents aged 60 years and over and will help them to:

- update their skills and knowledge
- gain confidence

An experienced assessor will:

- check your licence and your driver vision
- sit with you whilst you drive on roads in your locality
- offer advice, where necessary, on how current safety levels can be enhanced
- fill in a confidential and comprehensive report

The appraisal takes place from the person's home, using their own car on roads they know. Costs £35 and lasts around one and a half hours. To request a driving appraisal, please call 01962 846100 or email road.safety@hants.gov.uk. You can also pay online for an appraisal [visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php?cat=270>] and the Road Safety Team will contact you to book the date and time.

Service Personnel, Veterans & Families

Did you know that there are 20 wooden camping Pods which are free for service personnel, veterans and their families to use during holidays and at weekends, in the heart of the New Forest, near Brockenhurst. Visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/outdoorcentres/ourcentres/tilebarn/poppypods>. The pods are there in perpetuity to recognise and remember the sacrifices made and faced by the Armed Forces community. The Pods provide residential/respite facilities for Service personnel, veterans and their families. The Pod village has been designed with accessibility in mind.

Funds for the Community

I have a small budget for funding community and 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.

Become a Countryside Champion?

The County Council are looking for volunteers to become a champion of a specific site or area. Volunteers will walk sites, parks and rights of ways carrying out small scale maintenance and reporting and recording issues found to the site staff. This role could include a wide variety of activities eg carrying out wildlife surveys such as butterfly or hedgerow surveys; inspecting and waymarking rights of way routes; small scale path clearance, reporting and recording, etc. To find out more visit <https://hampshire.firmstep.com/default.aspx>

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Village Agents Provide Information on Hospital Discharge Procedures

Are you or a loved one due to go into hospital? Do you know what happens regarding your discharge when admitted to hospital? Your Age Concern Hampshire Village Agent for Soberton and Newtown, David, can help you to prepare for this by sharing information on hospital discharge procedures. For example:

Did You Know?

A patient should only be discharged when:

- They are medically fit
- Care Plan services are ready to start
- All equipment is in place and ready for use
- A discharge assessment must have taken place, and a care package arranged if necessary, **before discharge**, otherwise discharge is **unsafe**. (Note of caution: 'arranging a care package' may be as simple as a brief conversation with a nurse. If the patient is not comfortable with the discharge process, or all the practical issues have not been covered, then that should be raised with hospital staff.
- No-one should be discharged in the middle of the night and staff should check you have transport home following discharge.
- There should be a named person in charge of the patient's discharge (this may be a different person on different days) and the patient should be told who, and how to contact them.
- A patient must have the capacity to agree to an assessment (and treatment). If the patient lacks capacity, staff must consult the Power of Attorney or the Welfare Deputy appointed by the court. Ideally, a friend or carer should be at the assessment too.
- Some voluntary organisations offer 'home from hospital support' over the first few weeks; for example, Age Concern Hampshire employs coordinators to support patients in preparing to leave both Gosport and Petersfield hospitals. You may want to find out whether such a service operates at your local hospital.

These are just a few things to be aware of when considering discharge from hospital. There is more information available and important to be aware of, and your Village Agent can help you to access a full fact sheet and leaflet produced by Hampshire County Council on these procedures. He will happily chat to you if you have any concerns around this. Please call David on 01329 835122 if you'd like to discuss this further, or if unavailable call Age Concern Hampshire on 0800 328 7154 or email info@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

Your Village Agent can also help to point you in the right direction to local services and organisations that may be able to help with other needs, such as help in the home, gardening services, finding a local activity club or group, and a wide range of other topics.

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

- Thursday 12th October 'LIDAR: Secrets of the High Woods' Revelations of the Archaeology of the South Downs. Mark Seaman
- Thursday 9th November 'Elizabeth 1st Procession around the South of England' Caroline Adams

Meetings start at 7.30 in the Church Room. Further information: 01489 877237/878659

Meon Valley Garden Club

The Garden Club's Show, held on Sunday 23rd July was a success with the Meon hall looking lovely. We had more entries than in previous years with a lot from new members and entrants. Sadly the weather was not kind to us as in previous years and this meant that attendance was down and consequently our income was affected. For those who did come we had a feast of live music with the Meon Valley Orchestra and the Ukulele Band, who played inside to keep dry and had the kitchen staff singing along. I am sure those who came enjoyed the afternoon, thanks to the hard work of the Show Secretaries and the Garden Club Committee.

The Club had an evening outing to Hambledon House with Dee Hart Dyke (of current television fame). It is a lovely garden with a wealth of interesting plants and is beautifully laid out. It was a fine evening and ended with very good tea and cake.

Our Autumn plant sale is in October. If you can spare some plants please bring them along on Saturday 7th, all contributions will be welcomed. If you do not have enough plants please come along and buy some as there is always some interesting buys.

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

Caroline Harris, Secretary

More information on [Droxford Village web site](#)

Diary for Oct/Nov

Saturday 7 th October	Autumn Plant Sale	Droxford Hall 10.00am
Saturday 21 st October	Visit to Exbury Gardens	Droxford Sq 10.00am
Thursday 2 nd Nov	AGM	Droxford Hall 7.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd Nov	Bewitching Alpines	Meon Hall 7.30pm

MEON VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Autumn Plant Sale
Saturday 7th October
Droxford Village Hall at 10.00am

All sorts of plants at very good prices.

The Bold Forester

By Ann Pendred

As I write, 'The Bold Forester' is looking rather sad and yet it has played an important part in Soberton village life for 200 years in ways which some readers might find surprising.

A building is shown on the site on the earliest Ordnance Survey Map of 1810. It stands almost isolated except for a property immediately to the west and a few near the pond and Wood End. The heath or common is an open unenclosed area with tracks crossing it and it remained so until 1867/8. The Bold Forester is shown and named on Greenwood's map of Hampshire 1826 and three years later there is a reference to the Hambledon Hunt meeting at The Bold Forester on Monday 6th April.

The Tithe Map of 1842 shows a cottage and garden together with an arable field of half an acre owned and occupied by William Knight. Parish registers show William Knight was a blacksmith & publican in 1831 and that he died aged 70 in 1873. Early 19th century maps show several tracks converging on the Bold Forester and it seems a good position for both trades. The Knight family produced a number of blacksmiths in the village and it is not clear which was William's primary occupation. Publicans mostly had another job; perhaps their wives were expected to run the public house, although Harriet Knight (née Pafford) died in 1852 at the age of 51. They had eight children, four of each gender. Two of the daughters assisted their father at the inn and possibly continued until 1877 when the licence was transferred to William Henry Titford.

William Titford was a young newly married man with a child. He was the son of Henry Titford, farmer and, by 1875, beerhouse keeper at the Plough, a house built after the enclosure of the common and linked to the Bold Forester by a new road. (Forester Road). William's secondary occupation was poultry dealer and it appears that when he gave up the Bold Forester he became a market gardener.

During the time of these two victuallers, the Bold Forester was a focal point. The Hambledon Hunt met there regularly during the season and it was also the venue for Auction Sales. During the autumn of 1862 the Hampshire Telegraph advertised the sale of a Cottage with 3 acres and frontage on the new road leading through Soberton Heath. The same paper in March 1867 announced the Sale at the Bold Forester of three lots in neighbouring villages but the 4th Lot was "A Freehold Public House called the Bold Forester with Blacksmith's shop and other buildings, plus garden and lane thereto belonging and 1 acre plus. In the occupation of William Knight at £20 p.a. rent" Timber was frequently sold there as in this advert in 1847 'Richard Austin will sell by auction at Bold Forester now lying in the Kiln Liberty near West Lodge, the property of the Earl of Portsmouth, in 4 Lots of 75 Oak Trees and 5th lot the Lop & Tops of 300 Oak trees. To view apply Mr. H Hatch of Brick Kiln Farm'. An advert in 1857 announced Capt. Breton was selling 404 Oak trees standing on Bere Farm at the Bold Forester. Eight years later Richard Austin advertised he was selling 10 acres of potatoes belonging to Henry Hatch of Newtown.

Sadly it was also used for other purposes, as seen reported in the Hampshire Advertiser of Sep 2nd 1865 "Fatal Accident at Sob. Inquest at Bold forester on the body of Joseph Gardner, son of James Gardener, market gardener, aged 2yrs 11 months Body found in a well about 3 yards from back door by child's grandfather, water 7 ft. deep. The open well was usually covered with an old door and a wicket. The door was left off and the wicket was not large enough to cover the well. The child supposedly slipped in. Verdict – Accidental but warning that the well should be filled in or made more secure"

Benjamin Everest is listed a licensee in 1889 but the 1891 census shows 64 year old Thomas Crutcher is the licensee. It is not clear if he was there in 1891 when the police objected to renewal of the license as the premises "were in a dilapidated state and were deficient in suitable accommodation". With a promise that the defects would be made good the license was renewed. (1891 (Hants Advertiser Sep 5th issue 4720: Droxford Petty Sessions)

At the end of 1892 the licence transferred from Thomas Crutcher to Percival Leamon and a year later from Leamon to Stephen Parry who had been a farrier in Soberton for a number of years. Surrey born Stephen and his son William, born in Catherington, carried on the blacksmith business at the Bold Forester. When Stephen died in 1896 his wife Miriam ran the public house for a few years before retiring to Chapel Road. William continued as a blacksmith.

John Cobb is the next publican and he is followed by Edmund James Trueman from about 1907. The family were all London born. Mrs. Trueman and daughter Ivy Alice assisted. Records show that the public house was now owned by Henty & Co's brewery.

Ernest Mison was the publican though the First World War and he continued up to 1939. The Misons, like the Parrys, seem to have brought some stability. Ernest kept cows and sold milk and butter. Mrs. Mison was evidently a good pianist and often asked to perform. They were probably best remembered for their renditions of "There's a hole in my Bucket".

RBL Droxford & District Branch



75 years ago...



.... on 11th November 1942, the British 8th Army commanded by Lieutenant-General Sir Bernard Montgomery (pictured) finally defeated the *Deutsch-Italienische Panzerarmee* under *Generalfeldmarschall* Erwin Rommel at what became known as the Second Battle of El Alamein. This decisive victory ended the Axis (German and Italian) threat to Egypt, the Suez Canal and the vital Middle Eastern and Persian oilfields. It also marked a turning point in the 2nd World War. Indeed, Prime Minister Winston Churchill said: "Before Alamein we never had a victory; after Alamein, we never had a defeat". It was, of course, not without cost with 13,560 Allied casualties (4,810 killed) and 24,000 Axis casualties (9,000 killed). Allied forces included men from the UK, India, Palestine, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, France, Greece and USA.

Rommel had about 116,000 men and 550 tanks compared to 195,000 men and 1,000 tanks of the 8th Army. He knew that an attack was inevitable and had prepared comprehensive defences, protecting his force behind a deep and complex minefield – 500,000 mines (some British!). These were covered by lightly held forward posts and backed by strong anti-tank gun positions. Seven German and Italian infantry divisions manned the front line with four armoured divisions in the rear and another two in reserve to the north. Rommel had returned to Germany on sick leave on 23 September, leaving his deputy (*General der Panzertruppe* Georg Stumme – recently transferred from the Russian front) in command.

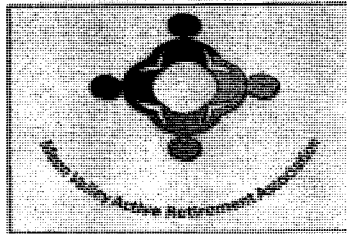
Montgomery planned a set-piece attack in two main phases. The first, Operation *Lightfoot*, would be preceded by a heavy artillery bombardment and the entire operation would be supported by the powerful Desert Air Force. The infantry divisions of XXX Corps (Lt Gen Oliver Leese) would then attack in the north with those of XIII Corps (Lt Gen Brian Horrocks) in the south. This would open gaps in the minefield through which the armoured divisions of X Corps (Lt Gen Herbert Lumsden) would pass. With armour protection, the infantry would widen the minefield gaps and eliminate enemy infantry positions; this was a process Montgomery called 'crumbling'.

The bombardment commenced on the night of 23-24 October with 1,000 guns firing 529,000 shells. Although the sheer depth of the Axis positions absorbed much of the impact, its sheer ferocity helped inspire the attackers and discourage the defenders. Gen Stumme died, probably from a heart attack, while on his way forward and Rommel eventually resumed command on 25 October. The crumbling process proved more difficult than had been expected and there was very heavy fighting in the heart of the Axis positions as the 8th Army advanced. On the night of 1-2 November, the second phase of the attack - Operation *Supercharge* - was launched with the armoured divisions breaking through the last lines of defence. Even now it was no easy business and, on 3 November, the 9th Armoured Brigade lost 102 of its 128 tanks. Surviving elements of Rommel's mobile forces escaped but the bulk of the Axis infantry – some 35,000 men – were taken prisoner.

The Branch will be holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 28 October at 1900 in Droxford Village Hall - further details will be promulgated. This year's RBL Remembrance Day service will be held at St Mary and All Saints, Droxford on Sunday 12 November at 1050.



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

Programme October & November 2017

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

Ladies' Pub Lunch – First Monday of the Month October 2nd- 12:30 for 12:45. Organiser Linda Jones 01489 895599
November 6th 12:15 for 12:30 organiser Chriszena Strachan 01489 893719 Contact Organiser 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. IT sessions are now under way in the Silver Room of the Jubilee Hall in Bishops Waltham. There are still some places available, 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. Each session, with an LTA coach, has a gentle warm up, small coaching theme and little matches. This is a fun, social and informal session and everyone is welcome no matter the ability. All equipment is provided – just wear flat trainers and comfortable clothing. Contact: Sam on 07759 811194

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

Table Tennis – Priory Park 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: John Moorhouse on 01489 896366

New Age Kurling – Jubilee Hall – Ruby Room – Third Thursday of the month October 19th and November 16th - 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

Organiser Linda Jones 01489 895599 Classes held on Friday mornings at The Stables, Free Street, Bishops Waltham. Spanish I for Beginners: a new class will start on October 6th, from 09:15 to 10:15. Spanish II will restart on October 6th and will run from 10:45 to 11:45. 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. 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

Nouveau Groupe Français Je voudrais organiser un nouveau groupe de gens qui ont envie de se rencontrer deux fois par mois pour parler français chez eux. Ce que je propose est que nous nous rencontrons le deuxième et quatrième mardi de chaque mois de deux heures à quatre heures de l'après-midi.

Je suggère que le format de la réunion soit une heure de parler de la pluie et du beau temps, une pause thé, suivie par presque une deuxième heure de lire et traduire, un par un, un roman français. On aura besoin de se débrouiller pas mal en français (mais pas à perfection!)

Si ce groupe vous intéresse, veuillez me contacter par moyen de mail ou téléphone.. Lyndon

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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



LATEST NEWS

From the verge!

NEWTOWN & SOBERTON CSW volunteers continued monitoring traffic throughout the summer months, despite the pool of helpers being limited by holidays, providing further evidence of speeding at ALL times of the day.

A number of volunteers have now moved away and, with our coordinators now more focused on working with the Police and roads authorities to find solutions, we are keen to recruit more helpers.

ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

Data collection has been vital in proving that we have:

- A consistently high volume of traffic
- A significant speeding problem
- A significant number of 40+mph drivers
- Additional problems caused by road closures
- Heavier volumes at peak times
- Speeding is a problem at ALL times
- Speeders take little account of community facilities (school, village hall etc.)
- Drivers slow down when they see the CSW team BUT drivers who slow down for us do not always observe the speed limit at other times.
Speeders include:
 - Local residents
 - Road maintenance (Council) employees
 - Employees of businesses based in our villages

JOIN THE TEAM

With more help we can do more!

We are pleased to announce that the CSW Team has been able to repay the Parish Council loan that enabled the purchase of our speed monitor and other equipment.

Supported by:
Soberton & Newtown Parish Council
& Hampshire Police

You can make the difference:

- by not exceeding the 30mph limit
- by using your car's speed limiter (if fitted)
- by setting an example to others by slowing down and driving more carefully

What's happening next:

- Hampshire Police to conduct extended data collection
- Consultation with interested parties about possible Traffic Calming measures
- Review of road changes in neighbouring villages - permanent speed indicators, "persuasive" village signing/gates, chicanes etc. If you have experience of or views on traffic calming methods please get in touch.

What are your views on traffic calming measures?

Team News

Welcome! We have 6 new volunteers ready to train and join the team. We always have room for more!

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

John Haskins:
haskins230@btinternet.com

Rob Brown:
wickhouse5@yahoo.co.uk

Graham Smart:
grahamgs@hotmail.co.uk

**SPREAD THE WORD
SLOW DOWN NOW!**

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Advance Planner 2017

<u>December</u>	2 nd	FOSPS Christmas Coffee Morning	Church Room
	6 th	Ladies Group	Church Room
	13 th	Film Club	Church Room
	14 th	Carols & Cheer	Rookesbury
<u>January (2018)</u>	15 th	Magazine Copy Date	
<u>March</u>	8 th	Mary Burgess Memorial Lecture	SVH
	9 th	Magazine Copy Date	
<u>May</u>	21 st	Magazine Copy Date	



South Central Ambulance Service **NHS**

NHS Trust

CAN YOU SPARE A FEW HOURS EACH WEEK TO HELP YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?

*Community First Responders are required to help respond to medical emergencies in the **Meon Valley area**. No previous experience necessary; full training provided in life support techniques, including Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and use of Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). Applicants Must be aged 18 or over, hold a full UK driving licence and have use of vehicle. You choose times you can cover (days, evenings, weekends, etc). **Contact Rob Scott, MVCFR Coordinator at robmunroscott@aol.com or Community Responder Administrator at cfr@scas.nhs.uk (0800 5870207) and, maybe, HELP SAVE A LIFE!***

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	Mrs Sue. Mussellwhite	01489 877282
	M/s Philomena Bergin	02392 632551
Baby Clinics	Wickham Comm. Centre	1st Wed 2.00-3.00
	Waltham Chase Village Hall	4th Wed 10.-11.30
N.H.S. Direct		111
Social Services Direct		0845 600 4555
Hants Carers Helpline		08457 221122
Soberton Hall Booking	Mrs. Rosemary Taylor	01489 877256
<i>sobertonvillagehall@googlemail.com</i>		
Rookesbury Hall Booking	Mrs. Jenny Doney	01329 834392
<i>Bookings@rookesburyhall.co.uk</i>		
Guide Hut Booking	Mrs. C. Rogers	01489 877430
CHURCHES		
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Church Wardens (S)	Mrs. Louise McEwen Prof. Duncan Colin-Jones	01489 877448 01489 877237
PCC Minutes Secretary(N)		
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 Ms. Vicki Weston	01489 892822 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
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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 Mr Adrian Hunt	01489 877768 01489 878141
Ladies Group	Mrs. Liz Whales	01489 877712
Meon Valley Lions Club	Mr Ian Adams	0845 833 7812
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Vice-Chairman	Vicki Weston	01329 835161
Finance	Tim Pickford	01489 877602
Planning	Tim Pickford	01489 877602
Open Spaces	Debbie Thomas Barry Henderson	01329 832502 01489 877978
Roads & Footpath & Transport	David Salmon Robert Stranks	01489 878659 01489 878270
Grant Applications	Graham Smart	01329 609742
Flood Action Group	Graham Smart (N) Robert Stranks (S)	01239 609742 01489 878270
Signposts and Wayfinding	Jane Masterman	01489 878580
Clerk & Proper Officer	Norman Chapman	01489 877378

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For copy date, see Calendar pages

From the Archives.....



Above - The Bold Forester looking very smart in 1980. It was built in 1790 and is currently closed for refurbishment. The flint building on the left has since been demolished to enlarge the car park. See Ann Pendred's article inside for more information.



Left - The Plough Inn in 1920, also in Forester Rd, now a private house. This was the starting point for Charabanc trips to places such as Brighton.

Below - Outside The Plough. L-R: Gilbert Cleeve Snr of Newtown, Vic Mitchell, Publican and on the right Bill Long of Taplands



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