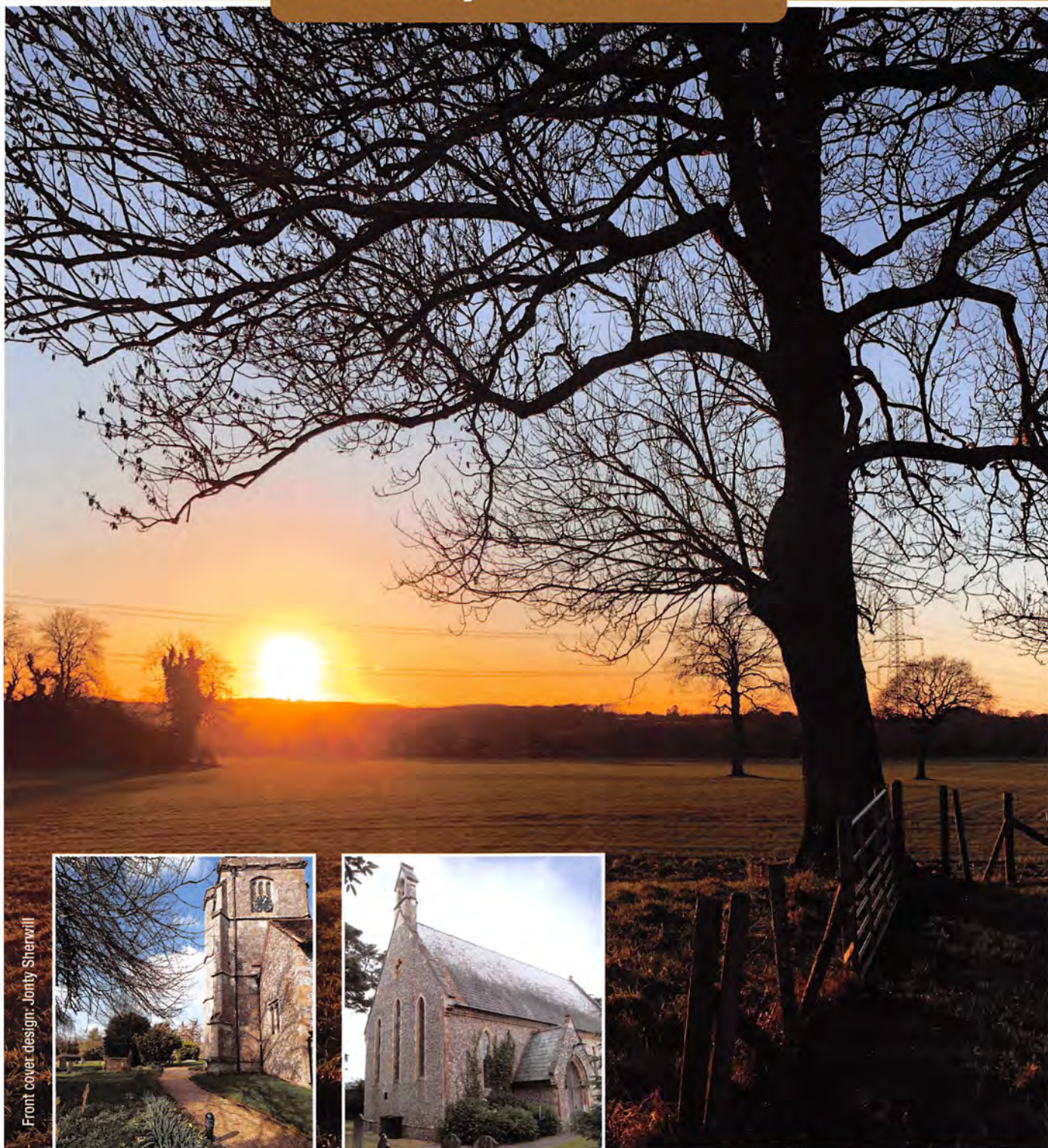


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2018 is now well underway, I do hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year celebration with your families.

Not much has changed in the wider world, and it's the wider world that sets our agenda and we, the Church, the people of God, are called to remind the world of the transcendent value of humanity in God's eyes, as we did at Christmas in our two churches.

If the world's gods are money, power, selfish gain and an insatiable appetite for the catalogue of human tragedy, folly, evil and disaster, which comprises our news items, then our response must surely be to remind the world of God's justice, peace and loving power that brings true human blessing and flourishing even if it's only 2 minutes or so in Thought for the day on the BBC.

I am aware that not all the readers of this Magazine have a religious belief, but a great deal of what occurs in the wider world and even in this community is touched by religion in one form or another. We are extremely lucky to live in our villages – where peace and harmony is generally the way of life, so some of our readers will now be saying why are we discussing all the world's problems, surely in a way the world's problems are our problems too. The recent weather conditions across the world do affect us, and we have every opportunity to observe what is happening on our TV screens.

This magazine is often referred to as a life saver; why you might ask? Quite simply there is a fount of information about all the activities in the village coupled with pages of advertisements opening the door to all trades and services that we may need. The magazine is run entirely by volunteers; some I know would like to be relieved from their role. This cannot happen unless new volunteers come forward to fill the gap. Are you looking for something to do in your spare time – why not volunteer?

Snowdrops in our garden in West Street and in St Peter's churchyard are coming into flower heralding the coming of spring. I suspect many of you have used the recent dark evenings to scan through the gardening catalogues. What a great and wonderful experience it has been in the past months to observe the sheep grazing in Church meadow, a truly tranquil setting!

Parishioners, I'm glad to say are always looking out for and helping each other when needed thank you everyone for your care and support to those in need.

You will I am sure have noted that The Reverend Canon Nicholas Fennemore will be leaving his post as Interim Minister for the Benefice of Soberton and Newtown on the 28th January 2018. I have been privileged to share in ministry with Nick. His time with us has been relatively short, but he has achieved a great deal particularly in pastoral care. There are many people who are grateful for his care, his wisdom and his love, particularly over the last year.

As we record our thanks we wish him well in his new role as he moves to Winchester Cathedral as Cathedral Chaplain and Minor Canon. We will continue to remember him and Edwina in our prayers.

Canon Nick's departure heralds another vacancy for our benefice, for the Churchwardens and Lay Minister a time of extra duties; we need and look forward to receiving your support and help when required during this time.

Ash Wednesday is on the 14th of February; Lent begins on the 18th February; Mothering Sunday on the 11th March; Palm Sunday is on 25th March; Children's Easter Workshop on 30th March; Easter Day is the 1st April. Full details of all these services can be found on the Calendar Pages of the Magazine – you will be very welcome at any or all these services.

Happy New Year - Norman

The Soberton and Newtown Local History Society

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



**in honour of our founder
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on

**Thursday, March 8th
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**We are thrilled to announce that the guest
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The evening is being generously supported by David Burgess and the Burgess family. There is no charge, but entry is by ticket only, with numbered seats, as we anticipate a full house for this popular speaker – they are going fast.

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

Tickets available from

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7.30pm 20th MARCH 2018

St. Peter's Church (Parking on the Green)

Draft Agenda:

- 1.0 Chairman's Introduction
- 2.0 Guest Speakers;
 - Hampshire Police
 - Crime Prevention Officer
 - Officer from the South Downs National Park Authority
- 3.0 Annual Parish Report
- 4.0 Annual Reports
 - Hampshire County Councillor Patricia Stallard
 - District Councillors Frank Pearson, Linda Gemmell and Vicky Western
- 5.0 Questions and Answers



Programme

10.00 Workshop opens

10.05 Introduction to the Easter Story

10.30 Split into groups

✚ **Make the Easter Garden**

✚ **Hot Cross Buns and cake**

✚ **Kim's Game with Easter symbols**

✚ **Stations of the Cross in the churchyard**

✚ **Craft activities**

11.45 Act of Worship

Donation of £2 per child would be welcome

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

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Friday 2 nd	12.30 Lunch Club	Church Room
Sunday 4th 2 nd before Lent	1000 Parish Communion & Rocs	St Peter's
Tuesday 6 th	1400 U3A	Wickham Centre
Tuesday 6 th	1400 Stitch & Chatter	Church Room
Tuesday 6 th	1930 Fete Planning Meeting	Meonwood
Wednesday 7 th	2000 Ladies' Group	Ashley House
Thursday 8 th	1930 Local History Society	Church Room
Friday 9 th	1000 Macmillan Coffee Moring	Rookesbury
Sunday 11th Sunday before Lent	0930 Parish Communion Canon Anthony Hulbert 1100 Matins	Holy Trinity St Peter's
Tuesday 13 th	1200 Carers' Group Lunch	Black Dog
Tuesday 13 th	1930 Play Reading Group	Meon Hall
Wednesday 14 th Ash Wednesday	1800 Short Service with Imposition of Ashes	St Peter's
Thursday 15 th	1900 Film Club	Church Room
Friday 16 th	1400 Children's Film Club	Church Room
Sunday 18th First Sunday of Lent	1000 Parish Communion Revd Anne Boggust	Holy Trinity
Tuesday 20 th	1400 U3A	Wickham Centre
Sunday 25th Second Sunday of Lent	1000 Parish Communion	Holy Trinity
Tuesday 27 th	1400 Carers' Group	Paterson Centre

MARCH 2018

Friday 2 nd	1230 Lunch Club	Church Room
Friday 2 nd	1400 Women's World Day of Prayer	Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Saturday 3 rd	1930 An Evening of Singing	SVH
Sunday 4th Third Sunday of Lent	1000 Parish Communion & Rocs	St Peter's
Tuesday 6 th	1400 U3A	Wickham Centre
Tuesday 6 th	1400 Stitch & Chatter	Church Room
Wednesday 7 th	1930 MV Garden Club	Droxford Hall
Wednesday 7 th	2000 Ladies' Group	6 The Towers
Thursday 8 th	1930 Mary Burgess Memorial Lecture	SVH
Thursday 8 th	1930 MV Garden Club	Meon Hall
Saturday 10 th	1930 MV orchestra concert	United Reformed Church
Sunday 11th	1000 Mothering Sunday Service	St Peter's Mothering Sunday
Monday 12 th	1900 RBL	Droxford Hall
Tuesday 13 th	1200 Carers' Group Lunch	Black Dog
Tuesday 13 th	1930 Play Reading Group	Meon Hall
Sunday 18th Fifth Sunday of Lent	1000 Parish Communion Canon Anthony Hulbert	Holy Trinity
Sunday 18 th	1930 Botley Choral concert	All Saints, Botley
Monday 19 th	1800 MAGAZINE COPY DEADLINE	
Tuesday 20 th	1400 U3A	Wickham Centre
Tuesday 20 th	1930 Parish Council AGM	St. Peter's
Thursday 22 nd	1930 'Allo,Allo!'	SVH
Friday 23 rd	1930 'Allo,Allo!'	SVH
Saturday 24 th	1400 MV Garden Club Spring Show	Meon Hall
Saturday 24 th	1900 'Allo,Allo!' & Dinner	SVH
Sunday 25th Palm Sunday	1000 Joint Palm Sunday Service Canon Anthony Hulbert	Holy Trinity
Monday 26 th	1930 St. Clair's Meadow meeting	SVH
Tuesday 27 th	1400 Carers' Group	Paterson Centre
Thursday 29 th Maundy Thursday	1900 Service of the Word	St Peter's
Friday 30 th Good Friday	1000 – 1200 Children's Easter Workshop 1400 – 1500 Good Friday Service of the Word	Holy Trinity St Peter's

April

Sunday 1st 1000 Easter Sunday Joint Parish Communion St. Peter's



Girlguiding Meon Valley Urgently Needs Volunteers

Girls across the Meon Valley are having a fantastic time through guiding, but we need more adult support as units are closing and girls are missing out. **Could you or someone you know volunteer and make a difference?**

From regular unit leaders, to treasurers, to occasional marquee pitchers, there are lots of ways to get involved and no matter how much time you have to give, there is an opportunity for you.

Guiding empowers girls, gives them new experiences and helps them realise their potential. As a volunteer you could give something back to your community, make new friends, have a break from daily routines, and laugh with incredible girls and young women.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested or have any questions, please contact Caroline on 01489 877430 or meonvalleydivcommis@gmail.com, or pop into a unit near you.

We would love to hear from you.

PiNS Report

As always, I would like to express a huge thank-you to everyone who contributed to the PiNS Christmas Card this year. We have exceeded all expectations and raised an amazing £725 which will be spent on improving the fabric of Newtown and Soberton.

Many will be aware that the Fingerpost has been missing, for many years, from the junction of Liberty Road and Kiln Hill since a tree crushed it. With the support of a £1,000 grant from Cllr Patricia Stallard and another from the Parish Council we have now commissioned a brand new sign to replace it at a cost of £3823. Thanks to good old Google Street View we have also been able to see what the original sign said so that the details can be replicated.

Some suggestions that you sent in with your donations were:- "Soberton signs into the village showing river, church etc." This was something that has been discussed at Parish Council in the past and it was felt that there are so many roads entering into the village there would have to be several and, on our narrow lanes, that they could hamper grass and hedge cutting. "Preserving the telephone boxes"; again this is in hand with the Parish Council and ideas are still being sought for an appropriate use for those that no longer house telephones. "The Newtown sign near Dradfield Lane to be cleaned"; this will be addressed as part of the ongoing programme of repairs and maintenance that the funds we raise are designed to do. "A road sign for Martins Corner" this is in the remit of the County Council, I have passed this request on to Vicky Weston who has the request in hand. Dog waste bins have been suggested but, of course, someone would have to empty and clean these bins and dispose of the waste. More bulbs around the villages have also been requested and I think once Openreach have finished their cable laying and the verges have, hopefully, been reseeded we can assess where bulbs can best be planted. Any volunteers would be welcome perhaps for next autumn when we can purchase bulbs in bulk.

Thanks again for these and any other suggestions you may have. You can always contact me on jane.masterman@icloud.com.

St Clair's Meadow Sub-committee Report

Consultation on Draft Management Plan to start soon

Thank you to those of you who have sent the sub-committee your views and comments to be considered by the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT) as it prepares its Draft Management Plan for the water meadows.

If you visit St Clair's Meadow you will notice that HIWWT have installed signs indicating that it is now in their ownership as a Nature Reserve and that there is no access to the southern end of the site. Visitors can access the northern half of the reserve.



**Hampshire &
Isle of Wight
Wildlife Trust**

Other proposed changes will be included in a draft plan which is expected to be published early in February 2018 on the Parish Council website at www.soberton.org. There will be a one month consultation period during which you will be able to comment on the HIWWT's proposals.

To read the draft plan, click on the **St Clair's Meadow Consultation** tab (under the photo). The site also includes instructions on how to send your comments to the sub-committee for forwarding to HIWWT.

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

Public Meeting in Soberton Village Hall

on Monday 26th March at 7.30pm.

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

Soberton & Newtown Ladies' Group

In December Zoe Phillips helped us make a Christmas wreath using a polystyrene ring and small pieces of fabric. The result was very effective and could be seen on doors around the villages. The New Year's party in January was a great success.

The meeting on 7th February will be held in Ashley House, High St, Soberton, home of Helen Stranks. Local author, Carolyn Hughes, will be telling us about 'Becoming a writer and writing about the past'.

On 7th March Susan Purcell is giving us some idea of 'The Acrosses and Downs of Crosswords'. The venue is my home of 6 The Towers, Soberton.

New members are always welcome. Further details from

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Meon Valley

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

In December we welcomed Branch member Mike Hollis who gave his third talk on various means of power, this time the Power of the Sun. Mike described the benefits of solar power, a popular form of energy today, which is environmentally friendly and after initial setup costs a cheaper method.

Our final talk of 2017 was given by Branch Officer Brian Barrett who enlightened us on the life and times of Jane Austen, this being the 200th anniversary of her death. He was assisted by four members, Helen McCarthy, Julia Field, Jim Busby and Janine Ernest who entertained the meeting with readings from Jane Austen's work, biography and the style of writing. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a Christmas buffet.

February and March Meetings:

Feb 6 th	The R.L.S Trail (Robert Louis Stevenson) - The Cevennes	Carol Watson	Photographer
Feb 20 th	Shops and Shopping	Kay Corke	Branch Member
Mar 6 th	Making of The Overlord Tapestry	Madeleine Salvetti	Portsmouth Guide
Mar 20 th	Amazing Dogs, Transforming Lives	Nigel Knott	Dog Enthusiast

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. If anyone would like to set up a new interest group please let us know.

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



STITCH & CHATTER

The first anniversary of the group approaches! We have enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of the monthly meetings with laughter, tea, cake, and of course chat, as well as completing some projects. These include an Aran throw & 'lavender ladies' for the fete, two knitted coats, handwarmers, slippers & scarves for the charity 'Knit for Peace'.

We meet in the church room on the first Tuesday of the month from 2-4pm. Please join us!

Louise & Sandra



IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

NEWTOWN CHURCH FETE



Saturday 26th May 2018

To be opened by Revd Tim Daykin, BBC Radio Solent, Sunday presenter

at MEONWOOD 2pm

Planning the fete is already in progress, if you are new to the village and would like to help at the fete, we would be so pleased to hear from you. It is always a very enjoyable occasion and provides a good opportunity to get to know people in the village. We would also be glad to hear from anyone with any new bright ideas! Please contact John or Sue or bring them to the

Fete Planning Meeting: Tuesday 6th February 7.30 pm at Meonwood

To find out more and keep up to date with Fete news you can visit our website <http://newtownchurchfete.org.uk/> or our page on Facebook

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

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It's all go, go, go, for the Gang Show

Soberton & Newtown Brownies and Guides are hitting the stage once again.

This year Meon Valley Girlguiding are once again putting on a gang show. Our last show was 3 years ago and we joined forces to open the show with some excellent drumming. This year – well, it's all up to the girls!

So it's all go on a Monday night at the Guide Hut as we write, dance and make costumes galore before the curtain rises on the big event on 24th & 25th March.

All the units in the Meon Valley are taking part so we will have the opportunity to work with all the members from 5 to 85, and lots of friends along the way.

Wish us luck, and maybe you'll come and see us in the show.

We would also like to thank everyone for their support and generosity for our annual carol singing (for Childreach International) when we raised a huge £135. And thank you to Fra & Sue Wells for opening their home to us and warming us up afterwards, it was very much needed as the evening was a bit chilly!

If you would like to get involved and help at Brownies or Guides, then contact Caroline Rogers on 01489 877430 or email: sobertonnewtownbrownies@gmail.com.

MEON VALLEY FLOWER CLUB

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

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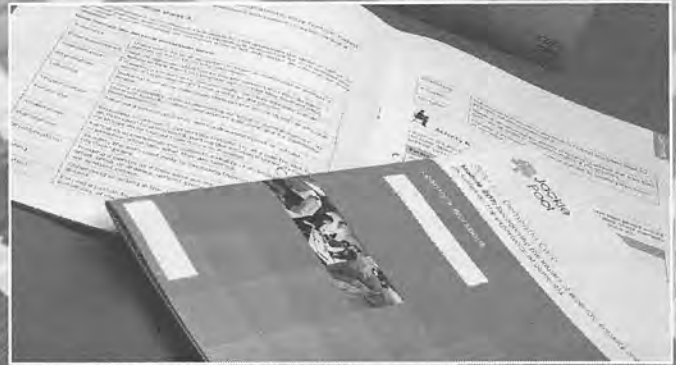
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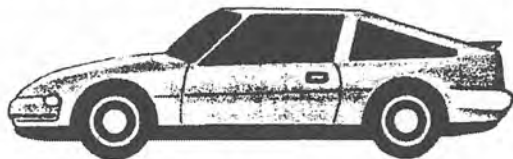
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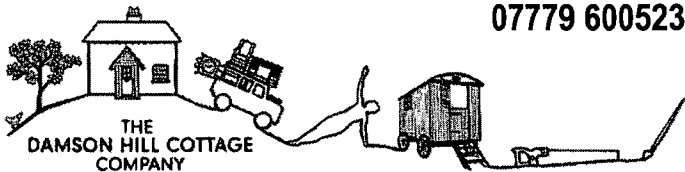
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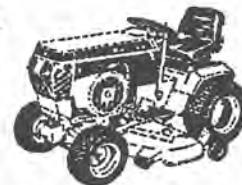


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Spring Clean of our lanes and hedges!!

This year's Great British Spring Clean will take place from 2 – 4 March and as in previous years will be supported by the City Council and its street cleaning contractor ID Verde - by

providing free equipment, safety clothing and litter sack collections. Details on registration are still to be issued but Vicki is happy to coordinate so please let her know if you would like to take part in order to organize the collection of pickers and bags for distribution. Send Vicki an email Subject **Litter Pickers Soberton and Newtown** and she will be in touch.

Winchester District Gypsy Traveller and Travelling showpeople Development Plan document (Traveller DPD) was approved by Full Council on the 10th January for publication (pre-submission) and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State, together with supporting documents.
<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/traveller-dpd>

Enforcement is always a hot topic for councillors, and we want to reassure you that as councillors we attach great importance to the protection and enhancement of the natural and built environments of the District, and this is what council does through the planning process. The Government has made it clear through legislation and guidance that the response to breaches of planning control is a matter for the discretion of the local authority. To justify enforcement action there must be 'harm' arising from the development. Officers have to decide if that is the case and what is the likelihood of action being taken against the council and incurring a financial penalty and therefore they need to make that decision on what action can be taken, and when. Below are some points that help explain what is and is not a breach of planning control.

What is a breach of planning control?

A breach of planning control occurs when operational development (building or other works) or a material change of use of land or a building takes place without planning consent. Examples of breaches of planning control are:

- Not building in accordance with approved plans (following the grant of planning permission);
- Failing to comply with conditions attached to a planning permission;
- Carrying out development which is not permitted because an Article 4 Direction has been made;
- Unauthorised works to listed buildings;
- Unauthorised demolition within a

conservation area;

- Unauthorised works to trees subject of a Tree Preservation Order or in a conservation area;
- Engineering operations, such as the raising or lowering of ground levels and the formation of earth bunds, carried out without the benefit of planning permission;
- Display of an advertisement without the benefit of advertisement consent;
- Failure to properly maintain land so that it affects the amenity of the area;
- Failure to comply with a S106 legal agreement/undertaking;
- Unauthorised building works or changes of use of buildings or land;
- The formation of a new access or the alteration of an existing access onto a trunk road or a classified road (an A, B or C class road).

Matters that are not breaches of planning control

Examples include:

- Internal works to a building that is not a listed building;
- Obstruction of a highway or public right of way;
- Parking commercial vehicles on the highway or on grass verges;
- Parking caravans on residential driveways or within the curtilage of domestic properties as long as they are incidental to the enjoyment of the property;
- Operating a business from home, where the residential use remains the primary use of the property and there is no significant impact on residential amenity or the character of the area;
- Boundary or land ownership disputes – these are a civil matter and cannot be controlled by planning legislation;
- Covenants imposed on property Deeds;
- Any development that is deemed to be ‘permitted development’ under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015 or in any statutory instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order, i.e. where it does not need the permission of the Council;

For more information please see the enforcement pages on the website

<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning/planning-enforcement>

Summary data of Winchester District

The council serves a population of approximately 118,000 residents.

33 per cent (39,000) of district residents live within the town area of Winchester.

The three largest wards outside the city are:

- Bishops Waltham (6,750)
- Denmead (7,175)
- The Alresford (6,300)

Winchester has low levels of unemployment; currently 0.6 per cent.

House prices in the District are among the highest in the region.

Deprivation levels within the District are low, although there are key areas of deprivation. According to Public Health England, the health of people in Winchester is generally better than the England average.

Winchester is one of the 20% least deprived districts/unitary authorities in England, however about 9% (1,700) of children live in low income families. Life expectancy for both men and women is higher than the England average.

People in Winchester scored 7.7 out of 10 in the happiness charts compiled by the Office of National Statistics, against a national average of 7.4.

They also scored 7.9/10 for life satisfaction (national average 7.5), 8/10 for feeling worthwhile (national average 7.8) and 2.7/10 for anxiety (national average 2.9). Number of Dwellings in our wards:

Central Meon Valley Ward has 3811 dwellings, Upper Meon Valley that has 2349, Southwick and Wickham Ward 2539 and Denmead ward 3301.

For more details visit

<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/data/facts-and-figures-about-the-winchester-district> and <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/factsandfigures/population-statistics/pop-estimates/small-area-pop-stats.htm>

The NHS is under huge pressure, and they ask that one should only dial 999 if someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk. For all non-emergency healthcare advice, please use:

- NHS Choices website – <https://www.nhs.uk> for advice on a wide range of illnesses and conditions
- Local pharmacists – who are health professionals and able to give advice
- NHS 111 – Please call 111 if you need urgent advice and you cannot wait until your GP surgery reopens.

Dear Resident

These sentiments may be a little belated, but they are no less sincere when I wish everyone a very happy new year. I hope your resolutions are holding fast and that you achieve all you might wish for 2018.



Dealing with Winter Weather

Throughout the year, Hampshire Highways completes ditch clearing and maintenance work on Hampshire's 60,000 gullies and 4,600 catchpits, as well as carrying out a continued programme of structural improvements to the highways drainage system to make Hampshire more resilient to the effects of extreme weather.

Anyone who experiences an issue on a Hampshire road can report it at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport>. Details of flood alerts and updates are available from the Environment Agency at <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/5-day-flood-risk>. Further information on the impact on the electricity network is available from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks, see <http://news.ssen.co.uk/news/all-articles/2017/12/ssen-returns-to-business-as-usual/>

New Electric Vehicles

A new electric delivery van and pool car based at Bar End, Winchester, will cost 97% less to 'fuel' than equivalent diesel vehicles. The County Council is also reviewing which other vehicles in its 156 small vehicle fleet could be replaced with electric equivalents – which could save £210,000 every year.

The County Council has already saved nearly £30 million in energy costs over the past seven years after cutting its carbon emissions by 38.1% since 2010. The local authority has now set a more ambitious target to cut carbon from 40% to 50% by 2025. Electric vehicles could also save an estimated 400 tonnes of carbon emissions, helping the environment and delivering cleaner air for Hampshire residents.

School Dinners

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

Help with paying for childcare

Financial support is available if you and your family meet certain criteria. Free Early Years Education (EYE) is also available to some two, and all three and four year olds in school nursery classes, state or private nursery schools, day nurseries, playgroups or pre-schools and with approved childminders. There is also other support for children with special educational needs and disabilities. Visit the Hampshire County Council web page [<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/childcare/payingforchildcare>] to find out more, including universal credit and help if you are in education.

Adoption and Fostering 'web chat'

Deciding to apply to adopt or foster a child is a big step, and it's important that all the information and advice people might need to make a decision is easy to access. Hampshire County Council's new "web chat" service makes it easier to get in touch with adoption and fostering specialists quickly for information, or arrange a call back.

During office hours, people can opt to begin a live, online 'chat' with an adviser if they would like to ask questions about adoption, including their potential eligibility to adopt. There are more than 40 children in the care of Hampshire County Council who are waiting to be adopted. There is a particular need for

adopters who feel they could give a home to sibling groups, or a child with disabilities. HCC provide support for adopters and the new additions to their families, and our Adoption Support Team of social worker specialists is on hand for as long as needed.

Anyone over 18 who has a spare room and some personal or professional child care experience can apply to adopt a child, whether an individual or a couple. To find out more, please call 0300 555 1384.

New Assault Course

A new assault course has been opened at Hampshire County Council's Queen Elizabeth Country Park. The free facility is part of the Armed Forces Covenant funded Forts and Fleets project, which also includes a new dog activity course, adventure play area and outdoor community space at the County Council's largest country park near Petersfield.

Proposed improvements in and around the existing visitor centre funded by the County Council are due to be completed in 2019, including a bigger catering offer with more seating, a flexible hall for indoor events and for hire, better car parking and improved landscaping and shelter in the courtyard. The County Council and partner organisations are also investing in new or improved visitor centres and play facilities at Lepe Country Park in the New Forest, Royal Victoria Country Park at Netley, Staunton Country Park at Havant and Manor Farm and River Hamble Country Park at Bursledon.

New Year's Resolution?

If you are concerned about your body weight why not take up this offer? Almost 7 in 10 of Hampshire adults are overweight or obese and the cost to the NHS in Hampshire in managing diseases related to obesity is estimated at almost £340 million per year! The County Council has commissioned a new self-referral service for people aged 18 years and over. If you are a resident in the administrative county of Hampshire, or are registered with a Hampshire GP and have a Body Mass Index [BMI] of 30+, or don't know what your BMI is but think you might qualify for this **free service**, call 0345 602 7068 and quote WWS095. People who qualify will be offered a free tailored service and will aim to lose not less than 5% of their body weight.

Walking and Cycling

Walking is simple, free and one of the easiest ways to get more active, and become healthier. The County Council has six beautiful country parks [see <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo>] plus Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve which are the perfect places to stretch your legs. Regular brisk walking helps to improve performance of the heart, lungs and circulation, lower blood pressure, and reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and strokes. It can also help to reduce stress levels and promote a sense of wellbeing.

Did you know? It is recommended that adults do at least 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week. The recommendation for children is at least 60 minutes every day, and preferably more.

To help with ideas of where to stride out and stay fit and healthy, visit the Walking for Health website [see <https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/>] which offers more than 1,800 free short walks every week. These walks are easy to get involved with, especially if you have an existing health condition and want to keep active.

Did you know? There are over 750 miles of off-road cycle routes and urban cycle paths in Hampshire. To find out more visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/cycling>

Patricia Stallard

County Councillor for Winchester Southern Parishes

[Denmead, Boarhunt, Southwick, Wickham, Newtown, Soberton]

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Local History Society - Notes from School Log Books for 1918

Newtown School:

- January 11th Nellie Horn absent, tonsillitis. Leslie & Dorcas Crook excluded - impetigo
- January 14th Heavy fall of snow, four children assembled in morning and seven in the afternoon.
- January 17th Snowy morning again. Twenty-two children in the morning and twenty-five in the afternoon. *The average on the register was about eighty.*
- April 4th Lily Cleeve and Winnie Ford are attending every afternoon the Cheese Making Classes held in the village during the stay of the **Hants Travelling Dairy School.**
- May 8th Children had a holiday for Ascension Day. They assembled at 9 30 and went to church, afterwards they had races and sports on the Vicarage lawn
- May 24th Empire Day. The children assembled at 10 and sang patriotic songs, saluted and marched past the Flag. At the salute were Mrs. Garnett, (Woodend House), Mrs. Pearce, Miss Westbrook. Also present Miss Amy & Master Charles Pearce, Miss Janet and Master Peter Norton, The Vicar and Mr. Holmes. A holiday was given for the rest of the day.
The flagstaff had been presented to the school by Squire Carpenter-Garnier of Rookesbury Park and the flag by Mrs. Garnett.
- June 14th The Middletons have been excluded for these past two weeks with chicken pox, one or two others cases are now appearing
- June 21st The Medical Officer of Health advised closing of school 56% attendance. School closes for Summer holidays.
Summer holidays were usually taken at strawberry picking time so that children could help in the fields rather than at harvest time.
- August 5th School re opened, fair attendance. An extra week was necessary (6 weeks) as the children were not able to attend school so soon. Ten children are still away by order of the doctor.
- September 6th School closed on Tuesday for Autumnal weeks holiday, two extra days were granted as Headmistress and Miss Lobb were inoculated by the Medical Officer of Health
- September 16th. School reopened, "2 ¾ cwts. have been despatched of blackberries during the past week"
- October 14th. Influenza prevalent, 24 children assembled in morning. School closed until 1st Nov
- November 11th School reopened after four weeks closure. Children were not well enough to return on 4th Nov. and another week was granted. Miss Lobb was one victim.

Considering the date of this last weekly entry one wonders if the head teacher, Miss Horwill, was not aware of the Armistice or was she strictly abiding by the rule that the log book was for events that affected the day to day running of the school. There are very few references featuring the conflict. Two children were taken by Mrs. Garnett to the Red Cross Hospital at Fareham to visit wounded soldiers and took gifts of eggs in October 1918 and a few days later a visitor to the school took in 'a map of the War Area in Europe'.

Soberton School:

Soberton School, perhaps due to having a male head, was more attentive and at one point recorded in the log book that 10 minutes each morning was 'devoted to news from the front'. The girls made articles for the troops and concerts were held in the schoolroom to provide funds for the Red Cross and other organisations. The fact that a former pupil was a victim of the HMS Bulwark explosion in December 1914 may have made for more awareness. A few months later Harry Smith wrote that a Roll of Honour listed 27 lads serving with the colours.

At the end of October 1918 the Soberton School was also affected by the influenza and had to be closed. However they had returned by November 22nd when 'Special lessons on the Armistice were given and the Upper Division fully posted up with topical events e.g. German Fleet surrender'.

Soberton & Newtown Local History Society

37 Society members met at The Brickmakers Arms, Swanmore on Thursday 11th January for our annual New Year Lunch. It was a very convivial occasion with an excellent lunch provided by The Brickmakers - a very good beginning to 2018!



Our next meeting is on Thursday 8th February at 7.30 p.m. in St Peter's Church Rooms. This will be the AGM, but additionally there will be 2 short talks on local houses – Woodend House and Maypole Cottage. Also, there will be a table top display of finds by two metal detectorists from the surrounding area. Something for everyone and everybody welcome!

Of course, on Thursday 8th March, the Society is hosting The Mary Burgess Memorial Lecture in Soberton Village Hall in memory of our late founder. Antiques Roadshow expert Andy McConnell will be talking about "5000 Years of Glass". Admission is by ticket only and if you don't already have your tickets don't leave it too late as spaces are limited! Details elsewhere in the magazine.

JUMBLE SALE

ROOKESBURY HALL, PO17 6LE

SATURDAY, 21ST APRIL 2018 AT 2.00 PM

Entrance: 25p

Donations will be greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Hall on Friday morning, 20th April or on the morning of the sale.

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

NEWTOWN CHURCH FETE - GARDEN STALL

We are looking for gardeners willing to join us in growing and selling plants at this fete which takes place on 26th May. There is no need to be an expert – just keen to grow seeds, vegetables or flowers, or take cuttings from your garden.

If you are able to help, please ring:-

Marianne Barker 01329 833775

Mary Wren 01329 833844

We are also looking for planters and hanging baskets which we can plant up.

What a difference a year makes!



Last season the Soberton & Newtown 'B' team were struggling to avoid relegation from Division 3 of the Portsmouth & District Table Tennis League but this year they are promotion contenders.

Whereas last year they secured just two victories, this season they already have seven wins under their belt and with plenty more matches remaining in which to add to their tally.

A slightly weaker division this season has helped the B team rise up through the ranks but the main contributor is a marked improvement in performance across the 4-man squad (Russ Anderson, Mike Vogado, Adrian Hunt and Pete Ward).

'A' team in the mix

In Division 1 the 'A' team from Soberton & Newtown are sitting in the runners-up spot behind the side who, with three players ranked in the top 200 in the country, will take the divisional title.

"Trying to keep the runners-up spot will be difficult as there are four teams all within one point", said 'A' team skipper Pete Woodacre.

He's more optimistic about their chances of winning the Division 1 title in the Fareham League as they currently occupy the top position and have two games in hand over their nearest rivals. Robin Plunkett, Dave Woodacre and Richard Billings are leading the 'A' team averages.

The Soberton & Newtown Table Tennis Club runs practice sessions most Sunday afternoons (4-6pm) and an adult fun coaching session on Friday mornings (10.00-11.30), 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).

MEON VALLEY PLAY READING GROUP

"It's like being in a Radio Play"

No lines to learn – No acting on stage – No commitment to attend every meeting

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: 13th February & 13th March

More details? 'Phone Paul or Gerry Hayles – 01489 878489

Meon Valley Garden Club

Happy New Year to all of our members, time to start planning your garden even if it is from the comfort of your armchair beside a warm fire.

Our first talk in February has a late Summer theme - 'Delightful Dahlias' by John Baker. It will be lovely to find out more about these flowers that are becoming more fashionable having been out of favour for some time.

The talk in March is from a seed company so that may also inspire you to try some new things this year.

2017 ended with our annual Skittles evening at Southwick Golf Club. Those that attended enjoyed the evening managing to get 2 rounds of play. Diane Gamblin won the best women's prize and Tony Bone for the men. Thank you to all that helped to make this evening an enjoyable one.

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 February & March

Wednesday 7th February. Delightful Dahlias by John Baker Droxford Hall 7.30 pm

Thursday 8th March Italy from Seed to Plate - Franchi Seeds by Paolo Arrigo Meon Hall 7.30pm

Saturday 24th March Spring Show Meon Hall 2.00pm

Meon Valley Garden Club

Spring Show

Saturday 24th March at 2.00pm

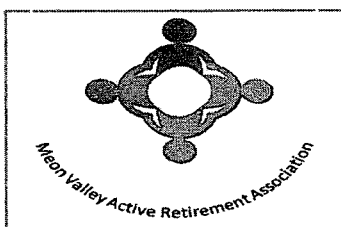
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Schedules available on Droxford Village web-site under clubs and leisure.

I've lived here for over 70 years
Lots of laughter, just a few tears
Brownies, Guides and Youth Club
I've run them all
I've served Carnival, Village Plan
And the Village Hall
The Players were a love of mine
I've been on stage time after time

I'm leaving now after all these years
Lots of good memories
I'll shed a few tears
I'll come back and visit
If I'm invited to
Now it's Goodbye from me
And it's Goodbye to you
Love to all,

Mo Wingham



MEON VALLEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Programme – February and March 2018

Exercise Class – St. Peter's Church Hall Bishop's Waltham Every Monday from 10:00 to 11:15
NB: No class on February 12th nor March 26th 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 –**No lunch in January**; lunch on February 5th and March 5th
Contact Chriszena Strachan 01489 893719 by the previous Monday for venue and to book a place. Please note there may be a waiting list.

IT learning classes - The Silver Room, Jubilee Hall, Tuesdays Classes restarted on January 9th subject to demand, and run for 12 sessions for a one-off fee finishing on 27th March – cost to be advised. Contact: Ian Wynne-Powell on 01329 833254 or email wynnepowell@btinternet.com

touchtennis – Tuesday mornings from 11:00 to 12:30. Cost per individual session £3 for members and £4 for non-members. Contact: Sam on 07759 811194

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

Tai Chi – Jubilee Hall – Gold Room. Wednesday mornings. There are two sessions:
Beginners/less experienced: 09:00 to 10:00 Experienced: 10:15 to 11:15. Cost per individual session £4.00 for members; £5.50 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 New members welcome. Cost per session £3.00 for members, £4.50 for non-members.
Contact: Leslie Craddock on 01489 325894

New Age Kurling - Jubilee Hall – Ruby Room Third Thursday of the month: February 15th and March 15th. Sessions run from 14:00 to 16:00. Cost per individual session: members £3.00, non-members £3.50
Contact: Geoff Matthews on 01489 890843

Spanish Lessons

Classes held on Friday mornings at The Stables, Free Street, Bishops Waltham. Term starts on January 5th and ends on March 23rd. **Please note there are no classes on February 16th.** 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. 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 £2.50 per session. Beginners very welcome. Please be prompt! Contact: Lena Frost on 01489 894828

Theatre/Cinema visits: Visits are organised throughout the year. Please note the theatre visits for winter/early spring are now full and no further bookings can be taken. For information on theatre/cinema visits contact Kay Corke 01489 890727

RBL Droxford & District Branch



75 years ago...



A Luftwaffe Junkers JU52 transport taking off from Stalingrad

.... On 2nd February 1943 the last German troops in Stalingrad surrendered to Soviet Union forces. With his 6th Army surrounded by Russians, and ammunition, fuel and food exhausted, *Generalfeldmarschall* Friedrich Paulus formally surrendered on 31st January. Of some 280,000 German troops in the city, 90,000 were taken prisoner and 40,000 (mainly seriously wounded) were evacuated by the *Luftwaffe*; the remainder, about 147,000, had been killed. Of the prisoners, most perished in captivity with only 5,000 survivors returned to Germany – the last in 1955. Soviet losses (killed, wounded or captured) during the campaign exceeded 1 million while Germany and her Axis allies (Romania, Italy, Hungary and Croatia) lost nearly 628,000.

The Battle of Stalingrad and the Battle of the Atlantic (to be commemorated in the next edition) were the two key turning points in the Second World War against Nazi Germany. The former paved the way for the Soviet Red Army's advance through Eastern Europe and its subsequent conquest of Berlin in May 1945, while denying Germany access to essential oil supplies. The latter, in countering the U-boat menace, enabled the massive buildup of US troops and materiel in UK and North Africa for the liberation of Western Europe and the ultimate German surrender; it also enabled the supply of vital war materiel to Russia via the Arctic convoys.

Despite the failure of Operation *Barbarossa* (the invasion of the Soviet Union), German forces had captured huge swathes of Eastern Europe, including Ukraine, Belarus and the Baltic states - establishing a front between Leningrad (now St Petersburg) in the north and Rostov in the south. A significant proportion of the German 6th Army's strength comprised troops recruited from captured states which, on balance, preferred Nazi to Communist domination. The capture of Stalingrad (now Volgograd) was considered both symbolic - it bore the Soviet leader's name (the rather less than avuncular 'Uncle Joe' Stalin) - and strategic in that it could pave the way to the control of vital oil fields. It would also impede US support to Russia via the Persian 'corridor' and enable control of the River Volga, the largest river in Europe and a vital communications link between central Russia and the Caspian Sea.

As Napoleon Bonaparte had discovered 130 years previously, military campaigning in Russia can be hampered by the massive distances involved, inhospitable terrain and extreme winter weather conditions. Germany, with the finest army in the world, found herself logistically overstretched whilst pitched against a nation prepared to sacrifice unlimited numbers of her people to repulse an invader. Indeed, unarmed civilians at Stalingrad – men, women and children – were expected to follow in the wake of advancing troops with instructions to take up the weapons of those killed or wounded. The NKVD (Soviet security police) in the rear ensured these instructions were observed. Meanwhile, Paulus was under strict orders from Hitler to hold Stalingrad 'to the last man' with his encircled army resupplied by air until reinforcements could be sent. With little more than 10% of the minimum daily requirement reaching the embattled 6th Army, lack of food and ammunition would finally lead to its defeat and surrender.

On Monday 12th March 2018 at 1900 in Droxford Village Hall, Chief Superintendent Fiona McCormack of the Metropolitan Police Service will be talking to us on "Guns, gangs and hostages – policing London". Non-members will be very welcome to join us.



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.

Make a Home Dementia Friendly

Simple changes in design can help those with dementia stay in their homes for longer.

If you or someone you care for is living with dementia, you may be wondering if there are some practical things you can do at home which will make life easier.

Things you can change at home:

- Let in as much natural light as possible
- Minimise shadows as some people don't go near dark places
- Purchase an alarmed automated pill box
- Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors
- Consider labelling switches for on/off
- Mark the edge of each step or sharp edge with a contrasting tone as some find it difficult to establish depth

Important things to remember:

- Not all the changes will work for everyone
- Involve the person with dementia as much as possible
- Don't make unnecessary changes
- Don't wait until the last minute
- Seek advice

For more information please call Age Concern Hampshire on
0800 328 7154

Village Agents are volunteers supported by Age Concern Hampshire to help older people to find information and services in their local community.

MEON VALLEY



MEON VALLEY CARERS GROUP NEWS

Registered Charity No. 1107865

Promoting a positive way of living with dementia

Wishing all readers a very Happy & Healthy New Year and hoping that 2018 will be a positive and kind year and although at the time of writing it is dull and very cold outside the days are slowly getting longer and hopefully spring is only just around the corner.

The new programme has been printed and distributed, if you would be interested in seeing more of what we do please contact the office and a programme can be posted to you.

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. A team of voluntary qualified drivers are able to transport members to and from their homes, this service is available thanks to the generosity of the Meon Valley Lions who own the minibus.

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| 13 th Feb | Pub Lunch at The Black Dog, Waltham Chase 12 noon |
| 27 th Feb | Group Meeting at the Paterson Centre, Swanmore 2pm
Visit from Lapiz Care – information about their services |
| 13 th Mar | Pub Lunch at The Black Dog, Waltham Chase 12 noon |
| 27 th Mar | Group Meeting at the Paterson Centre, Swanmore 2pm
Easter hats! |

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

Singing for Fun

The Stables, Free St, Bishops Waltham

1st and 3rd Fridays 2.00 to 3.30pm 2018

February 2nd & 16th (16th Feb in Church Hall) March 2nd & 16th

Ages 40's to 90's, people with disabilities especially welcome.

Cost £1 a session, includes refreshments.

Further information from Annabel 01489 877130 or 07732 329792.

Or just turn up.



The Meon Valley Orchestra

presents

A concert of popular light classical music

Saturday 10th March at 7.30 pm

United Reformed Church

18 Osborne Road South, Fareham, PO16 7DG

For tickets please call 07760 176687
Adults £10 ,Students and children £5 Includes refreshments

All proceeds in aid of The UK Gout Society

Botley Choral Society

Spring Concert

European Sacred Anthems

Purcell

- Rejoice In the Lord & Come Ye Sons of Art

Saturday 17th March at 7.30pm

St Nicholas, Wickham

Not Holy Trinity, Gosport, as originally promulgated

Sunday 18th March at 7.30 pm

All Saints' Church, Botley

Tickets £14 (£12 concessions)

From: Parish Office, All Saints Church, Botley: 01489 782445

Online: www.Botleychoral.co.uk or Tel: 07941884419

SNARE DRUM WANTED!

The Meon Valley Orchestra meets in Soberton Village Hall on Thursday mornings.

We are looking for a snare drum and stand.

If you have one for sale, please contact Victoria Smith 01489 877278.



ADVANCE PLANNER

<u>April</u>	4 th	Ladies group	Old Forge Cottage
	13 th	Quiz Night	Rookesbury
	19 th	Film Club	Church Room
	21 st	Jumble Sale	Rookesbury
<u>May</u>	2 nd	Ladies Group	Church Room
	20 th	Christian Aid Walk	Wickham
	21 st	Magazine Copy Date	
	26 th	Newtown Church Fete	Meonwood
<u>June</u>	6 th	Ladies Group AGM	Rivendell
	30 th	Soberton Church Fete	Church Green
<u>July</u>	24 th	Children's Week starts	Recreation Ground

WE NEED YOU NOW!

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED NOW TO HELP WITH
MARTIN THE POSTIE'S RETIREMENT PARTY**

(PARTY IS 13TH OCTOBER 2016)

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT SAM DUNLOP
SAMANDMATTDUNLOP@BTINTERNET.COM
 01329 833268 OR 07720 305613

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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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. 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		
Church Wardens (N)	Mr. Fra Wells	01329 834130
	Mr.Barry Rowswell	01329 834671
Church Wardens (S)	Mrs. Louise McEwen	01489 877448
	Prof. Duncan Colin-Jones	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	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	John Hyland	01489 878724
Vice-Chairman	Vicki Weston	01329 835161
Finance	Tim Pickford	01489 877602
Planning	Tim Pickford	01489 877602
Open Spaces	Debbie Thomas	01329 832502
	Barry Henderson	01489 877978
Roads & Lengthsman	David Salmon	01489 878659
Footpath & Transport	Robert Stranks	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..... Then and Now



Above - View of the Meon at West Street. Taken from a postcard postmarked 1912. The Meon Valley Railway had only opened 9 years earlier and the pristine embankment and railway bridge over West Street are clearly visible. The tops of two roofs can just be made out behind in West Street. (Postcard courtesy Mrs M Wingham.) **Below** - A similar view today. The embankment is now covered in trees and the river overgrown. The meadow has recently been acquired by The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust - hopefully to be returned to its former glory in the not-too-distant future!



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