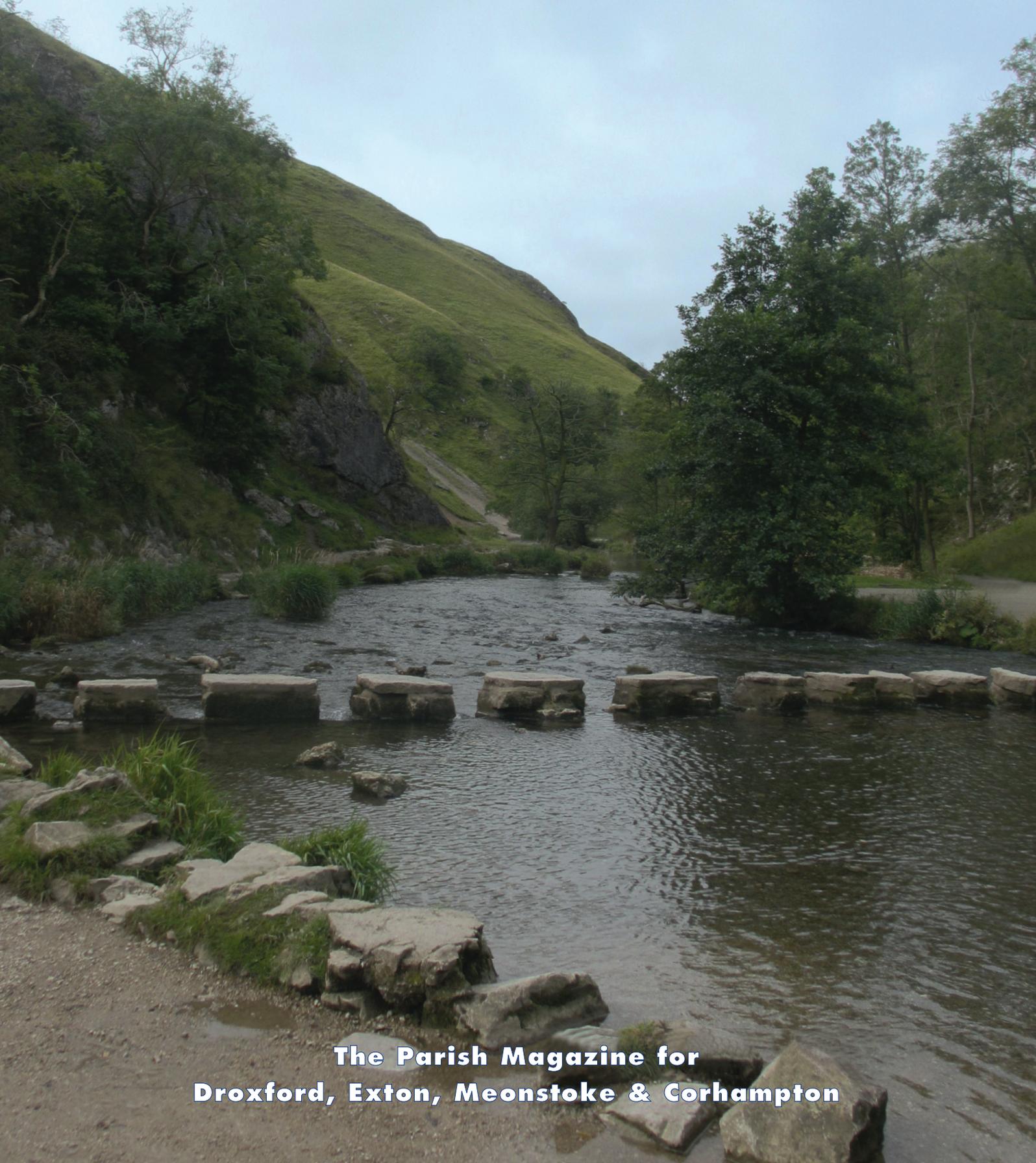


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### Soirées on the Bridge

# CONCERT

in

St Andrew's Church  
Meonstoke

**Sunday 25th March**

Rehearsal at 2.30pm

Performance at 5.00pm

**The Crucifixion**  
(*Stainer*)

*See The Bridge website for full details*

*Everyone welcome*

*Refreshments will be served at the end of the concert*

### St Mary & All Saints



will be on

**Tuesday 27th February**

at **12.15pm**

in the

**Droxford Village Hall**

Donations at the lunch for

***Bishop Christopher's Lent Appeal***

**The COPY DEADLINE for the next issue of THE BRIDGE is:  
MONDAY 12th MARCH**

# From the RECTOR



**I**N FEBRUARY AND MARCH, THE SPRING FLOWERS AND THE LENGTHENING DAYS BRIGHTEN OUR SPIRITS. OUR NEW YEAR'S resolutions perhaps at least started well and those extra pounds we put on over Christmas have at last come off. In the days from before refrigeration and extensive transport links, the harvest stores would now be dwindling, the return of food crops is still some time off and fasting was a way of eking-out what remained in store as well as being a spiritual discipline in Lent.

Our current edition of The Bridge covers Lent almost perfectly - Ash Wednesday being on 14th February and Easter Day on 1st April in 2018.

Leo the Great, a genuine peace-maker and a wise and holy cleric, wrote as long ago as the 5th century:

*"The sum total of our fasting does not consist in merely abstaining from food. In vain do we deny our body food if we do not withhold our heart from doing wrong and restrain our lips so that they speak no evil. They, who desire to do good works, let them not fear that they shall be without the means: since even for giving two pennies, the generosity of the poor widow of the gospel was glorified!"*

Fasting is a means by which we find the energy to moderate and even restrain our personal indulgence or better still to make time to take some positive steps.

With many thanks to Vinita Hampton Wright on

www.dotMagis.com, how about a simple plan for Lent rather than elaborate resolutions:

- Say 'Thank you' to at least one person.
- Make one healthy choice about your body - food or drink or rest or activity.
- Do one generous act, big or small.
- Seek some quiet for five minutes, and just to be still.
- Let one person know that you appreciate him or her.
- Do one creative act, big or small.
- Allow yourself to consider what someone else is going through.
- Do one thing well and with full attention.
- Open your arms — and your heart — to God.

Whether we refrain from eating altogether or we simplify our meals, we could also use some time at the table to write to loved ones, who otherwise receive only an annual Christmas card. Or how about writing to our political representatives about issues of justice and peace: health and social care, children's rights and education, homelessness, the conservation of the earth's resources?

Let even our small sacrifices be the 'two pennies of the widow' of the gospel.

*Tony*

## Bridging the Gap on a Sunday

at

**St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke**

**28th January** *What is Christingle?  
Come and see!*

**25th February** *"I am the bread of life"  
Let's get baking!*

**25th March** *Palm Sunday.*

**22nd April** *Saints Alive!*

We begin at 9.30am  
and conclude with refreshments  
*Ages 0 – 100 are most welcome*

## CONCERT

*at St Mary and All Saints Church, Droxford*

**on Sunday 25th February  
at 3.00pm**

### Baroque Music and Poetry



**Cathy Mathews - Violin**

**Mikhail Lezdkan - Cello**

**Richard Martin - Organ**



### Narration and Poetry

**Martin Muncaster**

**Roger Parks**

Refreshments included

Retiring collection (*In aid of Droxford Church*)

# Droxford Church Community Hub and Heritage Project

**S**T MARY AND ALL SAINTS, THE CHURCH IN DROXFORD, HAS AT LAST BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION, BOTH BY WINCHESTER CITY Council and the Church of England, to build the extension on the north side of the Church to house a much needed kitchen and toilets. This is the culmination of five years of hard work by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Friends of Droxford Church (FODC).

The first task we faced was to save the church, which was in danger of being closed and mothballed. An intense campaign of fundraising was undertaken, and the result was spectacular, over £250,000 was raised, largely from a successful application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). These funds have enabled the church to be saved and repairs to the roof, tower, eastern walls, and drains were completed last year.

An integral commitment in the successful HLF application was the promise of a community room to make the church accessible to the wider community in Droxford. The north chapel has already been prepared for transformation into a community room. Do look at the stylish glass screens, if you have not seen them yet, and you can see the potential of this space for a planned volunteer-run café.

Now, we turn our focus towards building the promised extension on the north side of the church to house the kitchen, office and toilets. These are the standard facilities expected to support a public building and church in the 21st century, but more than this, it will make the whole church building fit for purpose:

- As a sacred space that is accessible and hospitable to all who enter the door, regardless of disability or need;
- As a worthy centre for the great transitions of life: baptisms; weddings; and funerals
- As a community resource where groups can meet for learning, fellowship, and refreshment, or simply enjoy a cup of coffee with friends and neighbours
- As a venue for concerts, exhibitions, heritage interpretation, and social activity
- And fit to fulfill our vision of a building that is the heart of a friendly, supportive and caring community.

This is also about making our contribution to the 900 year history of our village church which has been adapted and extended throughout the centuries. Each generation has done their bit to ensure the building is fit for purpose for their own particular time. We feel strongly that our task is to build this extension to enable the church to fulfill its role in the 21st Century. How fitting if we can accomplish this task during 2018, the 750th anniversary of the birth of John of Drockensford, sometime Bishop of Bath and Wells,



Chancellor and Regent of England, and Droxford's most illustrious son.

Fundraising for building this extension has already started, and we have funding pledged by a number of public bodies including Heritage Lottery Fund, Hampshire County Council and South Downs National Park Authority. We are well over half way to the funds we need, but we are not there yet, and need every bit of help from the community we can get. Watch out for events throughout 2018 which we are planning to support this project.

An information leaflet inviting feedback will be available shortly. Meanwhile please let us know your thoughts, ideas and suggestions for fundraising by emailing [info@friendsofdroxfordchurch.org.uk](mailto:info@friendsofdroxfordchurch.org.uk). We would love to hear from you.

*John Symes*

Chairman, Friends of Droxford Church

## Botley Choral Society Spring Concert

### EUROPEAN SACRED ANTHEMS

Purcell – *Rejoice in the Lord*

Purcell – *Come Ye Sons of Art*

**Saturday 17th March at 7.30pm**

Holy Trinity Church, Gosport

**Sunday 18th March at 7.30pm**

All Saints' Church, Botley

**Tickets: £14 (£12 concessions)**

From: Parish Office, All Saints Church, Botley: 01489 782445  
Online: [www.botleychoral.co.uk](http://www.botleychoral.co.uk) or Tel: 07941 884419



# Soberton Players

presents



**Thursday 22nd - Saturday 24th March  
at Soberton Village Hall**

*including a Charity Dinner  
on Saturday 24th March only*

**The performances on Thursday 22nd March  
and Friday 23rd March start at 7.30pm**

**Tickets for these two dates: £8 for adults,  
£4 for school-age children.**

*"Listen very carefully, we shall say this only once:  
On the evening of Saturday 24th March,  
we will be hosting a charity dinner and gala  
performance of 'Allo, 'Allo. Dinner will be served at  
7.00pm with dessert in the interval".*

Fancy dress is optional, but we'd love you to get into  
the spirit of the evening, plus we will be giving  
a prize for the best dressed!

Tickets for the final performance including the charity  
dinner are just £20.

Please bring your own booze.

Don't miss out on this evening of fun, laughter  
and excellent French food.

**To Reserve Tickets:**

email: [tickets@sobertonplayers.co.uk](mailto:tickets@sobertonplayers.co.uk)  
or call our Box Office on 01489 878724

**~ IN AID OF THE ROWANS HOSPICE ~**

## In the Amber of the Moment

**S**OMETIMES WE CAN BE SURROUNDED BY BEAUTY AND BECOME SO USED TO IT THAT WE FAIL TO APPRECIATE IT. I GREW UP IN A small village surrounded by farms and woodlands. My childhood home backed onto a pig farm and it was never more than a ten minute walk to escape people and houses. I did not appreciate what I had. Looking back now, my early life was like watching Springwatch. Most days I would see some combination of deer, badgers, foxes, hares, sand martins, swallows, bats and more in hedgerows, fields and woodlands but I never really looked at it. It was all so much like 'background noise'. Like many of us, I longed for what I didn't have, big cities, fancy shops, cinemas and, later on, noisy bars.

It wasn't until I had children and had to answer their questions of "Daddy, what bird is that?" that I began to look at the natural world around me and really see what had seemed common place. It made me sit up and take notice and learn things I hadn't known before. I could tell one gull from another and identify with reasonable accuracy the waders we saw at the shore. These things took on a new importance.

Three years ago, on my 50th birthday, I went for a three hour walk around a small woodland near where I live, Telegraph Wood. I walked intentionally with my eyes wide open. I saw wrens for the first time in 30 years, noticed puffball fungi under a small stand of holly, crossed paths with a pair of fallow deer after following their tracks and found bristly badger hair on the fence following the far border. This reminded me that, as I looked for peace in the middle of an incredibly uncertain period, whatever we may like to think, we don't really own this land; at best we are stewards and as stewards there is a responsibility on us to ensure that this incredibly resilient countryside is given every help to continue. This doesn't mean preserving it in amber though.

The British countryside is different from what it was 50 years ago and 500 years ago and a 1000 years ago. What it does mean is finding a balance between the needs of people and the health of the countryside. What does this balance look like? I think it is different for each of us. For some of us it's feeding hedgehogs and birds, planting bee and butterfly friendly plants in our gardens, for farmers it might be leaving wild borders around fields planted with crops or reinstating varied hedgerows.

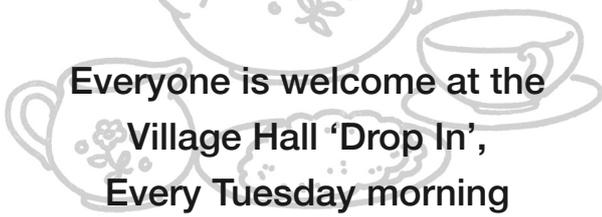
According to the Book of Genesis in the Bible, humanity was given stewardship over the earth. This doesn't mean the right to exploit it but the responsibility to look after it while living on it. For centuries we did this successfully and I'm pleased to say that we seem to be heading back to being good stewards again.

'Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike.' John Muir, Scottish-American naturalist

*Peter Bangs*

Meon Valley Methodist Missioner

# DROXFORD DROP-IN



Everyone is welcome at the  
Village Hall 'Drop In',  
Every Tuesday morning  
between 10.30am and noon

Come for a hot drink, biscuits and a chat.  
Come for a few minutes or the whole ninety minutes.  
A particular welcome is extended  
to the hearing-impaired.  
It is appreciated that acoustics in the Hall make  
hearing difficult, but we do keep background  
noise to a minimum and we have a silent kettle!

# LOOK-IN!

Look-in for a chat and refreshment in the  
spacious area in Meonstoke Church. You are  
very welcome on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday  
of each month between 10.00am and midday.

**All are welcome – the more the merrier!**  
**February: 7th & 21st**  
**March: 7th & 21st**



Please feel free to borrow books (fiction and non-fiction, thrillers and all other genres), jigsaws and CD's and return them when you have finished with them. There is no charge.

The library in Meonstoke church is available to everyone whenever the church is open, which is from early morning until early evening. Do come and have a browse in the peaceful surroundings.

*Lorna Allured* - 01489 877718



## The Meonstoke Baby & Toddler Group

**Alternate Thursdays** in term time, **9:30-11:30am**  
at **The Meon Hall, Pound Lane, Meonstoke, SO32 3NP**

Parents, grandparents and carers from across the valley and beyond all warmly welcomed with their under 5's for a fun time. Adult tea/coffee & biscuits and Toddler drinks/snacks provided. £2 per family.



**Spring Term 2018 dates:**  
February 8th & 22nd  
March 8th & 22nd



**Summer Term 2018 dates:**  
April 26th • May 10th & 24th  
June 7th & 21st • July 5th & 19th



For all dates, activities and more follow us at:  
Meonstoke Toddler Group (@meontoddlers)



## Meon Valley Playreading Group

*"It's like being in a radio play"*

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

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

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

**We meet on the 2nd Tuesday each month  
at The MEON HALL at 7.30pm**

**Tuesday 13th February  
Tuesday 13th March**

For more details please contact:  
Paul or Gerry Hayles on 01489 878589



habit. In late March prune roses back to outward pointing buds to keep the bush open-centred.

Do NOT touch spring flowering shrubs. They must be pruned only after they have flowered.

**Vegetables:** First outdoor sowings of broad beans, peas, carrots, parsnips, and early salad crops can be made, and shallot sets planted. Cover with cloches or fleece to provide some protection against frost and birds. Early potato tubers should be put in a light frost-free place to sprout before planting

**Fruit:** Apply mulch of well-rotted manure around base of fruit trees and bushes.

**Herbaceous Border:** Keep beds free of dead leaves and rubbish. Top dress beds and borders with high potash and phosphate fertiliser to ensure a good flowering season. Defer new planting until the soil starts to warm up.

**Lawns.**

In March re-seed worn areas after first levelling; repair any damaged edges and aerate the whole lawn with an aerator or fork. At the end of the month apply lawn fertiliser and after a few days do the first spring mow, remembering to set the mower blades high so that the grass is not cut too short.

**In the Greenhouse:** Sow seeds of summer bedding plants. In late March start tuberous rooted begonias and dahlias in pots or trays of slightly damp peat or soil free compost. Start watering dormant over-wintered fuchsias to kick-start them into growth.

*John Owen*

**T**HE NEW YEAR BRINGS WITH IT A RANGE OF ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES FOR GARDENERS, PRIMARILY SOWING SEEDS and plants for the coming year and spring pruning. Many will have already sown seed for vegetables such as onions, tomatoes, and peppers in January, but don't worry if you have not done so as tomato seeds, in particular, can be sown as late as March without dramatically delaying the first crops.

Snowdrops are in abundance in the Meon Valley this year and if you do not already have them in your garden now is the time to order them for planting "in the green" that is, with foliage still on the bulbs. Dried snowdrop bulbs are usually not successful when planted later in the year.

Mid-February cut down autumn fruiting raspberry plants to ground level. At the end of February cut back to about 6 inches dogwoods and willows grown for their coloured stems

In March cut buddleia back to an open framework of old wood; take out tips of rosemary bushes to keep a bushy



**H**APPY NEW YEAR TO ALL 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 flowers that are becoming more fashionable once more, 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 like to join the club, please contact our

membership secretary, Phil Butler, on 01489 877596 or email him at philipbutler831@btinternet.com

*Caroline Harris,*  
Secretary

More information can be found on the Droxford Village website.

## Meon Valley Garden Club

# SPRING SHOW

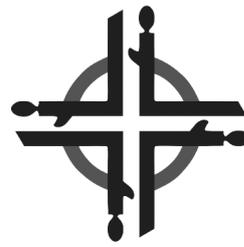
Saturday 24th March

in

The Meon Hall

at 2.00pm

Show schedules are available on the Droxford Village Community website, under Clubs and Leisure



## THE WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**T**HE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ON FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 2018 AT 2.00 PM WILL BE HELD IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1DN.

The Christian women of Suriname have been responsible for compiling the service, which is entitled All God's Creation is Very Good. Suriname is a beautiful country with wonderful forests, mountains, and great rivers with impressive rapids. It is rich with flowers, food and animals. God's creation is very good and abundant.

The offering of this service worldwide begins in Tonga, passes to New Zealand and then to Australia. Within 24 hours prayers will have been said in sixty languages and over one thousand dialects around the world.

Please do come and support this special annual service. All are welcome; men, women, young people and children.

Afternoon tea will be served in the church hall after the service and there is plenty of parking at the church.

The World Day of Prayer committee looks forward to welcoming you all.

*Anne Shotlander*

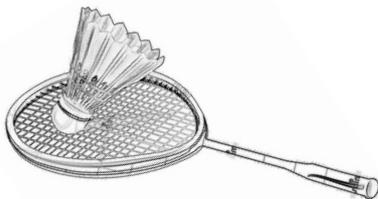
### 2017 200 Club Prize Draw:

The most recent winners of the 2017 monthly £25 prize draws were:

**October:** Susan Shaw, **November:** Ben Ingham

### This year's 200 Club:

The £25 Prize draws are made on the first Saturday of each month. There is a £50 Summer Prize, and the draw for the £300, £150, and £100 prizes will take place at 2018's Beetle Drive at The Meon Hall on Saturday 24th November, mark the date in your diary now! The 200 Club raises money to help with purchases of new equipment and other improvements for The Meon Hall. To join this year's 200 Club please contact James Morrice by email at jamesmorrice99@gmail.com or phone 877916. You may win one of the prizes, and by being a 200 Club member you are helping The Meon Hall committee to make equipment purchases and general improvements to our important village asset.



### Wondering what to do? Badminton?

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings play badminton at 8.00pm at The Meon Hall – contact Liz Clements on 877738, or join in with the junior badminton group on Wednesdays in the Main Hall, contact John Adams on 07711 671 984.

### Thank you:

To Karl Fenton for clearing out all the autumn leaf fall from the gutters in early December, and to Michelle Kempster for her work keeping The Meon Hall's car park clear of composting leaves during the autumn leaf fall.

### Finally are you planning a family party...?

Can we help you? Why not order those extra tables, chairs, champagne flutes, wine glasses, china and cutlery for your entertaining from The Meon Hall. Contact Anna Rolfe, the Bookings Secretary on meonhallbookings@yahoo.co.uk

*James Morrice*

## DROXFORD HISTORY GROUP

*invites you to*

A talk by **Tony Cross**

*(a former Curator of the Curtis Museum, Alton)*

about

**'People on Plinths'**

on

**Thursday 29th March**

at

**The Droxford Village Hall**

at **7.30pm**

*If you have not yet discovered the History Group, do come along. We have most interesting talks and very sociable meetings. They are held in Droxford Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Annual subscription to join is £10, or if you want to come and see what we are about, visitor fee is £2 per meeting.*



## DROXFORD VILLAGE HALL NEWS

**E**ARLY JANUARY 2018, AND WE HOPE THE FORTHCOMING YEAR WILL BRING GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN ITS DIFFERENT forms for readers of The Bridge. There has been throughout the month of December the usual mix of diverse, even adverse, weather conditions, when distances to be travelled for Christmas and New Year were kinder to some than to others.

On a cheerier note, particularly on a bright day, the evenings are lengthening by several minutes daily, and end date of this issue, the clocks will change to BST. The hardy harbingers of spring, the snowdrops, are forcing their way above the earth, almost demanding that we look to nature for our pleasures. On sunnier days even the birds seem more lively, although they still find it very necessary to consume large quantities of seeds, nuts, and other bird foods.

After the Christmas season, we have a busy calendar for the coming months. We expect our quiz night on Saturday 10th February to fill the hall with the competitive spirit of previous years. The format of the evening remains the same: teams of six people (fewer but no more); a chilli supper, with veggie option, at half time; beer, wine and soft drinks available at the bar; and a raffle; all this to be followed by the final rounds when the excitement mounts as teams compete for the winners' accolade. Of course, we all know that the object of the evening is to enjoy ourselves, and we appreciate the considerable contribution made to hall funds at this event.

Our pre-Christmas events were most successful. The Christmas Fair, organised so ably by Louise Withers, made a profit of £625, and all available food was consumed by customers and stall holders alike. It was a jolly occasion and now has a reputation locally and beyond for Christmas goods and gifts. The combined efforts of Forest Forge and Bumblefly Theatre on Saturday 9th December delighted adults and children alike, and proved to be another event much appreciated by the community.

As well as the Quiz Night, we have four films on the calendar for the months of January to March. Please see Forthcoming Events opposite for the January to March films.

We are hoping to have a skittles evening on Saturday 3rd March. Please look out for more details on the village notice boards.

**The 200 Club:** Decembers' winner was Duncan Jones. The winners for January and February will be drawn at the Quiz Night.

*Jackie Hibbert* Secretary

## Forthcoming Events at Droxford Village Hall



**Saturday 10th February**

### QUIZ NIGHT

*John Martin will be our inimitable Quizmaster*  
at 7.30pm - Tickets £10 to include supper  
Teams of 6  
*Licensed bar - Real Ale!*

**Wednesday 31st January**

### DUNKIRK

*A film Rated PG*

The evacuation of Allied soldiers during World War II from the beaches and harbour of Dunkirk, from 26 May and 4 June 1940.  
*Starring Kenneth Branagh and Mark Rylance*

at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm)  
Tickets - £5

*Refreshments available, Licensed bar*

**Wednesday 28th February**

### VICTORIA & ABDUL

*A film Rated PG*

Biographical comedy-drama film about the real-life relationship between Queen Victoria and her Indian Muslim servant Abdul Karim.  
*Starring Judi Dench, Michael Gambon, Ali Fazal & Eddie Izzard*

at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm)  
Tickets - £5

*Refreshments available, Licensed bar*

**Wednesday 28th March**

### MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

*A film Rated 12a*

American mystery drama film directed by Kenneth Branagh, based on the 1934 novel of the same name by Agatha Christie.  
*Starring Kenneth Branagh, Judi Dench, Johnny Depp & Willem Dafoe*

at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm)  
Tickets - £5

*Refreshments available, Licensed bar*

**TICKETS FROM THE POST OFFICE**

# The Royal British Legion

*Droxford & District Branch* [www.droxfordweb.co.uk](http://www.droxfordweb.co.uk)



A Luftwaffe Junkers JU52 transport taking off from Stalingrad

## 75 years ago....

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.

**T**HE 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. Please see the Droxford Village Community Website for further details of the Branch's programme for 2018.**

The RBL Droxford & District Branch is always looking for new members, both Service and civilian, to help keep remembrance alive and support our Servicemen and women, veterans and their families. For more information or to join us, please contact the Secretary: Cdr Rob Scott RN at [robmunroscott@aol.com](mailto:robmunroscott@aol.com) or 01489 877800.



# Droxford Junior School Report

**A**S ALWAYS IT WAS A BUSY END TO THE AUTUMN TERM. AS PART OF DESIGN TECHNOLOGY YEARS 5 AND 6 MADE their own fruit crumbles. To begin with the children tasted crumbles (a very popular lesson!) and evaluated them. Next, they devised their own recipes, worked out the cost of the ingredients and designed and made their own packaging. The project culminated in a Great Droxford Bake Off where the children spent a happy morning in the hall baking their crumbles. The crumbles were taken home to eat at the end of the day – although I'm not sure all of them lasted that long! The children reported back that the crumbles tasted delicious. One child told me: "That was really fun. I'm going to make crumbles at home from now on!"

In November and December, Years 3 and 4 worked extremely hard rehearsing our Christmas Service 'Tinseltown.' The service was took place in the church which made it extra special. The theme this year was

Christmas movies and the children enjoyed contributing to the ideas. The films ranged from modern films such as 'Polar Express' and 'Elf' to the classics such as 'It's a Wonderful Life.' The service was well attended by parents and grandparents and the children thoroughly enjoyed acting, singing, and dancing their way through the decades. It's going to be hard to better it next year!

There's plenty to look forward to in the term ahead; Years 3 and 4 will visit the Gilbert White Study Centre and Years 5 and 6 are off to the British Museum.

If you are interested in visiting our school – especially as we have places available – then contact our school office on 01489 877537

*Sarah Jacobs*  
Deputy Headteacher



Years 5 and 6 making their own fruit crumbles



# The Valley Preschool

**H**APPY NEW YEAR, AND THE NEW YEAR WELCOMES THE BEGINNING OF OUR SPRING TERM, AND A VERY BUSY ONE WE have planned!

We welcome the return of the lovely Emma from Moo Music, who will continue to provide us with a fun and interactive music session once a week. Music is an essential part of every child's development and will help your child gain confidence and develop memory, language, and coordination skills in an exciting and multi-sensory way.

New for this term we introduce Miss Dawn, who will deliver her Boogie Buster Programme designed to develop children's physical skills of agility and balance. This programme is structured to develop children's positive personality traits, including confidence and self-esteem.

Charlotte and Lynette have completed the Early Talk Boost training, and are implementing the programme this term; Early Talk Boost uses a concrete approach, offering the children direct and hands-on experiences. This approach is supported by visual resources included in the training kit, song cards, picture cards, and puppets, as these have been found to support children when 'words are not enough', enhancing children's learning and support their independence.

As the early years offer such an opportunity for rich language experiences, it makes sense to start supporting language development at preschool so children have a good foundation when they start school. The Early Talk Boost intervention has been designed by I CAN communication advisors – specialist teachers and speech and language therapists.

This term, following the children's interests, our theme focuses around the storybook, Charlie Cook's Favourite Book, by Julia Donaldson. A circular tale, in which each new book character is reading about the next, beginning, and ending with Charlie Cook, so be prepared for pirates, Kings and Queens, Frogs, Birds and Hearts with a visit from Goldilocks and the Three bears!

The Valley Preschool is run by highly qualified, motivated, and caring staff, with many years' experience in early years and teaching. We still have spaces available for children to start in September 2018 and during the 2018/2019 academic year. Please contact Lynette Davis 01489 878019

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Two favourites return:

### BINGO NIGHT

Saturday 12th May in Droxford Village Hall

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday 25th March 10.30am - 12noon,  
starting point The Valley Preschool.

*Lynette Davis*  
01489 878019



## FRIENDS OF MEONSTOKE SCHOOL

**M**ILD DAYS AND SPRING FLOWERS STILL FEEL A LONG WAY OFF WITH SUCH A DAMP AND CHILLY START TO THE YEAR, but the Spring Term is well underway for the children and there is no rest for the FOMS Committee as we begin planning our calendar of events for 2018.

We have lots to look forward to this term, and planning another Movie Night and the annual School Disco is certainly helping to brighten up a dull January!

Whilst the excitement of Christmas already seems far behind us, we haven't forgotten the Meonstoke Christmas Fair that was held on the 2nd December at the Meon Hall. Christmas came early to Meonstoke that day with fairy lights, mulled wine, and a special appearance from Father Christmas himself helping to get the festive spirit into full

swing. The halls were packed with local crafts and produce, games aplenty and yuletide refreshments, and we were delighted at how many of you came out to support the event.

We certainly haven't forgotten all those who contributed to the Fair's success. A huge thank you to the organisers, helpers, stall holders and of course to all those who attended and gave so generously.

Special thanks to the Meon Valley Orchestra for making the atmosphere so festive with their wonderful Christmas music, we really appreciate their support.

We raised a fantastic £2,587 for the school which has enabled us to purchase more iPads for use in the classroom an item that has long been on Mrs Coumbe's wish list. This year FOMS will also continue to fund school trips, visiting workshops and much, much more.

For more information about our future fundraising events, useful school information and all our news you can follow us on our Facebook page and just search for FOMS Meonstoke.

*The FOMS Committee 2018*



# Meon Valley Lions Club



## Lots of loose change and bits an' bobs...

**D**ECEMBER WAS A FULL-ON MONTH FOR THE MEON VALLEY LIONS. MOST EVENINGS AND SATURDAYS SAW US OUT and about fundraising with Father Christmas, from East and West Meon in the north, down to Knowle in the south. It was great that Santa got to see so many excited children and thanks to your wonderful support this year, our Christmas collections have raised £4,700.14 for our charity account. We would like to thank everyone who donated so generously again in 2017 – you can be sure we will be working hard in 2018 to ensure it is spent wisely on local groups and individuals in need.

Each year, what turns up in our collections buckets becomes that little bit more intriguing and bizarre. In amongst the notes and coins, we also amassed an astounding assortment of foreign currency and random items, including € -12.73; US - \$1.16; Canadian - \$0.05; Rupee x 1; Colones (Costa Rica) x 25; something unidentifiable from the Middle East x 10; Gettone-Telefonico token x 1; UK ½p (obsolete) x 1; Buttons x 2; Washers x1; Philips cross-head screwdriver bit x 1.

The usable foreign currency was auctioned amongst the Lions for £15.20 and Lion Roger Morfill is now figuring out how to organise a holiday that takes in Europe, USA, Canada, and Costa Rica via India, so he can spend the cash.

The Lions were also actively distributing support and charity to those in need at Christmas, with regular ongoing donations to the Bishop's Waltham Foodbank and Christmas Hampers for local families, ten via Home Start and seven for Wickham Children's Centre. Home Start is a fantastic voluntary group we have worked with for many years. Based in Wickham Community Centre, the charity provides local support services for families whose members are, for whatever reason, going through tough times financially or emotionally.

The Lions rounded off the festive season with a Christmas party at Corhampton Golf Club where Lions and their partners were able to let their hair down and celebrate another fine year of fun and fundraising. Our Club



undertakes all its community work as a registered charity, but in the last few months, in line with a policy affecting all Lions Clubs in the UK, we have been in discussions with the Charities Commission to change our charitable status. Our leadership team has endured a busy year managing negotiations with the Charity Commission to become a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). This is a small technical adjustment that better reflects our organisation's activities, but which has taken many hours of work to achieve. Our thanks go to Roy Cuthbertson and the Club's Trustees for overseeing this challenging process.

At the back-end of January, the Lions embark on one of our more challenging activities in the fundraising calendar, when we descend on Weston Shore, near Netley, for the annual Ford Charity Fishing Festival. The weather can be interesting at this time of year, ranging from sub-zero temperatures to horizontal rain off the Solent! The fishing competition is now in its 43rd year and it has become a tradition that the monies raised from the event are donated to The Naomi House and Jack's Place children's hospice charity in Winchester. The event usually attracts around 130 eager sea anglers and we hope to raise over £1,000 from the competition entry fees.

We will update you on the weather conditions and the bank balance in our next bulletin!

**Ian Adams**  
*Publicity Officer*

# WINCHESTER CITY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT



## Dementia Awareness sessions

**C**OME ALONG TO A FREE AWARENESS SESSION AT THE WINCHESTER DISCOVERY CENTRE AND BECOME A DEMENTIA FRIEND. A Dementia Friend learns a little bit more about what it's like to live with dementia and then turns that understanding into action. Anyone of any age can be a Dementia Friend. Dementia Friends is about learning more about dementia and the small ways you can help. From telling friends about Dementia Friends to visiting someone you know living with dementia, every action counts.

Information Sessions: Dementia Friends Information Sessions are run by volunteer Dementia Friends Champions, who are trained and supported by Alzheimer's Society. Each Information Session lasts around one hour. Learn more about dementia and how you can help to create dementia friendly communities.

- February 22nd 2018 at 6:00pm and at 7.00pm
- March 24th 2018 at 11:00am and at 12 noon

## The NHS

The NHS is under huge pressure, and everyone is asked to 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 – [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) for advice on a wide range of illnesses and conditions
- Local pharmacists – who are health professionals and able to give advice
- Call NHS 111 – if you need urgent advice (and you can not wait until your GP surgery reopens)

## 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 3811,
- Upper Meon Valley 2349,
- Southwick and Wickham Ward 2539,
- Denmead Ward 3301.

For more information go to:

[www.winchester.gov.uk/data/facts-and-figures-about-the-winchester-district](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/data/facts-and-figures-about-the-winchester-district)

or

[www3.hants.gov.uk/factsandfigures/population-statistics/pop-estimates/small-area-pop-stats](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/factsandfigures/population-statistics/pop-estimates/small-area-pop-stats)

## Winchester District Gypsy Traveller and Travelling showpeople Development Plan

The 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.

## Planning Enforcement:

Planning 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.

The following 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 that 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, for example, where it does not need the permission of the Council;

For more information see the enforcement pages on the website at: [www.winchester.gov.uk/planning/planning-enforcement](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning/planning-enforcement)

### YOUR WINCHESTER CITY COUNCILLORS

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presents

## A Concert of Popular Light Classical Music

**Saturday 10th March  
at 7.30pm**

**United Reformed Church  
18 Osborne Road South, Fareham PO16 7DG**

**Adults - £10 Students and Children - £5**  
*Includes Refreshments*

For tickets, please call 07760 176687  
*All proceeds in aid of The UK Gout Society*

## COME & SING!

*Medleys from the Musicals revisited*

**Saturday 3rd February**

**Church of St. Nicholas, Wickham**

Conductor: *David Burgess*

Registration & Score Hire from 3.30pm  
Rehearsal at 4pm

Public Performance at 7.00pm  
Audience welcome

**Singers: £8 ❖ Score hire: £2 ❖ Audience: £5**

*Prices include a 'refreshing glass'  
after the performance*

To register contact: **01329 833299**



## CPRE Hampshire says 'Affordable homes needed'



**P**LANNING VOLUNTEERS AT THE HAMPSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND EMPHASISE the need for affordable housing for young people in their response to the public consultation planning for the right homes in the right places<sup>1</sup>, in which the government sets out proposed measures to boost housing supply.

The government's proposals include a standard method for calculating local authorities' housing need, which CPRE Hampshire believes will result in a further increase in disparity between areas of different wealth, with yet more housing and investment channelled to already wealthier and prosperous areas to the detriment of less well provided areas.

CPRE Hampshire's Planning and Policy Group Chairman, Christopher Napier, says: 'The proposed method of assessing housing need perpetuates the myth that simply building more houses in areas of high housing prices will somehow improve affordability, when evidence is already clear that it will not. The housing market is broken and the real need is to build many more houses of a type and size affordable for the younger generation now largely excluded from the housing market. A policy must be designed that is targeted at the 25-34 year old age group.'

CPRE Hampshire says that the housing need formula, as proposed, has no relationship with availability of infrastructure, public transport options, water resources, employment, or the impact on protected areas, such as in the New Forest.

The charity is particularly concerned that the proposed increase in housing numbers<sup>2</sup>, combined with the government's proposals that local plans will be considered out of date after five years from adoption, will lead to a return to speculative applications by developers claiming lack of a five-year supply based on the new housing need assessment (which is proposed to apply immediately where plans are more than five years old).

Christopher Napier says: "The assessment of housing need contained in a local plan should be regarded as fixed and valid for an absolute minimum of five years from the time that the plan is adopted. Otherwise the concept of a plan led system becomes meaningless and this would magnify uncertainty and plunge communities back into an era of free for all and planning by appeal.

If local plans become out of date in this way, then so will neighbourhood plans. This will most likely lead to much disillusion within communities when they realise that their neighbourhood plan will not endure for the stated period, despite being endorsed by community referendum and the result of much dedicated work by individuals."

CPRE Hampshire is campaigning for a more strategic approach to planning across the county. Find out more at [www.cprehampshire.org.uk](http://www.cprehampshire.org.uk).

1. *Planning for the right homes in the right places: consultation proposal.*
2. *New Government 'housing need' proposals will impact on Hampshire countryside.*



*Thank You!*

**O**NCE AGAIN, WE THANK DANNY SMITH FOR KINDLY DONATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE FOR DROXFORD CHURCH.

**THANK YOU**

**P**AULINE QUARENDON AND HER FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO SEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL WHO WROTE LETTERS and cards of condolence on the occasion of Trevor's death, and to all those who came to his funeral on December 6th at St. Andrew's Church.

It meant so much to us all.



## Meon Valley Active Retirement Association

*Regular events for the active in retirement*

### Programme - February & March 2018

#### Exercise Class -

St. Peter's Church Hall, Bishop's Waltham.  
Every Monday from 10:00 to 11:15am

**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 -

First Monday of the month

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 mornings.

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 by email: [Wynnepowell@btinternet.com](mailto:Wynnepowell@btinternet.com)

#### Touchtennis -

Tuesday mornings from 11:00 to 12:30pm.

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 2:00pm 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.

#### Table Tennis -

Priory Park Clubhouse, Elizabeth Way, Bishop's Waltham.

Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 5pm

Cost per session £3.00 for members, £4.50 for non-members.

Contact: John Moorhouse on 01489 896366

#### Tai Chi -

Jubilee Hall, Gold Room. Wednesday mornings.

There are two sessions: Beginners/less experienced: 9 to 10am. Experienced: 10.15 to 11.15am. Cost per individual session £4.00 for members; £5.50 for non-members

Contact: Cherry Wynne-Powell on 01329 833254

#### New Age Kurling -

Jubilee Hall, Ruby Room.

Third Thursday of the month: October 19th and November 16th

Sessions run from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Cost per individual session: members £3.00, non-members £3.50.

Contact: Geoff Matthews on 01489 890434

#### 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.**

Spanish I for Beginners runs from 09:15 to 10:15am. Spanish II runs from 10:45 to 11:45am.

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 2 to 4pm.

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

[www.mvara.btck.co.uk/Activities](http://www.mvara.btck.co.uk/Activities)

An advertisement for Openreach Superfast Broadband. The background is a dark, textured surface. In the center, the text 'Fibre broadband is here' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Above this text, the Openreach logo is visible, including the text 'openreach' and 'a BT Group business' with the BT logo. Below the main text, the website address 'www.superfast-openreach.co.uk' is displayed in a smaller white font. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the advertisement.

## 'Superfast Broadband'

To find out if your home or business is included to receive Superfast Broadband go to:

[www.homeandbusiness.openreach.co.uk/fibre-broadband/when-can-i-get-fibre](http://www.homeandbusiness.openreach.co.uk/fibre-broadband/when-can-i-get-fibre)

or Google: 'openreach when fibre'

You can also request to be added to the list to receive updates from Peter O'Sullivan in Meonstoke by emailing: [TPeterOSullivan@hotmail.com](mailto:TPeterOSullivan@hotmail.com)



# MEON VALLEY CARERS GROUP NEWS

## Promoting a positive way of living with dementia

**W**ISHING ALL READERS A VERY HAPPY AND 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 are interested in seeing more of what we do, please contact the office and a programme can be sent to you. Unfortunately, we didn't know before writing the last article that The Country Inn would be closing for January and we have had to change the location to The Black Dog, Waltham Chase. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

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, which 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.

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

### February and March Programme

**13th February**

Pub Lunch

at *The Black Dog, Waltham Chase* - 12 noon

**27th February**

Group Meeting

at *the Paterson Centre, Swanmore* - 2.00pm

Visit from Lapiz Care – information about their services

**13th March**

Pub Lunch

at *The Black Dog, Waltham Chase* - 12 noon

**27th March**

Group Meeting

at *the Paterson Centre, Swanmore* - 2.00pm

'Easter Hats!'

**Meon Valley Carers Group**, at the Paterson Centre, Church Road, Swanmore. Mon 9.15 am – 1.15pm

Tel: **01489 895444** email: [meon-valley@btconnect.com](mailto:meon-valley@btconnect.com)



## DROXFORD SCOUT GROUP

### New Team Members Wanted

Leaders and Assistants

Occasional or specialist helpers for activities and badge work

Work with our growing group of enthusiastic young people

Help needed for all age groups

Beavers (6 - 8 years), Cubs (8 - 10½ years), Scouts (10½ - 14 years)

Great facilities in open countryside

No experience needed

*I volunteered – can you?*

Call Alison Thomas on 07725 023043

**Life is an adventure, live it!**



in  
**AID OF  
SCOUTING  
EXPEDITIONS**

**Droxford Village Hall  
Saturday 24th February  
from 10am - 3pm**

**Books, games, toys, clothes,  
sports equipment and more!  
Refreshments available**

To donate items, arrange a collection or reserve a table please contact:

Jo on 07779 025911 or Val on 07796 411305

## Meon Valley Community Bus Association TIMETABLE

**Fares** (all destinations): **Adult:** £5.00 return.  
**Children Under 16:** ½ fare: **Under 5's** - Free  
All concessionary bus passes accepted  
For private hire please call Richard Blackburn: Tel: 877391

### **Mondays to FAREHAM**

09:40 Meonstoke PO & Stores  
09:42 Meonstoke, Pound Cottages  
09:45 Meonstoke Triangle  
09:50 Droxford Square (PARK & RIDE)  
09:54 Brockbridge, The Hurdles PH

### **Wednesdays to FAREHAM**

09:40 Meonstoke PO & Stores  
09:42 Meonstoke, Pound Cottages  
09:45 Meonstoke Triangle  
09:50 Droxford Square (PARK & RIDE)  
09:54 Brockbridge, The Hurdles PH

### **Thursdays to FAREHAM**

09:37 Exton, The Shoe PH  
09:40 Meonstoke PO & Stores  
09:42 Meonstoke, Pound Cottages  
09:45 Meonstoke, Oxendown  
09:49 Brockbridge, The Hurdles PH  
**Note: All Fareham trips return from:**  
12:30 Sainsbury's, Fareham  
12:35 Fareham Library

### **1st & 3rd Friday of each month to WINCHESTER**

09:03 Brockbridge, The Hurdles PH  
09:07 Droxford Square (PARK & RIDE)  
09:12 Meonstoke Triangle  
09:14 Meonstoke Pound Cottages  
09:17 Meonstoke PO & Stores  
09:19 Exton, The Shoe PH

#### **Return from:**

11:55 River Park Leisure Centre  
12:00 Winchester Broadway

### **2nd Friday each month to WATERLOOVILLE**

09:37 Exton, The Shoe PH  
09:40 Meonstoke PO & Stores  
09:42 Meonstoke, Pound Cottages  
09:45 Meonstoke Triangle  
09:50 Droxford Square (PARK & RIDE)  
09:54 Brockbridge, The Hurdles PH

#### **Return from:**

12:30 Waterlooville Sainsbury's  
12:35 Waterlooville Waitrose

### **4th Friday each Month to PETERSFIELD**

09:03 Brockbridge, The Hurdles PH  
09:07 Droxford Square (PARK and RIDE)  
09:12 Meonstoke Triangle  
09:14 Meonstoke Pound Cottages  
09:17 Meonstoke PO & Stores  
09:21 Exton The Shoe PH

#### **Return from:**

12:00 Waitrose, Petersfield



## Singing for Fun

Come and sing your favourite songs and learn some new ones.  
No talent required.

**The Stables, Maypole Green,  
Free Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1PW  
from 2.00 to 3.30pm**

Next Meetings:

**February - 2nd & 16th**

**March - 2nd & 16th**

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

**Cost: £1.00 a session  
includes refreshments**

Further information from Annabel  
on 01489 877130 or 07732 329792.

**or – just turn up!**



## Midweek Stress Buster

If you like singing and meeting lovely people you are most welcome to join us. We meet on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of each month at Droxford Village Hall at 7.30pm. We are very much a community choir and explore the lighter side of the repertoire. We range from experienced singers to those who have never sung in a choir before. To find out more go to our website at: **www.singandtonic.org.uk**

## SOME LOCAL SERVICES & USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### POST OFFICES

Droxford – High Street 878811  
 Meonstoke Post Office Warnford Road, Corhampton 877374

### STORES

Droxford Stores, High Street 878811  
 Meonstoke Village Stores, Warnford Road, Corhampton 877374  
 Meringtons Stores, Garrison Hill, Droxford 878043  
 Droxford Antiques, High Street, Droxford 878800

### PUBLIC HOUSES

The Baker's Arms, Droxford 877533  
 The Bucks Head, Meonstoke 877313  
 The Hurdles, Droxford 877451  
 The Shoe, Exton 877526  
 The White Horse, Droxford 877490

### GARAGES

Meringtons, Droxford 877431  
 Taylors Garage Ltd, Droxford 877433

### SCHOOLS

Droxford Junior School, Secretary 877537  
 Meonstoke School, Secretary 877568  
 Valley Pre-school 878019  
 Swanmore College of Technology 892256

### LIBRARY (Bishop's Waltham)

Free Street, Bishops Waltham 0300 555 1387

### CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU (Bishop's Waltham)

Well House, 2 Brook Street 03444 111306  
 CAB email: [bishopswaltham@cabnet.org.uk](mailto:bishopswaltham@cabnet.org.uk)

### PARISH COUNCILS

Corhampton & Meonstoke. Clerk: Mrs R Hoile 07720 092072  
 Website: [www.candm-pc.gov.uk](http://www.candm-pc.gov.uk)  
 Droxford. Clerk: Mrs R Hoile 07720 092072  
 Website: [www.droxfordweb.co.uk](http://www.droxfordweb.co.uk)

Exton Parish Meeting:  
 Honorary Secretary: Position vacant –

### WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

email: [lgemmell@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:lgemmell@winchester.gov.uk)  
 email: [fpearson@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:fpearson@winchester.gov.uk)  
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 email: [lruffell@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:lruffell@winchester.gov.uk)  
 email: [athacker@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:athacker@winchester.gov.uk)

### DROXFORD VILLAGE HALL

Bookings: Mrs Terry Crowfoot 877631

### THE MEON HALL, MEONSTOKE

Bookings: Mrs Anna Rolfe by  
 email: [meonhallbookings@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:meonhallbookings@yahoo.co.uk) or by phone at 878284  
 Go to [www.candm-pc.gov.uk/the-meon-hall](http://www.candm-pc.gov.uk/the-meon-hall) for details of  
 charges and general information

### LOCAL SURGERIES

Droxford 877588  
 Wickham 01329 833121  
 West Meon 01730 829666

### COMMUNITY CARE TRANSPORT COORDINATORS:

(Please ring only between 9.0 am and 6.00 pm)  
 Droxford: 07977 096586  
 Exton, Meonstoke & Corhampton: 07795 928065

### DROXFORD VILLAGE COMMUNITY WEBSITE:

[www.droxfordweb.co.uk](http://www.droxfordweb.co.uk)  
 for more information on local events and activities

### HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES

Adult Services 0300 555 1386  
 Children's Services 0845 603 5620  
 The above numbers are open Mon. to Thurs. 8.30am - 4.30pm  
 The out-of-hours number is 0845 600 4555

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you see anything suspicious that requires immediate police attendance, ring the emergency number 999. If it is important to report it, but not urgent, ring 101.

### Corhampton & Meonstoke

Ian Gilchrist (chairman)	877238
Rectory Lane	Norah Burrage 878708
High Street	Janet Dobby 878657
Bucks Head Hill	Carol Jones 878560
Oxendown	Ian Gilchrist 877238
Warnford Road	Mike Camp 877180
Corhampton Lane	Charles Hall 877506
Pound Lane, West	Patrick Monger 877161
Pound Lane, East	Linda Foot 877763
Chapel Road & Fry's Lane	Charlie Fullegar 07876 524457
New Road	Jenny Liardet 877583
Allen's Lane and St Andrew's Green	Leslie Daysh 877327
Stocks Lane	Peter Riley 877494
Brockbridge Road	Frances Keppel 878774
Millside	Phil Butler 877596

### Droxford

Gordon Hope 877751

### Exton

Joan Starkie 878698

**POLICE** (non-emergency calls) 101

**NHS 111** (for fast help but not 999 emergency) Call 111

For help on community safety and to report anti-social behaviour, etc, Ring 101

## WILLIAMS COLLINS TRUST

Can we help you? Our charity was set up to assist children and students from The Bridge parishes requiring financial help for educational purposes including residential school trips, books, and travel. Call one of our trustees in confidence to request a form:

**Corhampton:** *Monika Thwaites*, 877939  
**Droxford:** *Ann Symes*, 877643 & *Julia Keitley*, 877414  
**Exton:** *Diana Arthur*, 877390  
**Meonstoke:** *Sian Holiday*, 07966 487762

The trustees will meet next on the Thursday 15th March 2018 to make awards. Please send in your applications before this date.

## DISTRICT DIARY

### FEBRUARY

**Fri. 2** Singing for Fun, The Stables, Bishops Waltham 2.00pm

**Sunday 4 - 2 Before Lent**

**Tue. 6** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am  
Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford VH 10.30–12.00

**Wed. 7** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am  
Look in for coffee & chat, Meonstoke Church 10.00–12.00  
Evening Prayer, Droxford 5.00pm  
MV Garden Club: talk: 'Delightful Dahlias' by *John Baker*. Droxford Village Hall 7.30pm

**Thu. 8** M/stoke Toddler Group; The Meon Hall 9.30–11.30  
Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am

**Fri. 9** 12th Portsmouth Brownies staying at The Meon Hall until Sunday, 11th

**Sat. 10** Quiz Night, Droxford Village Hall (see page 9) 7.30 pm

**Sunday 11 - 1 Before Lent**

12th Portsmouth Brownies end their stay

**Tue. 13** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am  
Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford VH 10.30–12.00  
MV Arts Society: talk: 'Art treasures of Paris,' The Meon Hall 10.40am  
Play-reading Group, The Meon Hall 7.30pm

**Wed. 14 Ash Wednesday**

Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am  
Evening Prayer, Droxford 5.00pm  
Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes, Corhampton 7.00pm

**Thu. 15** Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am  
Droxford Parish Council Meeting, Droxford VH 7.30pm

**Fri. 16** Singing for Fun, The Stables, Bishops Waltham 2.00pm

**Sat. 17** HHH Pony Club: Awards Evening, The Meon Hall 6.30pm

**Sunday 18 - Lent 1**

**Tue. 20** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am  
Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford VH 10.30–12.00  
MV Arts Society Study Day: 'Art' - *Hogarth* The Meon Hall 9.40am

**Wed. 21** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am  
Look in for coffee & chat, Meonstoke Church 10.00–12.00  
Evening Prayer, Droxford 5.00pm

**Thu. 22** Meonstoke Toddler Group; The Meon Hall 9.30–11.30am  
Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am

**Sat. 24** Droxford Scouts: Nearly New Sale Droxford Village Hall 10.00am–3pm

**Sunday 25 - Lent 2**

Concert: Baroque Music & Poetry; Droxford Church 3.00pm

**Tue. 27** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am  
Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford VH 10.30–12.00  
Droxford Church Lent Lunch, Droxford VH 12.15pm

**Wed. 28** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am  
Film night: Victoria and Abdul; Droxford VH 7.30pm



### SUNDAY SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Date	Time	Service	Church
<b>4th</b> 2 Before Lent	8.00am 10.30 am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion(CW) Royal Accession Evensong (BCP)	Droxford Meonstoke Exton
<b>11th</b> 1 Before Lent	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion(CW) A service of Contemplative Prayer	Meonstoke Droxford Corhampton
<b>18th</b> Lent 1	8.00am 10.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Informal All-age Service Matins	Exton Droxford Corhampton
<b>25th</b> Lent 2	8.00am 9.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Informal All-age Service Holy Communion(CW)	Corhampton Meonstoke Exton

## DISTRICT DIARY

## MARCH

**Thur. 1** Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am  
**Fri. 2** Singing for Fun, The Stables, Bishops Waltham 2.00pm  
 Womens' World Day of Prayer, RC Church B.Waltham 2.00pm

**Sunday 4 - Lent 3**

**Tue. 6** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am  
 Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford VH 10.30-12.00

**Wed 7** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am  
 Look in for coffee & chat, Meonstoke Church 10.00-12.00  
 Evening Prayer, Droxford 5.00pm

Corhampton & Meonstoke Parish Council Meeting:

Meon Hall 7.30pm

**Thu. 8** Meonstoke Toddler Group; The Meon Hall 9.30-11.30  
 Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am  
 MV Garden Club: Italy, from 'Seed to Plate -  
 Franchi Seeds' by Paolo Arrigo. The Meon Hall 7.30pm

**Sat. 10** MV Orchestra in Concert of light classical music 7.30pm  
 at the United Reformed Church, Osborne Rd, Fareham

**Sunday 11 - Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday**

**Mon. 12 Last copy date for April - May issue of The Bridge**

**Tue. 13** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am  
 Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford VH 10.30-12.00

MV Arts Society: Talk: 'Judah' The Meon Hall 10.40am

Play-reading Group, The Meon Hall 7.30pm

**Wed. 14** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am  
 Evening Prayer, Droxford 5.00pm

**Thu. 15** Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am

**Fri. 16** Singing for Fun, The Church Hall, Bishops Waltham 2.00pm

**Sat. 17** Hampshire Beekeepers Conference,  
 in The Meon Hall 8.00am - 6.00pm

**Sunday 18 - Lent 5 - Passion Sunday**

**Mon. 22** The Meon Hall Management Committee Meeting 7.30pm  
 in The Meon Hall

**Tue. 20** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am  
 Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford VH 10.30-12.00

**Wed. 21** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am  
 Look in for coffee & chat, Meonstoke Church 10.00-12.00  
 Evening Prayer, Droxford 5.00pm

**Thu. 22** Meonstoke Toddler Group; The Meon Hall 9.30-11.30  
 Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am

Droxford Parish Council meeting, Droxford VH 7.30pm

**Sat. 24** MV Garden Club: Spring Show in The Meon Hall 2.00pm

**Sunday 25 - Palm Sunday (British Summer Time begins at 2.00am)**

Soirée on the Bridge Concert:

St Andrew's Meonstoke 5.00pm

**Mon. 26** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am

Stations of the Cross, Meonstoke 7.00pm

**Tue. 27** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am

Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford VH 10.30-12.00

Stations of the Cross, Exton 7.00pm

**Wed. 28** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am

Stations of the Cross, Droxford 7.00pm

Film night: Murder on the Orient Express;

Droxford Village Hall 7.30pm

**Thu. 29 Maundy Thursday**

Holy Communion, Droxford 9.00am

Holy Communion, Corhampton 10.00am

Droxford History Group: 'People on Plinths'

a talk by Tony Cross, Droxford Village Hall 7.30pm

The Watch, with quiet readings, Corhampton 9.00pm

**Fri. 30 Good Friday**

Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am

Walk of Witness, starting at Exton 9.30pm

Family Service & Activities, Meonstoke 10.30am

At the Foot of the Cross service, Droxford 1.30pm

For APRIL 1st 'Easter Sunday Services' see page 24



## SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MARCH

Date	Time	Service	Church
<b>4th</b> Lent 3	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (CW) Evensong	Droxford Meonstoke Exton
<b>11th</b> Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Service followed by Holy Communion (CW) (No evening service)	Meonstoke Droxford
<b>18th</b> Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)	8.00am 10.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Informal All-age service Matins	Exton Droxford Corhampton
<b>25th</b> Palm Sunday	8.00am 9.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Informal All-age service Palm Procession & Holy Communion (CW)	Corhampton Meonstoke Exton

## Droxford & District Community Care Group

*We aim to support our local community by:*

- Providing transport for visits to hospital, dentists, doctors and other health specialists: for these visits, contact our transport coordinators on the following telephone numbers: Droxford Area:- 07977 096586; Corhampton, Meonstoke & Exton Areas:- 07795 928065
- Giving assistance with completion of forms and documents on a confidential basis
- Resolving both internal and external problems with land line telephones of the elderly when they are not working properly. BT Openreach must repair all external faults within two working days.
- Helping to register frail and elderly persons whose telephone is an absolute lifeline – especially those with an emergency alarm connected to their telephone for the priority repair scheme. (Note: A form must be signed by the person's GP.)
- Providing a service to new arrivals in the Droxford, Meonstoke, Corhampton, and Exton areas with a welcome note and later a visit to assist them in settling in. If you have recently arrived in one of the local villages and we have not been in touch, please make contact with the new arrivals coordinator, Za Rowe on 01489 877732.

*New volunteer drivers needed*

- To help support the local community
- With a very flexible commitment – you decide when you drive
- To provide private transport for essential purposes such as hospital, dentist and doctor appointments
- Your mileage costs are covered at 40p per mile
- Over 50 local people have been taken to various hospitals, doctors' surgeries, dentists etc, in the past two years.
- If you are willing to give a little time and volunteer as a driver, please contact our transport coordinators or the community care group chairman.

*John Shaw* Chairman. Tel: 01489 877564

## Petersfield Hospital

Swan Street, Petersfield GU32 3LB  
Tel: 01730 263221

### MINOR INJURIES UNIT

**Open 8.00am to 6.00pm 365 days a year**

As a dedicated Minor Injuries Team, we can treat many minor injuries for all ages including:

**Cuts & Abrasions**

**Burns**

**Ear & nose injuries**

**Eye injuries**

**Foreign bodies**

**Head Injuries**

**Minor Fractures**

**Nose bleeds**

**Splinters, Sprains & Strains**

If we cannot treat your injury, we will refer you to another member of our multi-disciplinary team.

These can include:

**Accident & Emergency Department**

- **Dentist**
- **Fracture Clinic**
- **General Practitioner**
- **Ophthalmic Optician**

We have X-ray facilities Monday to Friday from 9.00am to midday. Waiting times vary, but most patients are seen, treated and discharged within an hour.



**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).

Contact Rob Scott, MVCFR Coordinator at [robmunroscott@aol.com](mailto:robmunroscott@aol.com)  
or Community Responder Administrator at [cfr@scas.nhs.uk](mailto:cfr@scas.nhs.uk) (0800 5870207)

and maybe, **HELP SAVE A LIFE!**

## From the Registers

### Weddings

Meonstoke 31st December -  
Joseph Anthony Leonard and  
Emily Elizabeth Harris

### Funerals

Meonstoke 7th September -  
Molly Maureen Charlotte Farnell, age 84

6th December -  
Trevor Max Quarendon, age 90

15th January 2018 -  
Peter Roland Granville Turner, age 86

## We welcome to our Parishes.....

**Catherine Garry** from Southampton, and **Thomas Fabian** from Farnham, who have come to live at 1, The High Street, Droxford.

## EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

### APRIL 1st

Bringing in of the Light & 1st Eucharist of Easter, Corhampton,	6.00am
Holy Communion (BCP), Exton	8.00am
Family Eucharist, Droxford	10.30am
Family Eucharist, Meonstoke	10.30am

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