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Cover Photograph: Taken by Vanessa Barton about a year ago when out for a morning walk, she saw what she describes as "this rare visitor to the River Meon".

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7.00pm
at Meon Hall, Pound Lane, Meonstoke SO32 3NP

Presentation by **Professor Tony King**, who will be reviewing the 2018 excavations and looking ahead to the excavations this Summer. **Dr Nick Thorpe** will be reviewing last year's excavations of the oval and round barrows on Shavards Farm. **Dr Nick Stoodley** will be reviewing The Iron Age to Roman Landscape Phase II. All welcome (*You don't have to be a member of MVAHG to come along*)

We have had a very successful year, thanks to the hard work of our team of volunteers supporting our geophysical surveys in the Iron Age to Roman Landscape Project and a third year of excavations at Exton.



SUMMER EXCAVATION



We are very pleased to announce that the dig at Exton and Meonstoke will continue for a fourth Summer in July. More information on how to take part will follow in the next issue of The Bridge.

**The COPY DEADLINE for the next issue of THE BRIDGE is:
 MONDAY 6th MAY**

From the RECTOR



THIS EDITION OF THE BRIDGE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED JUST BEFORE EASTER THIS YEAR AND AS I REFLECTED ON WHAT TO write for this edition, I came across a letter written in Germany just before Easter 1944. Almost exactly one year later, as the allies approached Flossenberg concentration camp, the author of the letter, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was hanged there by the Nazis. His Letters and Papers from Prison have been an inspiration to many who have sought to make any sense out of persecution and needless suffering.

An outspoken opponent of Adolf Hitler and the Nazis, Bonhoeffer joined the Confessing Church, which sought to be the authentic voice of the gospel in Germany and to oppose attempts to force anti-Semitism on church and society. Leaving Berlin in protest, he spent two years (1933 - 35) as pastor of German-speaking congregations in London and he met Bishop George Bell of Chichester. Bonhoeffer returned to Germany from America when war broke out in 1939, explaining, "I shall have no right to participate in the reconstruction of Christian life in Germany after the war if I do not share the trials of this time with my people."

He became involved with the anti-Nazi underground movement and, in 1942, attempted to put them in touch with the British government via Bishop Bell. The authorities imprisoned him at Tegel prison in Berlin in April 1943. It was from Tegel that he wrote many letters to his friends, family, and to his fiancée. It was one such letter that I came across, containing these words about death and resurrection: poignant to us now and pertinent to the season in which we find ourselves now. It contained these words, written as war raged:

Easter? We're giving more attention nowadays to dying than to death itself. We are much more concerned with getting over the act of dying than with being victorious over death. Socrates mastered the art of dying; but Christ overcame death as the last enemy (1 Corinthians 15.27). There is a real difference between these two things. The one is something humans can do, the other means resurrection. It is not ars moriendi, the art of dying, but the resurrection of Christ to invigorate and cleanse the world today. Here is the answer to "Give me somewhere to stand and I shall move the earth" (Archimedes). What a tremendous difference it would make if a few people really believed and acted upon that. To live in the light of the resurrection - that is the meaning of Easter. Do you not also find that so few people seem to know what light it is they live by? This perturbatio animorum (agitation of souls) is exceedingly common. It is an unconscious waiting for the word of deliverance, though the time is hardly ripe yet for it to be heard. But the time will come, and perhaps this Easter is

one of the last chances we shall have to prepare ourselves for our future task.

In prison he was deprived of many of the joys of Easter, including Easter music and being with others. However, the Nazis could not deprive him of thought and prayer. He remarked that the music of the inward ear can often surpass that which we hear physically. He concluded that there is something purer about it, and in a way, music acquires thereby a 'new body'! So, it is when we truly accept the Easter story inwardly that the resurrection promise starts to become pure reality. The involvement of many of Bonhoeffer's contacts in the July 1944 plot to kill Hitler may well have sealed his fate. After several moves, he was taken finally to Flossenberg Camp, where he died resolute in faith and sure in Easter-hope.

Tony

DROXFORD HISTORY GROUP

Invites members & visitors
to join them on

Thursday 30th May

*For a Guided Walk around
Portchester Castle*

Led by **Andrew Negus**
Historian & Blue Badge Guide

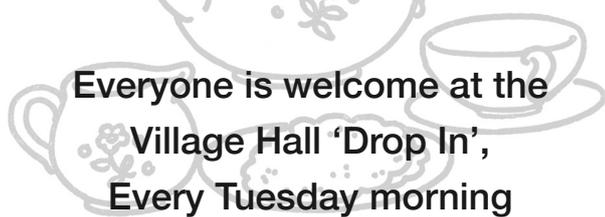
Beginning with coffee in The Cormorant Public House,
in Castle Street, Portchester.

at **10.00am**

After the walk we will return to The Cormorant for lunch.
Non-members are welcome to join us for a fee of £4
(Members are free).

If you plan to attend, please let Olive know on 01489 878768
by 20th May, and if you will be staying for lunch.

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!
April: 3rd & 17th
May: 1st & 15th

BOOK-OUT!



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 2019



April: 25th
May: 9th & 23rd



 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 second Tuesday each month
at The Meon Hall at 7.30pm**

Tuesday 9th April
Tuesday 14th May

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



Friends of Droxford Church

www.friendsofdroxfordchurch.org.uk

Droxford Community Hub and Heritage Project

UPDATE MARCH 2019



Country Fair, Saturday 1st June

Both the Friends and the PCC will be supporting the Country Fair on Saturday 1st June, and are planning a 'ribbon cutting' ceremony to mark the completion of the construction phase of the Hub annex.

Wilfrid's - the Café on the Meon

On Fair Day, Wilfrid's Café volunteers will serve tea and biscuits in the North Chapel to give a foretaste of what the café will offer and receive feedback. Our plan is to open the Café regularly from September, after the school holidays, and use July and August for training and trial openings on selected weekends for the benefit of visitors and rambblers.

Volunteers for all roles, baking, serving, coffee-making, cleaning are invited. Training will be provided where necessary.

Please send your name, email address and type of interest to Clare Hooper at: clare.hooper@btconnect.com, and be sure to visit us on Country Fair Day.

Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre is designed to display the history of Droxford's church and community from Saxon times to the 20th Century. Highlights will include information about John of Droxford, Chancellor of England in the early 14th Century, and Churchill's visit to Droxford Railway Station shortly before D-Day in 1944.

In anticipation of the planned D-Day display, panels describing the D-Day story and Churchill's historic visit will be exhibited on Fair Day, together with DVD recordings of local memories and historic footage from Droxford's celebration of the 70th Anniversary of D-Day in 2014. There will also be an exhibition of historic vehicles in the Square.

The Heritage Centre proposals, which were presented at the public consultation held in March 2017, will also be displayed on Fair day, and further public comment invited. Please email Michael Chandler at: mjchand110@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer to help or make a donation to the Heritage Centre.

More Information

As usual more information is available on our website at www.friendsofdroxfordchurch.org.uk, or on Facebook. Search for Droxford Community Hub and Heritage Centre.

John Symes,
Chairman, FODC

WE LAUNCHED OUR APPEAL IN OCTOBER, AND FOLLOWING THE TREMENDOUS RESPONSE TO THE GIFT DAY IN December, we were able to appoint a contractor in January and start building the Community Hub annex. Progress has been rapid and already the exterior walls and the roof are complete, with the flint walls and pitched roof blending well with the existing building and attracting favourable comments from passers-by.

By early March the appeal had raised £57,000, or 75% of our target. Very many thanks to all those families and individuals who have generously donated so far, without you we would not have been able to start the construction phase. The appeal will remain open until 30th June 2019, or until the target of £75,000 is reached, to fund fitting out and equipping the community café and the Heritage Centre. For those who still want to donate to our appeal, the MyDonate page is accessible through our website at: www.friendsofdroxfordchurch.org.uk.

In addition to individual donors, we also gratefully acknowledge the grants received from the Hampshire County Council, Garfield Weston Foundation, Allchurches Trust, Headley Trust, Droxford PCC, and the Droxford Country Fair.

LOOKING AHEAD AT UPCOMING EVENTS

AGM - the Friends AGM will be held on Thursday 25th April at 7.00pm in Droxford church.



DROXFORD VILLAGE HALL NEWS

THE VAGARIES OF THE ENGLISH WEATHER PERSIST EVEN AS I WRITE. THE BIRDS IN THE GARDEN, LIKE PEOPLE, ARE DODGING the March showers. They are feeding and gathering twigs and other such nesting materials, but take shelter in the hedges and shrubs when a sudden downpour occurs. On warmer days, even butterflies have been seen! We have watched the snowdrops die and the warmth we have all benefitted from has produced an array of spring flowers: daffodils, hellebores, ground cyclamen, and even daisies and violets are in the gardens. Some shrubs and trees already have their blossom, which is decorating our small local patch and lifting spirits on a sunny day. Even blackthorn bushes are in full flower, and that does seem rather early for the beginning of March.

Quiz night was once more a great success. It is remarkable just how cleverly John Martin formulates his categories and his questions. I cannot remember how many quiz nights we have now had, but more than enough to know that it is a considerable fund raiser as well as an enjoyable occasion. On reading this, our skittles evening will have taken place, and we hope that as many teams as last year will have participated and enjoyed the evening. The hall continues to be well used and hall hire brings in a substantial amount for us. It is good to know that people appreciate this for a variety of uses.

Our AGM is on Monday 15th April in the hall, when we would welcome your presence.

The last film of the present season was Bohemian Rhapsody. The first film in April will be First Man. Our regular members, along with the committee, will be asked to choose when we have the new choices. Keep an eye open for the posters.

The 200 Club continues to thrive, raising a considerable amount, and we thank all those members who make a contribution to this. The recent 200 Club winners were:

January: Josie Wood
February: Margaret Scriven
March: Dave Durrant

Jackie Hibbert Secretary

Forthcoming Events at Droxford Village Hall



Monday 15th April

The Village Hall AGM

Come along and have your say about the running of the hall and the events we put on for the village.

at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm)

Licensed bar and Refreshments available

Wednesday 24th April

FIRST MAN

A film rated 12a

The riveting story behind the first manned mission to the moon, focusing on Neil Armstrong and the decade leading to the historic Apollo 11 flight. A visceral and intimate account told from Armstrong's perspective, the film explores the triumphs and the cost on Armstrong, his family, his colleagues and the nation itself of one of the most dangerous missions in history. Directed by Damien Chazelle and starring Ryan Gosling.

at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm)

Tickets - £5

Licensed bar and Refreshments available

Wednesday 29th May

FILM NIGHT

The film will be chosen after the date of publication of The Bridge. Watch out for the posters advertising the event, which will go up early in May

at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm)

Tickets - £5

Licensed bar and Refreshments available

TICKETS FOR ALL EVENTS FROM THE POST OFFICE OR ON THE DOOR

Thank you from the Henley Family

Anthony and William, and their mother Liz, would like to send heartfelt thanks to all those who came to David's thanksgiving service in Droxford on 16th February 2019.

We are particularly grateful for the incredible generosity of everybody who organised the service and provided the tea that followed in the village hall. Despite the sadness, it was a tremendously uplifting occasion that perfectly marked David's time in the parishes, and we took great comfort from the kindness we received.



management committee to keep The Meon Hall up to date, and well equipped. With over £3500 raised so far this year, we have been really successful in demonstrating community support for The Meon Hall so that we can press on with making grant applications for urgent work and purchases of new equipment.

Gardening work around The Meon Hall

Many thanks to Barry Heard for his bush trimming and grass cutting. Barry has been doing this for over twenty years, and to Michelle Kempster who has also worked for a similar period of time clearing the autumn leaf fall from the sixty seven trees off the car park and MUGA tarmac surfaces; and to the Idverde contract workers who recently removed a truck full of the composting leaves and bush cuttings from around the Hall and the car park banks. Looking smart now!

Welcome

Welcome to the Meon Valley Orchestra who have decided to move their weekly rehearsals to the Meon Hall every Thursday morning. If you are interested in joining the Meon Valley Orchestra, please contact Annabel Armstrong on 01489 877130.

James Morrice

2019's 200 Club Prize Draw:

Winners of the 2019 prizes were:

February: Jill Edmunds **March:** Margaret Fielding

Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who has joined The Meon Hall's 200 Club in 2019, at the time of going to press 353 people have joined. This is a tremendous annual membership number for the 200 Club which was started some 40 years ago to raise money for The Meon Hall! You may win one of the cash prizes during the year, but just as importantly, by joining the 200 Club you are helping the Meon Hall

Soirées on the Bridge

CONCERT

in St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke

Come and Sing Handel's **'MESSIAH'**

on **Sunday 7th April at 7.00pm** (optional rehearsal 5.45 to 6.30pm)

with

Melanie Stephenson - Soprano Suzie Fellows - Alto Peter Fellows - Tenor
Richard Martin - Organ Hilmar Hauer - Trumpet Edward Roberts - Bass

Come and enjoy singing this wonderful work!

EVERYONE WELCOME

Please bring a score if you have one, although there are some scores available. (Novello Watkins Shaw edition).

Entrance is Free (as a singer or listener), with a retiring collection, in aid of St Andrew's Church.

Refreshments will be served, which includes a glass of wine.

If you would like to sing please ring Lorna 01489 877718 or Sally 01489 877983 or just turn up on the day.

also on **Wednesday 8th May - A Piano Recital** by **Rachael Gillham**



Corhampton Saxon Church

MILLENNIUM 2020



Another brief article towards our millennium celebrations, punctuating and illuminating the long thousand years of our church's history.

1415 Agincourt

“O God of Battles, steel my soldiers' hearts”

IT'S VERY PROBABLE THAT YEOMEN WORSHIPPERS AT OUR 400 YEAR OLD CHURCH TOOK PART IN THE MANDATORY ARCHERY practices on Sundays and quite likely that our ancient yew tree lost a few branches, yew being the wood of choice for the English longbow. The longbow dominated the famous victories of Crécy, Poitiers, and Agincourt. With a 'pull' of up to eighty pounds, an iron tipped 'clothyard' arrow could pierce an oak door or pin a knight to his horse through both legs.

The Agincourt campaign was typical of fifteenth century war, initially well resourced but swiftly deteriorating and fatally delayed by the resistance of Harfleur. Entrapped by rivers, rain, and a larger French army between Henry V and his Calais escape route, his army was in a miserable state, some marching without trousers because of dysentery, bowstrings under armpits to keep dry.

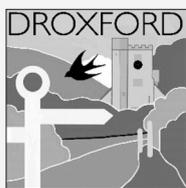
But the battlefield chosen by the French had large impenetrable woods on each side and a narrow front. The initial cavalry charge failed under a hail of arrows. Medieval custom required the nobility to be up front. The

foot soldiers and armoured knights were tired by an advance through mud and came up against Henry's staked line in a huge uncontrolled wedge. They were shot at on the flanks, knifed or malletted by archers, corpses piled six feet high. French leadership failed, reserves melted away.

Uber-historian Jonathan Sumption says that quoted English losses vary between nine to thirty-three, mostly unprotected archers and including the Duke of York. The French lost some 5,800; the list of the dead reads like a roll call of the military and political leaders, three dukes, five counts, one hundred other great lords, not a noble family escaped a loss, some their entire patrimony.

Although Agincourt conferred strategic advantage, Henry V died of gastroenteritis in 1422 during tangled military/political campaigns and was never king of France. He had married Catherine the French king's daughter who gave birth to our Henry VI who at the age of nine upon the death of the French king Charles VI was crowned king of both England and France. But at Castillones-la-Bataille in 1453 the English finally lost the Hundred Years War.

Guy Liardet



**Droxford
Parish
Council**

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 18th April at 6.30pm

in Droxford Village Hall

followed by

Annual Parish Assembly

at 8.00pm (Preceded by Refreshments)

Thursday 16th May

**The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
in Droxford Village Hall**



**The Annual Meeting of
Corhampton & Meonstoke
Parish Council**

Wednesday 8th May at 6.30pm

followed by

Annual Parish Assembly

at 7.30pm

in the Meon Hall, Meonstoke



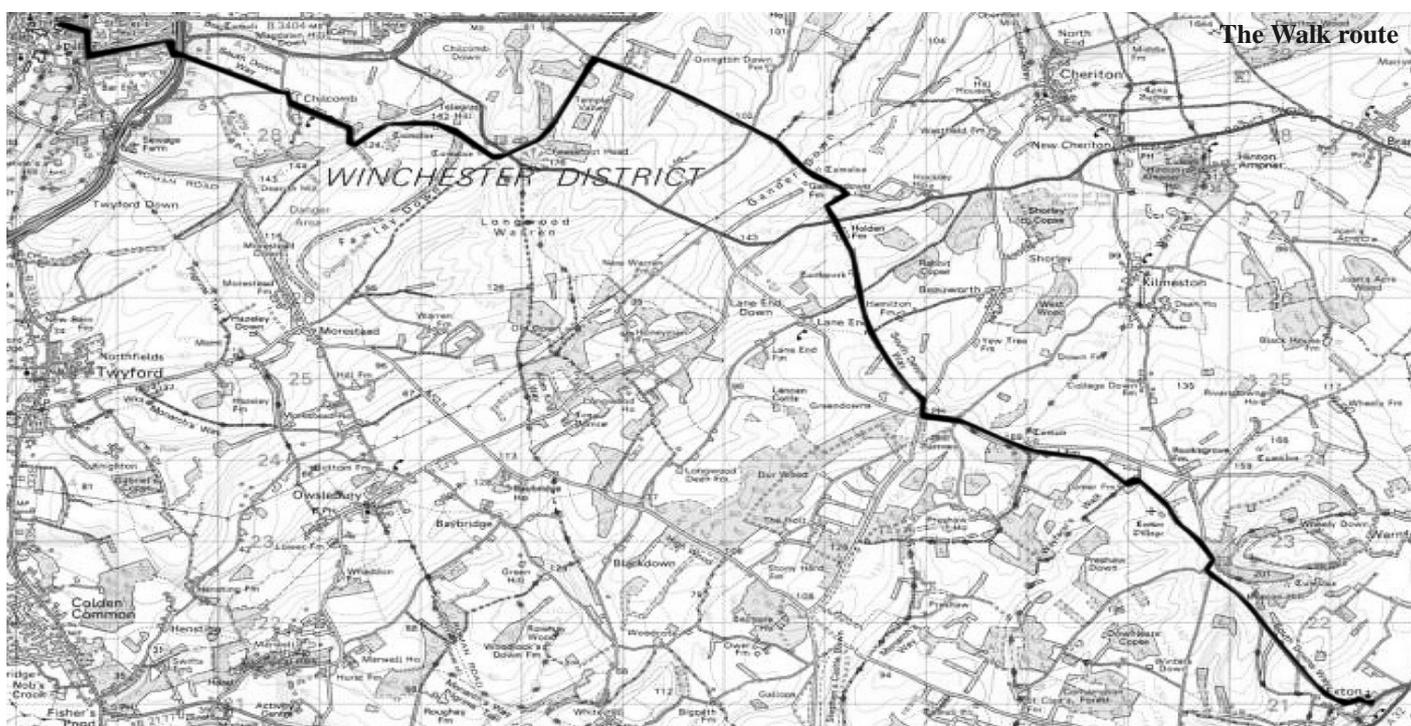
Droxford Junior School Report

Droxford Junior School South Downs Way Family Sponsored Walk (Winchester to Exton)

Sunday 28th April 2019

Start: 10.00am (meet in Abbey Gardens by Alfred the Great statue, Winchester)

End: The Shoe Inn, Exton



AT DROXFORD JUNIOR SCHOOL WE ARE EMBARKING ON A LONG TERM REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR OUR outdoor space for learning and play. This involves the playground, field, and general outdoor spaces. Obviously there is a cost element to this, which is why we are endeavouring to raise funds.

In the autumn term, our children ran a Mega Marathon as a fundraising exercise. In this spring term we thought we would involve all the family including pets for a challenge!

As mentioned in our February school newsletter (at droxfordjunior.co.uk/letters-forms-newsletters/newsletters) we are inviting you to join us in a sponsored walk from Winchester to Exton. This is the first section of the South Downs Way, which is about 12.5 miles.

Families can join the walk at any point if they do not fancy tackling the full distance.

One family did a practise walk, so we know that Year 3 and

Year 5 children can do it, admittedly not without a little tactical, persuasive bribery!

In the lead up to the walk we will be practising some map reading skills in school and The South Downs National Park education team will be joining us in school to produce an i-Spy sheet for the walk.

We would like to arrange for some refreshments at Cheesefoot Head Car Park which is about an hour's walk out of Winchester and at the top of the main hill climb. Lunch will be at the Milbury's Public House. You can bring your own picnic as the landlord is happy for us to use the tables outside.

If you would like to join us on the day, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. If you are not able to get sponsorship and join us but wish to support the school with a contribution we would be delighted hear from you.

Here's hoping for warm spring weather.

News from Droxford Fire Station

VARIETY FOR US AT STATION 41, DROXFORD, OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, WITH A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT incidents and activities. In January we had our annual Operational Assurance Assessment. This is where a group manager from the Fire Service leadership team attends a drill night to put us through our paces, check our theory skills, and generally ensure we are operating effectively, think of a school Inspector's visit and you will not be far wrong. We take pride in our small station, every corner of which received an extra sweep and polish prior to assessment day. We were very pleased to pass with flying colours, the final report noting how well we are coming together as a team, building and sharing knowledge, particularly given the number of new recruits over the past year.



The largest incident we attended recently, together with most other trucks in the area, was the Ocado warehouse fire in Andover at the start of February. This involved a mammoth effort from Hampshire Fire Service, with additional support provided by appliances from neighbouring counties. The first Droxford crew was mobilised at 11.30am in the morning, not returning home until after 1.00am the following day. A relief crew was then turned out at 3.00am, getting back to the station at around 12.30pm. Long days, challenging situations, but a lot of experience gained and skills demonstrated. All of us at Droxford have day jobs and other responsibilities meaning all incidents, but particularly these longer ones, need us to rely on support from friends, family, colleagues, and employers who enable us to drop everything and run when the pagers go off, to every one of these a big thank you.

Finally, on the subject of support, a plea about parking in front of the fire station: in short, PLEASE DON'T DO IT! Although there are certainly times the station looks quiet,

and the perfect place to leave the car while you pop up the road to pick up from school, there is always the possibility that five, six, or seven cars are about to pile in, either blocking you in or at the very least being a bit cross with you. Please help us to help the community by keeping the forecourt clear, thank you!

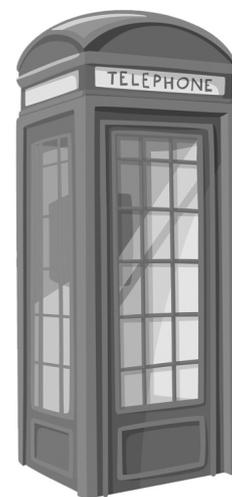
Droxford is one of Hampshire Fire and Rescue's network of retained fire stations, providing on-call cover for our local communities and across the county. We have a crew of eleven, from a variety of backgrounds, supported by a watch manager. Our training nights are Tuesdays at 6.45pm, do come down and see us then if you want to know more. You can also follow @Droxford41 on Twitter for up to date information about what we are up to.

Anna Rolfe
FF Droxford 41

St Mary & All Saints Church

The Lent lunch on Sunday 10th March raised £222 in aid of Bishop Christopher's Lent Appeal.

BODLEIAN LIBRARY COMING TO DROXFORD TELEPHONE BOX!



BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, A SMALL BOOK EXCHANGE WILL BE OPERATIONAL IN THE OLD, RED TELEPHONE BOX IN THE centre of Droxford. It seemed such a pity not to use such an iconic feature! The shelves are already in place. Books are arriving!

The library will be open for use twenty four hours. It will be available for anyone to use so please come and browse. Sorry about the lack of space! Please return the books you have borrowed and select again. Until it is seen how things are going, the books will be mainly popular fiction.

Terry Crowfoot



ANY SEEDS THAT HAVE BEEN SOWN WHEN THE SOIL WAS TOO COLD OR WET WILL PROBABLY NOT GERMINATE, SO A SECOND sowing in April will be necessary. Bedding plants and tender plants, raised from seed, such as outdoor tomatoes and courgettes can be placed outside on warm, still days to harden them off and keep them compact, but beware of leaving them out overnight or exposing them to wind, which can desiccate the young foliage very quickly and set back the plants by several weeks. Continue the war against snails and slugs with your preferred remedies and be particularly vigilant for aphids that have survived the mild winter.

Vegetables: If you have not already done so, plant seed potatoes in well manured trenches, sprinkled with general purpose fertiliser. Leeks can be sown into trays or pots and planted later when large enough to handle, or they may be sown directly into a prepared bed. Sow maincrop carrots, purple sprouting broccoli, peas, and plant out onion sets. A second sowing of broad beans can now be made. It is also a good idea to sow runner beans in small pots so that they are ready for planting out as soon as the danger of frost is past. These plants should be gradually hardened off before planting out. In May, sow beetroot and continue to sow salad crops of lettuce, spring onion, radish, rocket and

it's a good idea to cover newly sown seed with mesh or fleece until the seeds have germinated, to protect against birds, cats, and mice etc. Protect potato foliage from late frosts by earthing up or covering with fleece.

Fruit: Clear all debris and dead leaves from the base of trees and bushes and apply a handful of general purpose fertiliser around the base of each plant. Rake and water in if the ground is dry and then apply a 3 to 4 inch mulch of well rotted manure or compost to help conserve moisture as the weather warms up. Keep an eye open for gooseberry sawfly (any sign of leaves being completely eaten) and if present, spray with proprietary insecticide.

Herbaceous Border: Feed and mulch roses. Plant out sweet pea seedlings and sow annual seeds directly into the border. In April, prune hydrangea paniculata, spirea japonica, and buddleia very hard to produce strong new growth this year; remember, these shrubs flower on the current year's growth, so they respond well to this treatment every year. In early April, cut back by about a third, sage, artemisia, cistus, lavender, and santolina to prevent straggly growth. Hard prune wall trained or hedging pyracantha. After flowering in late May, lightly trim back winter flowering heathers.

Lawns: Now is the time to lay or sow new lawns. Existing lawns should be scarified to remove moss and thatch, and then fed with a proprietary lawn feed. If weeds and moss are a problem in your lawn, use a combined lawn weed and moss killer and leave for a week or two before scarifying.

In the Greenhouse: Check all young plants on a daily basis, making sure that they do not dry out and watch out for any signs of pests and diseases, and treat with proprietary fungicide or pesticide as appropriate.

John Owen



SPRING HAS DEFINITELY SPRUNG IN MY GARDEN, WHICH WAS HELPED BY THE VERY WARM WEATHER WE HAD EARLIER THIS year. I have managed to split and pot up some plants for the plant sale in May (see poster on page 11). I hope you will be able to do the same; please contact myself or Phil if you have any plants you can spare. It is great that we can offer plants at such good prices and the profit helps us to put on other events. Plants we have left over go to other fundraising causes.

Bugs was the title of our first talk of the year by Chris Bird of Sparsholt college. He showed lots of pictures of insects in their various stages and points were awarded for identifying them correctly! The damage they can do was shown and how this can affect the plants. He gave ideas of how and when to deal with the pesky things. Scale insects, winter moth, and even the slug was mentioned!

Our next event is a coffee morning for members but you can always come as a guest or you could join the club for £3.00 a year.

If you would like to join the club, please contact our membership secretary, Phil Butler, on 01489 877596 or email: philipbutler831@btinternet.com

Caroline Harris
Secretary

email: caroline_harris76@hotmail.com

More GardenClub information is available on the website at: www.droxfordweb.co.uk and click on the Meon Valley Garden Club link in the navigation bar.

The Royal British Legion

Droxford & District Branch www.droxfordweb.co.uk



Private Eleanor Dlugosz

12 years ago....

Thursday, 5 April 2007, Private Eleanor Dlugosz of the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) was one of four British soldiers killed together with a civilian interpreter in the early hours of the morning. A roadside bomb exploded beneath the Warrior armoured vehicle in which they were travelling west of Basra City in Iraq during the aftermath of the 2nd Gulf War. The other soldiers killed were Second Lieutenant Joanna Yorke Dyer, Corporal Kris O'Neill, and Kingsman Adam Smith.

Eleanor Dlugosz, aged 19, was providing medical support to a Warrior patrol from the 2nd Battalion Duke of Lancaster's Battle Group. Based in Catterick, North Yorkshire, Private Dlugosz, 'Ella' to some and 'DZ' to everyone else, deployed to Iraq in November 2006 and initially provided primary healthcare at Shaibah Logistic Base. After returning to the UK in January 2007 to complete her Class 1 Medics Course, she returned to Iraq in March 2007.

Eleanor is the daughter of Mrs Sally Veck who now lives in Soberton.

AT THE TIME OF HER DEATH, ELEANOR'S HOME WAS WITH HER MOTHER IN SWANMORE NEAR TO HER GRANDPARENTS. Eleanor was born in Winchester in 1987. She attended primary school in Swanmore before moving with her family to Somerset at the age of nine. There she became involved in the Young Farmers, music, public speaking, and indulged her passion for riding, hunting, and the Pony Club. She applied to join the Royal Army Medical Corps at the age of seventeen. Her mother recalls Eleanor's military training at Winchester: "She was the best rifle shot, taking the trophy and beating all the boys. She was my star all the time, she loved her job and she was my action girl.

Nothing could have stopped her from serving her country." After her untimely death, Sally says: "I didn't cry every day. At the beginning, I was crying all the time. You are just so low, exhausted; how are you going to cope for the next half an hour? And then suddenly time passes by and you think, 'how have I survived that?'. When that happened, someone said to me, 'You're very lucky to have had her for 19 years of your life.' When I could get that into my head and understand it, it helped a lot". Eleanor is buried in a military war grave at St. Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham. Her name is commemorated on Swanmore's war memorial and has also been added to Soberton and Newtown's Roll of Honour.

The nation is currently in the throes of commemorating the enormous sacrifices made by British and Commonwealth armed Servicemen and women in the 2 great wars of the 20th Century. Not to be forgotten, however, are more than 7,000 killed in action in some thirty conflicts since 1945, including 626 deaths plus over 13,000 casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan. The RBL honours those killed on active service whilst supporting those who served, and their dependents.

The Droxford & District branch has a selection of interesting speakers and events and further details of these are in the RBL pages of the Soberton & Newtown and Droxford websites. Non-members are always welcome to attend the talks and, of course, a **Pub-style Quiz on Friday 26th April**. The next branch meeting will be at 7.00pm on **Monday 13th May** in Droxford Village Hall, when Giles Milton, international historian and best-selling author of Nathaniel's Nutmeg and Churchill's Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare will be our speaker.

For more information about the RBL Droxford and District Branch, please contact the secretary Cdr Rob Scott by email at: robmunroscott@aol.com or telephone: 01489 877800. You can also view the RBL page at www.droxfordweb.co.uk under the Clubs and Leisure link.

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 or visit the website at www.droxfordweb.co.uk/rbl



Meon Valley LIONS CLUB

Lions - this is what we do!

THE MEON VALLEY LIONS CLUB IS THE LOCAL CLUB OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL, THE LARGEST WORLDWIDE SERVICE CLUB WITH over 46,000 clubs and 1.7 million members. Like all the other Lions clubs across the world, the Meon Valley Club is dedicated to providing help to those in need in our local communities. Our area covers from West Meon in the north to Knowle in the south, from Botley and Colden Common in the west to Denmead in the east. We help people in many different ways, which we fund through hosting various fundraising events throughout the year, raising between £15,000 and £20,000 annually.

It isn't often about direct financial help, in fact it's quite rare for us to actually give people cash. In the past we have been able to support people in need in a variety of ways, including the provision of essential kitchen appliances, sofas, beds, furnishings, help settling heating bills, school uniforms, chairs and beds for the disabled, plus contributions to local food banks and there are many more examples. For a number of years, we have also operated a minibus which we use to take people to regular clubs and social events which otherwise they would not be able to attend. In short, we are here to help.

Many people think of the Meon Valley as an affluent and well-heeled area, but more people and families than ever before are experiencing difficulties and hardship. Meon Valley Lions may be able to help. Please feel free to get in touch via the 'contact page' on our Website to seek assistance, or to let us know of close neighbours or friends who may need help. www.meonvalleylionsclub.org.uk Alternatively, call 0845 8337812.

Our motto is: 'Where there's a need there's a LION' and it's true!

Unlike virtually any other big charity, every single penny of the money we collect from donations or profit from fund

raising events is used to help others. More specifically NONE of the money is used for salaries or administration.

Lions' Swanmore Fête 2019

This year, Lions' Swanmore Fete is on Saturday July 13th 2019, mark the date in your diary now! We are changing the format a bit this year and are introducing a few new attractions, while making sure to keep all your regular favourites. For the first time, during the course of the afternoon we are going to host a dog show, which will be sponsored by one of our previous stallholders, Oscar Pet Foods. We are not going to recreate Crufts, but hope to have a bit of fun and a chance for local dog owners to show off their pet's best attributes. There will be numerous prizes up for grabs for the best pooches in various classes and we will shortly have a registration facility on our website, for interested owners.

Also making a first time appearance will be The Funky Playbus for all the kids to jump around in, plus all the usual music, rides, stalls, bar, food court, and classic cars and motorbikes. Kristian Bediako will be back again with the popular Djembe drum workshop and we'll be featuring a performance from all the participants to showcase their skills in the arena. During the next few weeks, more details will be published on our fête Website page plus there will be a Facebook event page to keep you updated on developments.

The Lions' Swanmore fête takes a lot of time and effort to plan and we need dozens of people to help us make the event work on the day. If you can volunteer for a few hours setting up the field, manning the gate, or running a stall, we would love to hear from you. Send us your contact details using the contact us page on the website or alternatively email us at: info@meonvalleylionsclub.org.uk

Ian Adams Publicity Officer



Spring Plant Sale



Saturday 4th May
Droxford Village Hall
at 10.00am



All sorts of plants at very good prices

www.droxfordweb.co.uk

(see Meon Valley Garden Club in the navigation bar)

James and Anne Morrice
invite you to their annual

PLANT & CAKE SALE

In the garden of
Brook Cottage, High Street, Meonstoke
on Saturday 11th May

Start time: 10.00am

Proceeds to go to:
Toddler Group, the Valley Preschool,
& Community Care Group

Donations welcome please for
Plants ● Cakes ● Jams
Toys ● Books ● Raffle
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Coffee, tea and soft drinks available

Free entry to the garden, if wet, in The Meon Hall

Curdridge Amateur
Drama Group
presents



A Bunch of Amateurs

by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman

10th-13th April - 7.45 pm

13th April - 2.30 pm

£9, £7.50 (concs eve. 10th
& mat. 13th only)

at the Reading Rooms, Curdridge

Tickets available 1st February:

www.curdriddgedrama.co.uk

Phone: 07495 750840



Botley Choral Society

Spring Concert

European Sacred Anthems

Albinoni - Magnificat

Purcell - Come Ye Sons of Art

Saturday 6th April at 7.30pm

at Holy Trinity Church, Gosport

Sunday 7th April at 7.30pm

at All Saints' Church, Botley

Tickets: £14 (£12 concessions)

From: Parish Office, All Saints Church, Botley.

Tel: 01489 782445

or online at: www.botleychoral.co.uk or

Tel: 07941 884419



WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF OUR CHURCH SCHOOL STATUS AND HAVING RECENTLY HAD OUR CHURCH Inspection with the outcome being Securely Good, we would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to the Meon Bridge Benefice community who have supported us for so many years in maintaining such brilliant provision.

From the churches and their leaders, to the gardening club, local shop, small businesses, people who visit us to help with small groups of children and those who attend events; there are so many that we have to be very grateful to. It is very rewarding to be part of such a caring community.

The children would very much like to give something back in return and while we will be performing at the Droxford Country Fair and Meonstoke Fete again this year, we wonder if anyone has any suggestions for things we could do. The children have suggested that people could visit our lovely grounds on occasions to reflect and have a peaceful time, run a club in our school hall during the day time or join us for a cup of tea and cake. We would really like to hear from you.

NB: Meonstoke CE School follows strict safeguarding procedures.

Meonstoke CE Infant School,
Chapel Road, Meonstoke. SO32 1AG
Email: adminoffice@meonstoke.hants.sch.uk
Telephone: 01489 877568

Corhampton, Meonstoke & Exton

CHURCH FETE

Saturday 6th July

12.30 to 4.00pm

at the Church Green, Meonstoke

If you would like to help....!

Contact: **Angela Peagram**
Email: angela@angelapeagram.co.uk
Telephone: **01489 878725**



Meon Valley Active Retirement Association *Regular events for the active in retirement*

Hon Sec: *Ann Joyce* e: mvara@aejoyce.me.uk t: 01329 232099

Programme - April & May 2019

Exercise Class -

St. Peter's Church Hall, Bishop's Waltham.

Every Monday from 10:00 to 11:15am

NB: There will be no classes on 22nd April, or 6th & 27th May

Cost per individual session: members £2.00, non-members £2.50

Please note there is a waiting list for this class.

Contact: *Chee Price* 01489 893140

Ladies' Pub Lunch -

Mondays - Lunch on April 1st & May 13th: 12.15 - 12:30pm

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 -

Monday afternoons from 1.00 - 4.00pm at the Paterson Centre, Swanmore. Classes will start again in September if there is sufficient demand. The limited spaces available will be filled on a first come first served basis. Contact: *Ian Wynne-Powell* on 01329 833254 or email wynnepowell@btinternet.com for details

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.

Tai Chi -

Jubilee Hall, Gold Room. Wednesday mornings.

There are two sessions: Beginners/less experienced: 9.00am to 10.00am. Experienced: 10.15am to 11.15am. Cost per individual session £4.00 for members; £6.00 for non-members

Contact: *Cherry Wynne-Powell* on 01329 833254

Table Tennis -

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

Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. New members welcome. Cost per session £3.00 for members, £4.50 for non-members. Contact: *Leslie Craddock* on 01489 325894

Spanish Lessons -

Classes held on Friday mornings at The Stables, Free Street, Bishop's Waltham.

Please note there are no classes on April 12th & 19th.

Cost £3.00 per session. 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 2.00 to 4.00pm.

NB: No session on 19th April.

Cost £2.00 per session. There is now a waiting list for this activity. Please book with *Lena* to confirm location and be prompt!

Contact: *Lena Frost* on 01489 894828

Theatre/Cinema Visits -

Visits are organised throughout the year. For information on theatre/cinema visits please Contact *Kay Corke* 01489 890727



MEON VALLEY CARERS GROUP NEWS

Promoting a positive way of living with dementia

THE MEON VALLEY CARERS GROUP IS RUN ENTIRELY BY VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE ALWAYS ON HAND WITH A WARM FRIENDLY welcome. We meet twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday to socialize and listen to concerns the carers may be experiencing. The dates are listed opposite.

If you are caring for a person with dementia, we would be very happy to welcome you to the group. As we are a support group for the carers we are unable to take any responsibility for a person with dementia unless they are accompanied by their carer. The volunteers are quite happy to entertain the cared-for to allow the carer to participate in discussions etc. and have a well earned break (many friendships are formed over a cup of tea). Not driving (or not having a car) need not be a barrier to joining this group as transport can be provided within the Meon Valley. The Meon Valley Lions Club very generously provides the minibus and a driver to collect from your home and return after the meeting.

Caring for someone with dementia doesn't come naturally and getting regular physical exercise, doing things that are

mentally stimulating, and participating in engaging activities all help to improve brain health and a feeling of wellbeing for both the carer and cared-for.

It is a fact that those with dementia may not drink enough because they do not realise they are thirsty and this can put them at risk of other complications. To help with this, offer fluids in a clear glass that is easy to hold, together with smaller food portions to help with a healthy balanced diet.

If you would like any further information, please give us a call and we will be only too pleased to have a chat, or if you prefer, we could come along to your home with more information. Or, if you feel you could help with the group, again we would be more than happy to hear from you. The contact details are below.

April & May Programme

9th April

Pub Lunch

at The Forge Inn, Shedfield - 12.15pm

23rd April

Group Meeting

at the Paterson Centre, Swanmore

Andover Mind, advice and help for Carers

14th May

Pub Lunch

at The Black Dog, Waltham Chase - 12 noon

28th May

Group Meeting

at the Paterson Centre, Swanmore

Oakhouse Foods with samples from the menus

Meon Valley Carers Group, at the Paterson Centre, Church Road, Swanmore. Monday: 9.15am - 1.15pm
Tel: **01489 895444** email: meon-valley@btconnect.com



The Meon Valley FLOWER CLUB

The flower club is a member of the Wessex & Jersey Branch of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS).

All meetings held at The Meon Hall, Meonstoke at 1.45pm

Our next meetings are:

Tuesday 23rd April - Workshop: Learn how to flower arrange with Liz Pelley

Tuesday 28th May - Club Flower Competition

All welcome - Come & Join Us!



HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DIVISIONAL REPORT



HCC's Council Tax 2019 - 2020

THE COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING 1ST APRIL 2019, IS £634,450,710. THIS MEANS THE County Council's band D council tax for the next financial year will be £1,236.87, an increase of 2.99% (about 70p per week).

For other Bands they are:

Band A: £824.58 **Band B:** £962.01 **Band C:** £1,099.44
Band D: **£1,236.87** **Band E:** £1,511.73 **Band F:** £1,786.59
Band G: **2,061.45** **Band H:** £2,473.74.

For five years from 2010 at the start of the coalition Government, HCC froze the County precept. We are now obliged to adopt increases because we are under a legal requirement to provide our statutory services while keeping a balanced budget.

Above all, we have demographic pressures with more children and more elderly people in particular. Of course, our children and our senior citizens are two sections of the community who understandably take more from the economy than they put in. The elderly have paid their taxes so have earned their rights and the children we hope will grow up to make a positive contribution to the economy having been well educated in Hampshire. Last year I reported that there were 1000 extra people attaining the age of 80 every year in Hampshire, that figure now is 2000 extra over the age of 85 and a proportion of them will inevitably turn to the council for assistance with their care needs. Many will not need help, but many will. Added to that there are more young people with complex needs living into adulthood who will need expensive social care but not necessarily medical care. There are also school transport costs at some £30 million.

HCC, like many other Councils, is therefore experiencing huge fiscal pressures and the leader has made representations to the prime minister, corresponded with treasury ministers and had face to face meetings with the Ministry for Housing, Communities, and Local Government (MHCLG) including the Secretary of State.

'The rising pressures on services mean that our planned savings programme needs to deliver £140 million by April this year. Nationally, the number of vulnerable children and adults continues to rise, and Hampshire is no exception. The population of over 75 year olds is set to increase by thirty per cent over the next seven years, that's an extra 5,500 people a year who may well need social care support, to varying degrees. The number of children in care has increased by 372 (28%) in the last three and a half years alone. While we have robust action plans in place to help contain this increase, especially to avoid the need for a child to come into care, there is no doubt this rise in the number of people needing our help is the biggest pressure the County Council faces.'

Alongside the revenue budget, the capital budget was approved for the coming financial year, and proposals for significant investment in Hampshire's economy, jobs and the quality of the environment, with projects totalling just under £500 million over the next three years.

Councillor Perry said: 'Over the next three years, HCC will be delivering one of the largest capital programmes of any county council which will see improvements to roads, bridges, walking,

and cycling infrastructure and school buildings. If we are to sustain Hampshire's quality of place, it is vitally important there is extra provision for roads and schools as we see more housing development, and we are doing our level best to make sure this happens in Hampshire.'

The capital programme is a very significant investment in Hampshire's infrastructure, delivering schemes totalling £491.6 million between 2019 and 2022 and providing a big boost for the local economy. It will provide:

- £160 million of investment in new and extended school buildings in Hampshire in the period 2019 to 2022 to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire.
- £122 million for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire over the next three years.
- £72 million for integrated transport schemes including £9 million specifically for walking and cycling improvements.
- £94 million for major improvement of school and other County Council buildings over the next three years.

Public Transport

HCC has again confirmed, following a meeting last week, that it is limiting its proposed savings on passenger transport to just over £1 million instead of the £4 million originally proposed last year. The council has also re-stated its commitment to protecting the £0.9million provided for community transport services such as Dial-a-Ride. The Local Authority supports over eighty bus routes across Hampshire that are not commercially viable, and which would not operate without the county council subsidy. Under the revised proposals thirty three will now see no change and a further forty will continue to operate on the same day as now but with a slightly reduced frequency but no community that currently has a bus service will lose its service altogether.

Council Leader, Councillor Roy Perry, said: 'I'd like to emphasise how carefully we have looked at each and every bus route to minimise the impact of any changes on communities. For elderly people who may no longer be able to drive, a bus service remains very important. I am pleased to note that Hampshire is one of the few parts of the country where bus usage is increasing with bus use close to a twenty year high, and I applaud the bus companies that operate modern, responsive and forward looking services. I have been pleased to note, for example, in my local Romsey rural division, the No 66 service from Romsey to Winchester, which at one time was a service at risk, now diverts to include the new Abbotswood development. That is good flexibility on the part of the bus company. Robust passenger numbers are the key to sustainable public transport in the future. To help achieve this, we continue to work with the bus operators on improvements such as contactless payments and onboard wi-fi, encouraging more people to try bus travel. In addition, we also continue to press the case to the government that, as important as the Freedom bus pass is for elderly residents, it would make sense to allow a small token charge to cover the administration costs so that we have more funds to support bus services. A free bus pass with no bus service is no use at all.'

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Preferred secondary school choices met for the overwhelming majority.

Over 98 per cent of parents in Hampshire have been offered a place for their child at one of their preferred choices for a secondary school. Of those who applied, by the deadline, for a Year 7 place for September 2019, more than ninety two per cent have been offered a place at their first choice school. Councillor Stephen Reid, the council's executive member for Education and Skills, Human Resources and Performance, said: 'I am pleased with this achievement, given the size of the county and the increasing demand for school places. Although pupil numbers continue to rise, we can assure parents that our investment in schools to provide the additional places needed is keeping pace. I fully appreciate that there will be some disappointment for those parents who did not secure a place at one of their chosen schools, but every child whose parents applied for a place at a Hampshire secondary school, has been offered one. Over ninety per cent of Hampshire schools are rated good or outstanding by Ofsted and there are always individual schools with exceptionally high demand, which is a credit to the high standard of teaching at these schools.'

The County Council received 14,351 on time applications this year, an increase of 370 applications compared to the number received for places in September 2018.

Pupils who did not secure a place at one of their chosen schools have been allocated a place at a school with available spaces near to where they live. Parents have the right to appeal in these situations and their child's name will be added to the waiting list for their preferred school. Places do become available when parents change their mind, or families move home. The admissions team is now busy processing primary school applications with offers due to go out to parents on 16th April 2019.

Cllr Roger Huxstep

Member for the Meon Valley Division
Hampshire County Council, 6th March 2019



PRESENTS PLAYS, PICNICS & PERFORMANCES IN 2019!

Saturday 15th June 10.00am - 4.00pm

Come and Sing Workshop in St. Peter's Church, led by a professional Music Director; All are welcome to participate.

Tickets: £10 per person

Saturday 15th June 6.30pm

Festival Concert at St. Peter's Church, a performance of the day's repertoire by the participants of the Come and Sing Workshop; Everyone is welcome.

Tickets: £6 per person

Friday 28th June 6.30pm

Heartbreak Theatre Productions invites you to '**Gangsta Granny**', a play based on David Walliams best selling story adapted for the outdoor stage at Bishop's Waltham Palace.

Tickets: Adult - £12; Child 5 - 15years - £8;

Family to include 1 x 5 - 15 year old - £34

Saturday 29th June 12.00 - 4.00pm

Picnic at The Palace with Music. There will be music by Community groups and performers, story telling and a chance to learn and perform on our famous African Festival Drums!

Tickets: £5 per person over 15 years

Saturday 29th June 7.30pm

Rain or Shine Theatre brings us an open-air performance of '**As You Like It**' at Bishop's Waltham Palace. So pack your rug and picnic, pop open some bubbly and sit back in the evening sunshine.

Tickets: Adults - £18; Conc - £15; Child 5 - 15years - £6

All Tickets are available from:-

Distinctive Designs, Cross Street, Bishop's Waltham
from **Monday 22nd April**

More ticket information can be found at:

www.bwfestival.co.uk

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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:

April - 5th

May - 3rd & 17th

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 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

PARISH COUNCILS

Corhampton & Meonstoke. Clerk: Mrs R Hoile 07720 092072
 Website: www.candm-pc.gov.uk
 Droxford. Clerk: Mrs R Hoile 07720 092072
 Website: www.droxfordweb.co.uk

Exton Parish Meeting:
 Honorary Secretary: Position vacant –

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

email: lgemmell@winchester.gov.uk
 email: fpearson@winchester.gov.uk
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 email: hlumby@winchester.gov.uk

DROXFORD VILLAGE HALL

Bookings: Mrs Terry Crowfoot 877631

THE MEON HALL, MEONSTOKE

Bookings: Hannah Carpenter by
 email: meonhallbookings@yahoo.co.uk or by phone at 07414 121201
 Go to: 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
 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 - Reporting Crime

ONLY CALL 999 - if a crime is happening or has just happened; if you have immediate concern for someone's safety; if you see a traffic collision involving injury or danger to other road users, or if you see something suspicious that requires immediate attention.

CALL 101 - to report crimes that are not in progress; suspicious people or vehicles, and non-urgent information such as antisocial behaviour, suspected drug use or damage to property.

Please let your street co-ordinator, or another, know of the report.

Corhampton & Meonstoke

Stocks Lane	- Peter Riley (Chairman)	877494
Rectory Lane	- Norah Burrage	878708
High Street	- Janet Dobby	878657
Bucks Head Hill	- Carol Jones	878560
Oxendown	- Ian Gilchrist	877238
Warnford Road	- Jerry Pett	877633
Corhampton Lane	- Janine Casey	877561
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
Brockbridge Road	- Frances Keppel	878774
Millside	- Phil Butler	877596

Droxford - Gordon Hope 877751

Exton - Sue Robertson 878545

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
 15th March 2019 to make awards.
 Please send in your applications before this date.

DISTRICT DIARY

APRIL

Tue. 2	Morning Prayer, Exton Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford Village Hall Droxford Annual Parochial Meeting and APCM in Droxford Church	8.30am 10.30-12noon 7.00pm	Wed.17	Morning Prayer, Meonstoke Look in for coffee & chat, Meonstoke Church Evening Prayer, Droxford	8.30am 10.00-12noon 5.00pm
Wed. 3	Morning Prayer, Meonstoke Look in for coffee & chat, Meonstoke Church Evening Prayer, Droxford	8.30am 10.00-12noon 5.00pm	Thu. 18	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, Droxford Holy Communion followed by Vigil (8pm), Corhampton Droxford Parish Council Meeting, Droxford VH: followed by the Annual Parish Assembly	9.00am 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm
Thu. 4	Holy Communion, Droxford MV Orchestra rehearsal, The Meon Hall Last Lent Lunch of the season, <i>Reflections</i> , Exton	10.00am 9.00-12noon 12noon-2.00pm	Fri. 19	Good Friday Walk of Witness, starting from Droxford to Meonstoke via Exton, ending with Good Friday activities at in Meonstoke Hour at Foot of the Cross service, Corhampton	9.00am 11.30am 1.45pm
Fri. 5	Singing for Fun, The Stables, Bishop's Waltham	2.00pm	Sunday 21 - Easter Day		
Sat. 6	MV Garden Club coffee morning, Hill Top, Upper Swanmore	10.00am	Tue. 23	Morning Prayer, Exton Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford Village Hall MV Flower Club: Plant Sale & Talk	8.30am 10.30-12noon 1.45pm
Sunday 7 - Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)			Wed.24	Morning Prayer, Meonstoke Evening Prayer, Droxford Film Night: First Man: Droxford Village Hall	8.30am 5.00pm 7.30pm
Sun. 7	Scratch Messiah, St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke (optional rehearsal at 5.45 to 6.30pm)	7.00pm	Thu. 25	Holy Communion, Droxford M/Stoke Baby & Toddler Group, The Meon Hall MV Orchestra rehearsal, The Meon Hall Friends of Droxford Church AGM in the church	10.00am 9.30-11.30am 9.00-12noon 7.00pm
Tue. 9	Morning Prayer, Exton Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford Village Hall MV Arts Society: Talk: <i>Paper Mosaics</i> , The Meon Hall MV Archaeology Group AGM, The Meon Hall Play Reading group, The Meon Hall Exton APM & APCM, in the church	8.30am 10.30-12noon 10.40am 7.00pm 7.30pm 7.00pm	Fri. 26	RBL: Pub-style quiz night, Droxford Village Hall	7.00pm
Wed. 10	Morning Prayer, Meonstoke Evening Prayer, Droxford	8.30am 5.00pm	Sat. 27	Fundraising Cycling Sportif feed station, The Meon Hall car park	9.00-4.00pm
Thu. 11	Holy Communion, Droxford	10.00am	Sunday 28 - Easter 2		
Sunday 14 - Palm Sunday (Start of Holy Week)			Tue. 30	Morning Prayer, Exton Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford Village Hall	8.30am 10.30-12noon
Mon.15	Droxford Village Hall AGM, the Village Hall	7.30pm			
Tue. 16	Morning Prayer, Exton Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford Village Hall	8.30am 10.30-12noon			

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL

Date	Time	Service	Church
7th Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Eucharist (CW)	Droxford Meonstoke
14th Palm Sunday	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharist (CW) with Palm procession Evensong	Meonstoke Droxford Exton
21st Easter Day	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Bringing in the Easter Light then Holy Communion (BCP) Family Service & Holy Communion Family Service & Holy Communion	Exton Droxford Meonstoke
28th Easter 2	8.00am 9.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) All-age ServiceUnwrapped Eucharist (CW)	Corhampton Meonstoke Exton

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MAY

- Wed. 1** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am
Look in for coffee & chat, Meonstoke Church 10.00-12noon
Evening Prayer, Droxford 5.00pm
- Thu. 2** Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am
Messy Church, Meonstoke School 3.30pm
Local Government Election, Polling Station, 7.00am -10.00pm
The Meon Hall
- Fri. 3** Singing for Fun, The Stables, Bishop's Waltham 2.00pm
3rd Stubbington Brownies stay at the Meon Hall until Monday, 6 May
- Sat. 4** MV Garden Club: Spring Plant Sale, Droxford VH 10.00am

Sunday 5 - Easter 3

Mon. 6 Last copy date for June - July 2019 issue of The Bridge

- Tue. 7** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am
Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford Village Hall 10.30-12noon
- Wed. 8** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am
Evening Prayer, Droxford 5.00pm
Corhampton & Meonstoke Parish Council annual meeting, then the Annual Parish Assembly, both in The Meon Hall 6.30pm 7.30pm
- Thu. 9** Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am
MV Orchestra rehearsal, The Meon Hall 9.00-12noon
Meonstoke Toddler Group, The Meon Hall 9.30-11.30am
- Sat. 11** Plant and Cake Sale, Brook Cottage, Meonstoke 10.00am
Bingo evening, The Meon Hall 7.00pm

Sunday - 12 Easter 4

- Sun. 12** Christian Aid walk, beginning at Droxford 1.00pm
- Mon. 13** RBL meeting: Talk: *Churchill's Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare*: by Giles Milton 7.00pm
- Tue. 14** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am
Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford Village Hall 10.30-12noon
MV Arts Society, talk: *The Lute in Old Master Paintings*, The Meon Hall 10.40am
Play-reading Group, The Meon Hall 7.30pm

- Wed. 15** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am
Look in for coffee & chat, Meonstoke Church 10.00-12noon
Evening Prayer, Droxford 5.00pm
MV Garden Club: Talk: *Gardening for Wildlife* by Thomas Stone, The Meon Hall 7.30pm
- Thu. 16** Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am
MV Orchestra rehearsal, The Meon Hall 9.00am-12noon
- Fri. 17** Singing for Fun, The Stables, Bishop's Waltham 2.00pm
- Sat. 18** 3rd Portchester Rainbows stay at The Meon Hall

Sunday 19 - Easter 5

- Mon. 20** Meon Hall Management Committee meeting: 7.30pm
- Tue. 21** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am
Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford Village Hall 10.30-12noon
- Wed. 22** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am
Evening Prayer, Droxford 5.00pm
- Thu. 23** Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am
MV Orchestra rehearsal, The Meon Hall 9.00-12noon
M/Stoke Baby & Toddler Group, The Meon Hall 9.30-11.30am
- Sat. 25** 6th Portsmouth Brownies stay at the Meon Hall, 100th anniversary celebration

Sunday 26 - Easter 6 (Rogation Sunday)

- Sun. 26** Bring & Share Picnic, Exton Church followed by Rogation Walk (Exton to M/stoke via Old Winchester Hill) 12noon
- Tue. 28** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am
Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford Village Hall 10.30-12noon
MV Flower Club meeting, The Meon Hall 2.00pm
- Wed. 29** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am
Look in for coffee & chat, Meonstoke Church 10.00-12noon
Evening Prayer, Droxford 5.00pm
Film Night: Film to be decided: Droxford Village Hall 7.30pm
- Thu. 30** Ascension Day
Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am
Holy Communion, Meonstoke 7.00pm
Droxford History Group: 10.00am
Guided walk round Portchester Castle

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MAY

Date	Time	Service	Church
5th Easter 3	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Eucharist Evensong	Droxford Meonstoke Exton
12th Easter 4	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharist (CW) Evensong for Christian Aid	Meonstoke Droxford Droxford
19th Easter 5	8.00am 9.45am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Informal All-age Service Matins	Exton Droxford Corhampton
26th Easter 6 (Rogation Sunday)	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Eucharist (CW) with activities for children	Corhampton 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. To arrange transport please contact our transport coordinators on the following telephone numbers:
Droxford - 07977 096586 and Corhampton, Meonstoke & Exton - 07795 928065
- Giving assistance with completion of forms and documents on a confidential basis, for example, claim forms, application forms for blue badge and benefit forms.
- Resolving both internal and external problems with land line telephones for the elderly when they are not working properly. Openreach must repair all external faults within two working days.
- Helping frail and elderly persons with BT telephones to register for a priority repair scheme. This is especially important for those with an emergency alarm connected to their telephone. (Note: A form signed by the person's GP must be provided.)
- Advising people to help them find the support or assistance they need
- Welcoming all newcomers to our four villages.
- Providing every newcomer, a welcome card with details of useful web contacts, a named person to assist, and/or point people in the right direction.

New volunteer drivers needed

- To support the local community by providing private transport for essential purposes such as hospital, dentist and doctors' appointments.
- You decide when you drive, it's a very flexible commitment.

Please note that all mileage costs are covered at 40p per mile and personal insurance cover is also provided. If you are willing to give a little time and volunteer as a driver please contact our transport coordinators Droxford - 07977 096586 and for Corhampton, Meonstoke & Exton - 07795 928065 or our Chairman on 01489 877564.



Droxford & District Community Care Group is part of The Good Neighbours Network funded by Hampshire County Council which is a unique and valuable asset to local communities in Hampshire, providing practical neighbourly help in a caring, people focused and safe way.

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.



South Central Ambulance Service **NHS**
NHS Trust

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
or Community Responder Administrator at cfr@scas.nhs.uk
or call 0800 5870207

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

From the Registers

Baptisms

Meonstoke	3rd March	Jessica Iris Miles
Droxford	3rd March	Elizabeth Barbara Stoodley

Interment of Ashes

Droxford	25 January	Sheila Willoughby, age 87
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Funerals

Droxford	3rd December	Nigel Hubert Stanley Higgens, age 98
	2nd February	David Thomas, age 61
	13th March	Ian Edward Higgens, age 87
Newtown	1st March	Edith Carver, age 95

Service of Thanksgiving

Droxford	16th February	David Edward Henley, age 74
Meonstoke	1st March	Edith Carver

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