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Cover Photograph: Taken by the late Dr Barry Brough of a garden in the lovely village of Chédigny, in the Cher Valley, which is the only village in France ranked Remarkable Garden, with nearly 1000 roses (including 270 different varieties) and more than 3000 perennials.

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St Mary & All Saints Church, Droxford

HARVEST

festival
& Picnic Lunch

Sunday 8th September

10.30am - Family Eucharist with Harvest Hymns

12.00pm - Droxford Harvest Picnic Lunch
*(In the new Community Room in the North Chapel
and outside, weather permitting)*

All are welcome to come to the Picnic Lunch
whether or not they join in the Eucharist service.

Please bring your own picnics.
Some refreshments provided.

Harvest Flowers

*The Church will be decorated with flowers
and fruits of the Harvest.*

Corhampton and St Andrew, Meonstoke



The Meon Bridge Benefice
bridgechurches.org.uk

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, MEONSTOKE



SERVICE & PICNIC LUNCH

Sunday 15th September

10.30am - Harvest Festival Service

12.00 noon - Picnic Lunch on Church Green
(please bring your own picnics and rugs;
drinks and coffee will be available)

ALL WELCOME



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From the RECTOR



Two other Marys

I WOULD LIKE TO START WITH THANKS FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL EVENTS WITH THE SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITIES IN JUNE AND JULY: Messy Church, End-of-Term and Leavers' Services, the Droxford Country Fair and the Corhampton, Meonstoke and Exton Church Fete, the fine *Soirees on the Bridge*, to name but a few.

We offer our very best wishes to all the children and young people, who are starting or changing school as well as those off to college. We pray for their happiness in their new surroundings and for success in all that they do.

I would like also to thank all the people who commented on *From the Rector* in the June and July Edition of *The Bridge*. Mary Magdalene is indeed an important and often misrepresented figure in the Bible. So, what about some of the other Marys in the New Testament?

There is Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, who were friends and companions of Jesus and whom we remembered at the end of July. In Luke's Gospel we read about Jesus at the home of these companions in Bethany, near Jerusalem. The crucifixion was just days away.

Martha was busy making the preparations for the meal they were all to share, but her sister Mary remained seated at the Jesus' feet listening to him. Martha rebuked Jesus for letting her sister 'do nothing', while she was busy. Jesus responded to Martha by pointing out that her worries and even frustration were not what was needed of her. Indeed, her more important role is to be a disciple, someone who learns from another, as her sister was being at that time. We can forgive Martha's frustration when there is work to be done, but as Jesus explained, Mary had chosen the greater role and that could not be taken away from her. Martha's example of service to others is important and is what God requires of us, but it only has real meaning when it is rooted in the example that Mary exhibited, faithful discipleship.

On 2nd July, we celebrated the Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth, which was retained in the Book of Common Prayer after the Reformation. Although, Mary the Mother of Jesus, has been seen as a symbol of Catholicism and as the *Theotokos*, a symbol of Eastern Orthodoxy, she is a figure around whom all Christians can unite despite past dark days of inter-denominational conflict. St Andrew's Church had been dedicated to St Mary until the mid-nineteenth century and Droxford patronage remains with St Mary, as well as All Saints. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is part of our heritage in this Benefice.

As anyone who goes to France or Spain in August knows, on 15th August many things come to a halt for the Feast of the Assumption, and the first Book of Common Prayer

(1549) showed respect for many of the 'old traditions' of the Catholic Sarum rite used through much of southern England before Edward VI. In this way, this feast also survived, with the *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary* on 8th September. So, during the period covered by this edition of *The Bridge*, there are two Anglican festivals dedicated to Mary, shared with our Catholic brothers and sisters, as well as there having been one in July.

But why should this saint be remembered and honoured more than others? First and foremost, she was chosen by God in a unique way, to bear the Christ-child, which is the meaning of *Theotokos*. Mary also spoke, like the prophets, 'unto power' in a way that we would recognise today.

Again, it is in the gospel according to Saint Luke that we find the Song of Mary, as well as those of Zechariah and Simeon; known respectively as Magnificat, Benedictus and Nunc Dimittis and familiar to us at Mattins and Evensong. All three songs are rooted in Old Testament texts, connecting the story of Jesus with the Old Testament.

The Magnificat, although uttered by a young, uneducated girl, is, by God's grace, a song of vision that opens our eyes to the signs of God's work in our own lives. Mary said: 'My soul magnifies the Lord'. Mary's song has led people to see the wonders of creation afresh and it opens hearts to the profound love of Christ; it can lift our spirit, like Mary's, to rejoice in the saviour who redeemed us. Moreover, in this world of inequality, Mary still proclaims good news to the unemployed, to refugees and exiles, to the homeless and destitute. A church of the Magnificat is a church concerned with providing shelter, clothes, toys and even hot food for those in need; it restores self-esteem; and, it welcomes strangers. This is because the God of the Magnificat fills the hungry with good things and he remembers people with mercy.

Mary's song issues a challenge for economic, political, and social justice. This young woman's voice makes us think seriously about the inequality in the distribution of the world's resources and the differences between the rich and the poor. She makes us think seriously about the imbalance between the powerful and the powerless; and the inequality between the developed and developing nations.

This is 'high octane' material. This girl is warning that God brings down the powerful from their thrones and lifts up the lowly and that he scatters the proud in their thoughts of their hearts. We must think seriously about how we treat one another; and the differences between the accepted and the despised, and then take action, in whatever we can.

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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!
August: 7th & 21st
September: 4th & 18th

BOOK-OUT!

Please feel free to borrow books (fiction and
nonfiction, 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.

Autumn Term 2019



No group in August
September: 12th & 26th



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**

No Meeting in August
Tuesday 10th September

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

From the RECTOR

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It is surely right, whatever our denomination, that we should take great care to think about how we should honour Mary and respond to the Magnificat. Mary (Mariam) is venerated in Islam, too, as an extremely important and righteous woman. The Prophet Mohamed refers to Mariam frequently in the Quran; indeed, she is the only woman mentioned by name in the Quran.

How God might be working in the world through the words uttered by such a young woman!

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm and has scattered the proud in their conceit, casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, to remember his promise of mercy, the promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever. (Luke 1.46-55)

Tony

DROXFORD HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting is on

Thursday 26th September

in **Droxford Village Hall**

at **7.30pm**

Featuring a talk about

The D-Day Museum, Southsea

by Madelaine Salvetti

Non-members are welcome to join us,
for a fee of £4 (Members Free).



THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED OUTLINE DETAILS OF NATIONAL EVENTS TO BE HELD ON THE WEEKEND OF 8TH - 10TH May 2020 to celebrate and commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day and the involvement of communities nationwide is being encouraged. The early May Bank Holiday has been moved to Friday 8th May to enable wide participation.

It is anticipated that Droxford might want to hold street parties, church services, or other forms of tribute to acknowledge the day that nearly 6 years of war in Europe ended.

Any individual or representative of an organisation that is considering hosting an event/service to commemorate this anniversary is invited to attend a short meeting at 6.30pm on Thursday 19th September in Droxford Village Hall. The primary purpose of the meeting is to avoid any clash of events in terms of both date and time during the weekend of 8th - 10th May, thereby encouraging wide community support where appropriate.

Janet Melson Chair Droxford
Email: chair.droxfordpc@gmail.com

THE BRIDGE

Message from The Editor

If you would like to supply a colour photograph of local views or events that could be used for the front cover of the magazine then please email them to the Editor, Norman Bell at: thebridgeeditor@gmail.com



DROXFORD VILLAGE HALL NEWS

THE SUMMER WEATHER HAS ARRIVED AND LITTLE RAIN HAS FALLEN ON THE GARDENS, WHICH, DEPENDING ON YOUR PERSONAL situation, still need watering. Roses have bloomed and subsequently shed many of their petals, as the heat of the days increased. Those with vegetable gardens will surely have been gathering produce; courgettes, early tomatoes and maybe some new potatoes. Raspberries and gooseberries have ripened early, and can be stored in the freezer depending on crop and usage. Patient waiting a little longer is required for French and runner beans.

High summer also brings an abundance of colour into the garden, and those with lavender will know how important this plant is as a pollen provider for the bees in particular.

The summer weather once more favoured the RUDES visit to Droxford. The Old Rectory garden was again packed with the many who came to picnic, taking full advantage of the warmth of the day and evening and the day length. The performance of Ikarus Inc did not disappoint. Rowan Talbot, Pete's son was in charge and some old hands were recognisable. Those who were new to the venue will surely remember the evening for its setting, the number who were there, and the hospitality afforded so generously by the

Martineaus, as has been the way over the many years, some seventeen productions since the first visit. Since its first performance here it was brought very much up to date, a clever touch appreciated by the audience.

Our films have seen good audiences, and we rounded off this summer season with Green Book at the end of July. August is our quiet time, but look out for our autumn season of films when they become available

The recent 200 Club winners were:

June: *Liz Lyon*

July: *John Smith*

Jackie Hibbert Secretary

Forthcoming Events at Droxford Village Hall



Wednesday 25th September **FILM NIGHT**

(Film title not known at time of magazine going to print)

at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm)

Tickets - £5

Licensed bar and Refreshments available

Look out for posters around the village

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

MAKE A NOTE OF...

DROXFORD VILLAGE HARVEST SUPPER

YET AGAIN BY POPULAR DEMAND....

Entertainment by: **POMPEY PLUCKERS UKELELE BAND**

SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE POST OFFICE FROM SEPTEMBER



2019's 200 Club Prize Draw:

Winners of the 2019 monthly prize draws were:

June: Lucy Wakefield **July:** Helen Mitchell

The winner of the 2019 Mid-Summer prize was Peter Mosse.

Bookings:

The Meon Hall has been hired out for a series of Brownies Pack Holidays staying in the Meon Hall from just before the end of July through August. This is usually a slack time in the year for village hirings because of the holiday season, so The Meon Hall committee's policy is to make best use of the facilities by allowing this series of hirings. Over the August Bank Holiday weekend the organisers of a private Folk Music Camp have booked the Meon Hall and the whole of the Recreation Ground, there will be normal access to the Tennis Court and Exercise/Play facilities.

Recycling:

Please keep recycling your unwanted clothes, shoes, and textiles in the Yellow Bin at the Meon Hall which raises money for our Hampshire First Responders, trained and experienced local volunteers who turn up quickly to a 999 medical emergency. Our aim is to raise £500 or more from our recycling in 2019 to help with their ability to respond to 999 calls. Thank you everyone.

Details of what happens to your recycled clothing is at Bag It Up Ltd at www.biugroup.co.uk

Mindfulness Classes at The Meon Hall:

The autumn term sees the continuation of Ali Lambie's Mindfulness Hampshire classes at The Meon Hall. Ali's classes in the Small Hall will be restarting in September after the summer holidays. Details of her Mindfulness and Self Compassion training are at www.mindfulnesshampshire.co.uk.

Ladies Yoga Group:

Meetings are on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am for an hour. Interested? Contact the trainer, James Finucane on 07855 337853 for details.

Planning a family party this summer?

Order those extra tables, chairs, china, wine and champagne glasses, and cutlery for your entertaining from the Meon Hall. Please contact the Meon Hall bookings secretary, Hannah Carpenter, by email at meonhallbookings@yahoo.co.uk to discuss how we can help to meet your hiring needs.

James Morrice

Meonstoke, Corhampton and Exton



CHURCH FETE

THE MEONSTOKE, CORHAMPTON, AND EXTON CHURCHES' FÊTE WAS A WONDERFUL DAY FOR OUR COMMUNITIES and friends. It was a huge success in every way and equally huge are my thanks.

Special thanks from all who enjoyed the fête are due to all the people who have been working for months to ensure the day's success. We are all extremely grateful to everyone who helped in so many ways throughout the day and earlier from setting up; lending equipment; sponsoring events; contributing prizes; manning the gates; playing music; running the stalls and activities; making cakes and providing refreshments; showing the reptiles; bringing and showing the Droxford Fire Engine; and then all the clearing up and adding up! There was so much to enjoy, thanks to all the hard work and village spirit.

But all events like the fête are worth nothing without the people who come, so thank you to everyone in the villages, their friends and relatives, to the school community, and to all the visitors for making it such a lovely day. Thank you also to Andrew our commentator and announcer who kept us so well informed, and to Cllr Roger Huxstep, who opened the fête and stayed so long to support the proceedings.

It was also great to see the animal kingdom so well represented with ponies and dogs, as well as the fascinating reptiles.

Thank you all so very much.

The Revd. A W (Tony) Forrest

Pop-Up Coffee Shop

Friday 27th September

The Meon Hall, Meonstoke

9.30am – 12 noon

Fresh Coffee, Tea and

Homemade Cakes in Vintage China

PART OF WORLD'S
BIGGEST
COFFEE MORNING

In aid of
**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.**
CANCER SUPPORT



Corhampton Saxon Church

MILLENNIUM 2020



Another short article to punctuate and illuminate the thousand years of our church's history.

REGICIDE

“God made them as stubble to our swords”: *Oliver Cromwell*

“Your King is your Cause, your Quarrel and your Captain”: *King Charles I*

THE DECISIVE CIVIL WAR VICTORY BY PARLIAMENTARY FORCES OVER ROYALISTS IN JUNE 1645 AT NASEBY PUT PAID TO KING Charles' prospects. In 1646, Charles surrendered to the Scots, whose King he was but they sold him to the English, who brought him, treated with respect but under guard, to Hampton Court in August 1647. He managed to escape from house arrest and rode south towards Titchfield, expecting to be taken by boat to the Isle of Wight. In so doing his route took him past Beacon Hill and over Corhampton Down, within sight of our 600-year old church*.

When he reached the Isle of Wight he found that the Governor, Colonel Hammond was not sympathetic and kept him a prisoner in Carisbrooke Castle and subsequently Hurst Castle. What was termed 'the second Civil War' broke out and Charles was taken to London and executed on a balcony

at Whitehall on the 30 January 1649. One seventeen year old boy in the crowd at Whitehall recorded that the execution was met with 'such a groan as I have never heard before, and desire I may never hear again'. No one would claim that the trial and execution of Charles I was widely supported. It lives in infamy even today.

After defeat at the battle of Worcester in September 1651, the heir to the throne, Charles II, made his famous escape to France, again through the Meon Valley, passing through Warnford and meeting guides on Old Winchester Hill above the village*.

Guy Liardet

*Acknowledgement: *Villages of the Meon Valley Page 54. Peter R Watkins (Swanmore Books 2010)*

MEON VOICES

MEON VOICES IS A VIBRANT CHOIR WHICH HAS GIVEN ENORMOUS PLEASURE TO ITS MEMBERS AND AUDIENCES FOR OVER forty years. Its leader Solveig Harris, a highly accomplished musician, says her main aim is to bring enjoyment to her choir members, to help them improve as singers and performers, and for the Meon Voices to become increasingly professional with every season.

The choir sings a wide variety of music, from classical, through folk and religious pieces to fairly contemporary. The choir will restart rehearsals on Monday 9th September at the United Free Church in Bishops Waltham.

If you are interested in joining us, or in receiving news of our performances please contact either Phil or Maureen. Our numbers have grown in the past couple of years to the limit we can accommodate, so we have introduced a waiting list for new singers. Phil or Maureen will be able to advise you on the current position.

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Maureen Buckland - Tel: 01489 890335

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MEON VALLEY HEARTSTART UK

Your chance to learn HOW TO SAVE A LIFE!

The Kings Church (High Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AA) Thursday 29th August at 7.00pm

Training, which lasts around 2 hours, will be provided free of charge by fully qualified people with operational emergency experience and will cover a range of emergency life saving skills including the use of public defibrillators.

Bought to you by Meon Valley HeartStart

Winner of the 2017 National Heart Sure Award for Best Educational Establishment of the Year.

For more details and to register please visit our website at:

www.heartstartmeonvalley.co.uk

or contact David Williamson on: 07730 148920

or email: info@heartstartmeonvalley.co.uk

www.facebook.com/meonvalleyheartstart



Corhampton 2020



ONE THOUSAND YEARS OF THE MEON VALLEY

CORHAMPTON CHURCH IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN BUILT IN 1020 AND HAS BEEN IN CONTINUOUS USE FOR THE LAST 1000 years. It is a living monument to our rich heritage. In celebration, the community is planning a series of cultural and community events. With the help of The National Lottery Community Fund, Winchester City Council, and Hampshire County Council, the aim is to foster inclusivity across the whole village; young and old; healthy and infirm; prosperous and less prosperous.



The following community events are being planned:

MUSIC

A series of concerts in local community spaces and 'sing-alongs' with a heritage theme, involving the elderly, adults, and children together, providing entertainment during events such as the celebratory party.

ARTS

A tapestry is being produced by the local school children, ably assisted by community volunteers meeting every Thursday afternoon at the school. This will involve a timeline covering the last 1000 years. Commemorative mugs are being produced and will be given to all local school children.

An exhibition of locally produced artworks and historic artefacts.

GREENERY

Flower arrangements will be produced from local gardens to decorate the above performances and two flower shows are planned. These will have the theme of growing and using herbs for medicinal purposes as well as a display of roses and dahlias. The children at the school will also be learning about herbs through the ages, and growing some too.

ENTERTAINMENT

A celebratory party is planned for the whole village to attend which will include music provided by local musicians. There will be tickets sold for this at a subsidised price in order to encourage full participation. It will include a meal and drinks in a beautiful local setting in the village.

Events for your diary, with many more details will follow nearer the time;

Current timetable of events...

27th September 2019

Launch of school tapestry with a walk with the school children in costume between Meonstoke school and Corhampton Church led by the Mayor of Winchester.

27th March 2020

Yew tree talk by national tree expert Toby Hindson at Corhampton Church.

3rd April 2020

A local choir will perform Olivet to Calvary (by J H Maunders) at St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke.

31st May 2020

Winchester Chamber Choir will perform at St Andrew's Church Meonstoke.

June 2020

A Rose and Herb Display, with the herbs grown by the children at Meonstoke School.

27th June 2020

Celebratory Village Party, The Old Vicarage, Corhampton; drinks, dinner and dancing.

4th July 2020

Church Fete, Church Green, Meonstoke, with sale of commemorative mugs designed by local arts group.

12th July 2020

Athanasian Consort choir at Corhampton Church followed by refreshments.

19th July 2020

Bishop's visit and walk from church to church.

13th September 2020

The Four Marks Folk Band on Church Green with a cream tea.

3rd October 2020

The Madding Crowd will perform at Droxford Church followed by a Harvest Supper in Droxford Village Hall.

21st October 2020

Organ recital by Richard Martin at St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke.

7th November 2020

Exhibition of art produced by local artists and display of locally found ancient artefacts at The Meon Hall.

November 2020

Ceremonial tree planting.

News from Droxford Fire Station



BUSY, BUSY FOR OUR CREWS OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS, WITH OPERATIONAL INCIDENTS RANGING IN COMPLEXITY FROM a stairlift rescue in Droxford, to being the first appliance on scene of a very serious road traffic accident in West Meon. The former required a socket set, the latter made use of our Immediate Emergency Care training as well as specialist car cutting equipment to successfully extract all three casualties and pass them over to the ambulance service.

Other incidents of interest include a fire at a glamping site on the Bereleigh estate (East Meon); rescuing a person stuck in a public toilet in Gosport; a caravan on fire in Soberton; and a large manure heap on fire at Whitewool Farm, Meon Springs. At our Tuesday drill-nights we practise all sorts of skills and techniques so that when the pager goes off, we are prepared, no matter what!

Another way we maintain our skill set is with off-station exercises at other locations. As some Meonstoke residents may have noticed, we conducted one of these events at the Meon Hall a few weeks ago. The hall's changing rooms played the part of a domestic dwelling involved in a fire, with live casualties, including a dog, located inside. We were joined by crews from our neighbouring stations of Wickham and Bishops Waltham, with added realism provided by

smoke machines and stage make up. It was a great learning opportunity for everyone who participated; big thanks again to the excellent volunteers from the community who played the parts of casualties and bystanders and, of course, to James Morrice for facilitating the use of the hall building.

By the time this edition of The Bridge is published, the fetes season will have finished, with Droxford's fire engine having attended events at Newtown, Droxford, Soberton, and Meonstoke. We really enjoy these opportunities to get out and meet people, show off all the great equipment we carry and inspire the next generation of firefighters. Thank you to everyone who came up to say hello, brought us refreshments and burgers, and asked great questions.

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 10, from a variety of backgrounds, supported by a Watch Manager. Our training nights are on 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

IN THE GARDEN

August
& September



DESPITE EARLY JUNE BEING UNSEASONABLY COLD AND WET, CONDITIONS HAVE SOON BECOME VERY DRY AGAIN, WHICH MEANS that some watering may become necessary, particularly vegetable plots and any new planting in the borders where roots have not become firmly established. If watering does become necessary, give the ground a good soaking. A light sprinkling does more harm than good as it attracts roots to the surface, which rapidly dries out. Established herbaceous and mixed borders with established root systems do not need watering.

Vegetables: Lift potatoes and onions to avoid unnecessary pest damage. Last sowings of radish, rocket, and lettuce can be made in early August. Now is also the time to sow spring cabbage, perpetual spinach, and winter lettuce. Runner beans are now coming into their own, but remember to keep them well watered, and keep an eye out for blackfly. Treat with proprietary pesticide as necessary, or try spraying with a dilute solution of washing up liquid.

Fruit: Cut out summer raspberry canes that have fruited to

allow next year's canes to develop, and if you have not already done so, finish summer pruning of gooseberries, red currants, apples, and plums. Plant out strawberry plants that have rooted from runners, they will fruit next year.

Herbaceous Border: Continue dead heading and cut out tall or weak stems from plants that have finished flowering. Feed and dead head dahlias and look out for aphids and blackfly and treat with soapy water or proprietary pesticide. Make sure tall plants are well supported. As lavender flowers fade, cut back stems to new pairs of shoots using secateurs. Keep feeding and dead heading roses and they should continue to flower into the autumn.

Bulbs: Order spring flowering bulbs for planting this autumn.

Trees and Shrubs: Prune shrubs after they have finished flowering and pinch out new shoots of wisteria to about three or four leaves. Lightly prune or trim beech hedges, Eleagnus, Escallonia, Hebe, Holly, Pyracantha and Privet.

Containers: Keep well watered and continue dead heading, especially petunias, and you will be rewarded with flowers for several weeks to come.

In the Greenhouse: Reduce watering and feeding of tomatoes as the fruits start to ripen, but make sure the soil remains moist. If it dries out and you then over water the fruit will split and may succumb to blossom end rot. Be watchful for red spider mite and whitefly on cucumbers and spray as necessary or use sticky whitefly traps if pests are present.

John Owen



ON SATURDAY 15TH JUNE MEMBERS OF MEON VALLEY GARDEN CLUB GATHERED AT MEONSTOKE HALL TO CELEBRATE THE Club's 116th Birthday. A super time was had by the eighty members in attendance as they tucked into traditional fare of finger sandwiches, scones and clotted cream, and birthday cake with a glass of fizz and cups of tea.

Two members Stuart Attrill and Alan Hibbert spent some months last year conducting research to ascertain when the club was established. They found a reference in the Hampshire Chronicle of 1904 reporting the Second Annual Show of the Meon Valley Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show.

Having missed the opportunity to celebrate the 100th Birthday, the committee decided it would be a great idea to hold an event to mark the ongoing success of such an old

club. Sadly, Alan died in December 2018. The afternoon tea included an exhibition of club artefacts some of which were recently presented to the current chair, Olive Hathaway, by a former chair Mr Everett. Amongst them were show schedules going back to 1921 and minute books dated from 1930. They provided an insight into social history and how times have changed. In 1921, there was one class for 'Women' and that was for a bowl of cooked potatoes together with a Class for 'Ladies' for flowering arranging! In 1950, the holder of the programme with the Lucky Number won a pig and the runner-up a pair of nylon stockings.

In 1991, John Martin, committee member then and now and club member for over fifty years, was in the local paper bemoaning that the Club was likely to fold as there were only eighty members and only a few members willing to help on show day. It was about this time that the club decided to reinvent itself as a garden club and today the club boasts a flourishing membership of over two hundred.

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



Droxford Junior School Report

End of the academic year ushers in new staff!

THE SWIFTS AND SWALLOWS (DWINDLING IN NUMBER) ARE STILL WITH US BUT THE ACADEMIC YEAR IS ON THE WANE. WE SAY goodbye to our Year 6's and some families and wait to welcome new faces in September.

There will be a few new faces in the staffroom. We have a new Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Jenny Smith, who has been at the school for five years. We welcome Mrs Lisa Greenwood as Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) to replace Mrs Miles, who has a new role to take up in Winchester. Mr Joe Lowndes and Mrs Becky Boyden will also be joining our teaching team.

One new face has started already. Luna the black Labrador! Luna joined us a month ago and has been a great hit with the children and adults alike. Luna has joined us young so she gets used to the school environment and children especially. She loves it!



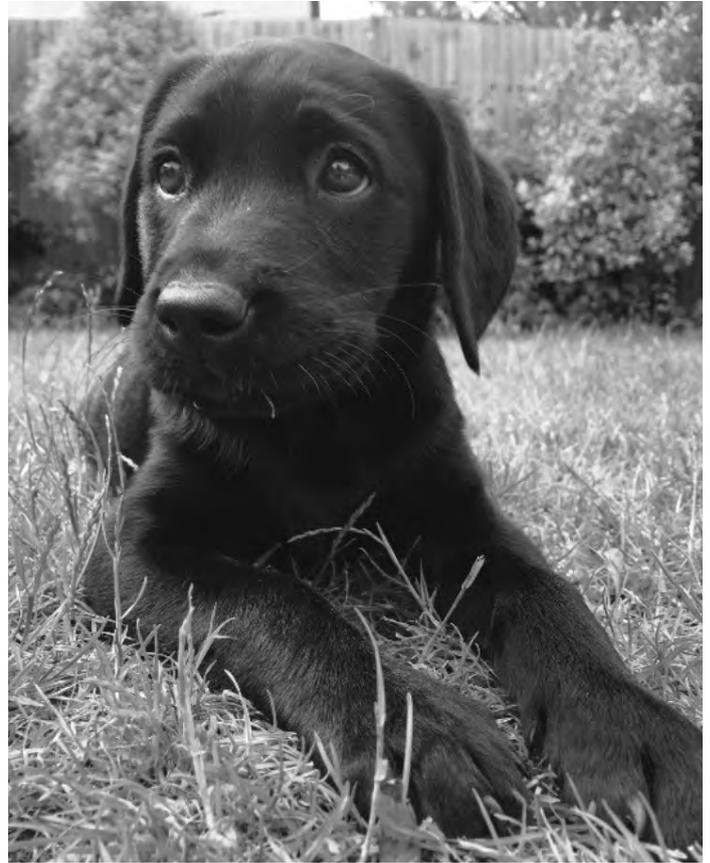
Luna will be our school dog and she will help in many ways. She is a very kind, loving non-judgemental dog, who wants to make people happy. She has been busy working already. There have been times when children have found it difficult in the morning to settle in to school. Luna meets and greets with a tail wagging and she eases anxieties.

She will also be great when children want to read to someone different; to calm nerves during tests and exams; to teach children about responsibility, kindness and welfare; to be able to have children walk her in the countryside and to bring a smile to a face when times are hard.

We are looking forward to having her in school for many years. I am sure you will see her around and I am sure you will see her grow. In the meantime we are enjoying the puppy days.

Have a great summer break,

Matthew Dampier Headteacher



Soirées on the Bridge

CONCERT

in St Andrew's Church,
Meonstoke

**Wednesday 11th September
at 7.30pm**

Organ Recital

by Richard Martin

EVERYONE WELCOME

*Refreshments will be served at the end of the concert,
with a retiring collection in aid of St Andrew's Church.*

The Royal British Legion

Droxford & District Branch www.droxfordweb.co.uk



75 years ago....



On 17th September 1944, Operation MARKET GARDEN was launched. This involved dropping 3 airborne divisions to capture and hold 5 strategic bridges. The furthest, at Arnhem over the lower River Rhine, was the objective of the British 1st Airborne Division; the US 82nd Airborne Division would capture the bridges over the canals north of Eindhoven; and the US 101st Airborne Division would secure those over the Rivers Maas and Waal near Nijmegen. The 52nd (Lowland) Infantry Division and the Polish Airborne Brigade would be flown in, and the British XXX Corps would advance northwards to relieve the lightly armed airborne forces. In the event, XXX Corps reached Eindhoven on 18th and Nijmegen on 20th but fierce fighting left the 1st Airborne Division cut off at Arnhem. By 25th September, now short of food and ammunition, some 2,400 troops of the 10,000 landed escaped from Arnhem; 1,100 were killed and 6,400 taken prisoner.

The Royal British Legion is not just for ex-Service personnel and membership increasingly includes civilians with little or no military connection. Recalling past conflicts is essential to understanding Britain's identity as a nation and our position in the World, whilst appreciating the realities and horror of war. It is said that 'those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it' and, as veterans of the great wars of the 20th Century fade, it's incumbent upon us who remain to educate and, above all, commemorate the service and sacrifice of our forebears. The Droxford & District Branch has a selection of interesting speakers and events and further details are in the RBL pages of the Droxford and Soberton and Newtown websites. Non-members are always welcome to attend the talks.

The next Branch meeting will be on **Monday 9th September 2019 at 7.00pm in Droxford Village Hall** when **Philip Stride FICE, FRICS, the Strategic Project Director of the Tideway Project** will present:
Building on Bazalgette - the Thames Tideway Project.

Following the success of the Normandy campaign, the retreating German Army was pursued by the British 21st Army Group under FM Sir Bernard Montgomery to the north and by the 12th US Army Group under Lt Gen Omar Bradley to the south. The opportunity to open a shorter route into Germany and the industrial heartland of the Ruhr by crossing the River Rhine from the Netherlands was conceived by Monty. He was encouraged by Lt Gen 'Boy' Browning (husband of author Daphne du Maurier who, incidentally, chose maroon for the paratroopers' berets!). The airborne divisions had been relatively inactive since Normandy and sought the opportunity for further action. The Operation had the potential for not only saving lives but of matching the Soviet Red Army's rapid advance into Germany from the east. There was also a desire to enter Germany before Lt Gen George Patton's US 3rd Army who were making rapid progress in the south with a plan to link up with the US 7th Army that had landed in the South of

France. The launching of V2 rockets at London from North Holland tipped the balance and the normally cautious Montgomery was authorised by the Supreme Allied Commander, Gen Dwight Eisenhower to proceed with the Operation; MARKET being the airborne assault and GARDEN being XXX Corps' advance. The plan, however, allowed little room for delay or other setbacks, as lightly armed airborne troops were only equipped to fight without reinforcement for 3 days and attempts to resupply them by air were hampered when several drops fell behind the fluctuating enemy lines. Intelligence also failed to spot or chose to ignore the presence of 2 German SS Panzer Divisions refitting near Arnhem and Eindhoven. Despite acts of incredible heroism (5 Victoria Crosses were won) and enormous sacrifice, MARKET GARDEN was a failure; however, had it succeeded, it might have shortened the war by at least two months.

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



The four leaders of the wartime Allies arriving by Jeep to the Fair.

DROXFORD COUNTRY FAIR



Wow, what a day!

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY, WE WERE SO THRILLED TO HAVE THE 'MAGNIFICENT 4' OF CHURCHILL, Eisenhower, Montgomery and De Gaulle open the Fair.

Warmly welcomed by our fabulous sentry and team at the entrance, everyone was treated to a wonderful afternoon of traditional family fun and entertainment. Our delicious barbecue and bar were kept busy all afternoon which, with the afternoon teas, strawberries and cream and Julie's traditional ice creams all ensured that everyone was very well catered for.

The huge variety of stalls, games and activities kept the young and not so young entertained throughout the afternoon. Our total takings on the day were in excess of £20,000! The fair committee have raised over £5000, the church £1200 and all the other charitable organisations who

ran a stall a total £3000.

The AGM will be held in The Bakers Arms on the 18th January at 10.00am when local organisations can apply for a donation. We have so many people to thank, as the fair could not possibly run without those who give their time and effort to plan and run the day. We are so grateful to every one of you for your help and support.

We also thank, in particular, Mr and Mrs Martineau and Mrs Denham's family who so generously allow us to use their gardens, making our fair such a special and unique event.

If you would like to be involved with running next year's fair, you will be very welcome, just get in touch.

Mary Hornby-Patterson
Droxford Country Fair Committee
Tel: 07815 562424

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCILLOR REPORT - Vicki Weston



CENTRAL AND UPPER MEON VALLEY WARDS

Free support service launched for Winchester small businesses

A free support service aimed at small businesses across the Winchester district launched on 1st July.

The service, funded by Winchester City Council, will be delivered by IncuHive and aims to help kick start local businesses into profitability with a range of services from one to one mentoring through to complete investment acceleration programmes.

IncuHive, based in Westgate Chambers in Staple Gardens, Winchester is the brain child of local entrepreneur Steve Northam. Businesses interested in taking advantage of this business support service should contact IncuHive via their website: incuhive.co.uk or email: hello@incuhive.co.uk or telephone: 0800 689 3564.

Sport & Leisure Park reaches first milestone

Construction of Winchester's Sport and Leisure Park is well underway with the site having reached its first key milestone, the piling and the fifty metre pool tank excavation is now complete. Building partner, Willmott Dixon, is currently undertaking pipe work and concrete works, and the pad foundations of the building are also underway.

Winchester City Council declares climate change emergency

Winchester City Council has joined more than seventy authorities across the country in declaring a climate emergency. The council will be aiming to make itself carbon

neutral by 2024 and achieve the same with the wider district by 2030. An action plan, setting out how this will be achieved, will follow the declaration, which was declared by the city council's Cabinet. A focus on the environment has been named as the top priority for Winchester City Council's new Liberal Democrat administration. The administration said its focus would fall on three key areas, reducing the carbon footprint of the council and wider district; balancing the budget; and building homes for all sectors of the community.

Council working with Biffa to address issues with bin collections

Winchester City Council is working closely with its waste contractor Biffa UK to address problems with bin collections across the district. If your bin has not been emptied on the scheduled day, please leave it out and report a missed bin collection by visiting the website:

www.winchester.gov.uk/report

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

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Sponsored Ride & Stride Saturday 14th September

EACH YEAR ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF SEPTEMBER, THIRTY COUNTY HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUSTS ORGANISE A SPONSORED Bike Ride. The object of the day is to raise money for each Trust by encouraging cyclists and walkers to persuade friends to sponsor them to visit as many churches as they can. Initially all the money raised goes to the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust. The Trust retains half

to enable them to make grants to churches (both Meonstoke and Corhampton Churches have received grants in the last ten years); the other half is returned to the cyclist's or walker's nominated 'home' church, Sunday School, or Youth Group. Last year, over 400 Hampshire and Isle of Wight churches took part with stewards to welcome and sign in visitors and sometimes provide a cooling drink.



It is a good family day out and the old railway line will take you to a surprising number of churches. The more adventurous can brave the roads and tour the Deanery and beyond.

For details of how to enter, safety advice, and sponsor forms please telephone David Ablitt on 01489 878074 or go to the website at: www.hihct.org.uk and click the link to Ride and Stride.

Meon Valley Community Bus Association (MVCBA)

AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL, THE MVCBA TRUSTEES WERE DELIGHTED TO BE INFORMED THAT MVCBA HAD BEEN PUT forward by Councillor Vicky Weston for the Mayor of Winchester's Awards.

Chairman David Williams attended the awards ceremony accompanied by Treasurer David Erskine; Secretary Mike Vogado; trustees John Shorrocks and Dick Taylor, on Wednesday 27th April at the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium where the Award certificate was presented to us by Councillor Frank Pearson, the then Mayor of Winchester.

The citation ran as follows:

The MVCBA is run by volunteer Trustees and offers a valuable bus service for the residents of the Meon Valley. It provides a four day-a-week service to local shopping centres

such as Fareham, Petersfield, Waterlooville and Winchester. The Meon Valley Active Retirement Association uses it to provide much needed transport for theatre trips to Chichester and Winchester. Local schools and social groups also use it. The volunteer drivers are MIDAS qualified and they get pleasure from delivering this essential community service. Our thanks go out to them for keeping our community mobile.

It was gratifying to be recognised for all the time and hard work that goes into keeping MVCBA going and the Trustees would like to thank all the drivers, retired drivers and committee members for their unflinching support over what is now thirty four years' continuous service. Please look at the service timetable and join the slowly increasing number of regular users!

Mike Vogado, Hon. Sec. MVCBA



Picture of the Presentation from left to right:
David Erskine; John Shorrocks; David Williams; Cllr. Frank Pearson (Mayor); Cllr. Vicky Weston;
Mike Vogado and Dick Taylor



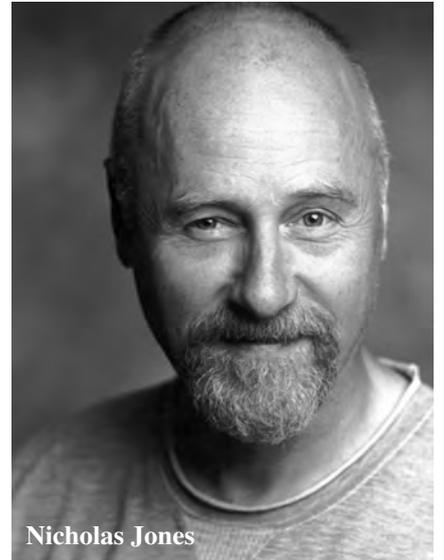
The New Forest Show is a three day celebration of Farming, Food, and Fun, which is rated among the top agricultural shows in the country. From food and flowers, music and main ring attractions to cooking, crafts, and county pursuits you are guaranteed to find something different in every corner of the showground. We are delighted to be adding a brand new Canine Arena and a Live Music Stage to the mix of attractions this year.

Join us on: - **30th, 31st July & 1st August**
at: **New Forest National Park, The Showground, Clay Hill,
Brockenhurst S042 7QH**

To find out more, go to: **www.newforestshow.co.uk**



West Meon Music Festival 2019



Nicholas Jones

MELODRAMA AT WEST MEON

AFTER NOT JUST ONE, BUT TWO LEADING ACTORS PULLED OUT OF A PERFORMANCE AT THE WEST MEON MUSIC FESTIVAL, TO BE held from 13th to 15th September, the Primrose Piano Quartet, which founded the festival back in 2011, have revamped the event's Saturday evening concert to avoid any further upheavals.

In March actor Simon Callow agreed to be narrator in a performance of Richard Strauss's incidental music to Tennyson's poem, "Enoch Arden". He had previously performed the work with the Primrose's pianist, John Thwaites, who was much looking forward to revisiting the piece. Simon added a proviso that he could not confirm for a couple of months to ensure he would be available for the festival.

By early May Simon Callow had committed to spending September directing a film in Vienna, but the quartet was delighted when actor Peter Bowles agreed to take over and confirmed his availability. In late June, he too cancelled for unspecified reasons.

'It was extremely frustrating,' says festival director, the Primrose's cellist, Andrew Fuller, 'as we already had publicised the event and taken many bookings. As Simon Callow put it; 'Pinning actors down for one-off performances is the very devil', but as musicians, one-off performances are what we do most of the time! Rather than be disappointed by yet another celebrity actor pulling out, we decided to cut our losses and change the programme.'

'Enoch Arden' is being replaced by Elgar's 'Piano Quintet', a work in keeping with the concert's theme of 'music and melodrama' as it was inspired by stories of ghostly happenings at Brinkwells, the Sussex house where Elgar was living when he wrote the piece in 1918. The first half of the programme is unchanged, thanks to actor 'Nicholas Jones', most recently seen in *The Crown* and *The Worst Witch*, who lives in West Meon and is a regular Festival attendee. He will read Edgar Allan Poe's story 'The Masque of the Red Death' which André Caplet interpreted in his tone poem

'Legende' set for harp and string quartet in 1922. The concert also includes Janacek's first string quartet, based on Tolstoy's novella 'The Kreutzer Sonata', a melodramatic tale of love, jealousy, murder and repentance.

The Festival starts on Friday evening the 13th September with classical favourites including Beethoven's renowned 'Kreutzer Sonata' for violin and piano, which inspired Tolstoy's story and piano trios by Brahms and Schubert. Harpist, Gabriella Jones (no relation to Nicholas) will be performing at East Meon church on the Saturday afternoon while Sunday has a 'Coffee Concert' in the morning which includes Rebecca Clarke's famed Viola Sonata. This is often described as a jewel in the instrument's repertoire. The 'Festival Finale' on Sunday afternoon ends with Brahms' Piano Quintet Op.34, generally regarded as 'the crown of his chamber music'.

As in previous years the Festival will also be raising funds for the Petersfield based Rosemary Foundation which provides a hospice at home service throughout the surrounding areas. Ticket prices for the Festival are from £12 to £22 with generous discounts for students, accompanied children and festival passes.

Full details can be found on the website at:
www.westmeonmusic.co.uk.



Primrose Piano Quartet



MEON VALLEY CARERS GROUP NEWS

Promoting a positive way of living with dementia

CARING FOR A PARTNER OR CLOSE FRIEND WITH DEMENTIA IS DEMANDING AND CAN BE STRESSFUL. IT IS IMPORTANT TO remember that your needs as a carer are as important as the person you are caring for.

We are a voluntary charity and are here to help listen to your concerns, if you are able to join us.

Sharing experiences with other carers can be a great support as they understand what you are going through, and within the group many friendships have been formed over a cup of tea and a chat.

If it is difficult for you to get to one of our meetings, and you live in the Meon Valley, we are very fortunate to be supported by The Lions Club, Swanmore, which provides a minibus for our use to collect and deliver to and from your home. However, if you live outside this area, we would still be pleased to welcome you, providing you can make your own way here.

As we are a support group for carers, we are unable to take full responsibility for those coping with dementia, unless

they are accompanied with their carer, or a responsible adult. We, as volunteers, are only too happy to entertain the cared for, whilst their carer has a little break, whilst they are in our company.

We very much look forward to hearing from you, if you think you would benefit from joining our small, very friendly group, which is run solely by volunteers, who have all had experience in the past in coping with this condition.

We are also looking for volunteers, and so if you know of anyone who is able to spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday afternoon, and has a good listening ear and can empathize with those needing to talk, we would love to hear from you. Our contact details are listed below:

August & September Programme

**13th August
Pub Lunch**

at The Forge Inn, Shedfield - 12.15pm

**27th August
Group Meeting**

at the Paterson Centre, Swanmore - 2.00pm

**10th September
Pub Lunch**

at The Black Dog, Waltham Chase - 12 noon

**24th September
Outing to the Watercress Line**
Details to follow

Meon Valley Carers Group, at the Paterson Centre, Church Road, Swanmore. Monday: 9.15am - 1.15pm
Tel: **01489 895444**
email: office@meonvalleycarersgroup.org.uk

The invasion of the scarecrow is back.....

Droxford Scarecrow Festival

7th - 21st September 2019

Join us and create your own Scarecrow and display in your front garden or business forecourt. There is no theme - just enjoy making! The festival winds up with a **Fun Party at Droxford Recreation Ground on Saturday 21st September at 3.00pm** when the winners will be announced.

Get your £5.00 kit, (*straw, frame and sack*) from Debbie - Tel: **07875 499709** or Email: dc.foster@virgin.net) - No obligation, you can source your own if you wish. Get the children or grandchildren to make it in their summer holidays .

NEW THIS YEAR - route maps for sale in the Post Office



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 Ken Giles: Tel: 01329 830355

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 Ruby Room, Jubilee Hall,
Little Shore Lane
Bishops Waltham SO32 1ED**
1st & 3rd Fridays from **2.00 to 3.30pm**

Next Meetings:

August - No sessions
September - 6th & 20th

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

Cost: £2.00 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, Bishop's 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

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 email: vweston@winchester.gov.uk
 email: luffell@winchester.gov.uk
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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
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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
 18th October to make awards.
 Please send in your applications before this date.

DISTRICT DIARY

AUGUST

Thu. 1 Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am

Sunday 4 - Trinity 7

Sun. 4 4th Waterlooville Brownies stay at The Meon Hall

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

Wed. 7 Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am
Look in for coffee & chat, Meonstoke Church 10.00-12.00

Thu. 8 Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am

Sat. 10 6th Portsmouth Brownies stay at The Meon Hall

Sunday 11 - Trinity 8

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

Wed. 14 Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am

Thu. 15 Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am
MV Garden Club: Upper Farringdon Gdns. & The Thatched Cottage. Meet in Droxford Village Square 1.30pm

Sunday 18 - Trinity 9

Sun. 18 until Thurs 22 - The Meon Hall is closed for annual floor maintenance

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

Wed. 21 Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am
Look in for coffee & chat, Meonstoke Church 10.00-12.00

Thu. 22 Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am

Fri. 23 until Tue. 27 - Folk Music Camp at The Meon Hall, and the Meonstoke Recreation Ground

Sunday 25 - Trinity 10

Tue. 27 Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am
Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford Village Hall 10.30-12.00

Wed. 28 Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am

Thu. 29 Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Date	Time	Service	Church
4th Trinity 7	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Eucharist	Droxford Meonstoke
11th Trinity 8	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Droxford
18th Trinity 9	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Corhampton
25th Trinity 10	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (CW)	Corhampton Exton

DISTRICT DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1 - Trinity 11

- Tue. 3** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am
Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford Village Hall 10.30-12.00
- Wed. 4** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am
Look in for coffee & chat, Meonstoke Church 10.00-12.00
- Thu. 5** Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am
MV Orchestra rehearsal, The Meon Hall 9.00 - 12noon

Thu. 5 Last copy date for Oct - Nov 2019 issue of The Bridge

- Fri. 6** Singing for Fun, The Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham 2.00pm
Meon Hall booked for wedding reception preparation & the event until and including Sunday 8th
- Sat. 7** MV Garden Club: Visit to RHS Garden Wisley 9.30am
Meet in Droxford Square

Sunday 8 - Trinity 12

- Mon. 9** RBL Meeting; Talk: *Thames Tideway Tunnel Project* 7.00pm
by Philip Stride, FICE, FRICS: Droxford Village Hall
- Tue. 10** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am
Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford Village Hall 10.30-12.00
MV Arts Society, Talk: '*The Genius of Stradivarius*' 10.40am
The Meon Hall
Play Reading Group, The Meon Hall 7.30pm
- Wed. 11** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am
- Thu. 12** Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am
MV Orchestra rehearsal, The Meon Hall 9.00-12noon
Meonstoke Toddler Group, The Meon Hall 9.30-11.30am

Sunday - 15 Trinity 13

- Tue. 17** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am
Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford Village Hall 10.30-12.00
- Wed. 18** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am
Look in for coffee & chat, Meonstoke Church 10.00-12.00
MV Garden Club: Visit to Chawton House & Garden 1.30pm
Meet in Droxford Square
- Thu. 19** Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am
- Fri. 20** Singing for Fun, The Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham 2.00pm

Sunday 22 - Trinity 14

- Tue. 24** Morning Prayer, Exton 8.30am
Drop-in coffee morning, Droxford Village Hall 10.30-12.00
- Wed 25** Morning Prayer, Meonstoke 8.30am
Film Night: Film to be decided. Droxford Village Hall 7.30pm
- Thu. 26** Holy Communion, Droxford 10.00am
MV Orchestra rehearsal, The Meon Hall 9.00-12noon
Meonstoke Toddler Group, The Meon Hall 9.30-11.30am
Droxford History Group: Droxford VH 7.30pm
- Fri. 27** Macmillan Pop-Up Coffee Shop, The Meon Hall 9.30 -12noon

Sunday 29 - Trinity 15

- Mon. 30** Meon Hall Management C'tee Mtg., The Meon Hall 7.30pm
- October**
- Sat. 5** MV Garden Club Autumn Plant Sale at Droxford VH 10.00am

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Date	Time	Service	Church
1st Trinity 11	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Matins Evensong	Droxford Corhampton Exton
8th Trinity 12	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (CW) Benediction & Evening Prayer	Meonstoke Droxford Corhampton
15th Trinity 13	8.00am 10.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Informal All-age Harvest Festival & Holy Communion (CW)	Exton Droxford Meonstoke
22nd Trinity 14	8.00am 9.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) All-age service ... unwrapped Holy Communion (CW)	Corhampton Meonstoke Exton
29th Trinity 15	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (CW)	Droxford Meonstoke

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.



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

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Droxford 2nd June Kara Iona Mary Thomas

Weddings

Meonstoke 22nd June
Ian Robin Sperring & Olivia Ruth Jones

Funerals

Droxford 29th March Michael Robin Collins age 72
Droxford 14th June Dr Barry Joseph Brough age 80



**Friday 7th November 2020
in The Meon Hall**

WANTED

*Paintings and Drawings by local artists
for display and / or sale*

Framed pictures for display on stands, mounted for a browser.

Artists - start work now!

For more information please email
Margaret Collins at: margaret.gxk@btinternet.com

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