

April/May 2021

The Swanmore *Link*



**Celebrating Easter
Picturing our local heroes
Winchester's new Local Plan
Victorian schooldays**

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From the June/July 2021 issue we expect to have many more locations in the village where the magazine can be collected. It will be available from Wednesday 2 June and will be online shortly after that.

The Paterson Centre needs a Cleaner/Caretaker

The Paterson Centre will soon be able to open up again for bookings (assuming the Government's "roadmap out of lockdown" goes to plan).

We are looking for someone to take on the role of cleaner/caretaker – to clean and ensure the entrance areas, hall, kitchen and toilets are kept clean and tidy for each booking.

The person appointed will also need to oversee bookings to ensure booking conditions are fulfilled.

Taking bookings is not part of the role as that is done by the Parish Administrator.

Flexible and variable hours are required. We offer a competitive rate of pay. References will be required.

To find out more, please contact the Vicar, The Revd. Claire Towns by April 30th at the latest on vicar@stbarnabas.org.uk or 01489 808968.



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Deadline for the June/July issue: 12th May

This is the last letter I shall write for the Swanmore magazine as your Vicar. In thinking about what to write, I looked up some quotes on saying farewell and the two that grabbed me most, and which sum up my feelings as I prepare to leave are:

“Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.” Dr Seuss

and

“Don’t be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends.”

Richard Bach.

Neither quote is especially profound but both, in their own way, say it all. Sally and I are sad to be going after my almost nine years in Swanmore. There have been inevitable ups and downs, some things I wish I’d done differently and other things I shall long celebrate.

In the spirit of the first quote, saying goodbye does bring tears but there are so many precious memories for both of us, that I cannot help but smile and be very glad that God called me here to serve as your Vicar. I/we have loved living in Swanmore, being part of the community, whether out and about in it, in one of the pubs or in St Barnabas. We have both made so many friends here, so thank you for accepting us and letting us be part of your lives. You are friends and so we shall certainly be seeing many of you again, to speak the language of the second quote.

This past year has been a hard one in so many ways. Thankfully, there is now a roadmap out of lockdown, with a proposed ending in sight. However, the timing of this doesn’t allow us to have the ending and beginning, the goodbye and hello, we’d have ideally have liked, here or in Wells.

My last service will be Sunday May 9th at 10am.

From 10th May the following contact details may be useful for you.

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Parochial Church Council

pccsecretary@stbarnabas.org.uk or

01489 891117

Churchwardens

churchwardens@stbarnabas.org.uk

Paterson Centre/Parish Office

office@stbarnabas.org.uk or 07857 936023

This will be for all-ages and will be outside, either in the churchyard, or in the Village Hall car park as a drive-in, depending on what restrictions allow for then. Please do look out for updates on venue on our Facebook page, website or church noticeboards. Then, on Friday July 2nd, assuming that the roadmap happens as planned, we are coming back for our leaving party. That way, we can get together with people in a proper way and have a right sort of ending, important for all of us.



When a Vicar leaves a parish, the vacancy isn’t filled immediately, and it normally takes up to a year before someone new comes along. But worry not! In the meantime, St Barnabas and Swanmore will be in good hands. The ministry team, the Revds Nick and Hazel Whitehead, along with Jill Phipps, the Licensed Lay Minister, will be looking after Sunday services, weddings, funerals and christenings, as well as your pastoral care needs. The church building and grounds will continue to be looked after by the Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council.

I’m writing this letter three weeks before Easter Day. Still to come in the life of the church, before we arrive at those celebrations, are the memorials of Jesus’ last days before his crucifixion, and then resurrection. We call this time Passiontide, whereby the Church recounts and remembers Jesus’ last words and actions.

There are a couple of chapters in John’s Gospel, where Jesus gives a long speech to his disciples. It’s his farewell speech, where he outlines the things he most wants them to remember. He urges them to “be one” and to live in unity. At the time of his speech, they had no idea what he was talking about. It was only afterwards that it made sense to them, as they looked back on his time with them.

I guess that is true for all of us as we journey through life. We live through stuff and sometimes it’s only when we look back on it and reflect on it, that it really hits home. In that vein, Sally and I will miss you all very much. We will miss this village. We know that now. I’m sure when we move it’ll hit us even harder! So, as Jesus said, so I say to you – “be one” and live in unity!

Blessings for Easter and always.

Church services at St Barnabas

Sunday April 4th

Easter Day

6am Dawn Eucharist –
in church

8am Eucharist – in
church

10am All-Ages
Together Family
Service – in the
churchyard and live-
stream



Sunday April 11th

2nd Sunday of Easter

8am Eucharist – in church

10am Eucharist – in church and live-stream



Sunday April 18th

3rd Sunday of Easter

8am Eucharist
– in church

10am
Eucharist –
in church and
live-stream



Sunday April 25th

4th Sunday of Easter

8am Eucharist – in
church

10am Eucharist – in
church and live-
stream



Sunday May 2nd

5th Sunday of Easter

8am Eucharist – in church

10am Eucharist – in church and live-stream

Sunday May 9th

6th Sunday of Easter

Revd. Claire and Sally's last Sunday in
Swanmore

8am Eucharist – in
church

10am Family
Service – venue
TBC – please
see St Barnabas
website and
noticeboards



Sunday May 16th

7th Sunday of Easter

8am Eucharist – in church

10am Eucharist – in
church and live-stream



Sunday May 23rd

Pentecost

8am Eucharist – in church

10am Family Service – live-stream only



Sunday May 30th

Trinity Sunday

8am Eucharist – in
church

10am Eucharist – in
church and live-stream



Places are limited in church to 20 safe-seating zones (which seat 1-4). To book your place at any in-church service up to May 9th please contact Revd. Claire Towns on 01489 7808968 or vicar@stbarnabas.org.uk.

After that please contact Revd Hazel Whitehead on 01489 895327 or hazelwhitehead54@gmail.com. We live-stream via Facebook Live on the St Barnabas Facebook page

Sunday Club

Why not come along and find out more?

Thirty-two young people aged between three and 16 years old currently make up St Barnabas' Sunday Club along with nine adults to help.

We meet two or three times a month in the Paterson Centre from 10am for an hour before going into Church for the final hymn and blessing.

Our aim is to teach young people about the Christian faith in a fun and exciting way and to help them understand who Jesus is and the difference we believe he can make to their lives.

We enjoy stories, craft, singing and prayer and also get involved in the All-Ages Family Services which are held once a month.

We have crèche facilities for our very young members and the teenagers meet in the long room to discuss topics and issues that are relevant to them with plenty of hot

chocolate and cookies on offer.

Currently, due to covid, Sunday Club meets twice a month via Zoom. If you would like more details or to join us via Zoom please contact me; when restrictions are lifted why not come along one Sunday and see what we are all about – we would love to see you.

For more details, you can contact me through the St.Barnabas website or on 07927 933073.

Ben Armstrong
St.Barnabas Sunday Club



Farewell to Claire

The Reverend Claire Towns, vicar of our village church, and her partner Sally Beazley, will be leaving us in May when Claire takes up a new post in the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

The church will be organising a farewell gift and anyone wishing to contribute can place cash or cheques, made payable to PCC of Swanmore, in an envelope with "Claire" on the outside and deliver these direct to: Andrew Wilkinson, Swanmore PCC Treasurer, 2 Donigers Dell, Swanmore SO32 2TL.

Anyone wishing to donate via BACS transfer should use:
Account: PCC of Swanmore
Sort Code: 30-90-85
Account number: 00135767
Reference: CLAIRE

Jill Phipps

Annual meetings on Zoom

All are invited to the forthcoming Church Meetings. (Please note: only those on the Church Electoral Roll can vote and take part in discussion; others may observe.)

A copy of the Annual Reports from

the various Church groups is available to read before the meetings, via email and in print if requested, on application to the PCC Secretary, Jill Phipps at jill.m.phipps@gmail.com



Notice of Meeting of Parishioners Parish of St Barnabas, Swanmore

The meeting of Parishioners will be held on

Wednesday 28th April 2021 at 7pm
via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81846459711>

For the election of Churchwardens.

Open to all residents of the village

Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting Parish of St Barnabas, Swanmore

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on

Wednesday 28th April 2021 at 7.30pm
via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81846459711>

For the election of laity representatives to the Parochial Church Council and to consider the various reports and other matters as required under the Church Representation Rules

Swanmore Methodist Church

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Loving God – Loving our community
Making disciples for Jesus

Sunday Services April and May

We are now planning to re-commence our Sunday morning services. The first will be an Easter Sunday service and then a full programme in May and details of these are set out below.

All services will commence at 10.30am.

4th April	Easter Sunday
2nd May	Revd. Joseph Tembo – Holy Communion
9th May	Tom & Rosie Banks
16th May	Gill Bailey
23rd May	Richard Cole (Pentecost)
30th May	Kathy Elvy (Trinity Sunday)

Current guidance does not permit singing (which will be hard for us!) requires social distancing and face masks to be worn. Sanitiser will be available on arrival and guidance will be given on moving around the building. Regardless of these limitations there will be a warm welcome for all who wish to join us for these services if you would like to do so please email: stewards@s-m-c.org.uk

Please check our Facebook page for any updates. Church members will be updated regularly. Of course, all these plans are subject to the government not having to re-introduce restrictions.

All other activities are currently suspended.

Thursday Fellowship

We hold a Fellowship meeting via Skype every Thursday 2.30pm–3.30pm – an opportunity to meet with fellow Christians for prayer, Bible reading and discussion – and if you want to join in with singing at home!

If you would like to join us please contact Jill Letts – 01489 896182 email – jill.letts@hotmail.com

<http://www.swanmoremethodistchurch.org.uk>



Hello friends, brothers and sisters in Christ,

Just before writing this article, my thoughts were as it were thrust back to the prophetic message of Simeon which said to Mary the mother of our Saviour in Luke 2.34-35, "...and a sword will pierce your own soul too". These humble nine words are profound as at Christmas they leave something hanging in the air; they point to some significant future event.

Lent picks up where the prophetic message paused, because the Lent season is a journey Jesus the Son of God took leading to the cross to fulfil what he, in his teaching and preaching, said about himself, clearly stating what he came to do on earth when in Mark 10.45 he said: "That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage" (The Message).

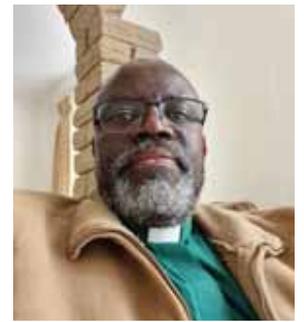
With hindsight, Mary's suffering on account of the sufferings and death of Jesus on the cross resulted in joy because of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, and because of the forgiveness of sin what Jesus went through brought to her and to the whole world.

There are many ways in which "a sword" has or is "piercing" our own souls this year as we have continued to live in a pandemic stricken world, maybe because someone related to us has died or is ill, maybe because we ourselves have been ill or are still ill with the coronavirus disease or another disease that is unrelated to the pandemic. The piercing of our own souls may be for reasons other than being ill or being bereaved.

None among us completely understands the reason we have to suffer as we do today, apart from the fact that we live in a fallen and corrupt world that needs redemption. Nevertheless, this Lent season we must remember that "...the nights of crying your eyes out give way to days of laughter" (Psalm 30.5 – The Message).

And as Jesus our Lord said to Paul whose suffering seemed endless, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness," the Lord's grace is more than enough for us whatever the season or the reason. God sees the piercing of our own souls today, and may this Lent bring healing to us.

My prayer, blessing and wish for you is this: "May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion" (Psalm 20.1-2 – NIV).



Revd Joseph Tembo
Presbyter for the Meon Valley Circuit

Swanmore Conservation Group

More signs of spring

Spring is finally underway although there have been signs of hope since Christmas. In January there were lesser celandines flowering in sheltered parts of the Conservation Area, the ditch alongside Broad Lane being one of them. Marsh Marigolds were also flowering from January through to March, both in the pond and the drainage ditches.

By March the leaves of wild garlic, also known as ramsons, were starting to appear in Green's Wood alongside the ditch that runs through the woodland area. Also by March the primroses in the Upper Meadow were starting to flower on the banks and under the shelter of deciduous trees. Meanwhile, the trees had been in flower, hazel trees had been coming into flower since Christmas followed by goat willow, but it wasn't until March that the hedges between the two meadows started to show leaf.

Birds have become increasingly vocal, owls being possibly the most noticeable. The meadows have been really wet under foot throughout the winter, especially in the lowest lying areas of Lower Meadow by the kissing gate, but the paths seem to have stayed reasonably puddle free.

Perhaps this year we really will manage to paint our hut but we definitely plan to replace the wood in the Broadwalk in Upper Meadow – the wood has already arrived. We plan to do this a bit at a time throughout the spring and summer making sure that the walkway is always passable to walkers.

The vandalism around the area of the pond has continued to be a problem meaning that at least one of our members has had lots of practise repairing the fences.

We are hopeful that by April we will be able to resume our monthly work parties although we may need to restrict the number of volunteers in order to maintain social distancing. By May perhaps it will be possible to run our work parties more as we did before the pandemic, it does seem

rather a long time since that was possible. Whatever happens we will be adhering to the relevant current government guidelines.

We meet on the second Saturday of each month throughout the year at the hut by the kissing gate in Broad Lane, in the Lower Meadow, at 9.45 am. We have coffee at 11 am finishing at 12 noon or a bit earlier if we run out of work! Our next meetings, in whatever form they take, will hopefully be held on 10th April and 8th May 2021.

All new volunteers are very welcome to join us if only for part of a workshop, just turn up and you will be happy to see you.

Gill Sawyer
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Marsh's Meadow – where the first of the wild flowers planted last year are now starting to appear.

Stock up on plants at charity sale

For the past five years Rochelle Penrose has held an annual plant sale in Bishop's Waltham in aid of charity. This month, with covid restrictions still in force, she is moving it to the bottom of her driveway in Swanmore.

A large selection of perennials will be on offer, including hardy geraniums, lamb's ears (*Stachys* spp.), bamboo, and honey garlic

(*Nectaroscordum* spp) as well as tomatoes, chillies and other plants.

The sales – on Saturdays 17 and 24 April from 9.30am to 12noon – are in aid of Spanish Rescue Dogs and will be at Rochelle's driveway at 4 Moorlands Road.

Below Rochelle's son, Ben, helping out at last year's plant sale in Bishop's Waltham.



Parish magazine

Thanks to our deliverers

For several decades, the Swanmore parish magazine has been delivered each month to every house in the village thanks to a team of volunteer distributors. Some recipients will have welcomed its arrival enthusiastically as a vital link with our community, others simply consigned it to the recycling bin unread, along with the various other unsolicited magazines that regularly arrive on our doorsteps.

The magazine is financed by the Parochial Church Council and, as you know, last autumn our Vicar, Claire, decided that in the interests of economy and to reduce unnecessary waste of natural resources, the magazine would become bimonthly and available for collection rather than delivery – although those who are housebound or find collection

difficult could still have a delivery.

Many on the “delivery team” have been dropping the magazine through Swanmore letterboxes for decades; others may have only joined the team in recent months.

However, all deserve our grateful thanks for all their hard work.

◆ The magazine is now available to collect from the Link next to the Paterson Centre. Please see the notice on the Link doors for further information. We plan to establish additional collection points in the village once covid restrictions are lifted. If you are housebound and thus unable to collect a magazine it may be possible to arrange home delivery. Please contact editor@stbarnabas.org.uk.

Swanmore history

The Quaker plot

Readers of the *Hampshire Chronicle* may have noticed that, following an article about Quakers in Hampshire, our village archivist, Crawford Wright, responded with a letter highlighting Swanmore’s long connection with Quakers and our own Quaker burial ground tucked away in Hampton Hill.

As Crawford pointed out, Peter Watkins’ book (*Swanmore since 1840*) records that in 1661 Richard Suet, a cordwainer, buried his infant son Joseph in the orchard at the bottom of his cottage garden – already home to one grave. He later sold the land to three Quaker trustees: Thomas Walter, a maltster, Thomas Penford, a blacksmith – both from Bishop’s Waltham – and Robert Ryves a Swanmore yeoman. All three had been punished for their faith. Penford was ultimately imprisoned and died there in 1668; he was also buried at the bottom of Suet’s garden

Between 1661 and 1703 a total of 27 people would be buried in the plot, which by the twentieth century was sadly neglected. Ultimately the Society of Friends transferred the land in perpetuity – for the proverbial “peppercorn” – to the family living in nearby Hampton Hill Cottage, since they also farmed the adjacent field and may have been expected to continue caring for the plot.

By the 1950s, the Macfarlane family were living in Hampton Hill Cottage and the children of the house – Susan and Michael – found a damaged board in the overgrown plot listing the names of those buried there which they subsequently repainted. At that time burial mounds were apparently still visible, but were later trampled flat when the cows, which grazed in the adjoining field, managed to enter this area of unspoilt pasture.

Today the plot is owned by Susan’s sons – Ewan and Angus Mackay – who do not live locally but periodically scatter the ashes of various of their family members there and update the sign listing burials accordingly.

The delivery team

Mrs Allright	Mr Griffiths
Mrs Annison	Mrs Gurry
Mrs Armitage	Mrs Hunt
Mrs Carpenter	Mr King
Mrs Chant	Mrs Laing
Mr Clarkson	Mrs Livingstone
Mrs Clive	Mrs Lodge
Mr Coates	Mr R Lomax
Mrs Collins	Mrs Longstaff
Mrs Cronin	Mrs Mason
Mrs Cuthbertson	Mrs T Mason
Mrs Davies	Mrs McMahan
Mrs A Davies	Mrs Miah
Mr de Vere	Mrs Noble
Mrs de Vere	Mrs Norris
Mrs Denham	Mrs Parry
Mrs Dickenson	Mrs Preedy
Mrs Dorman	Miss Reed
Mrs Downes	Mrs Regnard
Mrs Easton	Mrs Richardson
Mrs Flanagan	Mrs Sealey
Mr Foster	Mr Searle
Mr Futcher	Mrs Sharpe
Mrs Gaudion	Mrs Shoemark
Mrs Goodwin	Mrs Stansfield



Thank you

Primary School

Thanks for great support

Everyone at Swanmore CE Primary is so grateful to all of the support that families and the community have provided to the children and staff – so a big thank you. At times like these you really see the spirit of a community. It is no small wonder our school is so successful when we are part of a wider community that has such similar values which strives for the best for the children in our care. The African proverb, “it takes a village to raise a child”, could not be any truer than in Swanmore.

It has been so kind of Mrs Jill Phipps to have liaised with volunteers from St Barnabas church who have been such committed supporters of the school, ensuring that there has been regular contact with staff to check they are well. The PCC has been a great support, along with Reverend Claire and Gary, the village’s CSO, in ensuring families and children enjoyed the festive period leading up to Christmas.

In our work to reach out to as many families as possible, the Meon Valley Lions have been a great support to us in ensuring we have had enough laptops to enable every family to have access to a device to support the children’s remote learning. This, in combination with the village’s generosity in supporting our “Donate a Device” scheme, has ensured the widest provision possible to support children.

At a time when we have received such support, it has been wonderful that the school community has been able to continue to help the Meon Valley Food Bank. As part of their daily exercise, families have been dropping off donations which the Food Bank has collected to help others in the surrounding community.

Our PTA – FOSPS (Friends of Swanmore Primary School) – has been stunning in ensuring there has been as much normality and fun for the children as is possible. The “Bubbled” Film Night was a great success!

It has been great to see the provision the whole school has been able to provide for the children, not only in surpassing the government’s expectations for home learning, but in maintaining such a broad, engaging curriculum across the year groups. It has been a joy to see staff going that “extra mile” contacting children and families to ensure that they are safe and well. The governors and I could not be more proud.

The staff are so pleased to finally have the children back learning in school. As always, they have been fantastic and have settled back into school life beautifully. I look forward to working with them through the summer term and hope to enjoy the summer together. Until we are able to invite you to the school and celebrate together, keep safe.

*John Paterson,
Headmaster*

*Brian Edwards of
Meon Valley Lions
(right), presents
Chromebooks to
John Paterson.
The Lions also
donated the
laptops to primary
schools in
Denmead,
Wickham and
Waltham Chase.*



Swanmore Pre-school Treading the boards

Swanmore Pre-school children have been busy showing off their hidden talents on our new outdoor stage. We have been working hard on learning about indoor voices (speaking tone) and outdoor voices; indoor feet (walking) and outdoor feet, to ensure we all enjoy our time at Pre-school as we are very busy and need to keep everyone safe and happy.

The children will be taking part in our sponsored Easter egg hunt around the village, following a map to find all 15 hidden eggs to receive a chocolate treat. We are all looking forward to the warmer weather and the children have planned what they will be growing in our garden this year.

We have full numbers for the next academic year. It is never too early to reserve a place for your child so please contact us well in advance.

Sarah Hiscock
sarah.hiscock@swanmorepreschool.org.uk
01489 893779 or 0795 8436396

*Top: Anya and Eva.
Below: Harry on the outdoor stage.*



Swanmore College

Adapting to pandemic guidelines

Swanmore College "Surgery"

On 7 January 2021 we delivered the first Lateral Flow Tests for staff on site, headmaster, Kyle Jonathan, was first in the seat to be tested and was an excellent patient!

We carried out 10 tests as a trial run and were delighted when they all came back as negative!

Since then, we have rolled out on-site testing for all staff and pupils (with parental consent) and continue to work hard to help keep the transmission of the virus to a minimum. Between the 3rd and 15th March 2021 we tested more than 3,000 staff and pupils, carried out by an invaluable team of staff and parent/carer volunteers.

BBC South came on site to film the return of our pupils and to see our testing programme in operation. The



piece aired on "South Today" and featured an interview with our Head Boy and Head Girl – Tom and Ruby.

Wellbeing Assembly

The impact of the pandemic has been different for everyone, however, there is no doubt that, for some, it has been a really difficult time.

Now, more than ever, it is important to do what we can to look after our mental health and wellbeing. We are working hard to achieve the Wellbeing Award for Schools (WAS).

This award focusses on changing the long-term culture of the whole College and ensures that mental health and wellbeing sits at the heart of Swanmore life.

- ◆ You can watch the Wellbeing Assembly on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/3vkfy8cw>

Wellbeing Badge

Swanmore College is delighted to announce that it has been awarded the Wellbeing Badge by The Diana Award.

This is in recognition of all the work

Left: Kyle Jonathan prepares for the first "jab". Below: Lined up and ready to inoculate.



Some of the anti-bullying T-shirts produced by Year 7. Below: The Wellbeing Badge.

undertaken by our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors to promote wellbeing across the College. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have planned and co-ordinated events including:

- ◆ Year 7 T-shirt competition to promote the positive qualities of each tutee. Celebration of World Smile Day.
- ◆ Providing support for pupils following their Anti-Bullying Training.
- ◆ Promoting positive actions against bullying through Anti-Bullying Week and assemblies to all year groups.
- ◆ Working with pupils in all year groups to raise almost £2,000 for The Diana Award through our charity fundraising weeks.



The Swanmore House Ex-Strava-ganza

The Swanmore PE department set a Lockdown challenge for all pupils to participate in, should they so wish.

Pupils were asked to participate in a run/cycle/walk challenge. Many signed up for the challenge even though it was not compulsory. We were seeing how much activity we could do collectively, whilst providing a competitive streak between the Houses: Attenborough, Hawking, MacArthur and Whittle.

We used "Strava" to track the activity and encouraged pupils to get out and run, walk or cycle as many times as they could before the end of the February half-term.

Year 11 drama

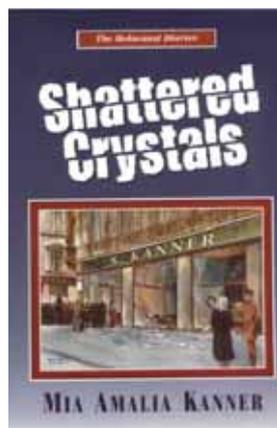
Pupils looked at their work with a slightly different approach whilst learning from home. Using Lego figures, cuddly toys, bits of chalk, lolly sticks, lipsticks and cut out paper people as actors, they recreated significant moments from the play “Blood Brothers” and experimented with different lighting.

Different coloured lighting was created by holding empty Quality Street wrappers in front of the light source and spotlights were created by shining the light through the middle of a Sellotape roll!

Who needs expensive equipment when we have all this to hand? 😊

Changes to online learning

At the beginning of the Spring term, in response to some concerns from staff and parents/carers about “screen time”, as a result of online lessons, we altered the length of each lesson from 60 minutes to 50 minutes.



Left: Memories of the Holocaust. Below: the webinar with Eve.

This allowed everyone to have a short break from screens and to get up, make a drink and stretch their limbs. The children on site could be found dancing, singing and enjoying the outdoors during this time too.

Holocaust survivor webcast

On 26 January 2021, pupils were fortunate enough to participate in the live webcast with the Holocaust survivor Eve Kulgar BEM, as part of the National Holocaust Commemorations. This year’s commemorations focussed on “be the light in the darkness”.

Eve Kulgar shared her own message to our pupils – “...be kind to others”. Eve has written a book with her mother, Mia Amalia Kanner, of their experiences during the Holocaust. The book is out of print although an ebook version can be downloaded and read free of charge via <http://www.shatteredcrystals.net/>

Picnic benches

We have been manufacturing picnic benches on site for our pupils to use and have decided to sell some to raise funds for their production.

Revenues generated will be re-invested into making more of these benches for the site.

If you would like more information, please feel free to email us at enquiries@swanmore-sec.hants.sch.uk

Age Concern

Help at hand

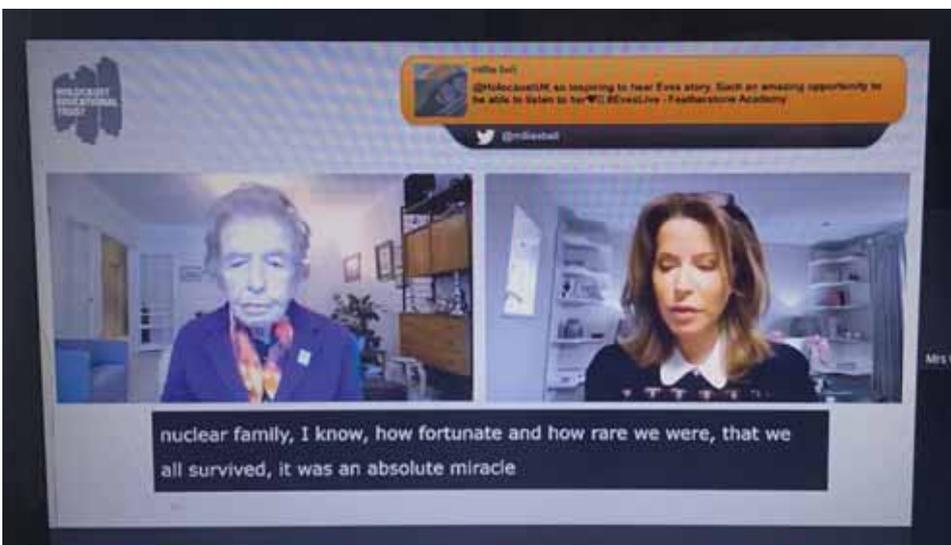
Lorna Neill is the local volunteer for Age Concern Hampshire. Her role is to help people – and their family, friends and carers – find the information and support they need to stay living safely and independently.

- ◆ Find – Provide information on a range of topics, such as finding help to manage around the home, social activities locally or what government help is available.
- ◆ Help – When appropriate, Lorna can provide a bit of tailored support to help you connect to the service you need, such as making a phone call, finding transport or filling in a form, such as Attendance Allowance or Blue Badge.
- ◆ Connect – Lorna can put you in touch with the right help, such as charities and local support groups, at the right time.

You can contact Lorna, on 07790845944 or enquiries@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

Keeping everyone informed

There have been many newcomers to the village over the past year so, as village clubs and societies return to normal as we progress through the “roadmap” and end lockdown, don’t forget to send details of your plans and activities to *The Swanmore Link* so that the whole community knows about your group and how to contact you.
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Community art project

Celebrating our village heroes

The Village Heroes community art project has been established to celebrate our local heroes in Swanmore, and surrounding areas, throughout this pandemic. The project matches local artists (amateur, professional and aspiring artists of all ages) to create a portrait of a village hero.

Since February, artists across our community have produced more than 20 fabulous portraits of local postal staff, neighbours, shop assistants and more. These are just some of the people our community wishes to thank for their help and support since the pandemic began.

If you wish to get involved, it is not too late as the project will continue until May.

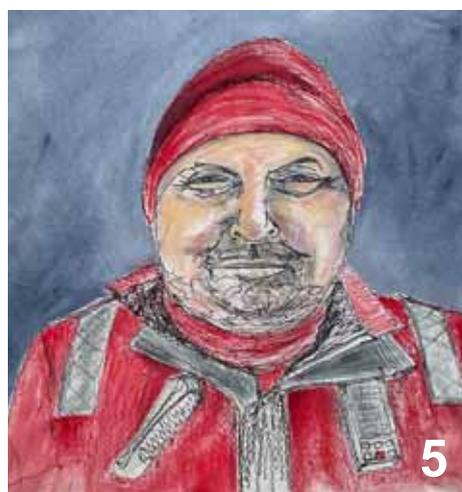
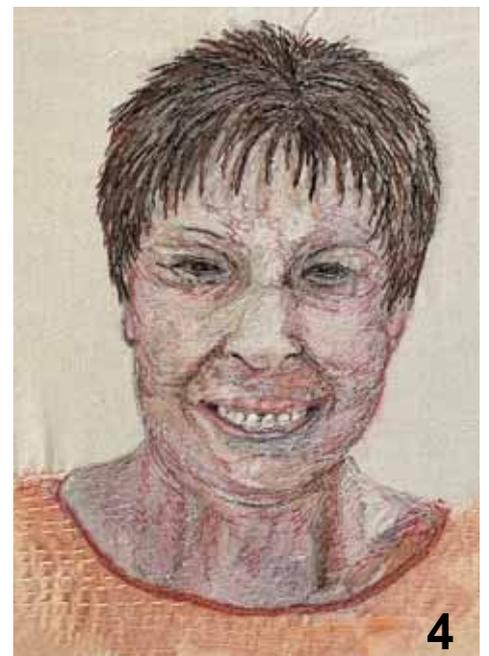
If you want to create a portrait of someone as part of this project, you can sign up at the Village Heroes Facebook page or email alison.g.potter@gmail.com for more information.

If you want to nominate your village hero for a portrait, sign up to the Village Heroes Facebook page and post a message.

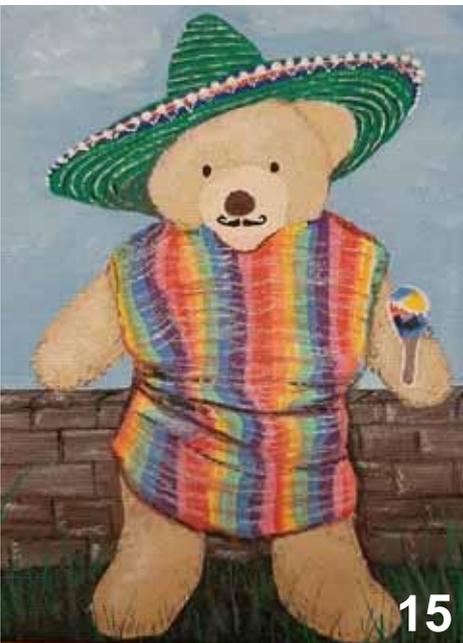
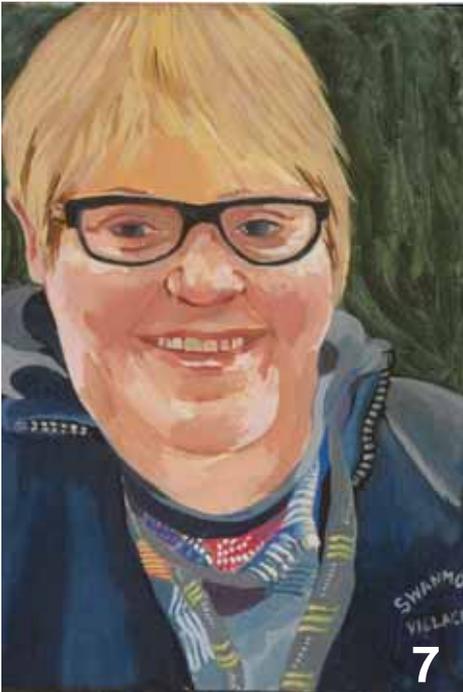
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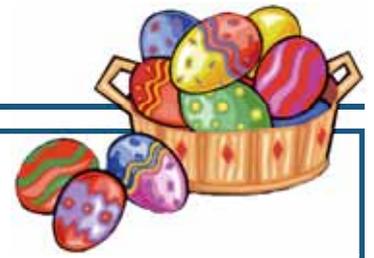
Village heroes

1. Claire Towns by "YJS"
2. Dot Holubinka by Julia Wright
3. Jayne the postie by Don Richards
4. Lesley Preedy by Sheila Barrow
5. CSO Gary McCulloch by Sheila Barrow
6. Jo Fox by Sarah Wright
7. Jackie from the shop by Sue Hallaway
8. Gayle Norris by Layla Oates
9. Emma Palk by Caroline Keay
10. Lucy Cornford by Georgina Lowbridge
11. Pete Hurley by Amanda Troughton
12. Jon Woodman by Lesley Preedy
13. John Paterson by Alison Potter
14. Sally Beazley by Betty Thompson
15. Bear MacBearface by Mandy Mowbray



More "heroes" will be included in the June/July issue of *The Swanmore Link*.





Kids' corner

Easter Fun

Sarah Chase has some ideas to keep you busy during the holidays.

You can have fun with an egg hunt if your parents will hide plenty of small chocolate eggs in the garden or around the house – but don't do this if you have a dog as chocolate can make them very sick.

Personalise your egg

1. Choose pale coloured eggs and using part of a wax candle mark the egg with your initials.
2. Put the skins of two or three large onions in a saucepan with enough water to eventually cover your egg. Boil the skins for a few minutes and then ask a parent to cook your egg in the same water.
3. Where you have marked your egg with wax will remain the colour of the egg, but the onion skins will have dyed the rest of the shell a deeper brown.

Hold a jarping contest

On Easter Sunday the World Jarping Competition is usually held in Peterlee in County Durham – although not this year due to covid.

To play you need an egg which has been boiled hard for at least 10 minutes. Players hold their eggs firmly in their hands with the pointed end upwards.

Then, in turns, one player holds their egg firm while the second brings the pointed end of theirs down on the other in a movement known as a "dunsh"; swap places and the game continues until one egg cracks.

Traditionally the winner would take the cracked egg as a prize and in playground contests whoever ended up with the most eggs would be declared champion.

Quiz time

1. Easter Sunday is preceded by a 40 day period known as what?
2. All over the world, Easter Sunday is always celebrated in April. True or false?
3. The Thursday immediately before Easter Sunday is known as "Maundy Thursday" True or false?
4. What is the name of the 2011 animated film all about a young rabbit who does not want to become the Easter Bunny?
5. What type of hat is traditionally made and decorated at Easter for a special parade?
6. What type of cake-style bun do people eat at Easter?
7. True or False: Easter Island is a real place.
8. What is the name of the traditional Easter cake that is decorated with 12 marzipan balls?

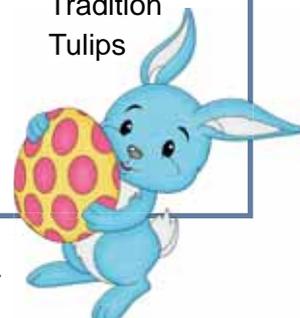


Answers at the bottom of the page

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Can you find all these words associated with Easter in the wordsearch grid above?

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| Bonnet | Dye | Grass | Sunday |
| Bunny | Easter | Happy | Tradition |
| Chicks | Egg Hunt | Hares | Tulips |
| Chocolate | Eggs | Lamb | |
| Daffodil | Family | Lily | |
| Decorate | Festival | Parade | |





Annual review

A very different year

As our financial year closes, it gives us a chance to look back at what we have achieved and look ahead to our priorities for the upcoming year.

We can't let a review of the year go by without mentioning the covid-19 pandemic and the challenges it has thrown at the village.

While the Parish Council continues to co-ordinate the help of volunteers to support those shielding and isolating, it is very clear to us that the village has pulled together, with neighbours supporting neighbours, and residents willing to go out of their way to help each other.

Our CSO, Gary, has also been on hand throughout all lockdowns helping, guiding and at times arguing to keep the village safe, and we thank him for his dedication to the village.

New staff members

We recruited two new permanent members of staff. Carol McFarland as our Responsible Financial Officer and Kate Chesters as our Deputy Executive Officer. Starting a new job in a pandemic comes with its own challenges, both Carol and Kate have risen to those challenges and with the support of Executive Officer, Tracey,

we have managed to achieve several projects in the last year, including:

- ◆ Additional equipment installed in the Toddler Play Area in Broad Lane Recreation Ground.
- ◆ Re-surfacing of Footpath 6, which runs up past Swanmore Pre-School.
- ◆ Widening the entrance to the Village Hall car park and informal crossing points installed outside of the College, with the support of Hampshire County Council.
- ◆ Resurfacing of the Footpath from Medicott Way to the Lakes.
- ◆ Gravel Hill, Mislingford Road and Swanmore Road had stretches of pavements sided-out; where the overgrown verges get scraped back to allow the full width of the footpath to be used.
- ◆ A village-wide effort to cut overhanging hedges back from footpaths, for which the Parish Council are very grateful.
- ◆ A new location on Forest Road is up and running for a speed limit reminder device, and a new smiley face speed indicator device is being purchased. This will give the village three devices rotating monthly. This is one of the most comprehensive speed limit reminder programmes in the area. We are also buying speed reminder stickers for wheelie bins.



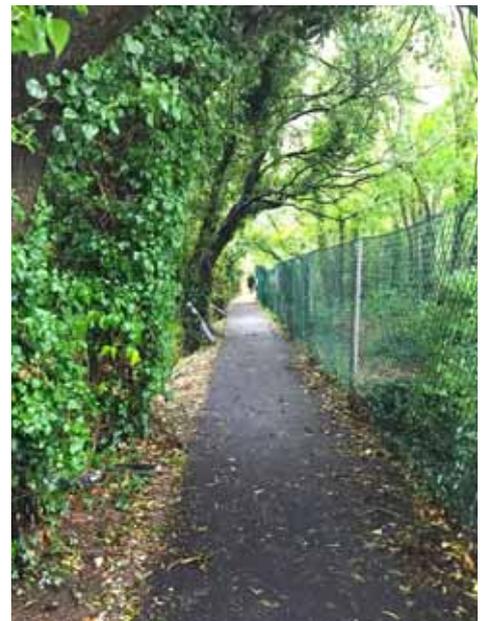
Siding out pavements – before and after.

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The resurfaced footpath by Swanmore Pre-school.

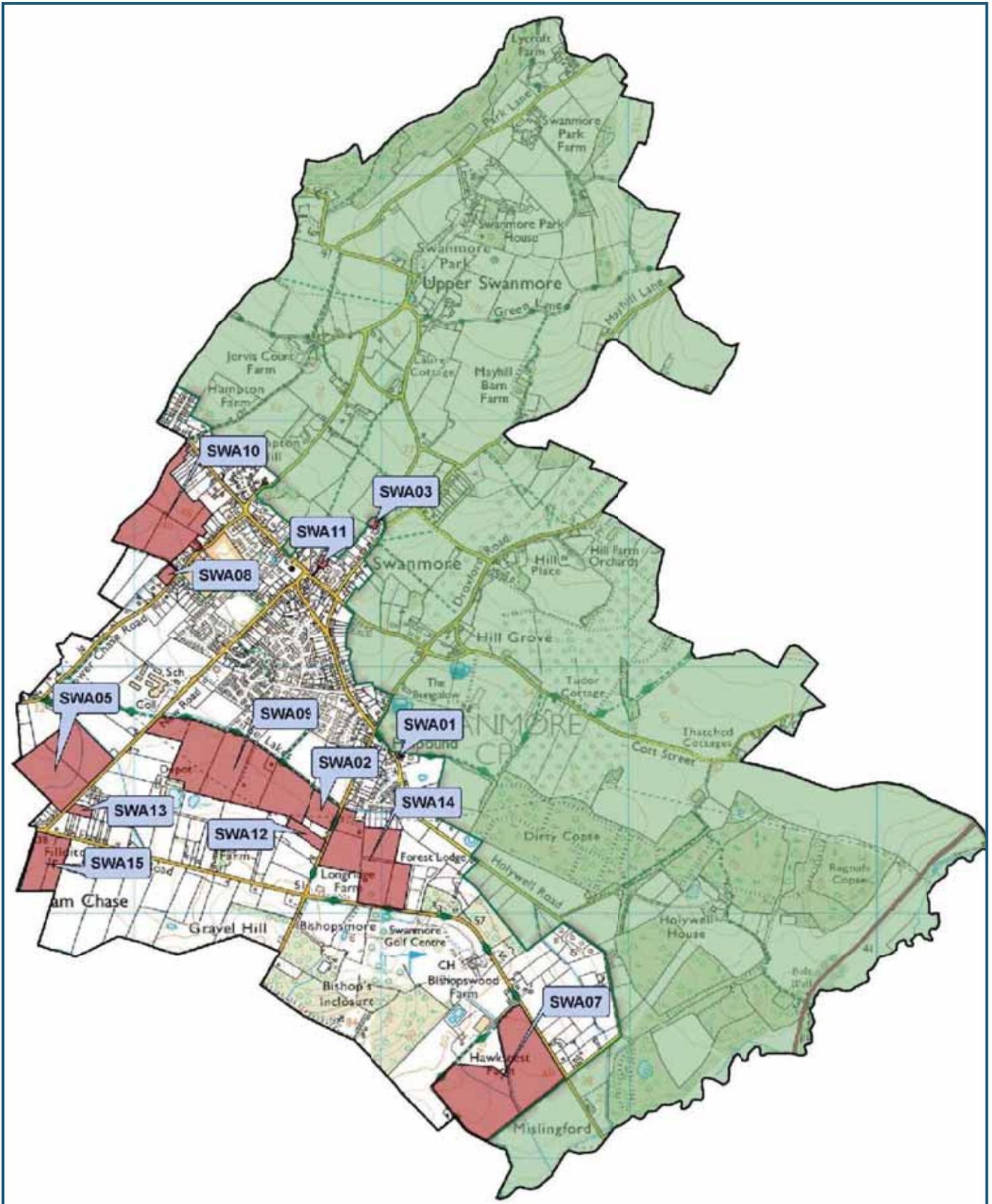
Allotment delays

Looking ahead we have a significant agenda for the year. A huge amount of Parish Council time has been put into getting allotments built on Lower Chase Road. Unfortunately, there have been delays in getting the land transferred to the Parish Council. We are continuing to work with the landowner, developer and Winchester City Council to get the open space transferred and have the allotments up and running by the autumn.

We have allocated budget to upgrade the play equipment and making improvements to New Road Playing Field. There will be consultation with the village shortly. Please do take time to fill in the survey when it comes out, we will be directed by the village's feedback.

Swanmore SHELAA site map

The green areas indicates the South Downs National Park which not included in Winchester's Local Plan.



We have identified two areas to install new streetlights. Consultation with residents local to the identified areas will begin soon.

Preparing for the Local Plan

And finally, one of the biggest challenges for the Parish Council and the village will be working with Winchester City Council on the development areas for Swanmore as part of the Local Plan.

You will see in the following item how we are starting off and we will keep the village updated as we go. It's not an easy task, but we will continue to keep asking questions and challenging decisions.

Jon Woodman, Chairman

Swanmore scarecrows

You still have time to create a scarecrow to help us celebrate our key workers! From Easter

Sunday 4th April to Sunday 11th April please display your scarecrows with pride.

A very generous resident has offered cash prizes for the top three scarecrows.

More details are available on our Facebook page.



The Local Plan consultation

Winchester City Council is currently consulting on the Strategic Issues and Priorities for the new Local Plan. The Local Plan is a document produced by Winchester City Council (WCC) in its role as the local planning authority to set out what development may be allowed up to 2038. The Plan does not include areas within the South Downs National Park.

The first stage of the process is an online public consultation. This started on 15th February and ends on 12th April. We would encourage everyone in Swanmore to take part in this, all the details can be found here: [https://](https://www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk/have-your-say/)

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Please contact the Parish Council office if you would prefer to complete a paper version of the consultation.

Housing development sites feedback

Alongside the Local Plan consultation, WCC has asked parish councils to give feedback on their Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) document.

This document lists sites that have been put forward by landowners and site promoters for possible new housing developments.

These sites will allow WCC to identify land that will help deliver a variety of accommodation and community needs across the district.

It is really important to emphasise that the SHELAA document identifies sites which have been submitted to WCC, it does NOT allocate sites. The inclusion of a site in the SHELAA does not imply that WCC would necessarily grant planning permission.

So far 13 sites have been identified in Swanmore. These proposed sites have not yet been assessed by WCC and we also don't know yet what the village's housing allocation under the new Local Plan will be. However, we would like to hear your feedback on these sites.

Ahead of a meeting with WCC in the summer, the Parish Council want to gather feedback and local knowledge from residents. For example, if there are sites that you feel would not be appropriate for development, please could you let us know why: thinking about issues such as existing infrastructure, access, road safety, possible drainage issues, impact on biodiversity. We can then begin to compile this information.

Equally if you think there is a particular site which would be best suited to development please let us know this too.

There will be further opportunities

to have your say on these sites. But for now, we are fact finding to help inform our discussion with WCC. We will be happy to share the findings and will keep the village updated as we progress.

The map opposite sets out the proposed sites. The full SHELAA listings for Swanmore can be found on the Parish Council website, including site plans and descriptions: <https://www.swanmorepc.org.uk/winchester-city-council-local-plan>.

Please contact the Parish Council office if you would like to be sent a copy of this document. Please send your feedback by Friday 7th May to deo@swanmorepc.org.uk

Wheelie bin stickers

There is still time to order stickers for your bins. Please contact Kate Chesters (deo@swanmorepc.org.uk) or leave a message on the office telephone if you would like some stickers, letting us know if "30mph" is suitable for your location.

If 30mph is not relevant for outside your house but you would like an alternative "Slow down" sticker, please contact Kate. If there is enough interest, we can order some.

Upcoming meetings

Our Parish Council meetings are currently being held on Microsoft Teams and members of the public are welcome to attend. The meeting links can be found on the Agenda posted on our website and Facebook page.

You can download the Teams app free of charge (<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>) or use the online version.

- ◆ 30th March: Full Council
- ◆ 13th April : Planning & Highways
- ◆ 20th April: Open Spaces and Amenities
- ◆ 27th: Finance
- ◆ 11th May: Full Council
- ◆ 18th May: Planning & Highways
- ◆ 25th May: Open Spaces and Amenities

The village's primary school started life as a traditional "dame school" headed by a Miss Wilsden, while the building we know today dates from the 1860s. The village's archivist, Crawford Wright, reviews those early days and the school's noted headmaster – Charles Martin.

When teaching was a family business

In 1833, when Swanmore's first village school was built in the corner of the churchyard close to where the village war memorial now stands, education was considered the responsibility of the church. Children needed to be literate so that they could read the Bible – the path to morality and godliness. There was also a wider need for young people to be educated to meet the increasing national demands of the industrial revolution and advances in agriculture and commerce, although in those days Swanmore was largely a rural community with few opportunities for school-leavers to move into industry or trade.

In the early years of the school it was also used for Sunday evening services as building St Barnabas' church did not start until 1845. There was a succession of teachers of questionable ability and later the school became Swanmore National School and therefore eligible for a government grant.

As the population of Swanmore grew from 1,199 in 1801 to 2,325 by 1871 the number of children requiring education increased, as did the

*School staff in 1908.
Standing: Madge Martin, Emily Martin, and Ernest Targett.
Seated: Charles Martin, Ethel Ayling, Edith White and Ada Dawson..*
From "Swanmore in Pictures 1870-1970 Revisited" by Keith Harrington and Gloria Atkinson-Carter.



recognition that if a child was to progress it needed an education. A new village school, opened in 1864, had one large classroom, an infants' room and an integral head teacher's house. The house was later demolished, but the original school building is still in use today. The funds came from the local community, government grants and the National Society, the total cost being £1,118. Although a church school, the vicar did not send his children there.

The Martins arrive

In 1876 the school board appointed Charles Martin as head teacher. He

was 23 and lived in the school house with his wife Emily as his assistant. They came at a time when the school had been through a period of instability. Their salary was £65 per annum plus an element of government grant. Charles and Emily Martin would eventually have five children at the school and several of their daughters would later assist with teaching; one, Madge, was an assistant infant teacher until 1940.

During Mr Martin's time the school was inspected and the government grant depended on the standards reached and pupil attendance. The school concentrated on the "three Rs"



Swanmore Church of England School Class 2 in 1908. Their popular teacher, Ernest Targett, then aged about 22 (standing on the extreme right) also played the church organ and was a scout leader in Swanmore. He was killed on the 29th September 1917 at Ypres while a serving as a corporal with the 15th battalion Hampshire regiment. Jack Hoare (quoted opposite) is sixth from the left in the middle row. In the 1960s he helped form the "Old Swanmarians" and was a regular contributor to the parish magazine.

– reading, writing and arithmetic. Pupils normally left school at age 10 although some stayed on longer. Boys usually went into agriculture or local brick trades, whilst girls went into service at one of the large houses.

Water for the school was drawn from the school well which was some 87 feet deep and cost under £40 to dig, provide brick work and winding gear. The hole in the ground toilets left much to be desired by modern standards.

Jack Hoare, an ex-pupil of Mr Martin later recalled: *“The infants’ school admitted me at the age of three, to be with my sister. Mrs Martin was Headmistress and under her daughter Madge I read how ‘Ted ran to the well’ and ‘How the fly settled on granny’s nose’. In time I moved to the big school under Mr Charles Martin, who strode with a stately up-and-down motion and addressed me as ‘Jackie’ out of school. Mr Martin taught me my first poem – ‘I wandered lonely as a cloud’ – leaning over a baize table cloth and teaching us line by line. He had large fancy waistcoats, big expanses of red, black and green. Thinking seriously of the influence of the school, I know that with its Christian bias, it taught me to value the things that matter.”*

Expanding numbers

The school accounts for the 31st of March 1880 show that the total annual expenditure, including salaries, materials and maintenance was £241 7s 10d. By 1884 school numbers had increased and a separate infants’ building was built opposite the main school at a cost of £423, funding again coming from local people. The architect was John Colson who had designed the original school. It was heated by a Tortoise stove and a number of people in the village can still remember being taught in the building. Today it is part of the Paterson Centre and used as Barnaby’s coffee shop.

By 1891 schooling became compulsory. Prior to this people paid to send their children to school, the amount depending on their income

and the number of children.

In the 1890s the introduction of evening classes was organised by the County Council. This was a practical attempt to remedy deficiencies in earlier education. Charles Martin offered reading, writing and arithmetic whilst Emily taught domestic economics and needle work.

The Balfour Education Act of 1902 abolished school boards and transferred responsibility to the local authority – Hampshire County Council in Swanmore’s case. This brought financial stability since the County had to pay the teachers’ salaries and

Headmaster Charles Martin with his wife Emily head of the infants’ school.



Slow but sure

The Tortoise stove was created in 1830 by Charles Portway to heat his ironmongery store in Halstead, Essex. The stove proved popular with his neighbours that Mr Portway so set up a small foundry and over the following 50 years around 17,000 of them were sold. They burned solid fuel very, very slowly – hence the name – and each carried the motto “Slow but sure” displayed with the trademark. Their slowness made them very economical as they extracted the maximum heat from the fuel and they proved popular in churches, halls, schools and, of course, domestic homes.



The price of education

Known as “school pence” all children had to pay to attend. On 1 July 1881 fees were fixed at:

- ◆ Class I – Children of labourers: 3d per week
- ◆ Class II – Children of artisans, pensioners, servants, market gardeners etc: 4d per week
- ◆ Class III – Children of farmers, shopkeepers, publicans etc: 6d per week

To encourage regular attendance 1d per week was returned to those attaining average absence of not more than once per week. A reduction of 1d per week was also given for third and fourth siblings

attending the school.

So a farmer with four children would pay two shillings a week or 1/8 if they all attended every day, while a labourer with four children would pay 10d per week, but only 6d if they all had a good attendance record.

Farm labourers in the 1880s typically earned 15 shillings a week, but work was seasonal and sometimes they may have earned nothing at all.

- ◆ For those who cannot remember pre-decimal coinage there were 12d to one shilling.

From: Swanmore Church of England School, Centenary Service booklet, 1964

Right: Class one in the 1900s.

school running costs. The school was renamed Swanmore Church of England School. The headmaster would call the register in the big school room. Daily scripture lessons took place in the classroom. Methodists and other denominations were allowed to withdraw their children to the St John's Ambulance building next door.

At this time slates were used with the screech of slate pencils. Most children went to the village school apart from a few who were taught at home or went to boarding school.

The school was full with 144 pupils in the mixed school and 50 in the infants. Additional buildings were added in 1913 at a cost of £350, allowing an increase to 176.

Children started school at the age of three but began Standard 1 at the age of five and progressed to Standard seven at the age of 12 – but the employment options were much the same as in the 1890s: agriculture or brick-making for the boys and domestic service for the girls.

Charles Martin was elected to the Parish Council in March 1907, receiving 79 votes, more than any other candidate. In 1890 the Martins bought their own house locally. He was now a rather bulky figure and well known for his coloured waistcoats. He continued as headmaster and his wife Emily as head of the infants at a joint



Maintaining regular attendance was a high priority. This is Edward Pink's attendance certificate from 1907 signed by Charles Martin and the Swanmore vicar – Walter Medlicott. Edward died on the Western Front aged 22 on the 19th July 1918 and is buried at Crouy-sur-Somme.



salary of £195 per annum.

His long reign as headmaster came to an end in August 1913. He remained a key figure in the

community as church organist, lay reader and vice-chairman of the Parish Council and died in 1925 at the age of 72.

Below: The school and headmaster's house c.1899 designed by John Colson with images of both the surviving school building and the former infants' school which now houses Barnaby's coffee shop



Photograph by Bertie Ferrone

In memoriam

The life of Thelma Vera Weeks

5 July 1934 – 12 March 2020

“All good things come in little packages” Mum would always tell us as children. That’s probably because she was only 4ft 10½” ...and don’t ever forget that ½”!

Thelma was born to Hilda May and Elijah Wilfred Coote in Plymouth in July 1934. Her sister Gwenda arrived three years later. Thelma would often reminisce about her childhood days especially about her memories of the war – sleeping in the air raid shelter, her mum checking that it was safe to go back to the house, and the Messerschmitt as they whined overhead. This is probably when her love of the Spitfire started, and also her dream of flying a plane.

Thelma was very independent, and always knew her own mind. She learnt to drive as soon as she was able and was very proud of that fact. She would often tell tales of the adventures she had, filling the car up with all of her Young Conservative friends because she was the only one who drove.

She wanted to be a nurse; but her parents wouldn’t let her. Her interest in how things worked, however, was always there. I remember when I was a child I helped her cook a roast chicken, she took the giblets out and showed me what everything was and how the heart worked.

Thelma and Brian lived near each other as children and the families went to the same church, St Bartholomew’s in Milehouse, Plymouth. Brian became a choir boy and cub leader. Thelma was a guider and this is how they met. When Thelma left school, she went to work for Wolferstans Solicitors as a cashier clerk where she stayed until she married Brian on Battle of Britain day, 15 September 1962 in Plymouth.

Brian gained an electrical engineering degree in Devonport Dockyard and then joined the Royal Navy in March 1963 as an Instructor Officer. He was drafted to HMS Collingwood in Fareham, so the family moved to Catisfield in Fareham.

Moving to Swanmore

In October 1963 Helen Frances was born and, 18 months later, along came Andrew William. Brian and Thelma wanted Helen and Andrew to have a good education so moved to Swanmore in 1972 because they knew that the secondary school had a good reputation.

Brian continued working for the RN and Thelma continued to use her book-keeping skills. She was also involved in both Swanmore and Shedfield Women’s Institutes, where she became Treasurer, and the Bishop’s Waltham WI Market (later the “Country Market”). She was again involved in the finances, and for the past 30-plus years took the money at the cash desk, and then reconciled the invoices.

In the late 1980s Thelma and Brian moved to Upham. After Brian died in 2006 Thelma stayed in Upham for a few years; but when a property became available in the same street as Helen she jumped at the chance.

Thelma with Helen and Merv heading to Rugby at Twickenham in May 2019.



She was still local enough to enjoy all the groups that she had attended at Upham, and also see the friends she had made both there and at Swanmore.

During her lifetime, Thelma was gifted three trial flights, two of which were from Upham airfield; she adored these flights, especially when she was given control of the aircraft. She travelled with her sister-in-law to Australia, the Norwegian Fjords, Great Wall of China, Macha Picchu, a journey from Venice on the Orient Express, and frequent visits to Twickenham to watch Rugby – any match would do, but especially the Army v Navy ones.

Changing plans

Thelma passed away peacefully at home, with her family around her following a very short battle with cancer. A simple cremation was held but because of these strange times her life has not yet been celebrated.

The original plan was to hold a service on the first anniversary of her passing, but this was not possible, so instead, I have written this eulogy for the parish magazine. Her ashes were interred with Brian’s at Upham Church on the anniversary.

Thelma has left a huge hole in the hearts of all her family. She was known and loved by so many that her passing needs some kind of recognition. Thank you to everyone who has helped the family deal with losing Thelma, the family matriarch, during these very strange times.

Donation in Thelma’s memory can be made to Cancer Research UK. Details can be found at <https://thelmaveraweeks.muchloved.com/>

Helen Field



Seen & heard

New residents

Back in the twentieth century if we saw raptors over Swanmore they were usually buzzards or hovering kestrels, maybe a sparrowhawk or rarely a merlin.

Today we're far more likely to see a red kite (*Milvus milvus*) circling above – or sometimes its black cousin (*Milvus migrans*) – both with a distinctive forked tail.

While kites remained familiar in Wales and Scotland, their arrival over English skies is the result of a highly successful re-introduction programme that started in July 1990 when 13 young red kites were brought from Spain and released in the Chilterns.

There are now estimated to be around 2,000 breeding pairs resident in the UK and Swanmore's visitors may well be a pair that regularly nest at Preshaw. Resident populations tend to be monogamous with the pair returning to the same nesting site each season; migratory birds tend to be less permanently hitched. Kites can also be long-lived with ringed birds recorded at more than 25 years of age.

Kites are large birds with a wingspan of up to 195cm (more than 6ft). They generally feed on carrion and worms, but are opportunistic and will take small mammals if they have the chance.

The often fly in low circles over Swanmore's fields looking for food with a distinct whistling cry, that is very different from the more familiar buzzards which share their space.

Red kite over Oxford by C J Sharp



Butterflies

A flutter of orange tips

The arrival of spring is affirmed to me when I see, for the first time in the year, a vision of fluttering orange-and-white making a purposeful path across the garden, usually at about midriff or knee height. If I am lucky the vision may be distracted by a source of nectar, or sunny leaf to perch on, and I get a chance to take a closer look at the male orange tip butterfly (*Anthocharis cardamines*).

I have only ever noticed the species during the months of April and May in the Swanmore area but, given the increasingly early spring weather we often experience, late March might result in sightings in the not-too-distant future.

Males are easily spotted, but females are more of a challenge. They are less active and wide-ranging than the males, and easily confused with the closely related "cabbage whites". If one does land it may be possible to cautiously approach and admire the beautifully dappled green and white wunderwings, reminiscent of an aerial map, that are found on both sexes.

I have observed them most years along our local lanes, hedgerows and woodland edges, including skirmishing males defending their sun patches. Their caterpillars feed on brassica plants, but fortunately not the kinds that gardeners grow (such as



cabbages). Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) and lady's smock (or cuckoo flower – *Cardamine pratensis*) plants are preferred instead, the former very common in slightly shady areas by hedges and woodland all around Swanmore, the latter in damp meadows or ditches on the village periphery.

Protecting these plants, and maybe even encouraging them in our gardens, will allow the vision of orange-and-white to continue spring-time affirmation in the years to come.

Marcus Charig

Above: The male orange tip. Below: The female. Bottom: Female's underwing. Bottom left: Male – showing underwing – feeding on cuckoo flower.



In the hedgerows

Spring's gourmet delight

While the leaves first began to appear in March, April will see Swanmore's hedgerows thick with the aromatic flowers of wild garlic (*Allium ursinum*) – also known as ramsoms or bear's garlic. The broad leaves give a subtle garlicky flavour to salads, soups or sauces while the flowers and later seed pods – which can be pickled – are also edible.

Traditionally wild garlic was used as a blood purifier and spring tonic – typically made into a seasonal soup with nettle shoots to combat the nutritional deficiencies of a mediaeval winter. Just like garlic and other members of the onion family the plant contains a cocktail of potent chemicals which explain its numerous medicinal uses: as an anti-microbial for coughs and colds or to help reduce both cholesterol levels and blood pressure as well as normalise gut flora.

So much growing in our hedgerows will no doubt tempt foragers, but do remember the basic rules of wild harvesting: never take more than you are going to use, don't dig up plants, just break off the leaves or flowers you need, and – if growing on private land – then ask the landowners permission first.

Most importantly, make sure that you are gathering the right plant.

Young wild garlic leaves look very similar to those of lily of the valley

and *Arum* spp.(cuckoo pint) – both of which are toxic. So crush a leaf in your fingers to release the garlicky smell to be sure you are collecting the correct plant.

You also don't need to collect many leaves to perk up your culinary choices. To make wild garlic pesto you just need 10 leaves – as well as 200g of chopped nuts of your choice. Pine kernels are traditionally used but hazel nuts, walnuts and almonds all work well and the nuts can also be toasted if you prefer. You also need 200g of a grated hard cheese (traditionally Parmesan but Old Winchester works just as well) and about 50ml of olive or rapeseed oil.

Blend the solid ingredients together in a food processor and add the oil gradually to make a soft, slightly runny mix. The pesto will keep for up to five to seven days in a refrigerator or you can freeze it in an ice cube tray to give easily usable portions.

For wild garlic soup you'll need a couple of handful of leaves. Sweat a chopped onion and crushed clove of garlic in butter, add a peeled and diced potato and 500ml of stock, and cook until the potato is tender. Add the wild garlic, blend until smooth and reheat before serving.

Wild garlic growing in woodland at Combe Dingle, Bristol.



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Looking after our wetlands

“Wetland” can be a confusing term because the habitats it describes are so varied. A pond in your garden is a wetland, albeit a small one, but so is the vast floodplain of the Pantanal in South America for example.

Wetland is a general term for any area that is at least partially submerged or flooded with water, either permanently or seasonally (which can feel like everywhere after we have had a lot of rain!). Ponds, lakes, marshes, mangroves and estuaries are all wetlands.

Wetland habitats are important in a number of ways. They provide a home for a huge range of wildlife including many threatened species, with an estimated 40% of the world's wildlife living and breeding in wetlands.

Locally, this could be water voles, kingfishers and otters, all making a comeback as we restore their wetland homes. These habitats also reduce flood risk and control other effects relating to climate change.

Some wetlands – mud flats and peat bogs especially – are great at capturing carbon from the atmosphere. And if that wasn't enough, they also help purify water by filtering out pollutants.

Despite all the many benefits they provide, wetland habitats are disappearing. Not only are they being drained and destroyed to make way for development, but humans are also using more freshwater than ever before. We use (and waste) far more than the planet can replenish, putting pressure on wetlands.

Luckily, the tide is starting to turn, with some of the biggest wetlands in Europe now being managed for conservation and wildlife. There is still a lot of work to be done, especially stopping the pollution of rivers and streams and stopping the colossal waste from leaky pipes and loos.

Claire Thorpe

From our district councillors

Fighting fly tipping and preparing for elections

When you read this article, we will technically be in spring (after the Spring Equinox). Having said that, the signs have been around us for several weeks now. Spring flowers in the verges, bulbs coming to bloom, and the birds have clearly something else on their minds other than food!

Late winter brought with it the introduction of the brown waste bins for green garden waste. You must be aware that the green bags are no longer being collected.

Unfortunately, the bins' introduction comes with a licence fee of £39 p.a. for the smaller size, and £59 p.a. for the larger one. We are advised that those in blocks of flats, or terraced housing may obtain a brown bag. As the uptake has reached 12,000 plus, we are advised that it might be possible that a discount price may be available for those on low incomes but, as yet we do not have any details.

Put it in the right bin!

We are told that as people are still putting the wrong items into the green bins that are only for "dry recyclables" the recycling figures are slow to increase. The wrong material (contamination) in the refuse vehicle means that the whole load goes to incineration. Please note that only dry paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, empty toothpaste tubes and metal cans can go in the green bin. Garden waste (brown bin), and glass bottles (plastic crate) should not be placed in the green bins.

Litter and fly tipping continue to be a major problem. Indeed, the amount being fly tipped continues to rise and is expensive to remove. The City Council is not permitted to move fly tipped material from private land. We regret to say that the landowner, or tenant must finance its removal.

Frank introduced the "zero tolerance" policy to the City Council several years ago, and this policy still applies. Both WCC and Hampshire

County Council will prosecute offenders – the "tipper" and the "source". Please do not move the rubbish yourself because that may contaminate the evidence needed for a successful prosecution. Instead report it, via the City Council app, or via your District Councillors.

Litter is also a nuisance, harmful to birds and animals (domestic and farm). There has been a recent increase in litter on roadsides, and on some of the footpaths. Our litter picking will not be operating again until at least August/September so please...!

Time to finish hedge cutting

Spring also brings a reminder that hedges should be trimmed before the bird nesting season. Similarly, drainage ditches and swales should be cleaned out (landowners' responsibility) so that the sudden heavy showers drain away rather than ponding on roads

We now know that elections will take place on 6th May. These are at Parish (some), District and at County level. It is also the election for a new Police and Crime Commissioner. We do not yet know who the prospective candidates are. As covid-19 is still an issue, postal voting is being encouraged.

Application forms may be obtained online from 01962 848125. or ereg@winchester.gov.uk.

Local plan consultation

Your opportunity to be involved in the Winchester Local Plan Consultation ceases on 12th April. Nonetheless if you miss the date and have a burning issue about anything in the document please send in your comments to

afox@winchester.gov.uk.

I am sure that all comments will be noted by the strategic planning team..

Unfortunately, we do not know which of the sites around the villages that landowners have put forward, will be selected by the strategic planners. Inevitably the choice will be controversial and there will be further consultation about them. None of this applies to the South Downs National Park. That area has its own local plan debate.

Meanwhile, take care and stay safe. While the covid infection numbers have fallen thanks to the vaccination regime there is still a risk. May we give our deep-felt thanks to all the NHS staff and carers who have looked after us so well.

Our district councillors:

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- ◆ Frank Pearson 01489 892822 – fpearson@winchester.gov.uk;
- ◆ Vicki Weston 01329 835161 – vweston@winchester.gov.uk

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THE NEW LOCAL PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT (OUTSIDE THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK) WILL HELP SHAPE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Consultation open 15 February to 12 April 2021

To find out more and respond to the consultation visit:
www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk

You can also register to attend a virtual information event on
Thursday 4 March 2pm
Friday 12 March 10am

Tuesday 9 March 7pm
Saturday 20 March 10.30am

If you are not able to access the internet, please call 01962 848 508 and we will send you copies of the proposals and a feedback form to post back.

Winchester Council

Meon Valley Bowling Club

Getting ready to roll

Whilst the covid-19 pandemic restrictions prevented us enjoying indoor bowls, within our own purpose built Pavilion, our dedicated green maintenance staff, under the watchful eye of Green Manager Peter Fry, have been busy preparing our superb bowling green for the new outdoor season.

Based at Priory Park in Bishop's Waltham (SO32 1SQ) we provide excellent facilities to enjoy both indoor and outdoor bowls. New members at all levels of ability and ages are always welcome, including beginners to the sport.

Following the current government guidelines and guidance from Bowls England all should be in place for our proposed Green Opening Day on Saturday 17th April 2021. Whilst it is likely that the rule of six will apply to this event, it is hoped that throughout the day all those members eager to get back to bowling will have an opportunity to test not only the green, but also their bowling skills which might need refreshing following the long layoff. No doubt there will be a few aches and pains from under used muscles the next day!!

Although the Green Open Day is a members-only event preparations for our annual Public Open Day are at the planning stage and (again subject to government and Bowls England

guidelines) we are looking forward to welcoming everyone of all ages on Saturday 29th May 2021 to come and have a go at lawn bowls. We anticipate that it will be necessary to use a booking system with time slots for members of the public and this will be on a first come first served basis. We will publish full details of this booking system at the end of April on our website <https://meonvalleybowlingclub.btck.co.uk/>. Alternatively telephone 01489 896194 from 1st May 2021.

Our Public Open Day is an opportunity to meet club members and explore the facilities our friendly club offers. Our qualified coaching team will be on hand to help newcomers to our sport and encourage enrolment for our Beginners Course.

Affiliated to Bowls England, Bowls Hampshire, Southampton and District Men's and Women's Bowling Associations, we enjoy competitive league and friendly bowling against local clubs and have an entertaining programme of events throughout the year where members can meet socially, make new friends and enjoy all that our bar and catering facilities can offer.

John Gray

Publicity Correspondent.

Below: Open day bowls at Priory Park



Helpers needed

The local Home-Start group is looking for new volunteers to help with its work in offering regular support and practical help to families under stress and give their children the best possible start in life.

"We need volunteers who would enjoy networking and participating in promotion opportunities, fundraising events, meeting new people and spreading the word about the valuable work that we do!" it says. "Any time you can spare no matter how small is valuable, so please don't hesitate to get in touch!"

If you have spare time and "like the idea of giving something back to your local community" then please contact them at info@hshants.org.uk or tel: 0330 124095.

www.home-starhampshire.org.uk

Lions do the cooking

Two families using the local food bank contacted Meon Valley Lions Club as neither had a functioning cooker to prepare basic family meals.

This is obviously far from ideal at any time of the year but in the winter was an even bigger problem.

A call to local electrical supplier, Ron Upfield in Bishop's Waltham and two new electric cookers were

purchased and installed – so no excuse now, home cooking is back on track.

Look out Masterchef.



Bishop's Waltham Photographic Society

Facing up to the challenge

The Society continues to thrive – welcoming two new members this past month. Although we are not meeting face-to-face, members have a jolly good catch-up and chat about photography via the Zoom platform. We have introduced extra meetings and, utilising the break-out room facility in Zoom, members can discuss ideas and topics in greater detail. One request was to have more image critique evenings which we have now started. We have also introduced a monthly “challenge” subject to encourage participation and to “dust” the camera off.

Recent events included a fascinating presentation by one of our members, Mike Taylor, talking about *“Our life in Ndola and the animals of Zambia”*. Members really appreciated how Mike relayed the detail of everyday life whilst he and his wife helped the schools in the area.

The month’s “challenge” was “Rock, Paper, Scissors”. Eighteen images were shown – all completely different! Some were more elaborate than others and a slideshow of the images will be posted on our website.

The critique sessions are a helpful way of getting feedback on our images especially from fellow members – it’s (sometimes) a little less direct than

comments mentioned by a visiting judge in competition rounds!

2021 Competitions start

Our judge for the first competition round in 2021 was Caroline Preece LRPS on her first visit to the Society (albeit virtual). Caroline comes from Sussex is a street photographer and lover of minimalist landscapes. Competition Secretary Garbor Kovacs joined by Chairman John Coote plus many from the membership praised Caroline’s style of critique as one of the most comprehensive saying “Best judge I have listened to – I learnt so much from her detailed comments”.

Thank you Caroline for such a positive start to our competition year. Congratulations go to two of our Junior members gaining 2nd and 3rd places in the Primary League plus to two new members to the Society who are very pleased with their first foray into club competitions! Also well done to those members who have ‘moved up’ into higher leagues!

- ◆ Primary League
 - ◆ 1st Sue Collingwood with “Souper Food”
 - ◆ 2nd Will C with “The Trickle”
 - ◆ 3rd Katie W with “Twisting Oak”
 - ◆ HC Louise Goslin with “Pretty in Pink”

- ◆ HC Dave Fletcher with “Hartley Maudett”
- ◆ Intermediate League
 - ◆ 1st Louise Millar-Goeritz with “Love is in the Air”
 - ◆ 2nd Dianne Lucas with “Fragile Decay”
 - ◆ 3rd Anne Riches with “Waiting for the Tide”
- ◆ HC Barry West with “Reflections”
- ◆ HC Paul Harknett with “Reflected View”
- ◆ Advanced League
 - ◆ 1st Helen Otton with “The White Stallion”
 - ◆ 2nd Sarah Townley with “Another Rainy Evening In”
 - ◆ 3rd Anita Taylor with “Grazing at the Cliff Edge”
 - ◆ HC Dawn Blight with “Double-Take”
 - ◆ HC Mary Gardiner with “Hibernation”

Coming up

We have more member evenings with set challenges planned as well as a number of guest speakers.

On 1st April, Glyn Paton will give his talk *“From Notting Hill to Nepal”* – a photographic journey covering Europe and South-east Asia, and on 3rd June Marianthi Laines, known for her sea images, will talk about *“The Littoral Landscape.”*

We are still accepting new members – we may not be able to meet face-to face but a warm welcome will await anyone interested in taking pictures, wanting to improve their skills and chat (via Zoom!) with like-minded people.

More information about the Society can be found on our website: www.bishopswalthamphotosociety.co.uk. For anyone with children/grandchildren interested in photography, the Society’s Junior section is also continuing at this time with online meetings and set topics – please contact Peter Mason for more information at: junior@bishopswalthamphotosociety.co.uk

Dawn Blight

Left: Souper Food by Sue Collingwood



Bishop's Waltham Rotary Club

Fundraising while having fun

Although activities have been curtailed in recent months, Rotarians have still managed to enjoy themselves with a Zoom wine tasting evening, which took a lot of organising to comply with the rules, but was great fun and a Zoom chocolate tasting and talk – less work and the chocolates arrived in the post. Several also attended a virtual Burn's Night where they dressed up, kilt and all, stayed at home and supplied their own haggis and whisky!

Several members were also featured in a new book "Lockdown 2020 – A Moment in Time", 20% of the profits from which will be donated to the charities featured. The book was the brainchild of training consultant Martine Bolton and Penny Plimmer, a commercial photographer. It is made up of 67 stories with black and white photographs telling of many local people and organisations, showing how they were affected by the lockdown and how they have helped others. The book is available from japics.co.uk at £30 or from many online booksellers at £35.00.

Baby bank finds a home

The club helped the Meon Valley Baby Bank with funds towards setting up a permanent site in Bishop's Waltham.

This is a church led organisation offering help to all families in our communities who are in need of baby and children's items. Since it opened in November, the Bank has supported 14 families and sent out 17 gift parcels; word is beginning to spread and it is getting busier as time goes on.

The Baby Bank shed is at The Stables (just off Free Street) and is open on the first Thursday of each month between 10am and 11.30am. Details can be found at <https://www.meonvalleybabybank.org/>

Jaipur Limb

The club also made a donation to the Rotary Jaipur Limb Charity to assist with training costs. Rotary Jaipur

Limb's principal activity is to raise funds for limb camps and limb centres in Africa, the Indian sub-continent and other areas of the world in need of help.

Amputees in many countries have severe limitations on what they are able to do and are often condemned to spend their lives begging on the streets. The charity aims to provide prostheses and the rehabilitation of individuals as well as relief for the poor and needy.

Rotary crocuses

The Rotary roundel of purple crocuses, blooming last month at the Hoe Road roundabout, was planted last year to celebrate Africa being declared polio free. The purple crocus is a symbol of the purple dye which is used to mark the little finger of all children given the polio vaccine – known as the "Purple Pinkie".

Since 1985, Rotary's key humanitarian priority has been to rid the world of polio. The campaign launched at a time when there were more than 1,000 cases a day in 125 countries. Today, that number is down by 99.9%. Much of the infrastructure built as a result of Rotary's "End Polio Now" campaign is being used across the world to tackle other diseases including covid-19.

Carnival cancellation

After lengthy discussions the club has made the difficult decision to cancel Bishop's Waltham Rotary Club Carnival this year. Despite the government's "roadmap" indicating that such an event could occur later in the year, there is so much organisation and financial outlay involved that any uncertainty makes cancelling the right decision. News of next year's carnival, which we want to make bigger and better than ever, will be available soon.

Ian Treveil

Below: Former Club President Linda, giving a small child their "Purple Pinkie" after a polio vaccine in India. Bottom: Rotary Crocus Roundel at Hoe Road Roundabout Bishop's Waltham.



Meon Valley Heartstart

Turning a crisis into an opportunity

Little did we know at the start of 2020 what a difference a year would make! Meon Valley Heartstart's training rate of 5,000 people in 2019 plummeted within weeks as covid-19 began to take hold and we entered the first lockdown.

Our hugely popular free face-to-face training in emergency lifesaving skills came to a very sudden halt. All planned training had to be cancelled and all promotional activity to encourage people to attend our public courses was put on hold. As a result, donations, upon which we are wholly reliant, took a massive dive.

We did not rest on our laurels, however. Realising that we were likely to be facing long term restrictions we decided to look at different ways of offering our training so that we can still provide our service. After a bit of trial and error, we are now pleased to officially launch our new training package "Heartstart Online" to individuals and households.

Heartstart Online is a tutor supported training module that covers all the essential areas of emergency lifesaving skills. Individuals or households who register can (if desired), have an initial one-to-one conversation with an online tutor who can explain how the module is structured. They work their way through the course at their own pace and in their own time – always with the knowledge that a tutor is available to provide support, as necessary.

The course materials include presentation slides, videos with practical demonstrations and mini quizzes to confirm knowledge and understanding along the way. At the end of the module a tutor will again be available to answer any outstanding questions and to arrange for follow up activity, if required (for example hands on CPR and defibrillator practice).

"This new offer will be a real asset in

these socially restricted times", says David Williamson, MVHS Scheme Coordinator. "It means there is still a way for people to get access to our training – something we know is very much needed from the genuine calls for help we have received during the pandemic from families who have experienced an emergency and wanted reassurance and training to be better equipped if a similar emergency should happen again."

This course will add an extra boost to what we can offer in more normal times too, for those who find it difficult to get to a face-to-face session at a fixed time, or for those who simply want to refresh their knowledge and skills on a regular basis from the comfort of their own homes.

For more information email info@heartstartmeonvalley.co.uk or call David Williamson on 07730 148920 or register online for the free training package at www.heartstartmeonvalley.co.uk

Wickham History Society More talks planned

The Wickham History Society is continuing to run its monthly meetings via Zoom.

In March Stephen Hoadley gave a fascinating talk on "*RMS Queen Mary: From Launch to Maiden Voyage*". From the mid-1930s to the late-1960s, the Queen Mary was arguably the world's most famous ocean liner, and completed 1,001 transatlantic voyages, from Southampton.

Next up is Janet Few on the 27th April talking about "*Coffers, Clysters, Comfrey and Coifs: the lives of our seventeenth century ancestors*" and on the 25th May the society will be holding its Annual General Meeting followed by "*A History of Birds*" by Simon Wills.

To join the society, or attend any of the talks, contact membership secretary Vanessa Burlingham on 01329 835283. or visit www.wickhamhistory.org.uk

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm via Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Annual membership is £8pp. Visitors are most welcome at £2.50pp per meeting.

U3A

Still Zooming along

Meon Valley U3A is currently holding its twice monthly meetings via Zoom. Members will be sent a link to join the session a few days before, and we look forward to more of you taking part.

- ◆ April 6th: "Fishers of the Deep" with Pam Marsden.
- ◆ April 20th: "Graffiti All Around You" with Tony Kippenberger.
- ◆ May 4th: "South Coast from the Air" with Brian Barrett.

We are hoping to resume our meetings at the Wickham Centre again in September and there may be a summer outing if

circumstances allow.

Enquiries to: Betty Hiscock, Secretary 01489 894807 or 07766522464; email: mvu3asec@yahoo.com

www.u3asites.org.uk/meon-valley

Below: Hull trawler fishing the deep.



All sorts of events

We may all still be in various degrees of lockdown for a few months longer but there are still plenty of online activities from local organisations museums and arts centres to provide interest.

From 12th April Libraries and Community Centres are allowed to re-open, as are outdoor attractions and indoor parent and child groups so there will be many more activities available very soon.

Please send us details of any events you are planning for inclusion in the June/July issue of the magazine by 12th May.

- 1 April BW Photographic Society Zoom meeting *"From Notting Hill to Nepal"* by Glyn Paton.
- 4 Sunday Easter Day services at St Barnabas and Swanmore Methodists Church.
- 6 April 2pm – U3A Zoom meeting *"Fishers of the Deep"* with Pam Marsden.
- 7 April at 7.15pm The Spring's Online Film Club: Online film review *"A Matter of Life and Death"* led by Prof. Sue Harper. Details from <http://thespring.co.uk/whats-on/>
- 17 April 9.30am to 12noon – Plant sale in aid of Spanish Rescue Dogs at 4 Moorlands Road, Swanmore.
- 17 April – Green Opening Day, Meon Valley Bowling Club, members only.
- 20 April 2pm – U3A Zoom meeting *"Graffiti All Around You"* with Tony Kippenberger.
- 27 April 7.30pm Wickham History Society Zoom meeting *"Coffers, Clysters, Comfrey and Coifs: the lives of our seventeenth century ancestors"* by Janet Few.
- 24 April 9.30am to 12noon – Plant sale in aid of Spanish rescue Dogs at 4 Moorlands Road, Swanmore.
- 4 May 2pm – U3A Zoom meeting *"South Coast from the Air"* with Brian Barrett.
- 5 May at 7.15pm The Spring's Online Film Club: Online film review *"Casablanca"* led by John Whitelaw. Details from <http://thespring.co.uk/whats-on/>
- 7 May 7.30pm Winchester Cathedral. Candlelight Concerts, includes Elgar *Serenade for Strings* and Vivaldi *Four Seasons*. Tickets from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk>.
- 9 May – Claire & Sally's last service at St Barnabas – see p.2 for details.**
- 25 May – 7.30pm Wickham History Society Zoom meeting AGM and *"A History of Birds"* by Simon Wills.
- 2 June BW Photographic Society Zoom meeting *"The Littoral Landscape"* by Marianthi Laines.
- 2 June at 7.15pm The Spring's Online Film Club: Online film review *"The Personal History of David Copperfield"* led by Steve Murray Details from <http://thespring.co.uk/whats-on/>
- 11 July – Swanmore Fête organised by the Meon Valley Lions, Swanmore recreation Ground**

Organised runs

For those wanting a change of scene for their regular runs the "stay local" guideline is relaxed from 29th March when it changes to "minimise travel" opening up the rest of the county and beyond.

The Maverick Run Project organises many circular runs of varying length that are free to join and take place at various times during the day or early evening. Full details are available at <https://www.maverick-race.com/maverick-run-project/events/> or you can book a place via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk>

Among Hampshire events are:

- ◆ 7 April 6.00pm-8.00pm Hoplands Loop – 5km starting from The Crown in King's Somborne SO20 6PW
- ◆ 10 April 10am-2pm Test Way Loop – 17.71m starting from The Crown in King's Somborne SO20 6PW
- ◆ 19 April 6.30pm-8.30pm South Downs – 8.7km starting from the car park in Petersfield Way Winchester SO23 0DA
- ◆ 21 April 6pm-9pm Horsebridge Loop – 6.17km starting from the car park in Petersfield Way Winchester SO23 0DA
- ◆ 25 April 8.45am-12noon 100 Acres Forest of Bere – 17km starting from Woodend Car Park in Fareham PO17 6AY

The Great Re-Opening Quiz

On Saturday 26th June a grand quiz will be held in The Paterson Centre, the cost will be £10 for adults and £5 for under 16s, to include a superb Ploughman's Supper. Tickets will go on sale in June. In the meantime, to avoid disappointment, you can reserve your tickets by contacting John Sharpe:

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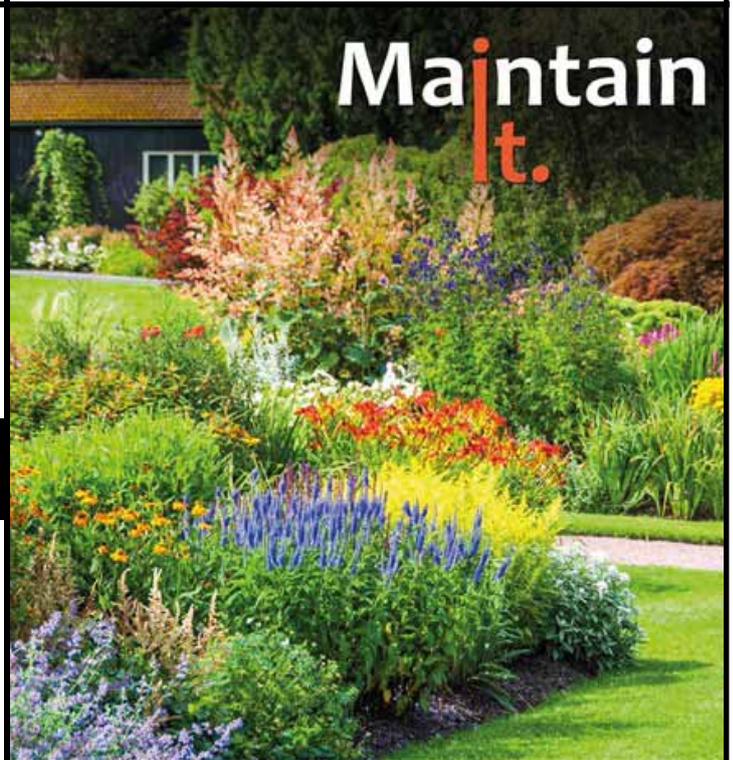


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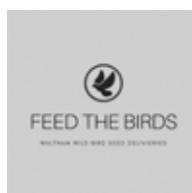
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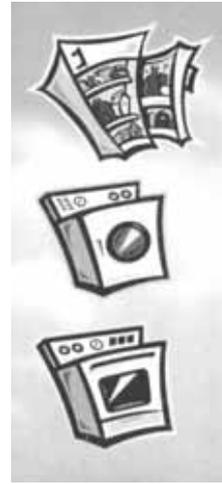
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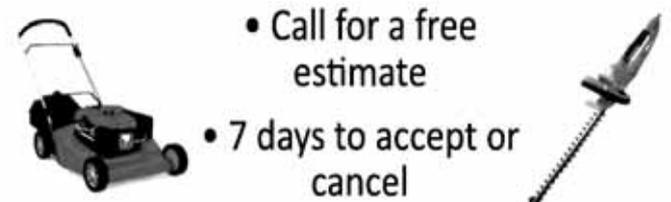
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Dee Galloway
Dee worked in Health Care for over 20 years, gaining a Diploma in Health and Social Care and a great reputation for her care, compassion and manner with clients. Dee then joined the funeral profession in 2012 and has gained a great deal of experience supporting the bereaved in the local area. In 2018 Dee joined Richard Steel & Partners of Winchester as an experienced Funeral Director before moving across to Bishops Waltham in 2019 to support the team at Nigel Chamberlain & Partners.



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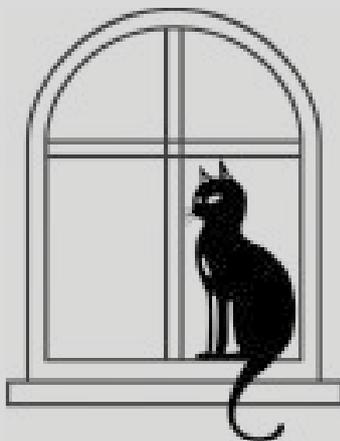
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St Barnabas, Swanmore Holy Week and Easter 2021

Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th March

8pm: Night Prayer – via Facebook Live only

Wednesday 31st March

7.30pm: Tenebrae – in church and via Facebook Live

This is a reflective, yet dramatic service of readings and music.

Tenebrae, is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows."

Maundy Thursday – 1st April

7.30pm: Eucharist – in church and Facebook Live

Good Friday – 2nd April

2pm: Liturgy of the Cross – in church and Facebook Live

A quiet and reflective service pondering the mystery of the death of Jesus on the cross

Easter Day – Sunday 4th April

6am: Dawn Eucharist – in church

8am: Eucharist – in church

10am: All-Ages Together Family Service – in the churchyard or drive-in at the Village Hall and Facebook Live

Places are limited in church to 20 safe-seating zones (which seat 1-4 people).

To book your place at any in-church service please contact the Vicar, The Revd. Claire Towns on 01489 808968 or vicar@stbarnabas.org.uk

