

June/July 2021

The **Swanmore** *Link*



Reopening the village
Swanmore scarecrows
Walking our footpaths
An extraordinary diary

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SWANMORE**

17/18 July

**Paterson Centre Refreshments:
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**From 12:30pm
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SO32 2PA**

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From St Barnabas' Church



Finally, finally, finally we are heading out of lockdown three into the season of sunshine, midsummer revelries, fun and freedom. Around the world, people celebrate midsummer in a variety of interesting (some would say weird!) ways. In Latvia, they jump over

bonfires, in Times Square there is a day-long yoga event, in Sweden children put seven flowers under their pillows in the hope of dreaming of their future spouses and at Stonehenge there will be all kinds of goings on (other historic monuments are available).

The strange things which happen at this time of year are well demonstrated in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* where Puck, Oberon's jester wreaks havoc, love potions are liberally scattered and Titania falls in love with Bottom, the weaver, despite the fact that he brays and looks like a donkey.

Well, here in Swanmore, we're not expecting to see anything quite so strange – at least, nothing I know about – but there will be fun and frolics as we all become accustomed to life in recovery from the effects of the last 15 months.

Nobody has been untouched or unchanged by coronavirus. Some have had their lives turned upside down and inside out; some have been merely bored or a bit inconvenienced; many have faced loss and bereavement, tragedy and grief. Everybody's been frustrated. And now, here we are, moving into a new phase of life which we hope will be happy and healthy as we begin to revisit family, entertain friends and venture further afield.

The summer months find a plethora of church saints remembered including Barnabas, the patron saint of our own parish church, John the Baptist, Peter and Paul, Thomas, Mary Magdalene, and Mary, Martha and Lazarus to name but a few. They remind us of all the saints, living and departed, who have made a difference to humanity throughout the ages. We could add a whole raft of other people who've done just that recently: social workers, care workers, emergency service officers, teachers, retail and delivery staff, medics and scientists... not to mention the kind neighbour who collected your prescription or the friend who phoned regularly.

At St Barnabas, we will be supported by some generous saints who have agreed to come and preach and preside for us during this vacancy period now that Claire and Sally have moved on to Wells. Please welcome them and make the most of the opportunity to hear a range of voices and styles as we wait for future plans to unfold. There will be some changes in the service pattern so on the next page are the dates for June and July.

You will need to book for services up to and including 20th June by contacting me on hazelwhitehead54@gmail.com or ringing 01489 895327. Thereafter, God and Boris willing, we will be open, inclusive, unticketed and welcoming as usual. We will pass on any new information as and when we get it, so it will be worth keeping an eye on the notice boards and website.

Canon Dr Hazel
Whitehead



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Paterson Centre/Parish Office

office@stbarnabas.org.uk or 07857 936023

St Barnabas, Swanmore
Coming out of lockdown
ALL CREATION SINGS
Sunday, 27th June 2021 at 10.00 am



Do join us for a special celebration of Holy Communion as we gather together as a community properly for the first time in months. Whoever you are, you are welcome.

During a vacancy, it is common practice to cut back on some 8am services as resources are limited and there are no full-time ministers around. In fact, some parishes cancel them altogether. Visiting preachers and presidents often come from a distance and few are able to arrive early enough. We are proposing to offer an 8am on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month though this will vary according to the season and other events. Please do watch the notice boards and news sheets to double check.

Hazel Whitehead

You need to book for services up to and including 20th June by contacting Hazel Whitehead on 01489 895327 or hazelwhitehead54@gmail.com)
Places are limited in church to 20 safe-seating zones (which seat 1 to 4). We live-stream via Facebook Live on the St Barnabas Facebook page

All services will be in church only from 27th June onwards so there is no need to book a place.

Sunday 6th June

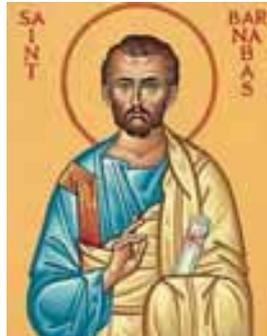
1st Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Eucharist – in church
10.00 am Eucharist – in church and live stream

Sunday 13th June

2nd Sunday after Trinity

8am Eucharist – in church
10am St Barnabas Patronal Festival: All Ages
Together Service – live-stream only



Sunday 20th June

3rd Sunday after Trinity

8am Eucharist – in church
10am Eucharist – in church and live stream

Sunday 27th June

4th Sunday after Trinity

10am Coming out of Lockdown: All Creation
Sings: Celebration of the Eucharist – in church.



There will be no 8am service on this day as we would like everybody to celebrate together. Invite your friends. No need to book!

Sunday 4th July

5th Sunday after Trinity

8am Eucharist
10am Eucharist



Sunday 11th July

6th Sunday after Trinity

10am Eucharist with Revd Canon Dr Steve Summers, Principal of the Guildford Local Ministry Programme and erstwhile curate at Bishop's Waltham and incumbent at Farlington

Sunday 18th July

7th Sunday after Trinity

8am Eucharist
10am All Ages Together Service (non-Eucharistic)
12 noon Baptism

Sunday 25th July

8th Sunday after Trinity

10am Eucharist with Revd Canon Peter Kelly



Time for goodbyes

It seems to be very much a time of change at the moment and I'd like to reflect on that.

I can't start without mentioning the passing of Prince Philip. For as long as I can remember Prince Philip has been in the news and usually it's been because of some verbal gaff he had made that offended someone. He was, in all honesty, good at that kind of faux pas. What never seemed to make the news was all the good that he did. He made an incredible difference in the lives of so many young people through the Duke of Edinburgh Award. He helped found the World Wildlife Fund, (now known as the World Wide Fund for Nature) which made a massive impact in the world of conservation. That's just two of many things he lent his name and time to.

More impressive to me was the way he put the Queen and his role as her consort ahead of his own naval career and focused on supporting her throughout their marriage. For a husband to give up his career to support his wife was incredibly rare in the '50s and '60s and still is uncommon today. Mostly though, it is sad to see yet another family lose a beloved parent and grandparent.

Change is coming to the Methodist Church locally too. The nature of the church is, in a lot of ways, quite unique and quite modern. Ministers are employed on the equivalent of a five-year contract and that means some goodbyes and hellos this year.

Reverend Joseph Tembo joined us in the local Methodist churches in 2019, a handful of months before the pandemic arrived. Joseph has decided to take early

retirement in August. He came to us in the most difficult of times and I for one am sad that I've not had the opportunity to get to know him better. He's a lovely, warm and caring man who is very much about people and will be much missed.



Pete Bangs

Superintendent Minister Arthur Cowburn is also due to retire. Arthur is the Methodist equivalent of a Bishop (kind of, it's complicated). He's had his hand on the tiller for the last two years after David Moss left and has been a great support to the churches in the area. His humour will be greatly missed.

Departures do mean arrivals though and later this year the Methodist Churches in the Meon Valley will be welcoming Reverend Philip Griffin at the new minister. Having connected with Phil through the magic of social media I know he's a family man who runs and loves to knit. He's also very community minded and will be great to have here with us. I'm looking forward to meeting him properly when he visits.

2021 is a year of change, a time to mourn people and things lost, but also to build on lessons learned and things gained, skills, connections, ways of working. I'm praying for a great year for all.

Pete Bangs

Missioner with the Meon Valley Methodist Churches

Reverend Joseph Tembo – retirement

Our Minister the Revd Joseph Tembo will be officially retiring at the end of the Methodist year on the 31st



August. In Methodism the official term is that he will "sit down" Joseph and his wife Anna will be leaving the Meon Valley Circuit to return to Zambia at the end of June, before his official retirement date

Revd Joseph Tembo

Our new minister is the Revd Philip Griffin who will be joining us in September.

Our Superintendent Minister the Revd Arthur Cowburn will also "sit down" at the end of August but will be covering our Circuit during July and August – his details should you wish to contact him during that time are:

Tel: 02380 739328

Email: Arthur.cowburn@gmail.com

A farewell service for Joseph and Arthur is being held at Shirrell Heath Methodist Church on the 27th June at 6pm.

Dennis Gamblin

Swanmore Methodist Church

Chapel Road, Swanmore. SO32 2QB



Minister: Revd. Joseph Tembo
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Loving God
Loving our community
Making disciples for Jesus

Sunday Services June and July

We have now re-opened for our Sunday morning services. All services will commence at **10.30am**.

6th June	Service led by SMC Stewards
13th June	Revd. Jack Jenkins – Holy Communion
20th June	Grace Westerduin
27th June	Mark Chester
4th July	Revd. Bob Kitching – Holy Communion
11th July	Nicky Gilbert
18th July	Stephen Freemantle
25th July	Gordon Curley

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. However, these restrictions might be lifted after the 21st June should the roadmap set by the government to ease the lockdown be implemented.

Regardless of any 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

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

Find us on 

Mothers' Union Restarting on July 20th

The Mothers' Union is a global Christian organisation movement working with people of all faiths or none, to develop communities, strengthen families and advocate for change.

It is a registered charity and we are transforming lives in more than 84 countries. You don't have to be a mum to come along and you would be made to feel very welcome.

Our local Swanmore branch of the Mothers' Union has had quite a quiet year, because of restrictions imposed by covid. Last year started out well with our Christmas meal which we held in January; our monthly meeting in January which gave us a wonderful talk about quilts, followed by our AGM in February.

We had a varied range of speakers booked for the year, we had planned to hold two coffee mornings, our Lent lunch, to have a stall at the Village Fête and we were to host our Deanery Advent Service, followed by refreshments in the hall; there was to have been an afternoon tea in a member's garden and a trip out but alas, these all had to be cancelled.

We considered holding our monthly meetings by Zoom but a lot of our members were unable to do this. Regular newsletters were emailed to members, or paper copies delivered, with Deanery news, local news, jokes, poems and prayers.

With restrictions, hopefully, being lifted soon, we plan to hold our first meeting in the Paterson Centre on Tuesday 20th July. We have decided to change from an evening meeting to an afternoon one, so our meetings will now run from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Lifts can be organised if you let me know.

As we haven't met up for a year we are not having a speaker that day, but we will have tea and cake! Think about something you did during lockdown and we can all discuss our hobbies and just generally have some fun.

If you would like to know anything else about us, please give me a call on 01489 895188/07766 857161.

Allison Gurry
MU Secretary

Barnaby's coffee shop Steadily extending opening hours

The recent easing of covid restrictions has allowed the return of our community coffee shop, after a forced exile that began in November last year. Two "trial" days in April were a success, and Barnaby's is currently open on Saturdays between 10am and midday. This will change after 21st June and we shall be celebrating the full lifting of restrictions by hosting a collection of classic cars on Saturday 26th June.

As well as our Winchester Roasters coffee, freshly ground on the premises, the wonderful team at Bishop's Waltham Country Market is now providing a wide selection of homemade cakes for Barnaby's customers to enjoy.

It has been a long time coming, but we shall be delighted to welcome back our wonderful volunteers to serve their community. The coffee is as good as it

has ever been, and we've had no end of offers from people wanting to come and make it. We are very excited about our classic car event – so do come along.

Barnaby's is a valuable hub for the community – a place to meet, catch up with friends, read a book, buy a treat for the children, or take a breather during your bike ride.

It is run by volunteers, and is a prolific contributor to local charities. It is located in the old school room at the Paterson Centre. It is hoped that opening hours from 21st June will be:

- Thursday 10am to midday
- Friday 10am to midday
- Saturday 10am to 1pm

We will be adding more hours as more volunteers return and you can keep up-to-date with any changes at www.barnabys.coffee.

Alastair Walton



Paterson Centre reopening soon

Yes, the Paterson Centre will be back in use shortly and to celebrate we are holding a family friendly "Grand Reopening Quiz" on Saturday 26th June.

This will be a slightly cautious dip of our toe because of residual concerns over covid. Hence, numbers will be curtailed (half the tickets are already reserved so don't delay) and the windows will be kept open throughout the evening.

We will not be catering, so you are invited to bring your own refreshments – both food and drinks. Tables will be for six to eight people and cost £5 per adult and £3 for under 16 year olds. Doors open at 7pm, there will be an interval and the quiz is expected to finish at around 10pm.

For tickets or more information contact me on 01489 892750 or 07848 839407 or email to: jsharpe2016@hotmail.com. I shall also be found at Barnaby's most Saturday mornings throughout June, when I will be enjoying their wonderful coffee and, hopefully, cakes and shall be delighted to exchange tickets for cash.

John Sharpe

Annual meetings

New churchwardens and PCC members appointed

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Parochial Church Meeting were both held via Zoom on 28th April.

The Meeting of Parishioners, which is open to all residents, elects the churchwardens and this year both Bill Jones and Andrew Wilkinson were stepping down so the churchwardens at St Barnabas for 2021/22 are Janet Chant and Dave Lee.

The Parochial Church Meeting receives numerous reports (now available to download from <https://stbarnabas.org.uk/information-hub>)

and also elects members of the PCC. The new members are Dot Holubinka, Derrinda Laing, Liz Newbold, John Sharpe and Caroline Vost. Leaving the PCC were Bobbie Branson, Teresa Reynolds and Ben Armstrong.

Caroline Vost is also the new Parish Safeguarding Officer, and comes with a wealth of experience to offer. Amanda Ankers is the new GDPR lead for St Barnabas. During the current interregnum Revd Canon Nick Whitehead will chair PCC meetings.

In her closing remarks to the meeting our outgoing vicar, Revd Claire Towns said: "There are uncertain times ahead for you, as Deanery re-structuring conversations continue, with no clear outcomes on the horizon yet. This uncertainty is added to by losing the Bishop and Archdeacon..."

"I've loved being your parish priest these past nine years. Sally and I have loved life in Swanmore. We shall miss it dreadfully. Remember us ... and we shall pray for you."

Conservation group

Plenty of work despite lockdown

Despite a year when our group hasn't been able to meet regularly we feel we have managed to keep the conservation area under reasonable control. Whilst adhering to covid guidelines and dodging the rain we still managed to put in 97.55 hours of work over the last financial year. Some of this has been by working in a socially-distanced way but much of it has been work done by individual volunteers dealing with urgent repairs to fences in particular, especially those around the pond.

At the beginning of May two huge trees were taken down in Green's Wood by contractors working for the Parish Council. These trees were infected with ash dieback, a fungal disease first reported in the UK in 2012, which is expected to result in the death of 80% of the ash trees in this country.

The spores of the fungus over-winter in the leaf litter and are spread to the ash by the wind, the fungus grows inside the tree and eventually blocks their water transport system. Not only does it kill the trees but it will alter the landscape and affect those species dependent on ash.

The arboriculturist employed by the Parish Council some years ago advised that the yew and holly seedlings be thinned out to encourage

understory plants to grow but the results have been disappointing. Perhaps with the removal of these large trees low growing woodland plants other than ivy and wild garlic will start to thrive.

So far this year the flowers that have grown well in the conservation area are dandelions, wild garlic and primroses but if you look closely it is possible to see other perennial flowering plants starting to appear. The new wild flower meadow in the Lower Meadow is the best place to see wildflowers plants as the special grasses in the wildflower seed mix are less vigorous which promises well for this area over summer.

Earlier this year the wood for the Broadwalk in the Upper Meadow arrived and this has now been cut to length by two hard-working volunteers and will be put in place over the course of the summer.

The Conservation Group work parties are held on the second Saturday of each month, we meet at the hut near the kissing gate in Broad Lane at 9.45am, we break for coffee at 11am – finishing at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to join us whenever they can and for as long as it suits them. Our next two meetings are on 12th June and the 10th July.

Gill Sawyer 01489 894206

Beavers

Celebrating with cake

Beavers are now back full swing and the waiting list is growing again.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us while we were "virtual" and for helping us get back to face-to-face meetings..

This term we are celebrating Beavers being 35 years young. We did this by playing wide game, holding a campfire, and enjoying a special cake

We are also on a journey looking at disabilities and faith. With the Faith badge we are also looking at self-faith and self-belief and not all belief has to be in a religious form.

We are also still having occasional Zoom meetings to allow for guest speakers – but we are hoping we can get up to all sorts mischief now we can meet again;.

Roisin Smith



Award to Swanmore Lunch Club cook

Every year Swanmore Parish Council asks the village to nominate people or groups that have made the village a better place, for a Community Award.

Swanmore is fortunate to have many such candidates, and this year one of Swanmore Care Group's Lunch Club cooks, Jenny Hallam, has won the "Community Award – Individual".

Although Lunch Club has not been able to operate since March 2020 due to covid restrictions, Jenny took it upon herself to offer meals once a week to about a dozen Lunch Club

and Methodist Church members who would like them and to have them delivered by volunteers to the members' homes.

At first she prepared and cooked from her home, aided by her husband Andy, later using the Village Hall kitchen for some weeks and then the Paterson Centre kitchen, the latter with one Lunch Club volunteer to help – all of these things socially-distanced and covid-aware.

Congratulations go to Jenny and many thanks for her willing service.

The Lunch Club is grateful to the "National Emergencies Trust" for a grant supporting its work.

Pam Mason, Swanmore Care Group

Left: Jenny at work in the Paterson Centre kitchen.

Swanmore gardens

Hooray! Open gardens are back again

After a year's absence due to covid restrictions, Swanmore gardens will again be open this summer on 17th and 18th July.

The gardens vary from small intimate village plots, to large country house gardens. Most of our gardens are within easy walking distance of our

start/finish point outside the Paterson Centre.

A free shuttle bus service will be provided courtesy of Meon Valley Lions Club. You may be asked to wear a face covering whilst on the minibus. Teas, coffees and homemade cakes will be available from 2pm in the

Paterson Centre.

Many gardens will have plants for sale and a plant crèche will be available to avoid the need to carry them around – just give them to the minibus driver and collect them later from the Paterson Centre.

Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome. Tickets at £6.00 per adult per day, with free entry for one or two accompanied children (under-15s) per adult. Entry includes use of the hop-on-hop-off minibus. Tickets will be available from 12.30pm at the Paterson Centre and gardens are open until 6pm. Proceeds will be shared between St. Barnabas and Rowans Hospice.

For more information or to offer your garden contact me on email: jsharpe2016@hotmail.com or telephone 01489 892750.

John Sharpe



Open Garden visitors in pre-covid days.

Dropping hints

Little green bag, oh little green bag,
Why are you hanging there?
Full of canine ordure,
Filling us with despair.
Did your owner never learn at
school
The principles of decay
That won't apply to you
As you hang there day by day?

Canine friend, oh canine friend,
If you could only talk
You might instruct your owner
As they take you for a walk -
Most of us would rather gaze
At the beauty all around;
Not, for doggy mess avoidance,
Have our eyes glued to the ground.

Marcus Charig



Plants for charity

Rachel Ward runs a daily plant stall outside Lyndale in Chapel Road, Swanmore in aid of The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance and The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. Perennial plants, bedding plants and vegetables are available. Last year she raised £700 for the Swanmore Scout group and another £700 for the air ambulance and hopes to make similar donations this year.



Clearing other people's mess

Flytipping has become a major problem throughout the district and Swanmore is no exception.

If you see rubbish in a public place do not attempt to move it as it is a crime scene and Winchester CC will prosecute if it can find evidence of who may have dumped the stuff. Instead report it to Winchester at

www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-recycling.

Winchester will not clear rubbish on private land but <https://clearwaste.com> has details of licensed waste removers on its site so that you can be assured the contractor you employ will not simply dump the waste elsewhere.



Scarecrow competition

Celebrating all sorts of keyworkers

Well done to everyone who took part in the "Swanmore Scarecrow Competition": there were 50 entries and the judges had a difficult job choosing the winners. The theme of the competition was a celebration of key workers – and interpretation of what constituted a keyworkers was refreshingly wide!

The judging was divided between the Primary School, who picked the winner, the Revd Claire Towns, who chose the second place scarecrow, and the "uniform groups": "Rainbows, Brownies and Guides" and "Beavers, Cubs and Scouts" who selected the two third prizes winners.

Both the Primary School and Claire picked a shortlist of three so we also have four "highly commended" scarecrows.

Especial thanks to the Swanmore resident who generously provided the cash prizes and inspiration for the competition which may well become an annual event!

- **The winner: Homage to Banksy.**
The children, thought it was creative, cool and funny! In keeping with the keyworker theme, the scarecrow carried a typewriter and the message: "52 Keys for this worker. Writing unlocks imagin-ation. Reading yields knowledge".
- **Second place: The Pharmacist.**
Claire thought it was brilliantly life like.
- **Joint third place: The Reporter and The Fisherman.**
- **Highly commended (HC): Easter Bunny, Superworken and two versions of Boris.**





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We all had our favourites among the scarecrows we spotted in the village – pictured are some others that our photographers found.

1. The delivery man
2. The refuse collector
- 3 The hospital doctor
4. The car park attendant
5. The tree surgeon
- 6 The postman
- 7.The teacher

Photographs by Peter Mason and Berty Ferrone

Swanmore College

Busy times ahead

While recent weeks have seen many challenges at the college they'll be even busier in the coming months.

Our Year 11 pupils are almost at the end of their time with us. Friday 28th May 2021 was their traditional, last day on site where pupils celebrated their departure with a picnic on the field, signing of shirts and a celebratory assembly.

Pupils left the Swanmore College site at 1.00pm. Thereafter, they worked at home with occasional visits to the College if required.

Their Prom will take place at The Village Hotel, Portsmouth on 15th July 2021 and results day is Thursday 12th August 2021.

On Thursday 8th July we shall be holding our open evening from 5.30 to 8.30pm. We are limiting numbers on site to ensure social-distancing. Bookings are available via events@swanmore-sec.hants.sch.uk in 10 minute slots from 5.30pm until 8.00pm. This is for parents/carers of Year 5 pupils who hope to join Swanmore in September 2022.

Also in July we have "Health and Wellbeing Week" for our Years 7 to 10. From 20th to 22nd July, we shall be using the power of physical activity, sport and education to support and improve our pupils' physical, mental and social wellbeing.

Looking further ahead, we are already planning Swanfest which obviously had to be cancelled in both 2020 and 2021. Our plan is for a return of the event on 18th June 2022 to be held in the College Field. Tickets purchased for the 2020 event will be

valid for 2022 and further details will be released very soon.

Plenty of "thank-yous"

We have many people to thank for their support of the College in recent months.

A huge one is due to Mark and Trident for their donation of paint supplies. Our Site Team will make good use of this lot once picnic table manufacturing comes to a close.

A big "thank you" is also due to our Year 10 Anti-bullying Ambassadors who delivered assemblies to all year groups, publicising how anyone can get help if they are being bullied or witness bullying. Every pupil was given their own pocket-sized card with this information on.

Any pupil, parent/carer or member of the Swanmore College community can use this email address to report a bullying issue: antibullying@swanmore-sec.hants.sch.uk

All sorts of activities

Our pupils have also had plenty to enjoy additional activities to enjoy in recent weeks.

Years 7, 8 and 9 had a fantastic time during the "personal, social, health and economic education" sessions" on Careers and Finance. Brilliant engagement and lots of great business ideas, well done everyone!

Seventeen of our pupils also entered a creative writing competition and had their pieces chosen for publication.

The competition was run by Young Writers in conjunction with the National Literacy Trust. Pupils were asked to write a 100-word mini-saga based on the idea of "Trapped". They were able to be as creative as they liked and produced some excellent and

Mark from Trident delivering much needed paint.



PSHE lessons saw plenty of enthusiastic involvement.

varied stories. A big well done to all who took part!

Pupils had enormous fun during our Year 7 charity week doing raffles, tombolas, walking marathons (raising over £500!), baking, making art, guessing the number of marbles in the jar, playing games, naming a giant bear, doing a quiz and more sponsored walking. They worked really hard and had a lot of fun, raising an incredible £2,782.49! The money raised will be split between the Wessex Cancer Trust and the Aklobordzi School, Ghana. Well done, Year 7!

Supporting others

We were delighted to donate the funds raised from our Year 11 charity week to The Diana Award. This excellent charity continues to support and train our Anti-bullying Ambassadors and committee members. Thank you to everyone involved. We raised a total of £1,582. Well done everyone!

Our Wellbeing Team has launched two new platforms to support the Swanmore College community with their wellbeing and mental health:

- <https://swanmore-school.co.uk/wellbeing>
- https://www.instagram.com/swanmore_speaks/

There is a huge range of information and support for pupils, parents and staff to support the wellbeing and mental health of the Swanmore community. These will be ever changing and evolving, so keep an eye on them for updates,

It was the Easter Holidays for some but for others, it was a chance to get things done! We are loving our



freshly sanded and polished hall floor.

Year 10 celebrated World Down Syndrome Day and showed off their Rocking Socks creations – seen below!



Safety first

Parent/carers, pupils and staff at the College continue to test themselves for covid-19 twice a week. We are all responsible for our own safety and wellbeing, as well as that of those around us.

We need you!

Swanmore College is to recruit new Governors from the local community (you do not need to be parents at the College) to support the work of the current Board of Governors and the senior leadership team as we strive to deliver "Outstanding" results for pupils.

If you can give up to three hours a week in term time and are willing to undertake real work in supporting the College and delivering its targets, then we would love to hear from you. First class advice and support are available as well as free training.

For more information please e-mail: governors@swanmore-sec.hants.sch.uk and the Chair of Governors – Dennis Gamblin – will be in touch.

For an application form which should be completed and returned to the College, please contact sandra.cox@swanmore-sec.hants.sch.uk

Swanmore Society

Getting back to normal in September

As lockdown restrictions continue to ease on schedule, the committee of the Swanmore Society has started to plan the society's return to normal activities. We will of course be keeping a very close eye on government guidelines regarding the safety of gatherings as the year progresses.

However, we have begun making arrangements to resume our programme of monthly talks from September. We are currently re-contacting all the speakers we had lined up for 2020/2021 so will provide more details of the programme in the next issue of *The Swanmore Link*. Initial dates for your diaries are Wednesdays September 8th, October 13th, November 10th and December 8th.

Lysses Hotel in Fareham has also

been provisionally booked on Saturday January 22nd 2022 for the annual dinner of members and friends.

In order for the society to remain constitutional, we need to hold an AGM at the first meeting in September. This will be in a very much reduced format, covering just the essential business, and will be in addition to the planned talk for that evening. Again, please watch this space for further details.

Our meetings are held in the Methodist Church Hall in Chapel Road and are open to members and visitors – we are always glad to see new faces. For now, we hope you all enjoy the summer and look forward to welcoming you back in the autumn.

Caroline Clapperton
(Secretary: 01489 891447)

Swanmore Pre-school

Learning to grow your own

Swanmore Pre-school children took part in our Easter egg hunt during the Easter holidays raising funds for new equipment. We have ordered new climbing blocks, hoops and bubbles for outside play and are now raising funds to replace the surface in our outdoor area.

The children have enjoyed planning and planting out in our garden and are excited to watch the carrots, strawberries, tomatoes and cucumbers grow. We have also planted some spring flowers to enjoy.

On Thursday 24th June from

Below: Elizabeth and Isla practising their interior design ideas in the play house. Right: Chloë planting strawberries.



3.30pm to 5pm we shall be holding a "Mini-Fête and Open Afternoon". We shall have some fun stalls, a raffle and refreshments on sale. All are welcome to attend so please come along and meet our team.

We are very busy with 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 to avoid disappointment. (See p.38 for contact details.)

Sarah Hiscock





RBLWS

Come to the garage sale

The Swanmore branch of the Royal British Legion Women's Section, will be running a "garage sale" in the Paterson Centre car park on Saturday 10th July.

The branch generally holds several coffee mornings in the Paterson Centre each year to raise funds for the Legion but, obviously, these were cancelled throughout 2020.

"Many of us have been clearing attics, sheds and garages during lockdown," says branch secretary Penny Eliot, "and this seems a good alternative to our usual fund-raising activities."

All money raised will go to the RBL's Benevolent Fund which helps veterans and their families.

As the sale is outside, items can be larger than usually offered at the RBLWS coffee mornings – such as tools, garden equipment and similar items. There will also be space for the usual plants, books and smaller bric-a-brac stalls – although no cake stall this time! The sale will run from 10.30am until 1.30pm

- *We are a small, friendly branch, always pleased to welcome new members. As well as our Paterson Centre events we meet for informal coffee mornings with bring-and-buy sales in member's houses, so do come along on 10th July and find out more.*

Help needed

We have received a request from a local resident eager to contact Lee Adams who formerly lived in Moorlands Road, Swanmore from April 1995 to November 2015 before moving from the area. It is believed he may have moved to the South Wales region.

If anyone is still in touch with Mr. Adams could they please ask him to email the magazine editor at: editor@stbarnabas.org.uk

In memOriam

Janice de Menditte 1942–2021

Born Janice Linter on 1st September 1942, Janice was part of the wider Linter family, which – as older Swanmore residents may recall – ran the bicycle shop and sweet shop in the village, and one of whom is commemorated on the village War Memorial.

She sang in the church choir, and was a regular church attender and later took care of the Reverend Ron Paterson's children.

Her father died quite early in her life and she took care of her mother for many years. She had an adopted sister, Barbara, 16 years her senior; Barbara, and later her husband became second parents to her, and she had a close relationship with their three children.

Her cousin Tom had served during the Second World War, when he met and befriended Frédéric de Menditte. Janice and Frédéric met and fell in love.

However, Frédéric lived and worked in Paris, and also cared for his blind father; Janice was still looking after her mother at home in Swanmore. This situation continued for many, many years, until finally, following the death of Frédéric's father, he was able to come to England, and they married in 1987.

They lived initially at Janice's house in Lower Chase Road, but eventually bought a house in Bank Street, Bishop's Waltham. Frédéric taught French from there, and was to be seen shopping in Bishop's Waltham, always dressed immaculately with a tie and jacket and polished shoes. He was punctiliously polite, and he took great care of Janice.

Janice and Frédéric had an encyclopaedic knowledge of the bus



Frédéric and Janice de Menditte

timetable and, as non-drivers, often were to be seen embarking on a carefully planned excursion. After 25 years of very happy marriage, Frédéric died in 2012.

Many years earlier, Janice had had a kidney transplant. It became evident after some time that this kidney was failing and that she was not managing on her own, so her niece and nephews arranged for her to become a resident at Abbey House Nursing Home in Netley Abbey, which she enjoyed, being surrounded by bustle and lots of people coming and going.

During the pandemic she was being taken to Queen Alexandra Hospital for dialysis, but it became evident that this was not working; she passed away peacefully on 25th March 2021.

Her ashes will be buried in Swanmore churchyard in the grave of her parents and with the ashes of her beloved Frédéric.

Her nephews have suggested that anyone who would like to remember Janice might make a donation to Swanmore Church.

Compiled by Janice's friends and family

Eric Carpenter 1934-2021

Frances would like to say thank you for the many kindnesses that were shown during Eric's illness. There were gifts, errands run, and some lovely chats from the window. She would also like to say thank you for all the cards she received after Eric died. Everything was much appreciated.

Frances Carpenter



Community Award winners

Every year the Parish Council runs Community Awards, giving residents the opportunity to nominate groups or individuals whom they believe have contributed significantly to the quality of life in Swanmore.

This year we received more nominations than ever, so we are delighted to announce the following winner:.

The winner of the Individual Community Award in 2021 is Jenny Hallam.

Jenny is one of the cooks for the Swanmore Voluntary Care Group Lunch Club and before the pandemic she was cooking in the Paterson Centre for older people from around the village attending the Lunch Club. When the virus restrictions struck and the Lunch Club discontinued, Jenny decided to cook a dozen or so meals each week in her kitchen with the help of her husband and deliver them to our residents.



The winners of the 2021 Group Community Award are Revd Claire Towns, Sally Beazley and Peter Fellows from St Barnabas Church.

Their efforts during the pandemic to keep the church family together, updated and supported was recognised throughout the village, and in order to retain the opportunity to worship the team was innovative and embraced technology to arrange live streams, Zoom coffees and drive-in services.

Unfortunately, there was no chance to formally announce and congratulate our 2020 Community Award winners as the Annual Meeting was cancelled due to covid. So we would like to take this opportunity to say well done and thank you to the following winners.

Bill Smith won the Individual Community Award. Bill had been winding the St Barnabas church clock for more than 36 years – keeping “the heartbeat of Swanmore” beating and doing his best to keep the clock accurate.

The Group Community Award was won by Jenny and Mike Maunder for their exceptional efforts for charity over the years and their work in the community.

Well done to all the winners – from

Pictured is Jon Woodman presenting the 2021 Community Awards to (left) Jenny Hallam, the Luncheon Club cook, and (below) from left to right – Sally Beazley, and Revd Claire Towns with Peter Fellows who provided church services with music during lockdown and helped with the necessary technology and sound systems.



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both years – and on behalf of the village, thank you

Housing Development Sites

We have received some useful information from our request for feedback on Winchester City Council's Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) document in the last magazine.

The SHELAA document identifies sites which have been submitted to Winchester City Council by land owners and promoters for potential development.

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 before we meet with WCC in the summer.

There is still time to send us your feedback. For further information please visit our website www.swanmorepc.org.uk/winchester-city-council-local-plan or contact deo@swanmorepc.org.uk.

Your feedback is likely to be discussed at July's Planning & Highways Committee meeting.

Improving our recreation areas – with your help

Swanmore Parish Council has allocated budget to improving the village's recreation areas over the next few years.

We would like to hear from as many residents and users of our facilities as possible, so we can identify what is important to the village and prioritise the improvements.

There are currently three



recreation areas: Broad Lane Recreation Ground, New Road Playing Field and Medicott Way. The equipment from the Medicott Way area has been removed for safety reasons, however, it is still treated as a recreation area.

Please do take five minutes to tell us what is important to you and the improvements you would like to see.

An online consultation form is available online on our website <https://www.swanmorepc.org.uk/recreation-areas-improvements> or you can email clerk@swanmorepc.org.uk if you would like to be sent a hard copy.

Swanmore Parish Council Meeting Dates

15th June	Planning & Highways
22nd June	Open Spaces & Amenities
29th June	Full Council
13th July	Finance
20th July	Planning & Highways
27th July	Open Spaces & Amenities

Meetings generally start at 7pm and are currently held in the Village Hall. with the agenda posted on the village noticeboards and Parish Council website a few days beforehand. All meetings are open to members of the public .

Please email Tracey Molloy at clerk@swanmorepc.org.uk if you need more information about attending.

2021/2022 Grants

Swanmore Parish Council welcomes applications for grants from local groups and organisations for the 2021/2022 financial year. If you would like to apply for a grant please contact clerk@swanmorepc.org.uk for an application form. Applications will be considered on the 29th June 2021 and the 30th November.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Following our Annual Meeting we are pleased to report that Jon Woodman has been re-elected as Chairman, and Pete Ansty as Vice Chairman of the Council for 2021/2022.

As well as Full Council which meets six times a year, there are three Committees to support Parish Council functions, membership is made up as follows:

Planning and Highways

The Planning and Highways Committee meets ten times a year and is kept busy with a range of responsibilities including: commenting on planning applications; highways maintenance, road safety; footways; street lighting; and street environment.

● Membership for 2021/2022:

Councillors; Pete Ansty, Kimberley Barber, Penny Clive, David Newberry, Nigel Sloper and Jon Woodman.

Open Spaces and Amenities

The Open Spaces and Amenities Committee meets ten times a year and is responsible for maintaining and developing key recreational facilities and open spaces within Swanmore parish as well as monitoring biodiversity of its conservation areas.

● Membership for 2021/2022:

Councillors: Pete Ansty, Alex Graft, Chris Newhouse, Andy Rankine, Rob Selway

Finance

The Finance Committee meets six times a year and focus is on monitoring expenditure to ensure the Parish Council is delivering services within budget.

● Membership for 2021/2022:

Councillors Pete Ansty, Penny Clive, Alex Graft, David Newberry, Jon Woodman.

Flower Quiz

1. What flower shares its name with Donald Duck's girlfriend?
2. Which flower is often associated with Holland?
3. What flower shares its name with the part of an eye?
4. What flower yearns to be remembered?
5. How do dandelion seeds get from one place to another?

Answers at the bottom of the page opposite



Let's have some fun in the garden!

With the summer here, Sarah Chase comes up with some ideas to keep you busy and enjoying yourselves.

The days are longer, and the sun is shining so why not get outside and enjoy some gardening?

You don't need a big garden, you can make use of small spaces – here is one idea:

1. Take one pair of holey old wellington boots, preferably patterned and definitely not suitable for hand-me-downs.
2. Create drainage holes with a bradawl or screwdriver if they're not already holey enough.
3. Fill with compost.
4. Plant herb seeds or young plants in each welly boot.
5. Water in, stand in a sunny spot and watch them grow.
6. You could also use any old item, a jug a teapot (as shown on the facing page).

Have fun! 😊



Plant some seeds

You could try growing sunflowers. All you need is a pot, a seed, and some soil. If you look after them, water them, and replant them in a sunny spot once they have started to grow, they will grow really tall! You might need a garden cane to support them once they get going!

Will yours grow taller than your friend's?



What about growing something to eat?

Tomatoes or lettuce maybe? You may need to buy a tomato plant from a garden centre as it is too late to sow seeds, but lettuce seeds can be planted at any time. Radishes are also a good choice (if you like them) as they'll be ready to eat six weeks after sowing the seeds.

How proud will you feel when you can enjoy a picnic this summer eating something you have grown?



QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. Daisy 2. Tulip 3. Iris 4. Forget-me-not 5. Blown by the wind

George "Stumps" Titheridge ^{extra} The diary of an ordinary man

Swanmore's archives contain much more than the records of the rich or notable – the lives of many modest former residents are represented there too, as our village's archivist, Crawford Wright relates.

27th December 1896:

First ever Football match played in Swanmore.

So wrote George Titheridge in his diary on that memorable day.

George – always known as "Stumps" in an age when such names applied to the disabled gave no offence – lived in Swanmore for his entire life. He began his diary in April 1860 at the age of seven and kept it until February 1937, shortly before he died aged 84. It is a diary that blends local events and national news – as on April 14th 1912 when he noted "Loss of Titanic with 1,635 lives".

History is usually about the rich and famous and it is exceptionally rare for ordinary people from the nineteenth century to keep a diary – even less likely to be from one at the bottom of the social scale. We are therefore fortunate to have the diary of "Stumps" Titheridge: a man who was too crippled to work.

Early beginnings

George came from a large local family, being the youngest of eight children born to Richard and Maryann. They were a well-known Swanmore family, with no fewer than 70 Titheridges recorded in the village's nineteenth century parish registers.

George's only income came from the Parish Relief, which was barely enough to keep him alive. In September 1913 he recorded that his "pay" was increased to six shillings per

week – equivalent to about £39 today. Hopefully, the more able members of his large family helped out financially.

George lived in Dell Cottage which was part of a small hamlet (now mostly demolished) at the bottom of Hampton Hill. He was a great friend of the Revd Edgar Mack, a vicar neighbour who lived at Donigers, just across the road from George's cottage, who gave him a Bible which he read many times.

George was short and dark with intense blue eyes and bushy eyebrows. He wore a peasant's smock, perhaps to hide his deformities, often wore a bowler hat, rocked away on his crutches and smoked a briar pipe. He led an active life as far as his disabilities allowed and took a keen interest in all aspects of village life.

All sorts of memories

His diary consists mainly of one line notes of events happening in the village or nationally. In September 1873, for example, he wrote of "a new brick floor put down in our cottage" and also recorded results from criminal courts both nationally and locally.

In 1885: "Lee hung three times and then respited" while on the 16th October 1902 it was: "Three poachers caught by J. Weeks the gamekeeper were sentenced to three months, six months and one month respectively". The local court was held at Droxford and the bench would have been formed of local land-owning gentry.

In George's day the weather was critical since Swanmore was mainly an agricultural area and villagers

Dell Cottage c.1900 at the bottom of Hampton Hill.



George Titheridge with briar pipe, crutches, and in his familiar smock.

worked on farms, orchards and small holdings.

Weather extremes

The weather then seemed to have been more variable than today: the winter of 1880-81 was particularly severe. On the 18th January "there was a fearful snow storm, drifts 15 feet deep – roads closed from Droxford to Bishop's Waltham". The following year on 24th April: "A great storm raged over England – snow and rain doing a great deal of damage, Botley Bridge washed away".

Almost a decade later in 1890 the weather was also severe as George noted: "30th December A very sharp frost, froze our teapot". George's only means of heating would have been a wood fire.

In 1887 he recorded the "finest autumn known for years" and in 1898 he noted "wonderful hay and straw crops". By early September that year, however, "water very short" and by the 18th September "our well dry, never known before".

As with many rural communities in those days, the whole village relied on water from wells or ponds. When the wells ran dry water had to be brought in from the river Meon at Mislingford.

Most houses had their own wells, some of which still survive, and there were three parish wells – in Lower Chase Road, Spring Lane and Forest Road. In 1903 the Gosport Water company built a reservoir on Gravel



The Mack family at Donigers

George's neighbour, the Revd Edgar Mack, lived at Donigers from 1914 to early in the Second World War and was an extra-parochial member of the ministry. His son, Edgar Geoffrey, was killed in action on 27th September 1915 and is commemorated on Swanmore's War Memorial.

Donigers as illustrated in "Swanmore in Pictures 1870-1970 Revisited".



Hill to supply Swanmore and other villages.

The local population petitioned the council in 1908 for piped water and the arguments about the cost went on for years with the majority of villagers voting against the scheme. It has to be remembered that the scarcest thing in Swanmore for ordinary people in a rural community was money.

Entering a more modern age

According to George the village stores were enlarged in 1882 with new stables begun in February 1883; in September 1891 he noted "finished Woodman's Shop". Woodman ran the village shop and is described in *Kelly's Directory* as running the post office, as well as being grocer, draper, baker and assistant overseer.

In 1890 George tells us that "Telegraph wires put up to Swanmore Post Office and letter post boxes emptied twice a day" and by October 1906 the first "wedding party rode to church by car". In 1910 he recorded "stoned the road in front of our house after 40 years", while two years later they were "laying granite with tar" and in June 1913 "finished taring Swanmore Hill".

The main roads in Swanmore had been tarmacked by 1914 but not minor



Children at the bottom of Hampton Hill. 1900s.

ones. In 1924 George was finally able to report "Gravelled the road past our cottage" [Hampton Hill] and in almost the last entry in his diary in May 1936 he recorded "finished the roads in Swanmore".

In March 1933 he noted that "The Gas Company installed three lights at the top of New Road by the cross roads as an incentive". No doubt this was to encourage the take up of gas lighting for private use and general street lighting.

The Bishop's Waltham Gas Company had earlier been taken over by the Gosport & District Gas Company and the gas works and storage used to be where the end of the railway sidings were on what is now the Bishop's Waltham bypass.

Wartime changes

The First World War was a significant village event with more than 100 men from Swanmore signing up. George listed many of them: "D Knight came home a soldier" (26th September 1914), "Alf Light left his wife and joined the Army Ambulance" (14th October 1914).

Later in the war "Fred Linter joined the Hampshire Regiment" (22nd of October 1915), "Bert Wood joined up" (18th March 1916). Inevitably bad news was recorded too: "Bert Pink reported killed in action" (28th July 1916) and "Ernest Reeves reported killed in France" (7th June 1917).

The war also

brought hardship for those left at home. In January 1918 George listed the prices of everyday foodstuffs – a wild rabbit was two shillings, eggs were four or five shillings a dozen, tea was four shillings a pound, butter two shillings and sixpence a pound, while beef and mutton were simply noted as "can't buy". One hopes that George's "six shillings a week" in 1913 had increased by this stage.

On 1st April 1918 he wrote "A doe rabbit sold at Fareham Market for 27/-. Never knew such a price" followed by (13th April 1918) "Meat and butter ration came in force" which should have helped to stabilise prices. Ominously on 25th October 1918 he noted "Flu epidemic is raging".

On the outbreak of war George had recorded "the sale of horses at Corhampton Park for Government use". At the end of the conflict he noted "Peace Proclaimed War Stopped" on the 12th November 1918.

The diary's survival

Gwen Wood's husband was George's nephew and he recalled that George loved having visitors and kept the door of his cottage open: "You went down two steps from the front door and just inside was a parrot whose favourite remark was 'Give us a grape'."

The original diary eventually became the property of Gwen and after consulting her daughters, was consigned to Hampshire Records Office for safe keeping. A copy is held in the village archives.

Gwen was a true Swanmore villager and grew up at *The New Inn* where her father was landlord.

Another villager who remembered George was Dink Harvey who recorded:

"One of my favourite characters was George Titheridge, a cheerful and popular figure. George was more or less a dwarf, and was a conspicuous figure around the village with his white smock and hat, not forgetting too, his crutches without which he could not get about. George was the scorer for the Cricket Club and I used to admire his beautiful hand writing, a feature which must have stuck in my memory all my life".

Thank you George for the wealth of information you left for future generations.

Crawford Wright, Swanmore Archivist

Community art project

Celebrating our village heroes

The Village Heroes community art project celebrates our local heroes in Swanmore and surrounding areas.

The project matches local artists (amateur, professional and aspiring artists of all ages) to nominated heroes to create a portrait of a village hero. Here are a few more portraits and you'll be able to see more than 40 of them at an exhibition at the Paterson Centre from Friday 10th to Saturday 12th September.

Alison Potter

1. Anne Pearson by Vera Tribbeck
2. Nicole Doran by Erica Quincey
3. Lily by Mandy Mowbray
4. Sarah Hiscock by Jenny Smith
5. Judy Cook by Stacey Johns
6. Roisin Smith by Sally Brittain
7. Cara Smyth by Alison Potter
8. Grandma by Sophie Young Min
9. Jan White by Sheila Barrow
10. Becky from Swanmore Stores by Sue Hallway
11. Jenny and Mike Maunder by Diana Angelis
12. Tricia Clark by Layla Oates
13. Polly by Sue Hallway
14. Elijah by Alison Potter
15. Grandad by Archie Harris Lines
16. Dave the Postman by Don Richards
17. Sarah Woodman by Pauline Fagg





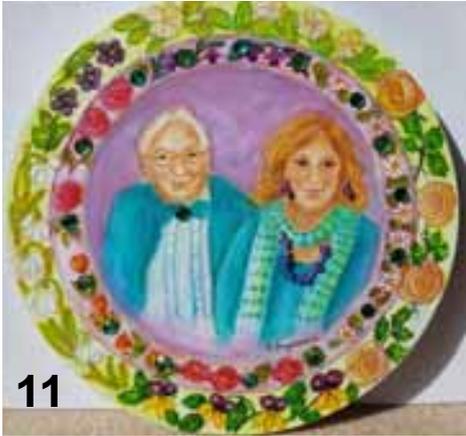
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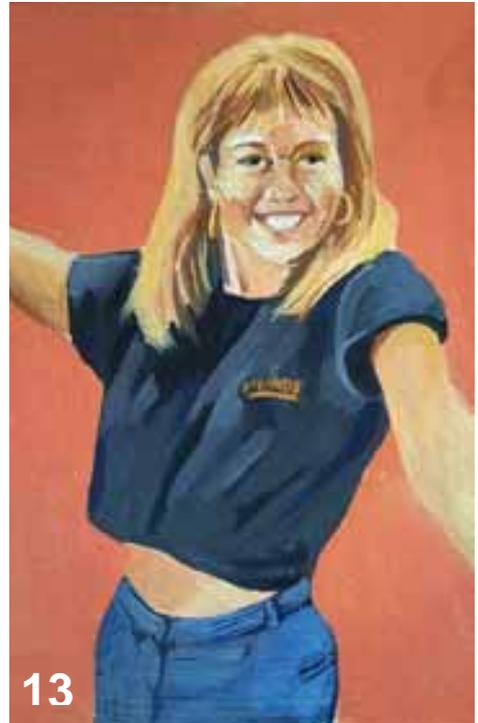
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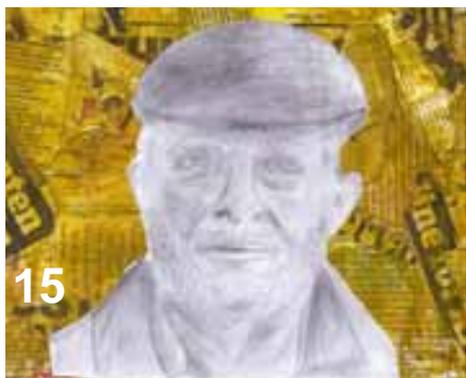
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Village footpaths Following the country code

Many of us embraced the great outdoors during the pandemic. Heading out for walks and exploring our local surroundings has become something of an enjoyable treat of late, but how many of us know the Countryside Code we should be following when getting out and about in rural areas?

A new Countryside Code was launched in April by Natural England and Natural Resources Wales, coinciding with the 70th anniversary of the creation of the founding booklet, first published in 1951.

For instance do you know where you may ride your bicycle? Or why some signs are yellow?

You can read the new code at www.gov.uk/countryside-code where you can also download a copy of the explanatory leaflet: its message is summed up as Respect – Protect – Enjoy”.

Respect everyone

- Be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking.
- Be nice, say hello, share the space.
- Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.

Protect the environment

- Take your litter home - leave no trace of your visit.
- Take care with BBQs and do not light fires.
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight.
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it - any public waste bin will do.
- Care for nature - do not cause damage or disturbance.

Enjoy the outdoors

- Check your route and local conditions.
- Plan your adventure: know what to expect and what you can do.
- Enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory.

The code also reminds us of the various symbols found on finger posts and waymarks.



Yellow waymark discs are for footpaths – only for walkers



Blue ones are bridleways – for walkers, horse riders and cyclists



Purple discs are restricted byways which permit non-motorised vehicles



Red/orange are byways open to all traffic (BOAT). Some unmarked tracks are also highways



Acorn sign – a National Trail like the South Downs Way

Permissive paths have local notices.



Lin Powell

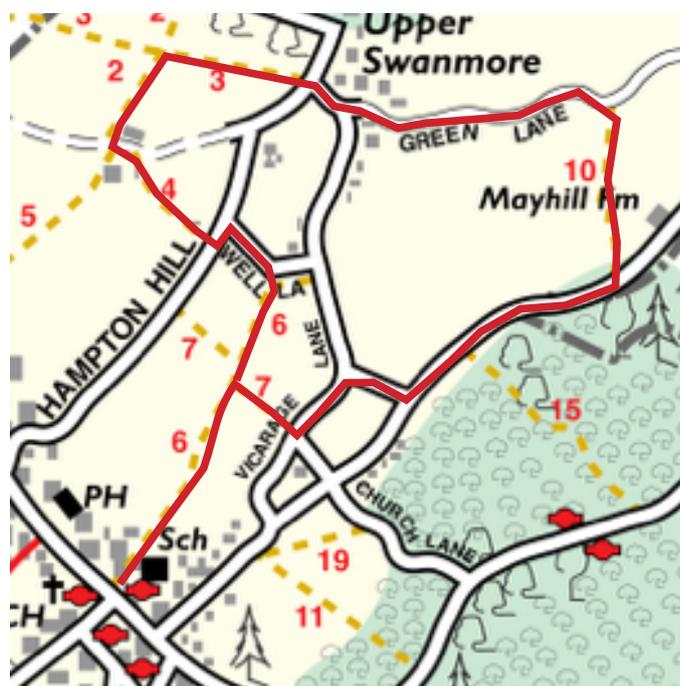
A circular walk to Upper Swanmore 4.3km/2.5miles, approx.1 hour

A short walk mostly on tracks or footpaths across open fields. When crossing fields containing cattle keep dogs on leads and take care.

- **Start.** From the Village Centre take the footpath next to the Primary School and go through the kissing gate into the large field.
- Where the footpaths cross turn right along the hedge line to the kissing gate into Vicarage Lane. Turn left and walk along the lane until you reach Cut Throat Lane on your right.
- At the end of this lane turn left and continue along Mayhill Lane until you reach the footpath just beyond the entrance to Mayhill Barn Farm.
- Follow this path through the short wooded stretch and across the field to reach Green Lane. Turn left and continue through Upper Swanmore to Park Lane.
- Cross the road to the stile and then continue across the field over a further stile to the kissing gates in the field beyond.

- Turn left here and and continue along the footpath to Jervis Court Lane
- Cross the lane and take the footpath indicated to the left of the farm leading to Hampton Hill.

- At the road turn left and then right into Well Lane. At the kissing gate enter the big field and rejoin the footpath leading to the Primary School.



With this issue we start a new series of circular footpath walks around the village.

Some will be very familiar to many – others could take you in a new direction. With thanks to Lin Powell and David Streeter for their input.

A circular walk from Swanmore Church towards Droxford and Dundridge, 8.75 km/5.4 miles; approx. 2¼ hours

This is a beautiful walk through quiet country lanes, across downland, woodland and open fields. The views across to the Solent, Old Winchester Hill, and Dundridge valley are quite stunning.

- **Start.** From the village centre follow the footpath alongside the Primary School. Go straight across the large open field to the top corner kissing gate and take Vicarage Lane straight ahead to Upper Swanmore.
- Turn right past Dahlia Cottage on the unmade, Green Lane, following it to the end while enjoying the views towards the Solent. (approx 20 mins).
- Turn left along Mayhill Lane for 10 mins, ignoring the road on the right, until you pass Poppydown Vineyard. A minute or two later turn left onto the footpath alongside the wood to descend the hillside and turn left again at the bottom.
- At the trees ahead on the left, go up the slope through the metal kissing gate onto Fir Down. Follow the path alongside the hedge turning right at the end metal gate, and follow along a wide track turning to the left.
- After about seven minutes leave the track just beyond the end of the field, turning left up the slope through the trees towards Park Lane. Here you will find the Memorial stone seat (pictured above right) to enjoy the views towards Old Winchester Hill.
- Continue on to cross Park Lane and onto the bridleway opposite, which does get very muddy in winter. Continue to the end where you meet a track.
- Go straight across this into the trees onto a well worn path, opposite a large metal gate. Keeping to the right follow down through the trees turning the left bend at the bottom to continue along the wide bridleway at the edge of the wood.
- After seven or eight minutes you will see a footpath over a stile to the right. You can divert from the route to reach *The Hampshire*

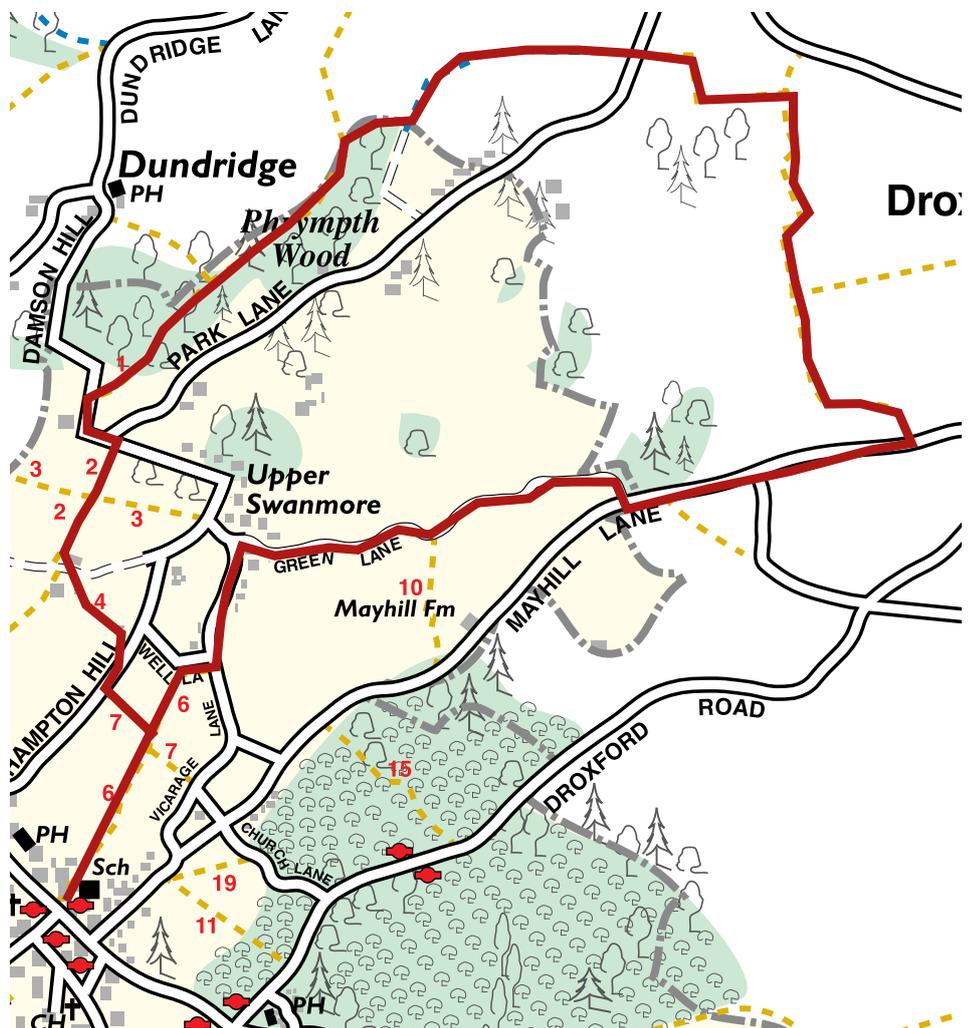
Bowman in five minutes taking this and going straight ahead through a horse paddock and farmyard leading to the bottom of Damson Hill where you turn right.



- You can rejoin the route either by retracing your steps and turn right after the stile or go back along the lane, pass the entrance to the farmyard, to continue up the winding Damson Hill for about 15 minutes to meet the bridlepath near the top.
- If you don't want to go to the pub, continue on the bridlepath keeping slightly left at the old wooden sign just ahead, up to the top of

Damson Hill. Turn left to the junction of Park Lane where you turn right over the stile in the hedge to cross two fields to Jervis Court Farm. Go left, passing the entrance to the farm, then right over a stile to cross the field keeping right.

- Turn right onto Hampton Hill. After three minutes be careful to take the enclosed footpath on the left which brings you back into the large field.



In the hedgerows

Beware the carrot family

At this time of year our hedgerows are filling up with cow parsley: waving umbels of white flowers and deeply divided leaves. Those young leaves have a sharp taste and can be used in omelettes or as an alternative to parsley or chervil... surely it's safe to gather? Don't!

Some of it might be perfectly edible, but as every forager warns, never, ever harvest any member of the carrot family unless you are absolutely 100% certain what it is, as rather too many members of this large family are extremely poisonous.

When the leaves first emerge cow parsley (*Anthriscus sylvestris*) is virtually identical to hemlock (*Conium maculatum*) and even when the plants have grown a little more, confusion is all too easy. Hemlock was what Socrates had to drink when he was condemned to death and forced to commit suicide, so it isn't one you'd like to add to your cooking.

Telling them apart

There are various key differences: crushed cow parsley leaves smell rather like parsley, while hemlock's are unpleasant and said to be reminiscent of mouse pee (although not many of us would probably recognise that aroma these days). Hemlock's flowering stems often – but not always – are dotted with purple blotches, and its leaf stems are smooth, whereas cow parsley's are hairy and blotch free (although they can sometimes be purple in places) and feel rough. Fully grown, hemlock can reach 8ft/2.4m, although cow parsley is not that much shorter and grow to almost 6ft/1.8m so size is not always a good differentiator.

Rather than risk an untimely end, leave the cow parsley to the flower arrangers – it will last about a week in a flower vase.

And if confusion with hemlock was not bad enough, there is also another cousin: hemlock water dropwort – often just called water dropwort (*Oenanthe crocata*) – which is possibly the most poisonous plant growing in the UK. It is always found close to water and its leaves look more like a type of fern; it can be confused with flat leaf parsley

(*Petroselinum crispum*), also a member of the carrot family, and one to grow in your garden rather than attempt to forage.

Foragers at one time regarded common hogweed (*Heracleum sphondylium*), also a carrot cousin or *Apiaceae* family, as one our best wild vegetables with young leaves, picked before they've unfurled, best sautéed in butter, while the flower buds can be cooked as cauliflower florets.

Unfortunately there seems now to be some hybridisation with giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) – an Asian species introduced in the nineteenth century as a garden ornamental. It is phototoxic and simply touching the plant can produce serious rashes as it prevents the skin from being able to protect itself from sunlight. Such hybridisation means that even common hogweed needs to be treated with care, while confusion with its giant cousin is also possible.

One worth cultivating, and like cow parsley currently covered in white umbels of tiny florets, is sweet cicely (*Myrrhis odorata*). This one is certainly worth bringing into the kitchen. When fresh the leaves have a distinct aniseed taste but add them to a gooseberry crumble or an apple pie. The aniseed flavour disappears but there will be no need for additional sugar as the plant significantly reduce the tartness of the fruit. Use a tablespoon of chopped sweet cicely



Above: Sweet cicely (*Myrrhis odorata*),
Below: The plant's long black seeds.

leaves to replace a tablespoon of sugar.

Its long black seeds are also worth harvesting to produce a sweet cicely aperitif: infuse a handful of sweet cicely seeds in 500ml of vodka for up to three days. Check the flavour daily to avoid it becoming too intense. Then strain, store for a month and drink neat on ice or diluted with soda water. Rather nicer than the tippie forced on poor old Socrates.



Oilseed rape is much in abundance this year – although not all of us like the smell that it produces! Peter Mason captured this field north of the village.

Buglife

Harmless hoverers

When is a bee, a wasp, or even a hornet, not a bee, a wasp or a hornet? When it's a hoverfly. There are a little short of 300 species of hoverfly in the UK, and quite a number of them mimic bee and wasp colouration as a survival strategy. They can fool potential predators into assuming they can sting, so the predators go looking for easier prey.

So how can we tell it's a hoverfly in our gardens? The clue of course, is in the name. They hover, then dart into a new position as you disturb them, whereas wasps have a swinging dance approach as they show interest in what you are eating, and bees tend to have a more direct or more bumbling flight, depending on the species.

Hoverfly species range in size from less than 5mm to nearly 20mm wing length when adults, and many of them can be found in Swanmore gardens or nearby habitats. The adults basically feed and breed, using flowers as sources of nectar and pollen, providing a useful pollination service in the process.

The larvae, or maggots, have quite variable lifestyles, such as feeding on aphids or living in rotting material such as compost heaps or stagnant pools,

helping the decay process. None are significant pests.

Identifying which hoverfly is which as adults is easy for some species and rather more challenging for others, requiring capturing and examining with at least a hand lens, and most only have scientific names, but there are exceptions:

1. The marmalade hoverfly (*Episyrphus balteatus*).
2. The impressive hornet hoverfly (*Volucella zonaria*)
3. The footballer (*Helophilus pendulus*) with its two sets of black-and-yellow stripes.
4. The drone fly (*Eristalis tenax*) which mimics honey bees.

All are easily recognisable. See how many you can spot this summer!

Marcus Charig



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Seen and heard

A sign of summer

There are few things more uplifting on a cold, dull day in late spring than to arrive in Bishop's Waltham and hear the screams of overhead swifts:

summer is definitely on its way and the arrival of these amazing birds instantly brings a broad smile.

The swift (*Apus apus*) is one of the fastest flyers in the bird kingdom and

birds have been reported flying at 105mph in level flight, although their cruising speed is nearer to 70mph – or 31 metres a second.

In its lifetime a swift may travel a total of 1.25million miles – enough to fly to the moon five times.

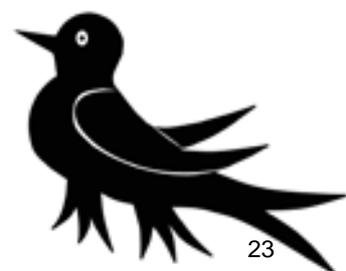
Like their cousins – house martins and swallows – swifts have a characteristically forked tail, although unlike them they have no white patches but are completely black with elegantly curved wings looking rather like a boomerang in flight.

They reputedly live most of their lives on the wing – eating and sleeping in flight – and if they do accidentally come down to earth they may need to find a convenient stem to climb up in order to take off again. They have such tiny, and rarely used, feet that our ancestors thought they had none at all and the heraldic

“martlet”, based on the swift, is always depicted with just fluffy feathers instead of toes.

Like many of our migrant birds, swifts have suffered in recent years as their nesting sites, which are typically high up on old buildings, have disappeared as roofs are lined and odd cracks filled.

Hampshire Swifts will install a swift box on your house, if it is suitable, for a fee (around £30) the box needs to be at least 4.5-5m high: do that and we may one day hear more of these amazing birds over Swanmore. You can find out more at www.hampshireswifts.co.uk.



The toeless martlet



BW Community Swimming

Making a splash this summer

This summer Bishop's Waltham Community Swimming is able to offer two morning sessions during the first two weeks of the school summer holidays at the pool in Bishop's Waltham Junior School.

The open dates are: Monday 26th July to Friday 30th July and Monday 2nd August to Friday 6th August. Sessions available are 10.30–11.30 and 11.30–12.30.

The 11.30–12.30 sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be lane swimming (for any age group)

Qualified lifeguards will be on duty at every session and the usual pool use session charges will apply: children under school age £1.00, children of school age £3.50 and adults £4.20. Children under the age of eight years must be accompanied by an adult in the water. Non-cash payment is via the Pay Pal app.

The pool re-opened in April with government covid safety precautions in place. Please come "pool ready" and leave outer clothing and towels in the numbered boxes

available for your use at the pool-side. After your swim the changing rooms will be open to put on dry clothing, but the showers will not be in use.

At present numbers are restricted to 20 per session but it is anticipated that this will increase to 30 when government restrictions are reviewed in mid July.

Two new boilers have been installed recently and the installation of a UV light system, which will reduce the amount of chlorine needed, is planned for later this year.

We hope to see you at the pool this summer!

For further information and details please refer to the BWCS website <https://bwcommunityswimming.org.uk>

or see the BWCS

Facebook page nearer the holidays.

Penny Eliot



Helping India's covid crisis

As I write this the UK is steadily moving towards some sort of normality with covid restrictions being lifted. However, we have seen on the news the desperate situation in India with families queuing outside the many government hospitals where treatment is free.

Rotary in the UK, and indeed our own club, has had close links with the Rotary Clubs in India for many years and we have collaborated on many projects improving healthcare and education in the most deprived areas.

Due to these links many close friendships and working relationships have been made which have enabled direct communication with the local Rotarians who are helping the government hospitals in India to access much-needed medical equipment.

Through direct communication with a former Rotary District Governor in

Kerala, India, it has been possible to get first-hand information from the government's staff doctors as to what equipment would be of best use.

What they have told us will help the most patients and in the best way, is a Bipap (Bilevel positive airway pressure) machine which is a type of ventilator which assists the patients breathing and aids the exchange of oxygen.

In response to this need, Bishop's Waltham Rotary Club has donated just over £730 to purchase one of these devices which will be delivered directly to where it is needed the most through the local Rotary Clubs in India.

If you would like to make a donation to help us help others, you can go to our website and click on the donate button in the top header:

www.bishopswalthamrotary.org.uk
Ian Treveil

Garden fair with flower workshops to help the learning disabled

A "Garden and Craft" fair is planned for Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at Upper Farm, Down Farm Lane, Headbourne Worthy SO23 7LA from 10am to 4pm in aid of Winchester Go LD, which supports adults with learning difficulties.

Last year's fair had to be cancelled, due to covid restrictions and, as for all charities in recent months, fund-raising has been difficult. "Although we did have a bridge afternoon and a wine tasting, which were both very successfully on Zoom," says Elizabeth Colquhoun a member of the fund-raising committee. "The staff at Winchester Go LD have been wonderful at keeping the members – all learning disabled adults – in touch with one another by Zoom. This has made such a difference."

As well as stalls selling plants, garden products, local crafts, homeware, produce and gifts an attraction at the fair will be Hillier's Bob McQueen, horticulturalist and tree expert, giving short talks at 10.30, 11.30, 13.30 and 14.30 followed by Q&A sessions.

Creative Flora expert florist, Louise Bradshaw will also be offering two seasonal flower workshop demonstrations at 11am and 2pm. Workshop tickets at £20 are available in advance and include one workshop, entrance and lunch in the Go LD Café Marquee. Contact Ros Francis on 07868 132250 or ros.francis@hotmail.co.uk and book early as numbers are limited.

Entrance to the fair is £5 and parking is available on site.



Festivals

The welcome return of live music

Music lovers have much to look forward to in coming months as local festivals – many of which were cancelled in 2020 – return.

There may still be time to buy tickets for the Winchester Chamber Music Festival, 4th to 6th June at St Paul's Church, St Paul's Hill, Winchester, SO22 5AB.

There will be five concerts over the three days with a socially-distanced audience and each hour long event is being repeated to enable a larger audience. The London Bridge Piano Trio, which founded the festival a dozen years ago, will be joined by a number of internationally renowned musician guests – including violinist Lucy Gould and clarinettist Robert Plane.

Highlights include Fauré's *Piano Trio in D minor*, Op. 120, Bartók's *Contrasts for violin, clarinet and piano* – originally written for jazz clarinettist Benny Goodman in the 1930s, and Dvořák's "*American*" *String Quartet in F*, Op. 96.

Tickets are £18 plus booking fee and an online version of the festival will be available 18th to 20th June with tickets at £10 per concert per household. Full details are available at www.winchesterchambermusic.com.

From 5th to 8th August the Wickham Music Festival returns after a year's absence. Topping the bill this year are Van Morrison, The Waterboys and Nick Lowe & His Rock'n'Roll Revue along with around 50 other acts. The campsite is open from 12noon on Wednesday 4th August and day ticket prices are from £45 with



The Primrose Piano Quartet: Susanne Stanzeleit, Dorothea Vogel, Andrew Fuller and John Thwaites at the piano.

a 50% reduction for NHS staff. Full details are at www.wickhamfestival.co.uk.

For those who like to plan ahead, the West Meon Music Festival is also returning to full strength in September after a "mini-festival" replaced the originally planned 10th anniversary gala last year.

Founders, the Primrose Piano Quartet, will also be joined by a number of high profile musician guests – among them the exciting young guitarist Laura Snowden described as a "string sensation" by *BBC Music Magazine* and Roman Kosyakov, winner of the Hastings International Piano Concerto who's recital will include Mussorgsky's "*Pictures at an Exhibition*".

Other highlights include Brahms' stunning *Horn Trio Op.40*" with leading horn soloist Stephen Stirling; Mozart's joyous *Piano Quartet in E flat*, and Schubert's final chamber work,

The London Bridge Piano Trio: Kate Gould, Daniel Tong and David Adams.



the ever-popular "*String Quintet in C major*".

There will also be masterclasses for young musicians, a late-night folk band at the Thomas Lord Pub and a late night concert by the Primrose featuring works by Bartók, Schoenberg, Kurtag and others. Full details of all eight concerts, variously held in the churches at West Meon, East Meon and Warnford, can be found at www.westmeonmusic.co.uk and ticket prices are from £10 to £20 depending on the event.

Both the Winchester Chamber Music Festival and West Meon Music Festival are registered charities and normally include schools' concert in their festivals, although covid restrictions currently prevents these..

Photograph by Jake Morley.



Bishop's Waltham Photographic Society

Concentrating on animals

Recent meetings of the society have included a presentation in April by Tal Chohan on "The Art of Zoo Photography". Members were really looking forward to this talk and Tal didn't disappoint.

Based in Birmingham, Tal's love of wildlife goes back to his school trips to zoos and nature reserves locally and, further afield, holidays in India. Central to this was a powerful impression left by seeing Tigers in the wild and he made it a goal to take the greatest ever images of tigers in a captive environment.

Tal provided many tips on how to overcome the challenges of shooting through fences, removing reflections when shooting through glass and dealing with unaesthetic enclosures – with Marwell Zoo re-opening recently, a number of members have already been putting these techniques into practice and an image review evening was held in May to see how we got on!

Another treat in April was a presentation by member Paul Harknett LRPS on "The Wildlife and People of Madagascar". Paul showed beautiful, detailed imagery of a range of species with some background information on a few individual creatures especially Paul's favourites – the reptiles

The second competition round took place at the beginning of May. Our judge for the evening was Leo Rich ARPS, a highly experienced photographer and judge based in Salisbury. Leo was very complimentary as to the quality of entries especially in the Primary League and gave interesting,

illuminating critique. Many congratulations to all those gaining places.

In May we enjoyed images taken at Marwell Zoo and at the end of the month Graham Campbell gave a talk on "Cycling the Backroads of China 1999".

More information about the Society can be found on our website: www.bishopswalthamphotosociety.co.uk.

For anyone with children or grandchildren interested in photography, the Society's Junior section is continuing with online meetings and set topics – to find out more please contact Peter Mason at junior@bishopswalthamphotosociety.co.uk.

Dawn Blight



Above; "Chin Up" by Susan Collingwood, winner of the Primary League.

Left: "Moorhens fighting" by Philippa Smith, winner of the Advanced league.



BW Town Team

Helping you declutter and reduce landfill

The Bishop's Waltham Town Team is holding five "Give and Take" events between June and October as a means of helping you declutter your home and reduce the amount of goods sent to landfill.

Each month there will be a free exchange stall in St George's Square with different themes. You can give unwanted items for others to select and take, or you may find something useful to take home free as well. You do not have to give in order to take ... you can give, you can take, or you can do both. The first "Give and Take" will be on Saturday 26th June. The theme will be "Gardening and DIY" and the types of items that can be accepted include:

- DIY and gardening tools of all shapes and sizes – as long as they are not electric.
- DIY and gardening equipment and material., such as fleeces, wire netting, stakes, cables, ties, wallpaper, pots, seed packets etc.
- Unopened and non-toxic containers of gardening and DIY supplies
- DIY and gardening hardware, such as nails, brackets, fixings, wiring etc.

The July sale will be held on 31st July featuring "Toys, Games, Books and Clothes for under-11s" with "Small household items and entertainment" products to be exchanged on 28th August.

Anything brought for exchange should be clean and useable. If in doubt whether something is acceptable email in advance at bishopswalthamtownteam2@gmail.com

Donated items will be accepted between noon and 3.00pm. Goods will be available to take home from 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

To find out more or to volunteer to help with running these events go to www.lovebishopswaltham.com.

Worth noting...

- **Meon Valley Heartstart** is running free online training in basic life-saving skills. Full details at heartstartmeonvalley.co.uk
- **Age Concert Hampshire's** local volunteer is Lorna Neill who can help people – and their family, friends and carers – find the information and support they need to stay living safely and independently. You can contact Lorna, on 07790 845944 or enquiries@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk
- The **Meon Valley branch of the University of the Third Age (U3A)** plans to restart twice monthly meetings on 7th September with its AGM on the 21st September. It is looking for new members, new committee members and good speakers. Contact the secretary, Betty Hiscock on 01489 894807 or mvu3asec@yahoo.com. A membership application form can be downloaded at u3asites.org.uk/meon-valley.
- **Home-Start Meon Valley** is now covered by Home-Start Hampshire and continues to support families in the area. It is now based in Segensworth. Contact details are 0330 124095, www.home-starthampshire.org.uk
- **Meon Valley Lions** has cancelled its annual Swanmore Fête planned for July but will be holding a "BBQ in the Park" on Saturday 18th September. Plans have yet to be finalised but the usual burgers and sausages will be served, a local pub will be asked to run a bar and there will be music.

Dates for your diaries

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| 4th-6th June | Winchester Chamber Music Festival, St Paul's Church Winchester. |
| 12th June | 9.45am Conservation Group work party. |
| 15th June | 7pm Swanmore Parish Council Planning & Highways Committee, Village Hall. |
| 22nd June | 7pm Swanmore Parish Council Open Spaces & Amenities Committee, Village Hall. |
| 23rd June | 10am to 4pm Garden and Craft Fair in aid of Go LD, Upper Farm, Down Farm Lane, Headbourne Worthy SO23 7LA . |
| 24th June | 3.30pm to 5.30pm Swanmore Pre-school Mini Fête and Open Afternoon. |
| 26th June | 10am to 1pm Classic Car Collection, Barnaby's. |
| 26th June | 12noon to 4pm "Give and Take", St George's Square Bishop's Waltham. |
| 26th June | 7pm Grand Re-opening Quiz – Paterson Centre. |
| 27th June | 10am "Coming out of Lockdown: All Creation Sings" St Barnabas. |
| 29th June | 7pm Swanmore Parish Council Full Council Committee, Village Hall. |
| 2nd July | 7pm Revd Claire Towns leaving party, Paterson Centre and churchyard. |
| 8th July | 5.30pm to 8.30pm Swanmore College open evening (booking essential). |
| 10th July | 9.45am Conservation Group work party. |
| 10th July | 10.30am to 1.30pm Garage Sale, in aid of the Royal British Legion, Paterson Centre car park. |
| 13th July | 7pm Swanmore Parish Council Finance Committee, Village Hall. |
| 15th July | Swanmore College Prom, The Village Hotel Portsmouth. |
| 17th July | 1pm to 6pm Swanmore Open Gardens, afternoon teas 2pm to 5pm Paterson Centre. |
| 20th July | 2.30pm to 4.30pm Mothers' Union, Paterson Centre |
| 20th July | 7pm Swanmore Parish Council Planning & Highways Committee, Village Hall |
| 26th-30th July | 10.30am to 12.30pm Bishop's Waltham Community Swimming Pool opening. |
| 27th July | 7pm Swanmore Parish Council Open Spaces & Amenities Committee, Village Hall. |
| 31st July | 12noon to 4pm "Give and Take", St George's Square Bishop's Waltham. |

Diary Dates

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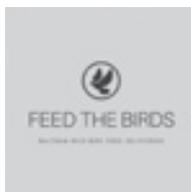
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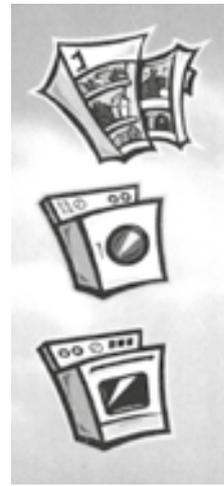
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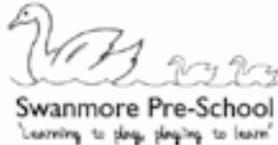
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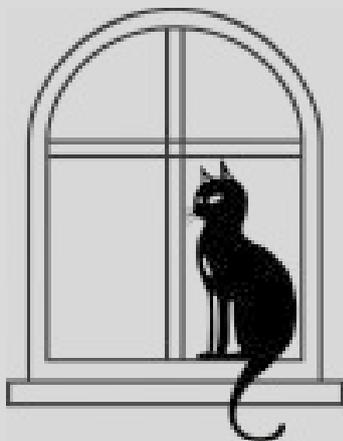
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Remembering HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

Swanmore flew the Union flag on the village's flag-post by the War Memorial at half-mast for the week following the Duke's death on 9th April 2021.



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