

June/July 2022

The **Swanmore** *Link*



Leap into summer
Celebrating jubilees
Cricket in the Meon Valley
Scary spiders

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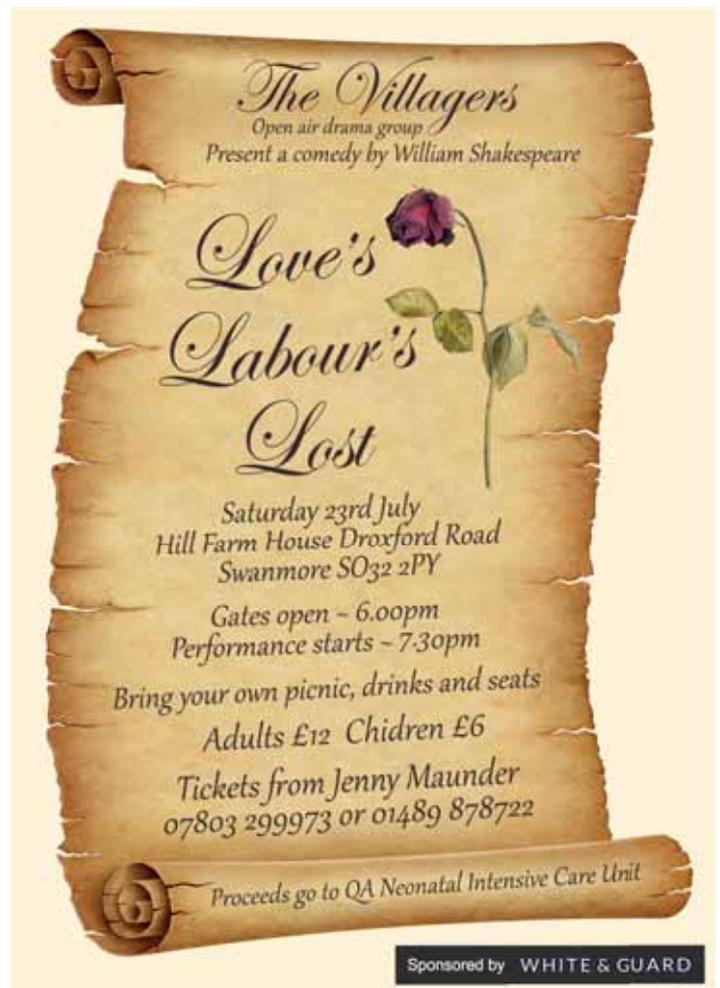
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The Swanmore Link

The Swanmore Link – which is free of charge to all residents – can be collected from The Link (between the church and the Paterson Centre) whenever it is open – generally between 9am and 5pm each day.

You are welcome to take additional copies for new neighbours or any in the village you know who may have difficulty collecting copies themselves.

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Time to celebrate the jubilee – and for thought

Jubilees happened in the Bible and were the times when slaves were given their freedom. I guess if you became enslaved in the years immediately after a jubilee, you could have 30 or 40 years to wait for another one, so not such a good deal but at least there was hope.

I don't know whether anybody gets freed when the Queen celebrates a jubilee but they are certainly opportunities for extra holidays, fun and frolics. I remember where I was for her silver jubilee: at the Island Cruising Club in Salcombe getting cold and wet. In 2002, on the sixtieth anniversary, we were lighting a beacon in Shere and joining in with a raucous street party. And now, here we are in Swanmore celebrating her 70 years of dedicated service with *Platinum Praise* at 10am on Sunday 5th June. We hope many of you will come and join us.

The readings, hymns and songs have all been chosen because the Queen likes them (including the Abba medley) and there will be fizz and refreshments afterwards – leaving plenty of time and space for all those lunch parties and picnics. You'll also be able to see all the entries for the children's competition to design the cover for the programme.

Whatever you think about monarchies in general, 70 years is no mean achievement and there can be few who would deny that our Queen has done her level best to serve her country and Commonwealth every day of her life. From the day she heard her father had died – and realised she was to be crowned somewhat sooner than expected – until the present day, she has remained faithful to her calling. She has much to teach us about duty – an unfashionable word nowadays – commitment, stamina and service.

All this she has done as a Christian woman. Make

no mistake, her faith is not put on for the cameras or exaggerated for the press. It has been the backbone of her life and sustained her through difficult, dark days; and she's had a few, one way and another. Prince Philip shared her faith and was not backwards in challenging preachers, discussing the finer points of theology and holding local clergy to account. I have it on good authority that being invited for a sherry after Evensong could send the preacher's blood pressure soaring.

All of that makes me wonder how we rate our own level of service and commitment – to others and to God? If it were our jubilee, what would people be saying about the way we've lived our lives? Might the Queen's example spur us on to put others before ourselves, to go the extra mile, to share and be generous with all our resources?

I know so many people in our community who are doing just that so no guilt trips are required; or perhaps you're at the stage where you have to sit back and let others serve you for a while as the Queen is having to do. But, as you pop the champagne, devour the strawberries and dance the night away, take a moment to consider what you might learn from Her Majesty about life, faith and commitment to others and to God. *See you on 5th!*

Hazel Whitehead



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We encourage everybody to continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, for those who have power to work for peace, for those made homeless in the conflict and for all those who are suffering and living in fear.



Services in June and July

Sunday 5th June

Pentecost

8am Holy

Communion

10am Platinum

Praise to
celebrate Her
Majesty the

Queen's Jubilee



Sunday 12th June

Trinity Sunday

St Barnabas Patronal Festival

8am Holy Communion with Revd

Kathy O'Loughlin

10am Holy Communion – Canon

Dr Steve

Summers will
preach and
preside



Sunday 19th June

First Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Café Church to celebrate

Father's Day. Bacon butties on
offer

Sunday 26th June

Second Sunday after Trinity

No 8am service

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 3rd July

Third Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 10th July

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

No 8am service

10am Holy Communion

Baptism of Alaria Rose Sharvil

Saturday 16th

July

Wedding of Grace

Victoria Kerton

and Mark James Smith



Sunday 17th July

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion.

Baptism of Alexander James

Burgess and Ruby & Rennie
Martin

Saturday 23rd July



Wedding of

Bruce Stewart

Collie and Alice

Louise Joan

Troup

Sunday 24th July

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

No 8am service

10am Holy Communion. Revd Dr

Richard Wyld will preach and

preside. He is Principal of the

Portsmouth Pathway (training

for lay and ordained ministers)

Sunday 31st July

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion



Do come and join us at 10am on

Sunday 5th June for Platinum

Praise where we will celebrate

through words and music the

Queen's Jubilee.

Her Majesty takes her faith very

seriously – as did the Duke of

Edinburgh – we will be singing

some of her favourite hymns and

listening to some of her favourite

pieces of music.

The winners of the competition to

design the cover will be given their

prizes and all entrants will receive a

small edible prize. All the designs

will be displayed for you to admire.

From the registers

Baptisms

1st May – Austin Henry Reid

15th May– Louis James Gerald and

Freddie George Arnold Mitty;

Olivia-Rose Marie and Ivy-May

Pollard Dambach

29th May – Athena Renee

Sourmenidis

Weddings

21st May – Aaron Cooper and

Christina (Kiki) Thomas

Funerals

6th April – Mel Smith

9th May – Nicholas Catherine Hall

10th May – (John) David Green

23rd May – Mary Ramsden

Annual meeting highlights need for more finance

At St Barnabas' annual meeting held

in the Paterson Centre on 27th July,

Dave Lee and Janet Chant, being

willing to stand again as

Churchwardens, were duly elected for

a further year.

Thanks were expressed to them
for carrying the legal responsibility for
the church during this Vacancy.

Derrinda Laing and Allison Gurry
were both elected to the PCC for a
further three-year term.

We hope that we will be able to
advertise for a new vicar in the next
few months, although this depends on
the policy review that our new Bishop
has recently started.

A key focus for our PCC this year
will be a stewardship campaign, as
current giving does not cover
expenditure or allow for growth in our
activities.

All are invited to read the reports
from the annual meeting, which can be
found on St Barnabas' Church

website:

<https://stbarnabas.org.uk/information-hub>.

Jill Phipps

Barnaby's Charity scheme raises £3,000 since March

With restrictions now fully eased, Barnaby's Coffee Shop has been able to return to its commitment to financially support local causes through an active Charity Awareness Scheme. Since the scheme returned in March almost £3,000 has been raised for:

- ◆ HelpingHoovesUK.org – On a lovely spring morning, owner Abbie brought two delightful ponies "Hamish" and "Mouse" down

to Barnaby's to be brushed and loved. Such was the popularity of this event that they will all be back in September.

- ◆ Meon Valley HomeStart – In April, we were only too pleased to raise money for this wonderful group who support new parents as they cope with challenging circumstances at home.
- ◆ International Red Cross – The war in Ukraine prompted us to launch a

number of initiatives to support an unfolding humanitarian crisis. Additional funds were sent to UNICEF and the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain. Owners of the classic cars who came to Barnaby's in April added another £150, in return for coffee and cake.

- ◆ Swanmore Primary School – Working with the Chair of FOSPS, we have been able to fund an exciting new idea of John Paterson, Headmaster of Swanmore Primary School, which John will announce in due course.
- ◆ Meon Valley Lions Club – The hard-working members of the Meon Valley Lions Club visited us early in May. We were able to champion the support they give families struggling with home life through donations, equipment and time.

At the time of writing, Barnaby's is in full flight supporting Christian Aid Week. Later in the summer, we will be supporting "Hounds for Heroes" (come along and meet a puppy in training!) and then the Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity.

Full details of what's coming up can be seen on <https://barnabys.coffee> and you can also apply for support from our Charity Awareness Scheme via the website.

Alastair Walton



Left: The visit from Helping Hooves' ponies.



Palm Sunday

The procession arrived – with pony

Maybe it wasn't quite the sort of donkey Our Lord might have ridden, but St Barnabas' Palm Sunday procession from the Village Hall to church was enthusiastically greeted when it arrived.



Open gardens

Praise for Swanmore's gardeners

Open Gardens weekend in April was blessed with fine weather, albeit a bit windy. We registered almost 200 visitors plus a surprising number of juniors. All greatly enjoyed themselves with just enough time to fit in tea and yummy cakes as well as seeing the gardens.

The most common comment was along the lines of: "All the gardens are different and all are beautiful". My thanks to everyone who made the weekend such a resounding success and in particular the garden owners and the visitors. It was great to see and hear everyone so enthusiastic and happily chatting away.

We now look forward to July 16th and 17th when we expect ten or twelve gardens to be included, including one or two that have not previously opened. Parking is free and the Meon Valley Lions minibus will again provide a free shuttle to the gardens for visitors and anyone else that cares to flag it down.

Visitors will be encouraged to walk to the gardens close to the church. Teas and delicious homemade cakes will be available in the Paterson Centre from 2pm to 5pm with gardens open 1pm to 6pm. Tickets (£6) will be available from 12.30pm at the Paterson Centre.

Well-behaved dogs are welcome on leads. There will also be plants for sale. Proceeds will be shared between the Paterson Centre and Rowans Hospice.

For more information, please contact jsharp2016@hotmail.com and I will get back to you as a matter of priority.

John Sharpe



Love has everything

There's a song by Tina Turner that poses the question, "What's love got to do with it?" As a Christian and as a human being my answer would have to be "everything".

Love isn't a noun, it's a verb, a doing word as they say in school, and it is in everything that connects us to each other. Whether you approach it from a faith perspective or a scientific perspective, we are built for connection. Few of us could happily live the life of a hermit no matter what we may think at times.

As an introvert I value time alone but too much of it and I am climbing the walls; I'll go out on the streets and strike up conversations with random strangers because I need that connection. But how does connection equal love?

To connect with another person you have to be willing to give up something, you have to surrender something of yourself and make yourself vulnerable.

Love is vulnerability. Even something as simple as a "good morning" and a smile to the woman on the checkout requires you to risk a little vulnerability.

It may be met with a brief exchange of pleasantries. It may be met with a moan or, as happened to me recently, it may be met with the other person opening up about losing their partner, feeling lost and how my smile and greeting was the most human interaction she'd had in weeks. I stayed and chatted with her for ten minutes (the shop was very quiet) listening to her in her loss.

Yes, I had places to be and things I should have been doing but love changes priorities.

Every time we offer help to someone, or take the time to listen to someone or someone does that for us, there is an exchange of love and vulnerability in both directions. Why does this happen?

Well, few of us can cope with the void of silence. Wherever two or more gather together there will be



Peter Bangs

conversation. When you show love, caring, interest, the conversation will be more than surface deep. We want connection and when we meet someone who listens with their whole heart, who shows a sign of caring, we want to connect with them. Even if it's just for a moment we want that connection.

When you listen to someone you risk your own vulnerability too. You risk being rebuffed – even if you smile at a stranger you risk being scowled at. You make yourself vulnerable in showing love in even its most simple form. It's like a virus though, once you receive it you can't help but pass it on.

Jesus said: "As I have loved you, so must you love one another".

These are powerful words. To give your life for others, as Jesus did, is the ultimate expression of love, and history is full of such stories. And that's what gives me hope that, in the end, love wins.

Peter Bangs
Methodist Missioner



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**Loving God
Loving our community
Making disciples for Jesus**

Sunday Services June and July

All services will commence at 10.30am except 5th June

5th June	4pm – Jubilee Tea and Songs of Praise
12th June	Peter Castle – Trinity Sunday
19th June	Revd Phil Griffin – Holy Communion
26th June	Richard Cole
3rd July	Jordan Cousins
10th July	Nicky Gilbert
17th July	Revd Phil Griffin – Holy Communion
24th July	Revd Bob Kitching
31st July	Ron Morgan

At the time of writing we are following Methodist Church guidance in relation to the easing of covid restrictions – we are able to sing but masks are still to be worn.

There will be a warm welcome for all who wish to join us for these services. If you would like to, but want to check if any restrictions remain, please email stewards@s-m-c.org.uk or see our Facebook page. Church members will be updated regularly.

In need of Prayer?

Place your prayer request in the post box on the wall next to the Chapel entrance; add your contact details if you would like a visit and we'll be in touch.

Coffee, Craft & Company

Weekly on Tuesday at 10am to 12noon

Enjoy company, coffee, tea and biscuits/craft. If you would like to bring knitting/sewing etc or just come along for a chat we will be pleased to see you.

TLC (Tuesday Ladies' Club)

14th June – Valuation Evening hosted by Karen Dalmeny. Bring along your collectibles for valuation. £3 per person to include refreshments. Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

10th July – Cream Tea

All ladies welcome.

Thursday Fellowship

We hold a Fellowship meeting via Skype every Thursday 2.30pm to 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 

Swanmore College

All sorts of events

Ukraine conflict

In March, the College collected donations from the Swanmore Community to support victims of the invasion of Ukraine. We were overwhelmed by all your donations and filled a minibus to the brim! Thank you to everyone in the parish for your kind contributions.



Some of the many items collected for Ukraine by the College filling a minibus.

Mock examinations

Our Year 11 and Year 10 cohorts sat their mock GCSEs during February and March, and over all these went very well, with pleasing results. Year 11 pupils started their GCSE exams on 16th May.

These will be running for six weeks, before their final farewell. The Year 11 Prom will be held at Swanmore College on Thursday 30th June.

Vocal concerts

March was a very musical month for pupils, with a vocal concert in our Main Hall and participation in the national "Voice in a Million" concert at Wembley Arena.

More than 80 of our Year 8 pupils performed with thousands of pupils from other schools across the country. It was a fun and exciting evening for all.

Below: Year 8 pupils, who headed to Wembley to take part in the "Voice in a Million" concert, made quite sure everyone knew which school they came from.

After-hours activities at the College

We host a range of activities on site after hours, including:

- ◆ Football – local teams from the Bishops Waltham/Fareham/Whiteley area for children and adults.
- ◆ Performing Arts School – any age (3–18) Monday to Saturday.
- ◆ Badminton courts – one elite badminton club three days a week.
- ◆ Indoor cricket during the winter months – youth coaching and adult training.
- ◆ Karate and tae kwon do – for all ages.
- ◆ Gymnastics – children (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday).
- ◆ Two netball clubs – development coaching and adult team.
- ◆ Yoga/Pilates – three independent instructors – 18+ (Monday and Tuesday).
- ◆ Fitness suite – open 5.00pm to 10.00pm weekdays; 8.00am to 6.00pm at weekends.

During the holidays, we play host to a children's activities holiday club (Key Stage 1 and 2), which operates from 9.00am to 4.00pm during half-terms, Easter, summer and Christmas breaks.



Swanmore Guides

Plenty of fun, fresh air and interesting badges

Swanmore Guides are enjoying the summer: challenging themselves, learning new skills and having fun in the fresh air.

We were grateful to local photography enthusiast Pete Mason for coming along to share top tips on taking and presenting photos, and helping a number of girls gain their photography badge.

We have made our own butter and toasted bread on the campfire, plan to visit local alpacas and shall be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee, as well as lots more.

This is what Lottie (11) and Bea (12) have to say about being a Guide:

- ◆ "Guides is super fun because I get to see my friends after school and do lots of different activities. I really enjoy the residentials because we sleep over at massive houses or camp in tents and take part in lots of outdoor activities like paddle boarding and cooking over open fires. The Guide Leaders are extremely fun and make sure we have a great time every Monday."
- ◆ "I like hanging out with my friends and doing really fun activities. One of my most favourite activities was the camp in the New Forest where I

won the crate challenge with my friend. I also really enjoyed the recent bungee exercising and I'm really looking forward to going to the water sports camp at Wimbleball!"

Sarah Woodman

For more information about the local Guide, Brownie and Rainbow groups contact swanmore-guides@hotmail.com

Below: Esme's montage helped her achieve a photography badge, having had guidance from Pete Mason.

Below left: The young leaders are enjoying their freshly churned butter and campfire toasted bread.

Bottom: Sofia and Bea proudly show their clever chemicals creation.



Shakespeare in the Garden

Following a break as a result of COVID-19, the very popular Villagers from Gosport are back and will be performing Shakespeare's comedy "Love's Labour's Lost" on Saturday 23rd July in the grounds of Hill Farm House on Droxford Road.

The performance is planned to go ahead regardless of the weather, but we hope for sunshine.

Bring your own chairs, picnic and drinks (no barbeques please). Drop off is at the house with parking nearby. Gates open at 6pm and the performance begins at 7.30pm. Tickets are adults £12, children under-16 £6. All proceeds will be donated to help purchase equipment for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Queen Alexandra Hospital. For tickets or more information call me on 07803 299973 or 01489 878722.

Jenny Maunder



Quiz time with the twinnerers

Swanmore Twinning Association will be hosting a quiz on Friday 8th July in the Paterson Centre. It starts at 7.30pm with teams of eight.

Tickets are £10 per person, which includes a ploughman's supper, and there will be a raffle on the night. Bring your own drinks.

For more details and to reserve a table please call me on 07963 809888 or email lornajneill@hotmail.com.

Lorna Neill

Swanmore Pre-school

Learning all about insects and their life cycles

During the Spring term the children watched as the caterpillars went through the life cycle and hatched into beautiful butterflies. We had five successful butterflies; the children released them into our nature garden to find new homes.

Following a successful egg hunt fundraising event and receiving some special educational needs funding we have purchased some new bikes; the chariot bike is proving a big success with the children.

On Wednesday 22nd June we will be hosting our annual summer fête and open afternoon at 3.30pm to 5.00pm. Please come along to meet the team and enjoy the stalls for all ages, games and refreshments on offer.

Our admissions for September have now closed due to high numbers. If you would like to reserve a place for your child at Swanmore Pre-school for 2023 please do so early to avoid disappointment.

Please contact me on 01489 893779, or 07958436396 or email sarah.hiscock@swanmorepreschool.org.uk

Sarah Hiscock

Below: Harry holding a butterfly. Above right: Harvi looking at a chrysalis and Dominic and Eric on the chariot bike.



Can you help?

Looking for Leo

Our much loved twelve-year-old cat Leo has been missing since the evening of Friday 10th September 2021. As was his normal routine he left his favourite chair at 6.30pm skipped off to the garden and that was sadly the last we have seen of him.

We have hunted for him daily, distributed leaflets, put up posters and used social media. Leo is a large, strong, healthy cat so to disappear so close to home is a complete mystery.

Leo was wearing a gold collar with his name and my mobile phone number printed clearly on it. So I'm hoping he is still wearing it.

It could be possible that he has taken residence with another family locally and if that has happened we are desperate to know he is happy and well. If you could help us locate him that would be amazing.

Christina Ansty 07968 646236



Droxford charity

A little help when needed

The Droxford Relief in Need charity is an amalgamation of several local funds established over many years to help those in need living in the surrounding parishes, including Swanmore.

Although it is a small charity with limited funds it regularly makes grants – typically up to £100 – to help those in need.

Typical recent grants have included help with buying much-needed children's shoes, assisting with after-school club fees, and enabling a needy child to join a

school trip. The charity also supports local food banks.

During the current cost of living crisis many people could find they need additional cash to meet unexpected bills and may be reluctant to appeal to a charity.

All applications are treated sensitively and in confidence, so if you do have an unexpected or urgent need, please do not hesitate to ask.

Applications can be made direct to the charity's clerk, Caroline Chadder at chadder@btinternet.com or via Swanmore Parish Council.

Conservation group

Increasing vandalism and wildflower invaders

Over the years the pond in Broad Lane, within the conservation area, has received a seemingly never-ending stream of logs, bottles and cans. More seriously, parts of the fence around the pond have been damaged at various times. However, this spring there seem to have been more serious attempts to damage the fence, which is unfortunately coming to the end of its natural life, making it more vulnerable.

Large lengths of shuttering board along the path through the plantation have also been ripped up and tossed onto the ground amongst the trees. Replacing all the shuttering and the fence isn't something the Conservation Group can do and at the moment the Parish Council is unable to finance it either.

When the fence is eventually replaced our group plans to use any of the chestnut railings that are still sound as path edging in Green's Wood and Marsh's Meadows. It will look more attractive than shuttering boards and recycling is always good. It's sad to see this wonderful village amenity in such a state because of wilful destruction by a tiny minority.

Due to all the damage, some members of the group have spent extra time repairing the fence, tidying up the mess caused by the vandalism and making the area safe; we are especially grateful for their efforts.

Despite everything, the conservation area looks good now spring has finally sprung and the wildflower survey is underway once more. The separate wildflower meadow area financed by the Parish Council has much less vigorous grass than the Upper and Lower Meadows and we intend to keep a separate record of how this area does for flowers.

This year we have noticed several non-native plants in the meadows, Spanish bluebells again but also a polyanthus and some three-cornered garlic, which is a type of allium that grows round the Mediterranean.

We have also noticed that there are many more native ferns growing under the trees throughout the conservation area. It's always difficult, without keeping a record, to remember whether things are earlier compared to other years but there do seem to be lots of grasses in flower already this year.



Three-cornered garlic is one of the non-native plants invading the meadow.

Our work parties are held on the second Saturday of each month 9.45am until 12noon. We meet by the hut alongside Broad Lane near the pond where we decide what needs doing and who wants to do what. Do join us if you have time, it's a friendly group, we stop for coffee at 11am and don't bother at all if it's raining! The next few sessions are on 11th June, 9th July and 13th August.

Gill Sawyer 01489 894206



The goldfish in the pond are breeding enthusiastically with rapidly increasing numbers. They are non-native invaders and in an outdoor pond can grow to 14inches/36cm, with the potential to upset the natural eco-system. The fish have probably been introduced by people disposing of their unwanted "pets" in this way – a practice that should be strongly discouraged.



Damage to the fencing at Marsh's Meadows is increasing. Photograph by Peter Mason.

Meon Valley Carers

Offering support and companionship

Do you look after somebody with dementia? Would you like to join our friendly Carers Support Group where you can meet and talk to other carers in similar situations?

The group, which meets in the Paterson Centre on the fourth Tuesday of each month, is hosted by Judy (Carer Support Worker) and Gary (Dementia Advisor) who are happy to offer advice and information. We also have a committed group of volunteers who offer support and, most importantly, provide a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit!

We welcome carers and the cared for, giving them the opportunity to meet new friends, play along in a quiz or other activities, and discover new interests with the occasional guest speaker.

We have had a successful start to the year, which involved our carers and cared for being entertained with quizzes and games, as well as the



occasional guest speaker including one from the The Blue Lamp Trust and a lively discussion with Marc Ashley-Manns from the NHS.

If you would like to join us this year please contact our central team on 01264 332297 or email enquiries@andovermind.org.uk for more information.

Judy Beaunier

Meon Valley Lions

Getting ready for the fête

Preparations are going well for our annual fête on the Swanmore Recreation Ground on Saturday 9th July from 12noon.

We're keeping all your regular favourites and, following the success in 2019, we are again hosting a dog show –with prizes for the best pooches in various classes.

We are still taking bookings for

pitches, so if you would like to take a pitch, please get in touch – call us on 07443 753780 to go onto our website.

The Lions' Swanmore Fête takes much time and effort to organise and we need dozens of people to help us on the day. If you can volunteer for a few hours we'd love to hear from you. info@meonvalleylionsclub.org.uk.

At our recent business meeting

Brian Donovan (district governor) presented long service awards. Among them to Dinah Weberstadt and Dick Cowles each for ten years – pictured here with Brian (centre)

Congratulations to all. *Carole Dash*



Age Concern Hampshire Here to help

Lorna Neill is the Swanmore volunteer for Age Concern Hampshire.

She can help you, your family member, friend or person you are caring for with:

- ◆ Reviewing benefit eligibility.
- ◆ Completing forms, such as Attendance Allowance and Blue Badge.
- ◆ Searching for personal, day or residential care.
- ◆ Locating tradespeople for your home and garden.
- ◆ Signposting to home services, such as cleaners and meal delivery.
- ◆ Finding transport.
- ◆ Connecting to social groups, clubs and activities.
- ◆ Staying safe at home.
- ◆ Promoting health and wellbeing.
- ◆ Referring you to local or specialist support.

You can contact Lorna on 07790845944 or via email at enquiries@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

St George Foundation Come to the garden party

The St George Foundation, which supports street children in Sierra Leone, will be holding a garden party in Vicarage Lane on Saturday 25th June from 12.30pm to 5.30pm.

Attractions will include Mr Bean's Mini, Classic Cars, a jazz band and "Vera Lynn".

There will be a barbecue, cream teas and ice creams, cake stall, tombola, raffle, bouncy castle, plant stall, treasure hunt, balloon modelling, welly throwing and plenty of other games.

All are welcome to come and support this locally-based charity.

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Richard Green-Wilkinson

Village walks

Through woodland and quiet country lanes to the pub

A circular walk from Swanmore to Galley Down via The Hampshire Bowman.

4.45 miles/7km, time: approx. 2 hours, easy pace.

As well as getting accustomed to the often-used routes to and from the village, readers will be familiar with our regular mention of *The Hampshire Bowman*. With its many nearby footpaths, the pub, not surprisingly, features as a useful reference point for several walks in this area.

This walk takes us direct to its doorstep where there is always the chance of a welcome refreshment break, which does come in cups as well as pint glasses!

Terrain

There are six stiles to clamber over, some steps down a fairly steep bank and a couple of gentle hills. Sometimes you will find horses in the small paddocks and there might also be cows in the pastures near Jervis Court Farm. Please keep dogs on a lead when going by livestock.

You could well have put your walking boots away by this point as it's sounding much more like an obstacle course but as long as you can manage stiles it is an easy and pleasant walk through a mix of woodland, delightful open countryside, quiet country lanes and comes complete with the pub!

Start

1. To Lower Chase Road

From the village centre, go past Barnaby's café towards Bishop's Waltham, passing three houses before turning left along the enclosed footpath into Green's Wood. Go through the exit gate of the wood and turn immediately right into Marsh's Meadows and then turn left through the open wooden field gate into the second meadow. Walk diagonally right to the corner exiting into Broad Lane and turn right to cross Lower Chase Road.

2. Into Paradise Lane

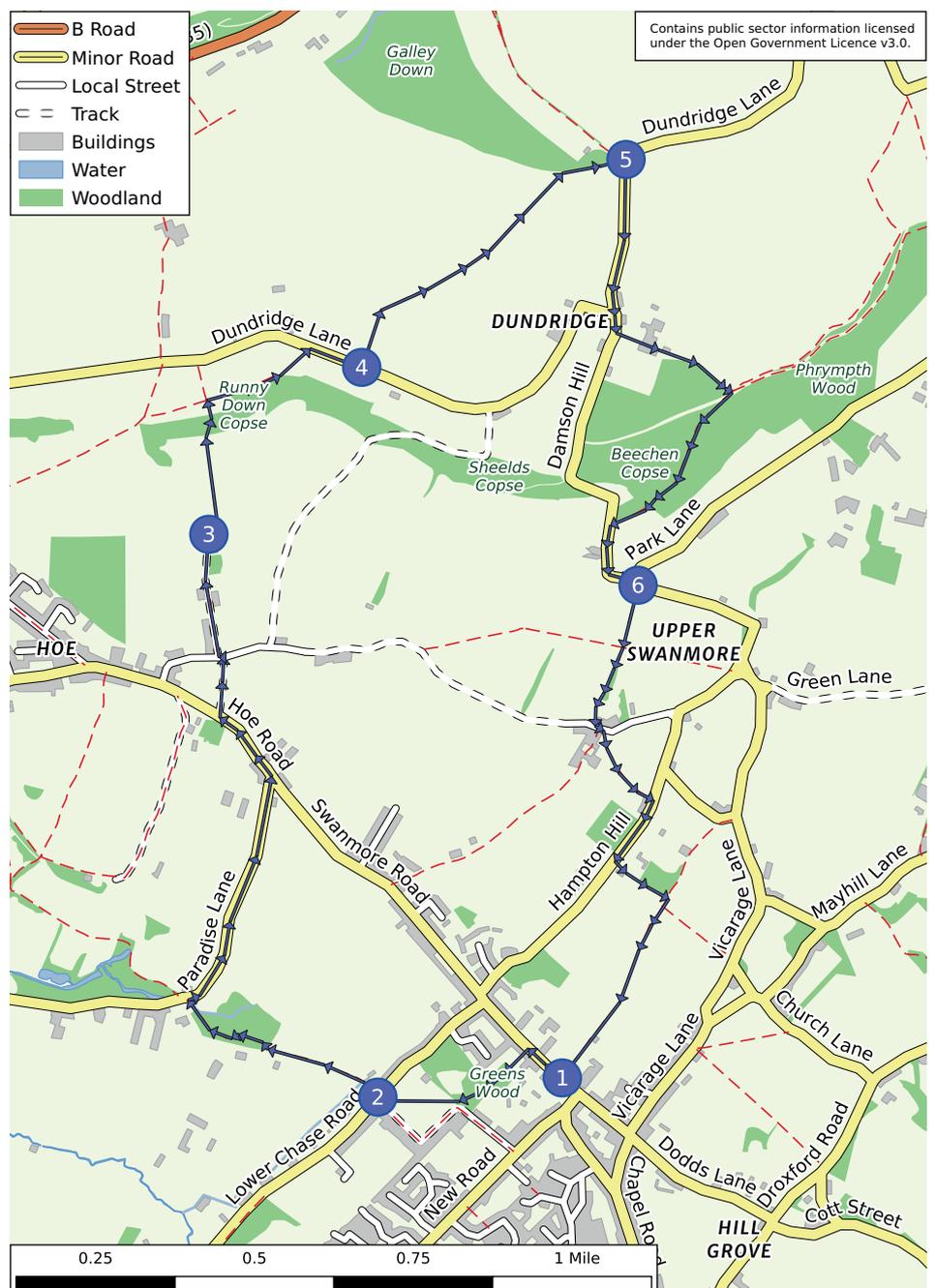
Go straight into the small lane ahead, following the path through a wood until you reach Paradise Lane where you turn right. Walk up the lane to Hoe Road and turn left along the pavement. Two minutes later, passing a bus stop lay-by on the other side of

the road, cross over into a small lane. Go to the end where you cross over a narrow road into another small lane with a house on the corner. Continue to the end bearing slightly right into open fields.

3. To Dundridge Lane

Here you take the footpath left across the large fields to the trees, taking a second or two to glance back and admire the views to the Solent. Go into the trees, down the 55 steps to a track where you turn right.

The track rises and descends around a bend where you can see horse paddocks on your left quite ►





*Above: View across the horse paddocks to Dundridge Lane.
Left: The corner of Galley Down Wood.*



close by. Turn left to follow an unsigned footpath to descend across these narrow paddocks going through the wooden gates into Dundridge Lane.

Turn right and continue along the lane for about 150metres/165yards, heading for the single large tree seen ahead. Turn left into a wide field entrance where you can just see a very old footpath sign up in the hedge.

4. Orchid hunting en route

Continue for about 100m/110yds and then turn right through the hedge.

Follow the path diagonally left across the field and through the boundary hedge into another field and then turn right. Keep to the edge of the field bending to your left, then through the wide gap in front and left along the hedge until you reach a path that goes diagonally across the field. There are usually large black hay bales here and you can aim towards the trees at Galley Down and a wide track where you turn right.

This is the corner of Galley Down Wood, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) that was planted with beech during 1930s. You can go into the wood at this point but you may struggle to find any interesting flora, let alone the rare helleborines – a type of orchid – said to grow there. If you do go into the wood you will need to retrace your steps back to the wide track and continue on the route,

Below: The Hampshire Bowman.



reaching once again the narrow Dundridge Lane.

5. On to *The Bowman*

Turn right at the lane and a few minutes later you reach the pub, *The Hampshire Bowman*, which has a large, dog-friendly garden. Carry on along the lane to the junction signposted Upper Swanmore, keep left, where shortly you turn left again through Galley Down Farm.

Go through the horse paddocks crossing three stiles to reach the track where you turn right. Bear slightly left up the bridleway through Beechen Copse to the top where you emerge onto Damson Hill and turn left along the lane until you meet the junction with Park Lane.

6. Back to the village

Turn right through the hedge and over the stile to cross the fields until you meet two metal wicket gates. Go straight ahead along the side of the field until you go through another metal gate where you turn left into Jervis Court Lane.

Passing the farm entrance on your right, go immediately right over the stile alongside the farm, keeping to the right and passing the Quakers' Burial Ground. This was started in the 1650s when Quakers were not permitted to bury their dead in local churchyards. Go over another wooden stile in the corner next to Walnut Cottage and onto Hampton Hill where you turn right.

There may be cows in the two pastures near Jervis Court Lane. If you prefer to avoid them you can continue along Park Lane to Hampton Hill (refer to point 6 on the map) to rejoin the route at Walnut Cottage.

Walk for two minutes and take the enclosed footpath on your left, emerging through a metal gate into the large field behind the school. Walk towards the middle where you then take the path right over to the metal gate alongside the primary school and back to the village centre car park or the church.

Lin Powell

Sporting history

How the Meon Valley helped shape cricket

The game may have its roots in mediaeval times but the men of Hambledon transformed it into the one we know today, as Crawford Wright explains.

This year may be notable for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee but it also marks the 250th anniversary of the first recognised first-class cricket match, which took place on 24th June 1772, when a Hampshire XI won by 53 runs against an All England XI at Broadhalfpenny Down in Hambledon.

With summer now with us, what better time to be enjoying watching Swanmore Cricket Club on our own Recreation Ground. It is close by, relaxing and free. Or if you have sporting abilities you can apply for membership. Cricket has been played on the ground since 1891.

In the document produced when the Charity Commission formerly handed over the ground in 1895 to the Parish Council, cricket was the only

game allowed. The first pavilion was erected in 1903 and was of wooden construction. It was paid for by Catherine and Florence Gladstone of Hampton Hill House.

The Meon Valley area played a significant part in cricket becoming a national and international sport. Hambledon Cricket Club was set up around 1750 by the "gentlemen of Hambledon" playing at Broadhalfpenny Down – considered by some cricket historians as the sport's birthplace.

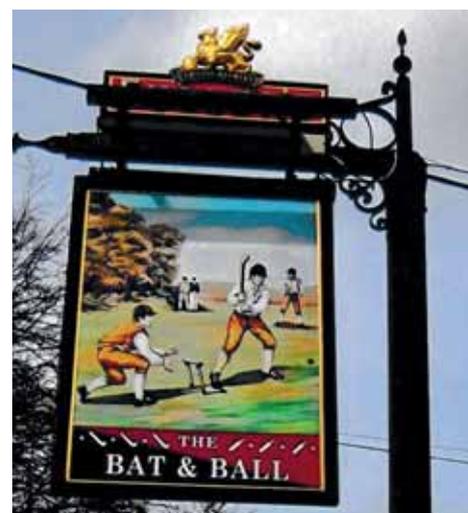
Perhaps Hambledon's greatest claim to fame was the match played at Sevenoaks against "All England" in June 1777, which Hambledon won by an innings, scoring 403 runs to England's 166 and 69.

Nyren and *The Bat & Ball*

From the 1760s, the side was captained by the legendary Richard Nyren, the landlord of *The Hut*, now called *The Bat & Ball*. The influence of the club upon the development of the game cannot be exaggerated. Hambledon was the leading club in the country.

Nyren and his colleagues began laying down the rules of the game – prior to the formation of the MCC in 1787. Bats had originally been curved, but the straight bat began to appear in the 1760s and a leading

Scorecards from the famous 1777 match.



proponent of its use was Hambledon batsman John Small. In 1771, Reigate batsman Thomas "Shock" White produced a bat as wide as the wicket – with the result that Nyren and Small passed a resolution that "four and a quarter inches shall be the breadth of a bat forthwith".

Hambledon also introduced the third stump. In 1775 the wicket was still just two stumps but, in a game against Surrey, Edward "Lumpy" Stevens bowled the ball three times between the two stumps of the wicket of Hambledon's John Small. This was felt to be a "hard thing upon the bowler" and so a third middle stump was added "to shorten the game", as some said at the time. Other changes included the height of the wicket – from then on fixed at 22 inches.

Prior to Hambledon's ascendancy the centre of cricket in the 1740s was in Sussex, particularly in the village of Slindon where Richard Newland was "the most famous player in England" and where he also coached his nephew Richard Nyren – who was to move to Hambledon in the early 1760s, becoming landlord of *The Hut*.

Aristocratic captains

Cricket was often seen as a pastime for the gentry and in its day betting on the outcome of a cricket match was normal, as it was with horse racing, cards and prize fighting. At a cricket match between Sir Horace Mann's team and Hambledon the wager was 1,000 guineas. This was a staggering amount of money since a farm ►

	Runs.	
Lord Tankerville	3	B by Wood
Lear	7	B ditto
Veck	16	B Lumpy
Small	33	C White
Francis	26	C Wood
Nyren	37	B Lumpy
Sueter	46	B Wood
Taylor	32	C Bullen
Aburrow	22	C Minchin
Aylward	167	B Bullen
Brett	9	— not out
Byes	5	
	<u>403</u>	

England, 1st Innings.			2nd Innings.		
	Runs.			Runs.	
Duke of Dorset	0	B by Brett	5	C by Ld. Tankerville	
Lumpy	1	B ditto	2	— not out	
Wood	1	B ditto	1	B Nyren	
White	8	C Veck	10	— not out	
Miller	27	C Small	23	B Brett	
Minchin	60	— not out	12	B Taylor	
Bowra	2	B Brett	4	B ditto	
Bullen	13	C Ld. Tankerville	2	B Nyren	
Booker	8	C Brett	2	B Brett	
Yalden	6	C Small	8	C Nyren	
Pattenden	38	B Brett	0	C Brett	
Byes	2		0	(Byes)	
	<u>166</u>			<u>69</u>	

From the archives

labourer would be lucky to earn 50p a week. It is estimated that during its key years more than £30,000 was bet on Hambledon matches. Cricket was then very much a class-orientated game.

Today we expect to see the published batting order starting with the opening batsmen. In times gone by the listing was strictly by social class, of which there were three clear distinct groups, Gentlemen, Professionals and Rustics.

A player might well be the best cricketer, opening the batting and scoring the most runs, but be recorded as last on the scorecard because of his social rank.

James Aylward, who was born at Peak Farm, Warnford, and was therefore classed as a Rustic, played a key role for Hambledon in that notable June 1777 match against All England and scored 167 runs, the highest score in a cricket match at that time, beating John Small's earlier record of 143. He later moved to Corhampton and became landlord of *The White Horse Inn*. Even in recent times it was not unknown for there to be different entrances to the field, one for gentlemen and the other for players.

Local estate teams

All the villages in the Meon Valley had cricket teams; often these were estate teams. Corhampton was known as Wyndam's Cricket Club because it started life as an estate club at Corhampton House, then owned by the Wyndam-Longs. It played on



Corhampton Down in the middle of what is now Corhampton Golf Course.

A little further over at Preshaw they had their own team and there is a game recorded as early as 1775 which was played on the estate at Milldown.

Here in Swanmore, from 1873 to 1885 we had Swanmore Park Cricket Club. This was a very exclusive club for upper echelons of society and included generals, admirals and other dignitaries.

We are fortunate to have the minutes of the meetings of the club, which contains some interesting correspondence from Mr Myers who had the ground moved so that it did not interfere with the new house he was building. He also objected to alcohol being served to workmen. Among the teams they played were Portsmouth Garrison, Havant, Southampton, New Forest and Droxford. It is interesting to look at the scores of the players, many of whom

Swanmore's 1987 cricket club. Standing: M Chapman, T Welch, N Vidler, P Jackson, D Blackman, B Moorman, B Bailey. Sitting: M Ball, D Knight, D Richards (captain), T Hopkins (vice-captain), A Burford, M McCarthy.

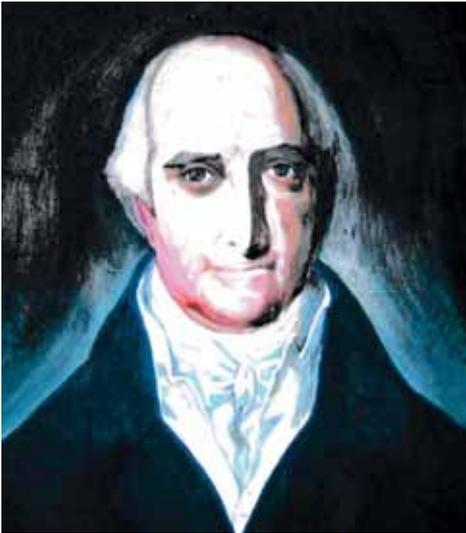
never reached double figures all season, but guest players brought in had higher scores.

When the club closed in 1885, Charles Gunner, the treasurer of Swanmore Park Cricket Club, initiated the founding of Bishop's Waltham Cricket Club in 1888. They played their matches at the Swanmore Park Ground before moving to a succession of other grounds.

Ladies – usually single rather than married – also played cricket. At a game when Titchfield ladies played at Sarisbury Green, the Marquis of Buckingham put up a prize of 22 sovereigns plus a fat Dorset sheep cooked by his chef. At Alresford a



Swanmore's 1930 cricket team. Those known are (standing) Dink Harvey second from left next to the umpire, Albert Watson third left and Billy Harris third from the right. Seated on the left is believed to be Bert Oram. As the "Hampshire Telegraph" reported on 4th July 1930: "A distressing fatality occurred at the cricket match at the Swanmore Recreation Ground...one of the Swanmore men, Mr B Oram was seen to stagger ... and was assisted to his house nearby where he soon afterwards died..."



Thomas Lord – as pictured in the pub that bears his name.

game was played between village maidens in pink and village matrons in blue, youth winning over experience.

New rules and standards

Nyren's pub was just across the road from the Broadhalfpenny Down ground. Today we expect immaculate pitches but Broadhalfpenny was also a sheep field and the grass was cut by scythes or shears. The lawn mowing machine was not introduced until 1830 and later the heavy roller.

In 1835 the length of the bat was limited to 38 inches. Other changes were the legal use of overarm rather than underarm bowling in 1864, the

Heading for the crease at Swanmore Cricket Club's "President's Match" in 2016.



use of pads and gloves, and by 1868 whitewash became standard for marking the creases. Other changes were the use of the heavy roller in 1870. In 1884 the MCC produced a revised code of the Laws of Cricket but it was not until 1900 that the "over" was limited to six balls.

As early as 1841 the Duke of Wellington (Commander in Chief) had issued instructions for all military barracks to provide a ground for cricket. Thus some of the best players came from the military. Hampshire Cricket Club was formerly established in 1863 and moved to their new ground at Hedge End in 2000.

Thomas Lord and West Meon

Today cricket is an international game governed by the MCC at Lords; however, this would not have happened without another Meon Valley resident, Thomas Lord, who founded the Lord's ground and came to live in West Meon in his later years.

Lord was a skilful underarm bowler, originally from Yorkshire. In 1787, Thomas Lord opened his first cricket ground on Dorset Fields – where Dorset Square in Marylebone stands today. He later moved the ground to Lisson Grove, before ultimately settling on its current location in 1814. He later sold the ground to a director of the Bank of England for £5,000. The *Thomas Lord* public house is named in

honour of him and he is buried in West Meon churchyard.

Hambledon Cricket Club now play at the Ridge Meadow ground (off Brook Lane) and have excellent facilities. In 1908, a granite column commemorating the glories of the club was erected on Broadhalfpenny Down and a match was played between Hambledon and an England eleven, which Hambledon won. The original Broadhalfpenny Down ground was likely to be ploughed up but it was fortunately saved, being purchased by Winchester College in 1925. It is now run by the Broadhalfpenny Down Brigands Cricket Club and is in regular use. Today one can still buy a pint in *The Bat & Ball* and walk across to watch the cricket.

We are fortunate in Swanmore to have a village cricket team with an excellent ground and pavilion facilities. After years of use, the old, much-vandalised, 1903 wooden pavilion was replaced by the new brick one in 1972. The Meon Valley area has much to be proud of in its contribution to the world of cricket.

Swanmore Cricket Team c. 1967. Standing: Clem Holden, George Cooke, Richard Green, Terry Goff, Brian Gill (captain), Sid Joyce, Ian White, Billy Tubbs, Gay Hibberd. Sitting: Ron Ellis, Richard Fowler, Brian Hopgood, Paul Fowler. Part of the old Recreation Ground pavilion can be seen on the left.



Housing growth – drop-in sessions

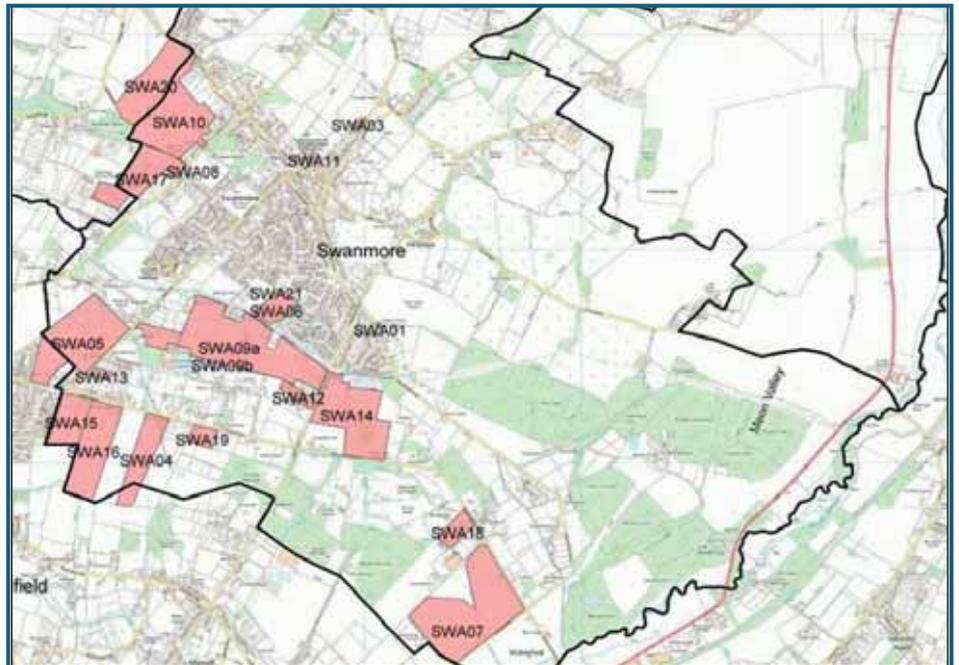
Under the new Winchester Local Plan, Swanmore has been asked to find space for an additional 90–100 houses within the development sites that are being promoted by land owners/ developers. At the beginning of April, we held drop-in sessions at the Parish Council office asking residents to tell us where they would put the houses.

We were really pleased with the response, getting to meet and chat with so many residents and receiving 200 survey responses, which we have now processed.

Everyone who came to the drop-in sessions was asked to choose the sites where they would put the houses if they had to. Some residents may have only picked one site, and some more. There were no limitations.

The sites (see map above) with the most votes were SWA 15 (land South of Forest Road), SWA 16 (Filditch Farm, Forest Road), SWA 6/21 (Land adjacent to Belmont Farm, The Lakes) and SWA 09 (options a or b, land South of The Lakes).

The survey results will be one of various ways the Council will use to formulate its response. The Council



will also consider:

1. Feedback from the drop-in sessions;
2. The local knowledge gathered last year in relation to individual sites;
3. The planning experience and knowledge of the Council;
4. Dialogue with Winchester City Council Planning Authority.

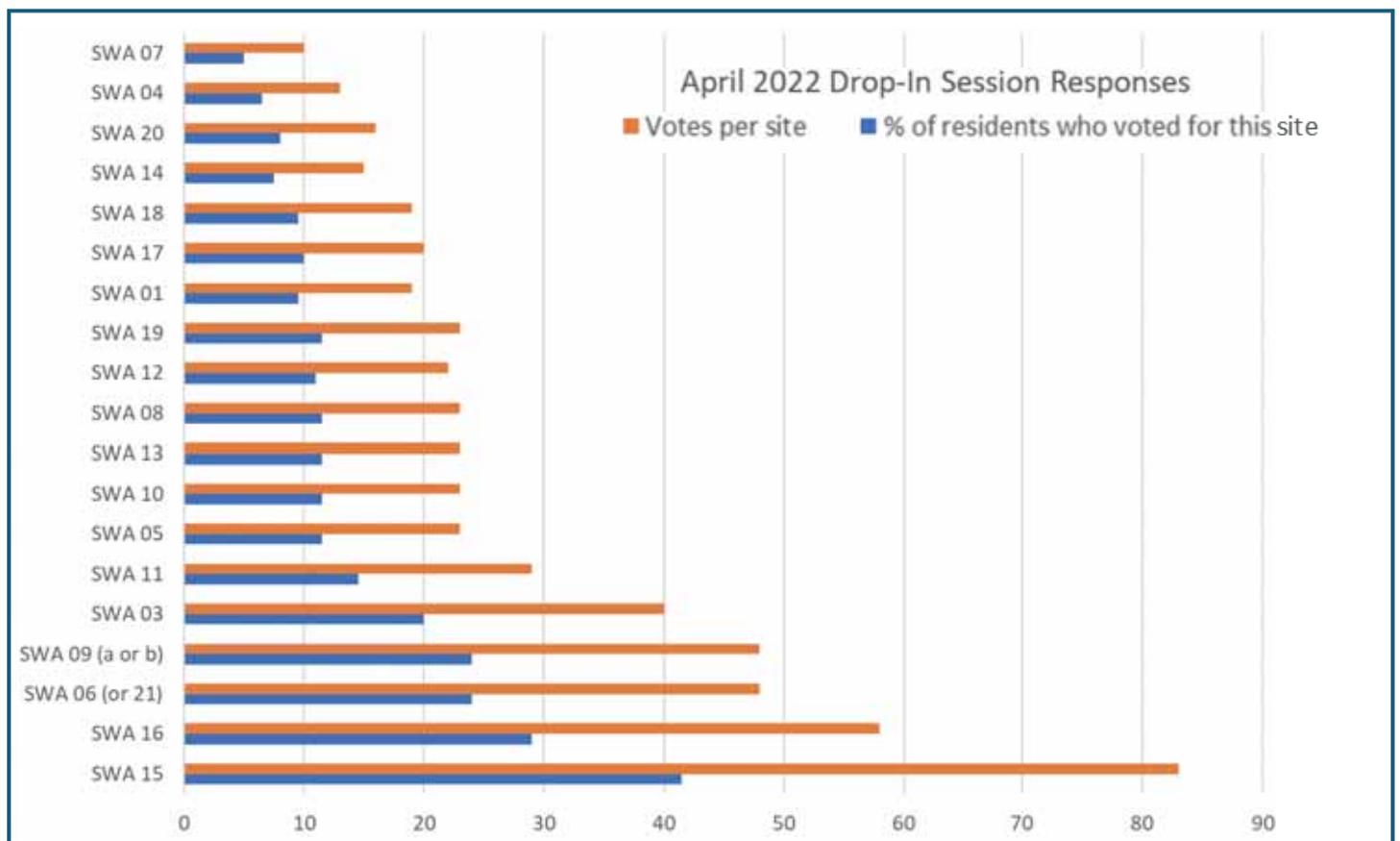
Despite ongoing discussions with Winchester about the calculations and method of allocation across the

district, the Parish Council has been asked for Swanmore's priority sites by the end of May.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

To celebrate 70 years of the Queen's reign, on top of the numerous street parties taking place, we have organised the following:

- ◆ **Treasure Hunt** – Monday 30th May





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to Sunday 5th June. Clues and map will be available online, at St Barnabas' Church or the Parish Council Office. Answer the clues, find the hidden word and collect your treasure from the Parish Council office. Treasure includes a Platinum Jubilee Mug and chocolates while stock lasts!

◆ **70 Years of Swanmore Exhibition**
 – Thursday 2nd June 10am–2pm, Swanmore Parish Council Office, Hollythorns House, New Road, Swanmore SO32 2NW

◆ **Swanmore's Best Dressed House/ Garden/Window Competition –** 2nd–5th June. Cash prizes for the top three entries. You don't have to spend lots of money, prizes will be given for the most creative and fun decorations. Email entries to clerk@swanmorepc.org.uk or post on Facebook @swanmorepc

Swanmore Parish Council Meeting Dates

14th June	Planning & Highways
21st June	Open Spaces & Amenities
28th June	Full Council
12th July	Planning & Highways
19th July	Open Spaces & Amenities
26th July	Finance

Council meetings generally start at 7pm and all meetings are open to members of the public. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like more information.

Swanmore Society

Restoring historic buildings and Portsmouth tales

The Swanmore Society's April and May meetings were very enjoyable, with good-sized audiences appreciating two excellent speakers.

First, Bill Fergie discussed the work of the Hampshire Buildings Preservation Trust (HBPT). Hampshire County Council established the Trust in 1975, providing initial financing so that the HBPT could purchase and restore historic buildings threatened with demolition. Most of the renovated properties were then sold on the open market and any profits ploughed back into new projects. Bill has been a trustee at the HBPT for some 25 years, including a spell as chair.

Over the decades, the Trust has helped preserve around 100 properties, ranging from a Georgian house in Fareham High Street, via an early barn conversion in Marchwood, to late nineteenth century terraced housing in Basingstoke.

In the case of some derelict estate lodges at West Park in Rockbourne, the HBPT did not actually purchase the buildings. Instead, it played a pivotal role in persuading the New Forest authority to allow their conversion, as well as funding the planning application.

As a result, the lodges have been "reborn" as a pair of beautiful and very profitable holiday lets – an outcome that Bill clearly finds very satisfying.

Before and after images of the estate lodges at West Park in Rockbourne, restored with assistance from the HBPT.

Among the best-known examples of HBPT's on-going work are Bursledon Windmill, Bursledon Brickworks and Whitchurch Silk Mill, which are well worth a visit.

Portsmouth ahoy

Our May meeting with Andrew Negus fully lived up to expectations, being crammed with fascinating facts and humorous anecdotes. The second part of his series charting the history of Portsmouth covered around 100 years from the American War of Independence, through the Napoleonic Wars, and up to 1870.

This period saw huge expansions to the dockyard – which was the largest in the world by 1800 – and to the fortifications protecting the whole of Portsea Island.

Gunwharf was built plus the great ring of Palmerston Forts, while the relocation of the gunpowder store ►



Around the village

and the addition of the Royal Clarence Yard victualling centre spurred rapid growth on the Gosport side of the harbour.

In the 1770s, Portsmouth's dockyard experienced an early "terrorist" attack executed by one Jack the Painter. And around a decade later, following the loss of the American war, the port witnessed the departure of the first fleet bound for Australia to form a new penal colony.

Admiral Nelson's exploits at Trafalgar contributed greatly to Portsmouth's glory. Although he was killed, Nelson fulfilled his pre-battle boast to cripple the French and Spanish navies, and Britannia "ruled the waves" for the next century.

Andrew also gave honourable mentions to John Pounds, who inspired the Ragged Schools movement, and to Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Charles Dickens, born in the area.

Looking ahead

On 8th June, we will welcome Tony Kippenberger to tell us about Emperor Charles V's visit to Henry VIII in 1522, which culminated in the signing of the Treaty of Waltham against France. Dr Susan Davies will visit on 13th July to present the work of the Woodland Trust.

As was highlighted at our AGM, the costs of holding meetings with high-calibre speakers have increased quite steeply. While existing members are very generous with their donations, we do need to grow our numbers if the Society is to continue well into the future.

We are a friendly, informal group and our talks cover a good range of topics, so if you are new to the area – or looking for something new to do – we'd be very glad to meet you. If you already enjoy our gatherings, please tell your friends and neighbours about us too. Meetings start at 8pm and will be held in the Paterson Centre until further notice.

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From the archives

Jubilees

Looking back on 70 years of celebrations

How will Swanmore be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee? Plenty of street parties, and neighbourhood gatherings, no-doubt, as well as various events organised by the churches and Parish Council. But how will it all compare with previous "royal" occasions?

Back in 1953 for the Coronation there was a carnival and fête – an annual event in those days. The village was much smaller then; most people worked locally and had the shared experiences of school and wartime hardship so large communal social events popular.

By 1977 and the Silver Jubilee, celebrations really took off. According to the May issue of the parish magazine an entire week of activities was planned:

- ◆ Monday 6th June – Carnival starting at 4.30pm with "14 major floats so far" followed by a barbeque at the Recreation Ground at 7.30pm, with "music provided for dancing".
- ◆ Tuesday 7th June – Street tea parties for the children, with discos for the under-13s at 5.30pm and



over-13s from 8.30pm, ending at 11pm.

- ◆ Wednesday 8th June – concert by "The Portchester Minstrels" at 8pm at the Comprehensive Cchool.
- ◆ Thursday 9th June – a cricket match "Ladies (Triards) vs Gents

Above: Poster from the Diamond Jubilee exhibition.

Below: Swanmore carnival in 1953.





(Swanmore Cricket Club)" at 6pm.

- ◆ Friday 10th June – a dance at the Comprehensive School from 8pm to midnight (fancy dress optional but encouraged).
- ◆ Saturday 11th June – Sports Day.



By the time of the Golden Jubilee in 2002, things were a little more restrained. Street parties and neighbourhood gatherings, certainly, a special church service, and exhibition at the Paterson Centre looking back at the 1950s – but a far cry from the enthusiasm of 1977.

What about the Diamond Jubilee in 2012? This time the Paterson Centre's exhibition focussed on "Swanmore Past and Present", comparing the 19th and early 20th century with the 21st century village.

Much had changed but parts of the village centre remained much the same: the church, the old school buildings, although former shops and pubs had been reinvented as residential housing.

In 2022 we've reached the Platinum Jubilee – how shall we all be looking back on this year's celebrations?



Left from the top: Primary School "street party" in 2002, Silver Jubilee barbecue 1977, "Britannia" at the 2002 carnival. This column from the top: "Official" Jubilee photographs of HM The Queen Elizabeth II – 1977, 2002 and 2012.

Seen and heard

Helping to protect the nest generation

The breeding season for birds is now well underway – it roughly lasts from March until August – and it's a crucial time of year for our feathered friends.

If you think of a bird's nest, you may picture a lofty eyrie in a tree or an intricate roost nestled within a hedge. But lots of birds lay their eggs in nests on the ground and many of these ground-nesting birds are in worrying decline, including nightjar, woodlark, lapwing and woodcock. As well as habitat loss and climate change, one of the main threats these rare species face is from disturbance.

Naturally, nesting on the ground means these birds and their eggs are incredibly vulnerable to predators. Yet, millennia of evolution have allowed them to evade such threats. One method is camouflage; for example, coastal ground nesting birds lay eggs that are patterned like pebbles among rocks on the shoreline. Other birds are extremely skilled at hiding their nests, like curlews and skylarks, which make hollows in long grasses.

However, disturbance from humans and, more often, dogs is a key factor in the demise of ground-nesting birds. Even the most well-behaved dog can seem like a big, scary predator to a

ground-nesting bird if wandering off path. Dogs can unwittingly trample eggs or scare adult birds off their nests, leaving chicks vulnerable to cold, starvation and predators.

The best way responsible dog walkers can help ground nesting birds when visiting nature reserves during breeding season is to keep dogs on a short lead.

Other important things you can do to help include:

- ◆ Sticking to the footpaths on all our nature reserves.
- ◆ Respecting signage alerting you to the presence of ground-nesting birds.
- ◆ If you spot signs of distress from birds (like loud alarm calling, flights back-and-forth or even dive-bombing), back away and take an alternative route.
- ◆ Bagging and binning dog poo. Poo can affect wildlife and alter the habitats of ground-nesting birds so dispose of it properly.

Jake Kendall-Ashton

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

The ground-nesting nightjar boasts extraordinary camouflage © David Tipling/2020VISION



In the hedgerows Time to feast on deadnettles

From May through until December white deadnettle (*Lamium album*) can be seen flowering in our hedgerows. In May and June its cousin – yellow deadnettle (*Lamium galeobdolon*) – can also be spotted. Both are beloved by bees, giving the plants the common name of bee nettle.

Bees aren't the only ones to appreciate the flower's honey flavour as white deadnettle flowers can be added to salads or, when crystallised, used to decorate cakes. The leaves and flowering tips can also be used as vegetables: boiled, wilted like spinach or chopped and added to omelettes.

While white deadnettle is a useful foraging plant, yellow deadnettle may be more of an acquired taste: its botanical name is derived from two Greek words: *gale* (a weasel) and *bdolos* (a disagreeable smell) – and when crushed the whole plant certainly has a strong, and not especially pleasant, smell.

Foraging expert Robin Harford suggests lightly steaming the flowering tops of white deadnettle in butter with spring onions or else frying them with leftover cooked potato, adding beaten eggs and grated cheese to make a frittata. Like stinging nettles, the deadnettles also have a tendency to



“rob the soil” so are a good source of vitamins and minerals – including vitamins A and C.

White deadnettle is also known as archangel – and the yellow variety as yellow archangel. Reputedly this is because they first came into flower on May 8th (in the Julian calendar), a day dedicated to the “Apparition of St Michael the Archangel” who reputedly made a sixth century appearance in southern Italy on that day.

Nicholas Culpeper describes “white archangel” as being chiefly of use for women “being a herb of Venus” and also suggests that it “makes the heart merry, drives away melancholy, quickens the spirits and is good against quartan agues”.

Today, more prosaically, white deadnettle is acknowledged as a styptic (stops bleeding), and also has anti-inflammatory, diuretic and expectorant properties. Both white and yellow deadnettle leaves were once crushed and used in a poultice as a popular wound herb to stop bleeding. Culpeper suggests mixing the leaves with “salt and vinegar and hog’s grease” and using the mixture as an external treatment to “give ease to the gout, sciatica and other aches of the joints and sinews”.

Today, white deadnettle still has a place in the herbal repertoire, used for heavy menstrual bleeding and bleeding piles as well as various urinary problems including cystitis and benign prostate hypertrophy. The flowering tops – fresh or dried – are generally made into a tea or they can be used in a douche for vaginal discharge.

Opposite: White deadnettle.

Below: A cultivar of yellow deadnettle is a common garden flower.



Bug life

The dangers of looking for nectar

By growing showy blooms in your garden you may be harbouring ambush assassins – flower crab spiders (*Misumena vatia*). They have evolved to take advantage of the fact that many plants attract insects for pollination.

Flowers effectively reward the insects for this service by producing nectar, a solution of sugar in water, along with tiny quantities of other nutrients. This provides the insects with energy to go about their daily business. Some species, like the bees, will also take some of the pollen for themselves or their colony as a good protein source.

As the insects single-mindedly search for the life-supporting nectar they run the risk of falling into a deadly embrace. The flower crab spider lies in wait inside or on the flower, with its two long front pairs of legs wide apart and two short back pairs anchoring, unseen by insects due to the cryptic colouration or camouflage.

The default colour of the female spider seems to be white but they have the capacity to change colour over a period of time to better match the flower colour and pattern. Once you “get your eye in” the spiders are not that difficult to find, so why don’t insects spot them and take avoiding action?

Insects do not have the same range of colour vision that we have, so presumably the spiders are better camouflaged for insects than humans.

When an insect lands on the flower within striking distance, the spider lunges forwards to grab any part of the insect it can, bites and injects poison, then holds firm until the poison has done its work. It may then retreat to a less-exposed part of the flower to consume its prey without

attracting attention from other interested parties.

Females of the species can reach 1cm/0.4in in length (not including legs) but males are less than half the length, short-lived and rather more challenging to spot.

Ox-eye daisies from May to July are favoured haunts, as are paler single-bloom roses (double blooms are not useful to most insects). If you get close they will rear up, using their front two pairs of legs to look threatening, but if you get too close they will scuttle away and play a game of hide-and-seek on the flower, so you’re not at risk if you put your nose too close to smell the roses!

Marcus Charig

Below: A hoverfly meets its end on an ox-eye daisy. Bottom: A flower crab spider lurks in wait on a rose.



From our district councillors

Progressing the local plan and thinking about waste

The Local Election Results (2022) have now been published on the City Council website and in the *Hampshire Chronicle*. So far as our Ward – Central Meon Valley – is concerned, the results show one change: Malcolm Wallace (Green Party) now replaces Linda Gemmell.

This means that we have one Independent, Vicki Weston; one Conservative, Frank Pearson; and one Green Party, Malcolm Wallace. All act on your behalf, ensuring that the interests of the villages in the Central Meon Valley Ward are heard.

This change does not really impact the make-up of the Council and so the Liberals will still occupy all Cabinet places with other Parties in “opposition”: 27 seats to 18.

It is expected that Cllr Derek Green of Stanmore, Winchester will have been “elected” as Mayor on the 18th May in due ceremony in the Bapsy Hall at Winchester Guildhall, with Cllr Angela Clear of Wickham as his deputy,

Local Plan Progress

- ◆ The Local Plan update continues to progress. The parishes have the details of the sites that have been put forward by landowners or developers.
- ◆ Parishes have been given numbers of houses that they are expected to “absorb” within each “sustainable” settlement outside the South Downs National Park. That is 90–100 for Swanmore, and the same for Shedfield (Waltham Chase).
- ◆ Parishes are in consultation with their residents as to which SHELAA site is most suitable for the housing. Thanks are due to the residents of Swanmore who came forward in April to take part in Swanmore Parish Council’s consultation. The results have given the Parish some useful information to report forward to the Strategic Planners (not the

Planning Committee) in Winchester.

- ◆ Unfortunately, at the time of writing, we still do not have the exact numbers either from Central Government, or from the PUSH* authorities.
- ◆ Those settlements within the SDNP are in a separate Planning Authority although part of Soberton is not in the park and may have to accept 40 houses.

There is a reminder that several sites will be preserved for “wilding” and “wildlife corridors”. Swanmore and Shedfield are arguing in favour of not only retaining the “local gaps” between the villages but also enhancing them to improve “biodiversity”.

We also want a “green cushion” between the villages and the urban sprawl that is the Havant/Fareham/Eastleigh area (part of PfSH).

Waste changes

One of the papers that recently came before Council is about the likely changes in the waste collection regime brought about by the Environment Act 2021.

These are unlikely to come in before at least 2024 but the most significant is that there may not be a garden waste collection charge, and there might well be a new household food waste collection system.

There will also be a need for new waste processing facilities – a Material Recycling Facility (MRF) in Eastleigh; and possible “anaerobic digesters” to process the food waste materials collected.

These can capture biogas (predominantly methane), which can

**PfSH is the Partnership for South Hampshire, which is an agreement between twelve local authorities around the Solent – including Winchester City Council – to co-operate in a number of ways including on meeting housing needs. Details of the areas of co-operation can be found at <https://www.push.gov.uk>*

be used as a fuel. We would all require an additional waste bin entirely for food waste.

An alternative might be a “hot digester” in your garden. Some are reasonably priced but at least one costs close on £200. Details can be easily found on the Internet. Some of you may have a compost heap in the garden, which uses an aerobic process – so no biogas – but should only be used for uncooked, plant-based waste to discourage rats.

Also of note

Other items of importance include:

- ◆ Council Tax Energy Rebate is available if you are in Council Tax Bands A to D, so you may be eligible for a £150 rebate.
- ◆ The Guildhall in Winchester is once again available for public and private hire.
- ◆ There are plans to replace the former Friarsgate Medical Centre with a “community open space”.
- ◆ Debate about the future of the old River Park Leisure Centre continues.
- ◆ Winchester declared itself a “City of Sanctuary”. This declaration was backed by all Councillors.

Our Winchester District Councillors

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- ◆ Vicki Weston 01329 835161 – vweston@winchester.gov.uk



Frank Pearson



Malcom Wallace



Vicki Weston

Bishop's Waltham in Bloom

Many new 'hidden gardens' to explore

After a two-year absence, Bishop's Waltham in Bloom is again organising Hidden Gardens on Sunday 10th July, with twelve gardens opening their gates for us all to explore.

The event was last held in 2019 and we are excited that we can revive it this year. Of the gardens opening, six have not opened before, four opened in 2019 and two in 2017, so there is plenty to see. Some of these gardens are attached to historical properties, some to new-builds. Some are well established, some newly

planted and they also vary in size.

Garden gates will be open from 11am until 5pm and refreshments will be available at five gardens with craft and plant sales at some too. This is a great opportunity to visit private gardens and talk to the people who have created them and who maintain them. All are enthusiastic about their own gardens and enjoy sharing them with others.

One of Bishop's Waltham's "hidden gardens" that will be open on 10th July.



Titchfield Festival

Love at the Barn

Titchfield Festival Theatre's production of *Romeo and Juliet* continues at the historic Great Barn as part of its annual Bard at the Barn festival.

Performances continue from Sunday 5th June until Thursday 9th June. The shows start at 7.30pm with a matinée performance on Sunday 5th June 2022 starting at 2.30pm.

Tickets are £10 for adults and £7 for 14-21 year olds. For more

A rose by any other name...Romeo and Juliet at Bard at the Barn.

information or to book tickets, please contact the Box Office on 0333 666 3366 or visit <http://titchfieldfestivaltheatre.com>



A "Garden Guide" gives details of all the gardens opening and includes maps to help you find your way around. It also shows where there are car parks and where footpaths allow you to plan walking routes. The guide contains some information about each garden and details of the facilities each has to offer.

Each person will need a guide, which costs £6 (children under-16 are free) and can be bought ahead of time to allow you to plan your day; they are currently on sale at Best Wishes in Brook Street and The Sweet Corner in the High Street. We will also sell guides in Red Lion Street on the day from 10am in the morning. We ask, though, that purchases are made in cash or by cheque at all venues.

Pauline Daniels



Taking to the footpaths

The Waltham Ramblers group holds organised walks on Wednesday mornings, Sundays – usually all-day – and Friday evenings. A selection is shown below, with meeting venue and leader's contact number. Newcomers are welcome.

- ◆ Wednesday 8th June, Titchfield via Canal and Meon shore, 5 miles, Carol 07724 870674. Start: 10am – Titchfield Community Centre car park in Mill Street.
- ◆ Sunday 19th June, Meonstoke via Betty Mundy's Bottom and Exton, 10 miles, Jim 07939 206094. Start: 10am – Meon Hall car park (charge 50p) or grass verge outside. Bring picnic lunch.
- ◆ Friday 24th June, Shedfield via Wickham, 5 miles, John 07709 732990. Start: 7pm – Upper Church Road, Shirrell Heath, Shedfield.

For further information about Waltham Ramblers, as well as details of July walks, email michael.hewlins@btinternet.com or the Swanmore contact is Pauline Reed on 01489 892386.

Bishop's Waltham Tudor Experience

Back to the sixteenth century – for two days

Bishop Waltham's "Tudor Experience", commemorating Henry VIII's visit to the town 500 years ago reaches its climax on the 2nd–3rd July with processions, banquets and a range of Tudor-style activities to enjoy.

On 2nd July 1522, Henry VIII and Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor, signed the Treaty of Waltham at Bishop's Waltham Palace. The Treaty cemented Henry VIII and Charles V's alliance against Francis I of France and set the agenda for how the two monarchs would attack France in the years that followed.

The festivities begin with a procession in the High Street at 10.15am, with the gates of the Palace Grounds officially opening at 10.30am and closing again at 5.00pm. Tickets for the daytime events cost £10 for adults, £5 for 12–18-year-olds with primary age children free of charge.

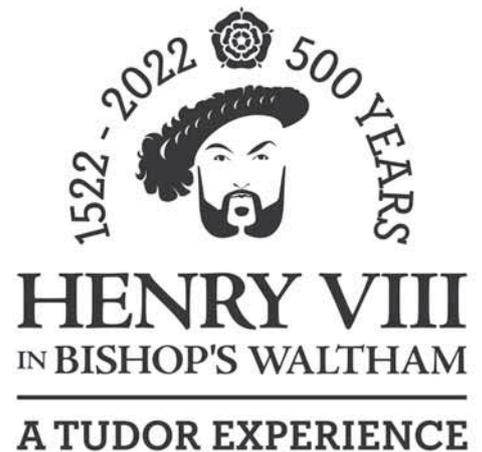
There will also be a Grand Tudor Banquet on Saturday evening. Attendees, who are encouraged to

come dressed in Tudor costumes, will enjoy a four-course Tudor meal and entertainment. Tickets costing £65 each can be reserved at tudorbanquet@gmail.com.

The organisers are expecting up to 2,000 people to attend the events over the weekend.

Activities, which are repeated on Sunday 3rd July, will include:

- ◆ Displays and demonstrations of Tudor arms and armour
- ◆ Tudor food and cooking
- ◆ Leatherwork
- ◆ Wool spinning
- ◆ Archery
- ◆ Wandering Minstrels
- ◆ Puppetry
- ◆ Dancing and music
- ◆ Ferret racing
- ◆ Bee-keeping in Tudor times
- ◆ Calligraphy



- ◆ Art and craft activities
- ◆ Amateur dramatics tableaux and sketches
- ◆ Story telling
- ◆ Falconry

The event is being planned and produced by members of the Bishop's Waltham Town Team, the Bishop's Waltham Society and the Bishop's Waltham Museum.

For more information about the Henry VIII celebrations visit website at <https://www.henry500years.co.uk>



"Henry VIII" and "Catherine of Aragon" in Bishop's Waltham in February.

Community swimming

Take to the water this summer

Bishop's Waltham Community Swimming is, once again, planning to offer weekday morning swimming sessions during the first two weeks of the summer holidays. Opening dates will be:

- ◆ Monday 25th July to Friday 29th July, and
- ◆ Monday 1st August to Friday 5th August.

There will be two sessions each morning but exact timings are still to be finalised. These will be publicised on the BWCS website (bwcommunityswimming.org.uk) and on the Swanmore Facebook page shortly. Swimming will finish before 1pm each day.

Qualified lifeguards will be on duty at every session and children under the age of eight years must be accompanied by an adult in the water. The usual pool use charges will apply:

- ◆ children under school age – £1.00,

- ◆ children of school age – £3.50,
- ◆ adults – £4.20.

Non-cash payment will be available using the Paypal app.

Numbers per session are restricted to 30 in the pool for safety reasons and the second session on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be designated for lane swimming.

The UV light system installed last summer, which reduces the amount of chlorine used in the pool, is now fully functional.

We hope to see you at the pool this summer.

Penny Eliot



Bishop's Waltham Photographic Society

Learning about 'slide shows' and documentaries

Janey Devine FRPS made a return to the Society at the beginning of April with a new presentation entitled "Alternative Views". However, plans to be back in the hall had again been thwarted and we were grateful to Janey for agreeing to Zoom.

Janey explained how she sees audio visual as a collection of images with music added – derived from the previously popular "slide shows to music" – whereas documentary film has the "intent to tell a story".

To illustrate this Janey shared some thought-provoking films and AVs that she had put together from her travels to Ethiopia, plus a film detailing the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami on the SW coast of India ten years on.

On a lighter note, and closer to home, we saw a film highlighting the daily routine of the donkeys providing rides on Weymouth seafront. For anyone interested in showing images and telling a story in this format, Janey provided lots of hints and tips; for example "the five-minute rule" – keeping the length of the presentation to five minutes.

In the very latest monthly photo challenge – "Photograph a watch or other gadget in the style of a glossy magazine" – members produced some stunning efforts. There were a few watches but also some other subjects that would give any advertising agency a run for its money, including Michael White's "Heaven Sent" pictured here.

The second competition round took place on 5th May. We welcomed Suzannah Jordon, on her first visit to BWPS, to critique the images. Suzannah's approach was refreshing as, despite being on Zoom, she gave her honest and helpful observation on what worked in the image and what could be improved.

Winners of the leagues were:

- ◆ Intermediate – Dianne Lucas with "Striations"

- ◆ Advanced – Mike Taylor with "Going for the Grab"

New members are always welcome at BWPS. More information about the Society, including our upcoming calendar of events, can be found on our website: www.bishopswalthamphotosociety.co.uk

The Society's junior section meets on the first Thursday of the month at 4.30pm. Please contact Peter Mason for more information at: junior@bishopswalthamphotosociety.co.uk

Dawn Blight

Below: "Heaven Sent" by Michael White. Bottom: "Striations" by Dianne Lucas.



Bringing the joy of singing

The Meon Voices Community Choir brings you music, fellowship and friendship, and is looking for new members to start in September 2022.

Meon Voices is a happy and popular choir, which has been a valued part of the Meon Valley community since the early 1980s.

There's no need to audition and you don't need to read music – if you love to sing and are prepared to make a bit of effort, that's enough for this welcoming throng.

Each member receives a set of musical scores for a wide variety of music (there really is something for everyone), plus all their music on Dropbox and on CD, so they can practice at home.

The choir supports equality and diversity, is professionally run by an excellent leader, and is accompanied by a brilliant, patient pianist.

The commitment required includes:

- ◆ Attendance at weekly practice sessions in Bishop's Waltham:
 - ◆ Term one between January and May.
 - ◆ Term two between September and December.
 - ◆ Every Monday night 7.30pm to 9.30pm.
- ◆ Practice between sessions, enough to suit your level of confidence and competence.
- ◆ £40 fees per term (for 2022/2023 season) payable at the beginning of each term.
- ◆ Take part in our Christmas and Spring performances if possible.

If you would like to join, or to have a copy of our "New Members" leaflet, which contains full information, please contact Phil on 01489 579078 or email: coundleypj@yahoo.com, or email Jane on anevose@icloud.com



Bishop's Waltham Rotary Club

Getting ready for the family fun day carnival

This year's BW Rotary Carnival and family fun day takes place on Saturday 11th June at How Road recreation Ground.

We hope you are looking forward to a great day for all the family, and are delighted to confirm that:

- ◆ The Motorcade will be in the High Street from 12noon with some fantastic vintage & classic, cars & bikes and even a tractor.
- ◆ There will be live bands, two stages and entertainment to enjoy.
- ◆ Also a "Food & Drink Village" with Bowman Ales, Winchester Bar Services Lions Club and sausages, Sam's Catering, BW Evening WI's tea, coffee and cakes pavilion and ice cream.
- ◆ For children there will be inflatables, rides, games and pony rides with a fancy dress competition – theme "By Royal Appointment".
- ◆ Dog show entry is on the day from 1pm with judging from 1.30pm and £3 entry per class.
- ◆ In addition there will be more than 40 craft stalls and our very own "Pound Stall " and at fantastic raffle.

Entrance on the day from 12.30pm - adults £3.00 and children under 16 free – payment can be by cash or card at the gate.

For further information check www.bishopswalthamrotary.org.uk or email to debbie.walker@bishopswalthamrotary.org.uk

All money raised from the day goes to supporting local, national and international charities and good causes.

Supporting Wessex Heartbeat

The club also helps Wessex Heartbeat with its work in support of the people of all ages living with cardiac conditions, and their families, who are undergoing treatment at Southampton General Hospital.

Several of our members provided marshalling and admin support for Heartbeat's very successful "Cycle Sportive". Around 70 riders took part in either the 40 or 70 mile routes starting from the picturesque Embley Park, on what turned out to be a beautiful crisp spring morning.

We also organised a charity quiz night in Bishop's Waltham in aid of Wessex Heartbeat with 14 teams battling it out. The event raised £1,400 for the charity with the Magnificent Magna, a team of fellow Rotarians from the Southampton Magna Rotary Club, winning the quiz.

Ian Treveil



President Mandy and Rotarian Linda ready to greet the eager cyclists at the HeartBeat Sportive.

U3A

Taking a break for the summer

While monthly talks have now paused for the summer we do have two activities planned for members:

- ◆ 14th June – Guided Walk of Lower Winchester, meet at 10.50am King Alfred's Statue, £9.
 - ◆ 12th July – Tangmere Museum visit, meet 11am at the entrance, £9.
- Booking and payment to be made in advance to Jan Ernest, 7 Langton Road, Bishop's Waltham, SO321GF. Cheques payable to Meon Valley U3A.

Our regular talks will recommence on Tuesday 6th September when Toots Ansell will talk about Renal Dialysis.

Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the Houghton Room at the Wickham Centre. Visitors are welcome for £2 per meeting. There will be tea and biscuits after the talks. Each talk is usually 45 minutes to an hour long. The book table will be available for books, DVDs and puzzles to be swapped.

Membership renewals are due in September, details will be available before the first meeting. New members are very welcome, particularly those who have an interest they are willing to share with other members in a small group.

Currently the groups are Egyptology, Strolling and three reading groups. Poetry and Art Appreciation may restart in September.

We are also seeking a new secretary as this is my last year of office. If you are interested, please let me know. You can assist this year to learn what it involves before taking it on after the AGM next May.

General enquiries to: Betty Hiscock, Secretary 01489 894807

<https://u3asites.org.uk/meon-valley>

Betty Hiscock

Dates for your diaries

2nd to 5th June	Platinum Jubilee celebrations including Parish Council treasure hunt, exhibition (2nd June 10am–2pm), best-dressed house and garden competition, and numerous street parties in the village.
5th–9th June	7.30pm Titchfield Festival Theatre, Romeo and Juliet; also matinée 5th June at 2.30pm.
7th June	7pm–8pm, Paterson Centre SADS youth workshop.
8th June	10am Waltham Ramblers leaving from Titchfield Community Centre.
8th June	8pm Paterson Centre, Swanmore Society “Henry VIII and the Treaty of Waltham” by Tony Kippenberger.
11th June	9.45am–12noon Marsh’s Meadows, Swanmore Conservation Group work party.
11th June	12.30-5pm Bishop’s Waltham Rotary Carnival, Hoe Road Recreation Ground.
14th June	U3A Guided Walk of Lower Winchester, meet at 10.50am King Alfred’s Statue, £9.
19th June	10am Waltham Ramblers leaving from Meon Hall car park.
22nd June	3.30pm–5pm Swanmore Pre-school fête.
24th June	7pm Waltham Ramblers leaving from Upper Church Road, Shirrell Heath.
25th June	10am–1pm classic cars at Barnaby’s.
25th June	12.30–5.30pm Garden Party in aid of St George Foundation, Vicarage Lane.
25th June	Give and Take (Holiday and Travel Items), St George’s Square, Bishop’s Waltham.
30th June	Swanmore College, Year 11 Prom.
2nd–3rd July	10.15am–5pm Tudor Experience, Bishop’s Waltham High Street and Palace Grounds.
8th July	7.30pm Swanmore Twinning Association Quiz, Paterson Centre.
9th July	9.45am to 12noon Marsh’s Meadows, Swanmore Conservation Group work party.
9th July	12noon Swanmore Lions Fête, Broad Lane Recreation Ground.
10th July	11am–5pm Bishop’s Waltham Hidden Gardens. Tickets available from 10am.
12th July	U3A Tangmere Museum visit, meet 11am at the entrance, £9.
16th–17th July	1pm–6pm Swanmore Open Gardens.
23rd July	10am–1pm classic cars at Barnaby’s.
23rd July	7.30pm Shakespeare in the Garden, Hill Farm House, Droxford Road.
25th–29th July	Bishop’s Waltham Community Swimming, mornings, times tbc.
30th July	Give and Take (Children’-under 11 – toys, clothes, books etc), St George’s Square, Bishop’s Waltham.
1st–5th August	Bishop’s Waltham Community Swimming, mornings, times tbc.
13th August	9.45am–12noon Marsh’s Meadows, Swanmore Conservation Group work party.



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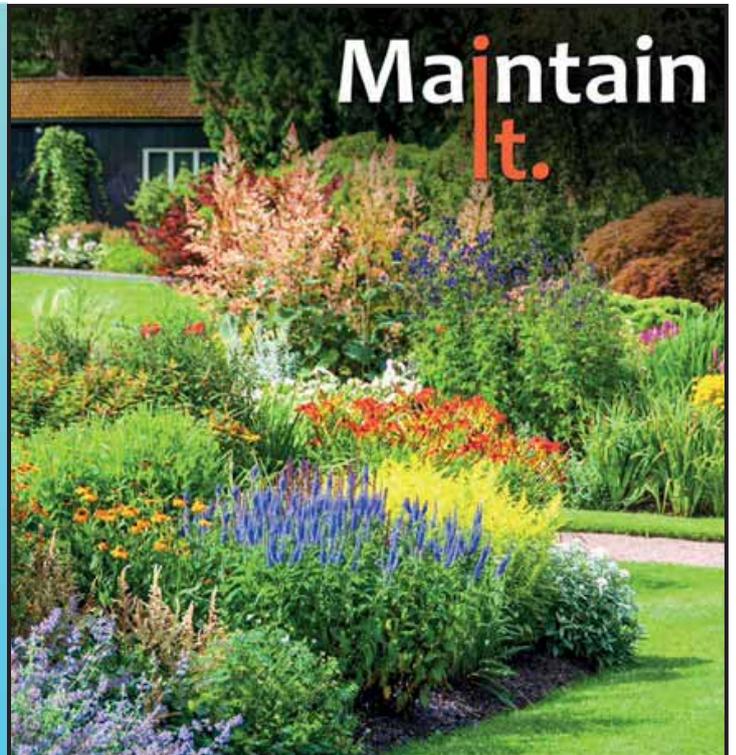
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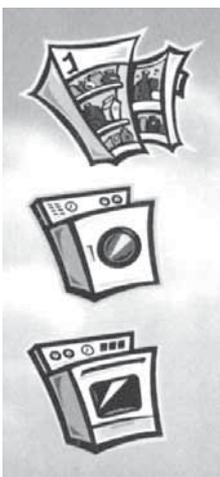
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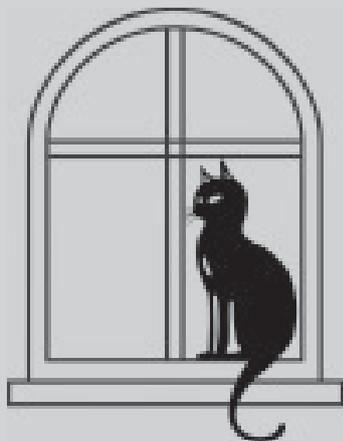
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Cub Scouts	Julie Goddard	07879 330707
goddard@aol.com		
Beavers	Roisin Smith	07748 113320
Swanmorebeavers@gmail.com		
Rainbows	Sallyann Smith	01489 890802
1st Swanmore Brownies	Sam Hemingway	01489 891624
2nd/3rd Swanmore Guides	Sarah Woodman	01489 893280
Meon Valley Rangers	Sarah Chittock	07870 136817
BW Dynamos	Chris Barber	07721 555733
Soccer School	Alison Fripp	
Waltham Wolves	John Hickey	01489 89913
SwanmoreYouth FC		07539 424674

Sports Clubs

Meon Valley Lawn Bowls	Judith Moss	
jmoss@broadlane2.plus.com		
Lawn Tennis	Mandy White	
sec@swanmoretennis.co.uk		
Swanmore Cricket Club	Oliver Rowe	07816 332324

Other Organisations

Action for Children	Brenda Simpson	01489 893810
Age Concern Hampshire	Lorna Neill	07790 845944
Cancer Research	Anne Pearson	01489 892822
Children's Society	Vicky Cronin	01489 536483
Dinah Weberstadt 01489 896967		
GoodNews Library-Cards	Pam Manson	01489 892374
Hand Bells	Julia Wright	01489 893378
Home-Start Hampshire	Laura Vincent	01329 835936
<i>Support for young families in the home</i>		
Leprosy Mission	Bobbie Branson	01489 891717
Macmillan Cancer Support	Kathy Weaver	01489 895630
Meon Valley Carers Group	via Andover Mind	01264 332297
enquiries@andovermind.org.uk		
Meon Valley Trefoil Guild	Denise Lord	07747 064455
Royal British Legion	Barbara Annison	01489 808147
RBL Poppy Fund	Kerry Fox	01489 894765
Swanmore Educational Trust		
Richard Cooksley 01489 895776		
secretary.swanmoreET@gmail.com		
Swanmore "Litter squad"	David Street	01489 896331
Woodland Trust	Dennis Wheeler	01489 892911

Hospitals

Royal Hampshire, Winchester		01962 863535
Royal South Hampshire, Southampton		02380 634288
Southampton General		02380 777222
Queen Alexandra & St Mary's Hospitals		02392 286000

Utilities Emergencies

Electricity	Emergency	0800 404090
	Power cuts	105
Gas	Emergency/escapes	0800 111999
Portsmouth Water	General enquiries	02392 499888
BT	Directory enquiries	118500

Other services

Alcoholics Anonymous		01962 869129
Animal Shelter		01329 667541
Bank Scam Service		159
Blood Donors		0800 373701
Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB)		03444 111306
Community Health Council		01962 860661
Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)		0800 0113797
Family Conciliation Service		02392 660919
Hampshire Library Services		0845 6035631
Housing Office, Winchester		01962 840222
Job Centre, Fareham		01329 231551
Night Shelter, Winchester		01962 878500
Parent Support Link		02380 399764
PDSA	Southampton	02380 773505
	Portsmouth	02392 754429
Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths		03005 551392
Relate (Marriage Guidance)		01962 861336
RSPCA, Stubbington		01329 667541
Samaritans	Portsmouth	02392 691313
	Southampton	02380 632888
	Winchester	01962 860633
Social Services	Adult services	0845 6035630
	Child Services	0845 6035620

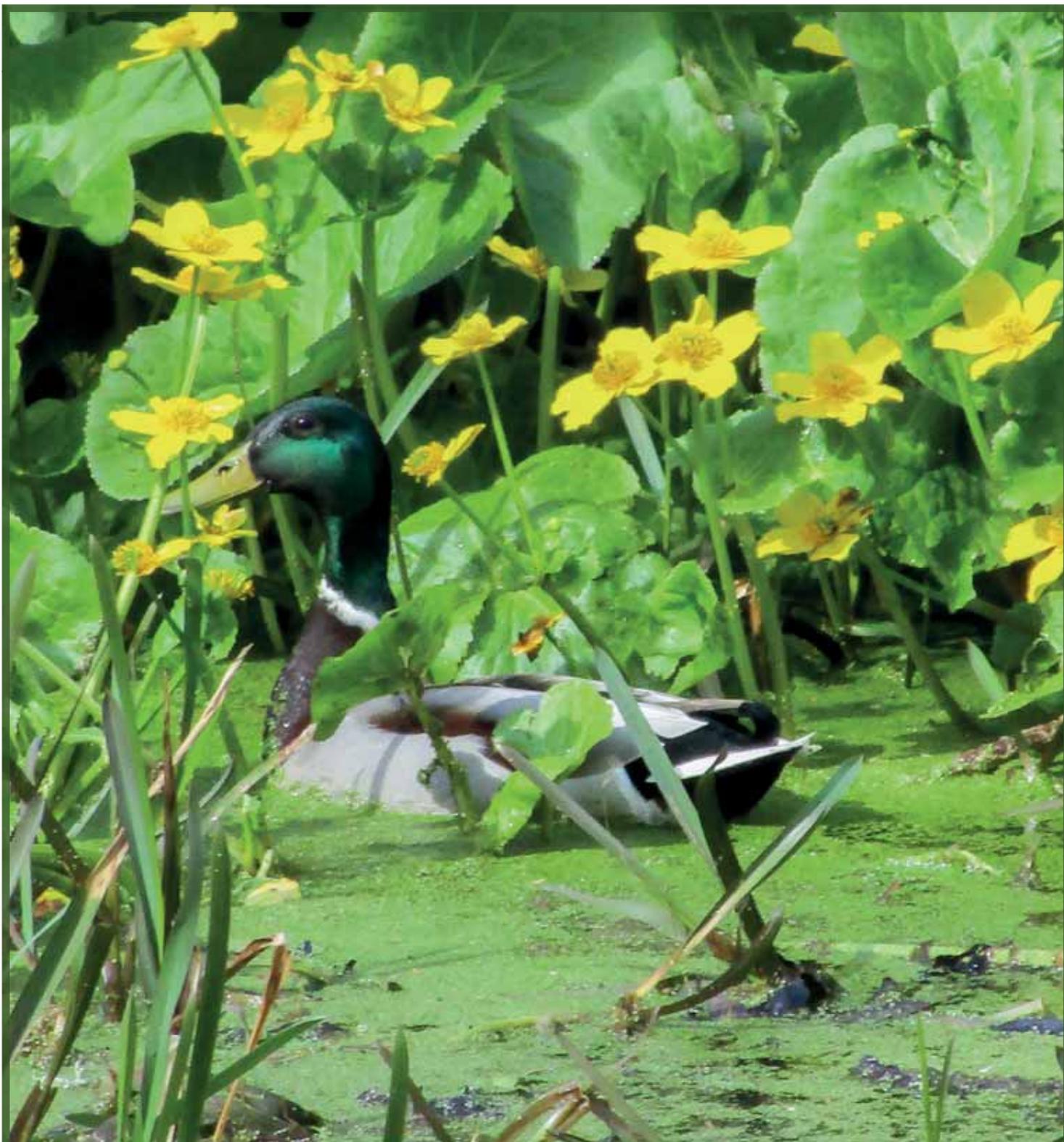
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Barnaby's Community Coffee Shop

For information about news, events and to check opening times visit www.barnabys.coffee



With Drovers' Pond in
Green's Wood home
to a growing colony of
goldfish, perhaps we
can expect more
ducks to make a
home there...

Photograph by Alison Prince

Duck's Ditty by Kenneth Grahame

All along the backwater,
Through the rushes tall,
Ducks are a-dabbling,
Up tails all!

Ducks' tails, drakes' tails,
Yellow feet a-quiver,
Yellow bills all out of sight
Busy in the river!

Slushy green undergrowth
Where the roach swim —
Here we keep our larder,
Cool and full and dim.

Every one for what he likes!
We like to be
Heads down, tails up,
Dabbling free!