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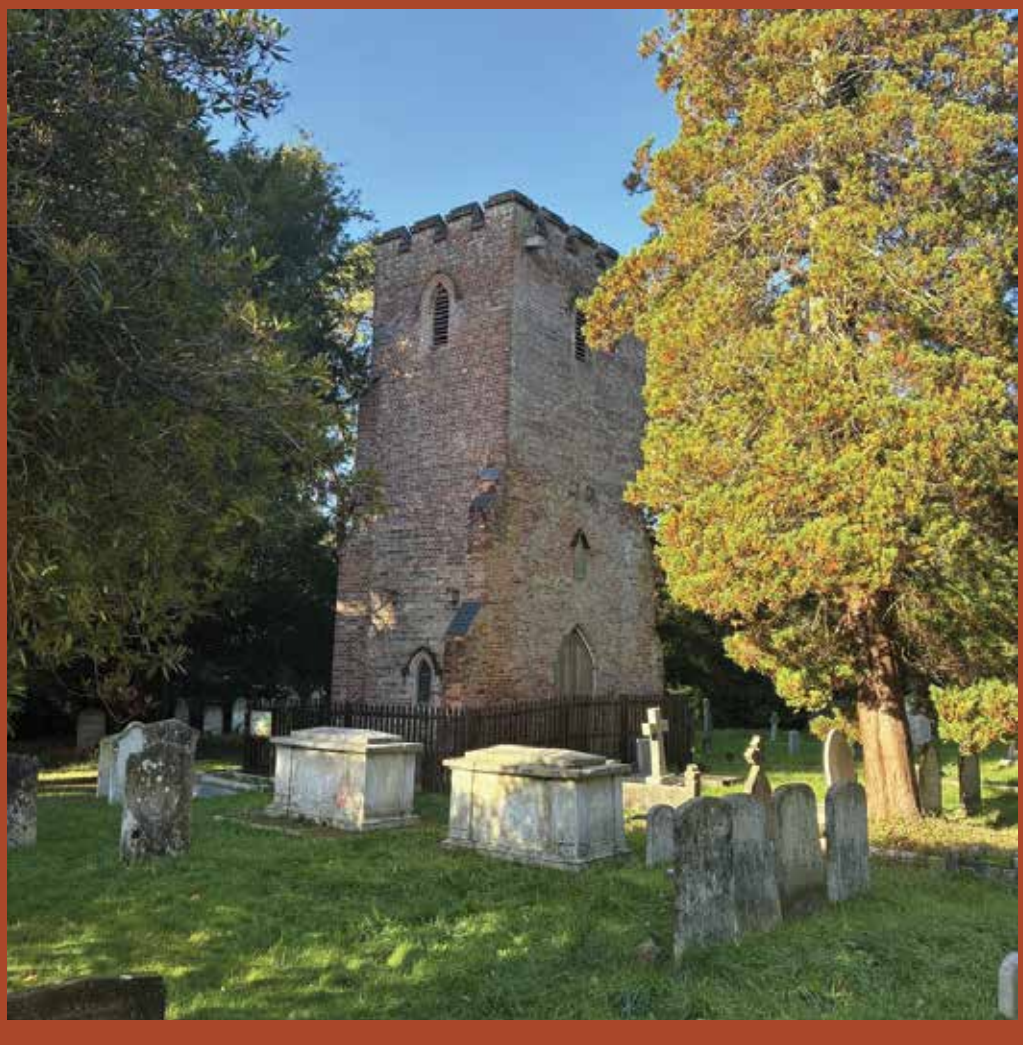
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FROM REVD FIONA GROVE.



As I write this the autumn colours are glorious but the nights are drawing in! Despite the very hot summer and 'false autumn' that started in August, we are definitely seeing the turn of the seasons. November is always a time of remembering, whether it's the Saints that have gone before us we remember on All Saints Day (1st November), loved ones we cherish and remember at All Souls (2nd November), or those who have given their lives for our country in the battlefields of time gone by (8th November). Those battlefields sadly still exist, but at Remembrance we come together to thank God for life, and that He is the source of all life, which surpasses death into the fulness of eternal life forever.

All this reminds me of one of the most familiar hymns sung on All Saints Day, "For all the Saints" – the words of which follow this article. It's a fascinating hymn and I encourage you to read about its origin here - https://anglicancompass.com/hymn-guide-for-all-the-saints/

I wonder which Saint you would like to walk in the footsteps of? Would it be Saint Paul – who once persecuted Christians then had a dramatic conversion experience and gave his life to Jesus and spreading the good news over many thousands of miles (on foot!)? or it's Saint Patrick or Saint David or St Andrew? I dare not mention the Saints football team in my PO postcode (!!) but remember how the football club got its name: it was founded through St Mary's Church Young Men's Association. Who would you like to emulate, whether a Saint or not, and what would you like to be remembered for?

Remembering Jesus is at the heart of our Christian community – who He was, is, and is to come. He is someone worth emulating, and how to do that is written between the pages of scripture. At the end of this month we celebrate Advent – the start of the new Christian year, preparing most importantly our hearts and minds for Christmas, before we even think about unwrapping presents. Advent prepares us for the greatest gift of all time that was given to us to open the door to life forever in the birth of Jesus. Our experiences should change us, and that change, however challenging, should help us to become more rounded and fruitful citizens of earth.

As we remember and look back and celebrate lives well lived, let us look forward in hope to the life promised in Jesus. As we hold those two together let us think about what practical application that can have on our own lives. Peter Johnston who wrote the article linked above about the hymn says, "For a moment, the veil between this world and the next becomes thin, and in the final Alleluias, we catch a glimpse of heaven. Let our alleluias give praise to God and may we be inspired by all those saints who have gone before."

Introducing Liz Morgan who is a Reader in Training in the Church of England and will be on placement with us in Shedfield and Wickham between November and February. She will help lead various parts of our Sunday services and join in weekday events where possible. Here are a few words she has written for us:



I grew up in Swanmore for the first 7 years of my life, so I have many happy memories of this area, albeit most are form the 1960's!

I am married to Tony and have lived in Locks Heath for almost 20 years, 17 of which I have been the vicar's PA at St Johns Church. Prior to that I was a Police Officer, serving in the New Forest where I lived at the time. People have always been my passion.

In my various churches throughout my life I have undertaken many different roles, with motherhood and shift work permitting, but my journey to reader training came about from a slow realisation that I was being called by God into doing more. It began quietly with running a home group, and then leading the Pastoral care team, whilst becoming more involved in end-of-life support and introducing a bereavement and friendship cafe, which we hold monthly in our church. We realised that there was a need for more structured support and I trained to lead 'The Bereavement Journey', which comes from the AtaLoss charity -https://www.ataloss.org/about/the-bereavement-journey . We have helped more than 200 people through the course now and also supported leaders from other churches to increase this valuable ministry as I firmly believe that we should always be seeking new ways to share the love of God, and to work together with others, wherever and however we find them.

I care for my 85-year-old mother and also my 96-year-old mother-in-law who lives with us, so finding time for new ventures is always a challenge, but I take great joy in following the path God leads me on, and I know that all the blessings in my life are from Him. I am grateful for the opportunity to join you for a while and I look forward to getting to know you all very soon.

Liz

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Services for November 2026

Sunday 1st November: All Saints' Day

Communion (St Nicholas, Wickham) at 10am.

Monday 2nd November: All Souls' Day

All Souls (St Nicholas, Wickham) at 10am

All Souls (St John the Baptist, Shedfield) at 7pm

Sunday 8th November: Remembrance

Holy Communion (St John the Baptist, Shedfield) at 8am

Remembrance Service (St John the Baptist, Shedfield) at 10.45am

Remembrance Service (St Nicholas, Wickham) at 10.45am

Sunday 15th November: Safeguarding Sunday

Communion with Worship Group (St Nicholas, Wickham) at 10am

Evening Service (Chase Church, Waltham Chase Village Hall) at 6pm

Sunday 22nd November: Christ the King

Holy Communion (St Nicholas, Wickham) at 8am

Café Church (St John the Baptist, Shedfield) at 10am

Deanery Anna Chaplaincy Commissioning (St Nicholas, Wickham) at 7pm

Sunday 29th November: Advent 1

Advent Communion (St John the Baptist, Shedfield) at 10am

Advent Carol Service (St Nicholas, Wickham) at 6pm

Sunday 6th December: Advent 2 Patronal Festival

Communion (St Nicholas, Wickham) at 10am.

Services may be subject to change; please check the parish website for the latest.

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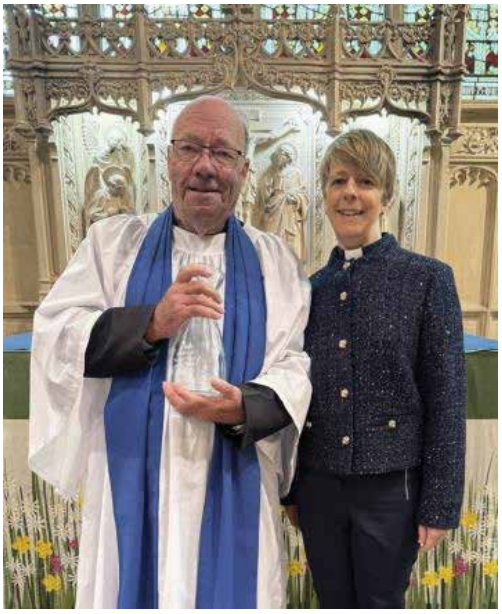
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A THANK YOU FROM STEPHEN



They say a week is a long time in politics, yet the day I was licensed by the Bishop of Portsmouth, Kenneth Stevenson, as a Lay Minister for the parish of Shedfield, and later Wickham, still feels like yesterday, even twenty-five years on. I sometimes wonder whether I became a Lay Minister because I heard God's call, or because the call from the then Vicar of Shedfield was simply louder. Many of you will remember how persuasive Geoff Morrell could be! Either way, Geoff played a significant part in a journey which, with God's help, took me through four years of study and eventually to Portsmouth Cathedral in October 2001.

Along the way, I have had the welcome opportunity to develop my ministry alongside Geoff, Shirley Henderson, Bruce Deans, Jane and David Isaac, and now, of course, Fiona. Together with the many curates and associate priests I have worked with, they have supported, encouraged, and at times challenged me. Their support has been invaluable, and I remain deeply grateful to them all.

Of course, twenty-five years in ministry have not been entirely free of mistakes. Perhaps it was not my wisest choice of words when, after reading the Banns of Marriage for the first time, I thanked the congregation for the "pregnant pause" following my invitation to declare any just cause or impediment why the couple should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony. I also hope I may be forgiven for observing that the difference between the founders of the Mothers' Union in 1876 and its current members is that, while photographs show the founders as stern-faced, strait-laced, and dressed in black, today they no longer wear black.

Thankfully, the highs have far outweighed the lows. One highlight was to serve as Chaplain to the Mayor of Winchester and preaching in Winchester Cathedral at the start of her term of office — a truly memorable occasion. Poignantly, that was to be the last sermon Jane would hear me preach. On reflection, though, the greatest privilege has been much closer to home: being part of the church families of Shedfield and Wickham, and of the wider Diocese, over these past twenty-five years.

I have been privileged to preach and lead services, to walk alongside families in bereavement, and to conduct funerals with and for them. It has also been a joy to help Lay Worship Leaders, both here and across the Deanery, develop their gifts and ministries as our churches continue to respond to a changing world.

Through all the changes, people, challenges, and opportunities, one constant remains: God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is God who calls us, sustains us, and continues to work through ordinary people like me.

So, as I thank you for the beautifully engraved glass decanter presented to mark these twenty-five years, I also want to thank you for your kindness, friendship, encouragement, and willingness to share this journey with me. If these past twenty-five years have taught me anything, it is that without God's grace, and, crucially, without you, none of this would have been possible. Thank you for all you have given me, all you have taught me, and all we have shared.

What next? If I were to continue for another twenty-five years, I would have received a birthday card from the King. For now, though, I am grateful to Fiona for granting me a three-month sabbatical from the church rota, giving me time to think through the next stage of my journey.

With love and grateful thanks, Stephen

• CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORK • SHIRRELL HEATH METHODIST CHURCH, SO32 2JN (SHMC) AND • WALTHAM CHASE METHODIST CHURCH, SO32 2LD (WCMC)						
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Tues.	Toast on Tuesdays	7.30 – 9pm	Sch Yrs. 9+	WCMC	Sam Armstrong	07595 218887 sam@verotec.co.uk
Wed.	Little Fishes Toddlers	10 – 11.30am	Age 0 – 4	WCMC	Anouska Kirby	07875 218141 anouska@chasemethodist.org
Fri.	Little Treasures	10 - 11.30am	Age 0 – sch	SHMC	Pam Morgan	07722 057772 pammorgan55@yahoo.co.uk
Sun.	Junior Church	10.30 – 11.30am	Age 3+	SHMC	Claire Hughes	07535 955795 adamclairehughes@yahoo.co.uk
	Children's Church	11 – 12am	Sch Yrs. R – 6	WCMC	Anouska Kirby	07875 218141 anouska@chasemethodist.org
	Bible Class	10.30 – 12am	Yr. 6+	WCMC	Sam Armstrong	07595 218887 sam@verotec.co.uk
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	ASF	7 – 8.30pm	Sch Yrs. 8+	WCMC	Sam Armstrong	07595 218887 sam@verotec.co.uk
Church Services	All church services	10.30am	All Welcome	SHMC WCMC	Pam Morgan Sam Armstrong	07722 057772 07595 218887
Lighthouse Holiday Club Half terms				WCMC	Anouska Kirby	07875 218141 anouska@chasemethodist.org

Methodist Minister's Musings, by Rev. Phil Griffin

Recently, I went back to the Midlands to visit my old school, which had an open day as part of their 500th Anniversary celebrations (that's not a typo - my school is twice as old as the USA!). It holds a special place in my heart, as it was where I had my first crush, received my call to ministry, and ran a poker ring with some friends. After the tour I had enjoyed, I was in the Sixth Form Common Room when someone came up to me and asked when I had been at the school. It turned out that he had been a couple of years below me but remembered me very well. Specifically, he remembered me on stage as 'Joliet' Jake Blues singing *Everybody Needs Somebody* with a friend as Elwood in a talent show we put on in 2000! I was shocked that he remembered that performance (although we were amazing, if I do say so myself!), but as always, it got me thinking. Was my legacy from 7 years at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School to be remembered for singing a blues-rock classic?

I later recalled that as we had been walking around the school on the tour, I'd seen a poster advertising the 'Christian Society' on a wall. Now, back in my day (because I am now old enough to use that phrase) we had the Christian Union at the school. When I joined in Year 7, it was thriving with a dozen or so Sixth Formers and me. In Year 8, all the Sixth Formers left, and I became the entirety of the CU for the next 2 years! Eventually I recruited a friend or two from my year, and when we left in 2001, we had got a dozen or more from years 7-9 to carry it on. I realised that my real legacy wasn't in the big band showpiece, but in quietly getting on with my faith when nobody was watching. Very often, we make our biggest impact in small, quiet ways that don't get the headlines. And that's okay, because as Jesus put it, "Your heavenly Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." So don't be afraid of being small, for as the Post Office once had as a tag line, it's the little things that make the big things happen.

Ukrainians Are Still Suffering

Do you have warm clothes, shoes, hats, scarves bedding etc that you could spare?
There will be a collection at the Coffee Morning
at Shirrell Heath Methodist Church
On 5th NOVEMBER 10 – 12
Also a Bring and Buy Cakes and Goodies Stall

Regular Events in the Study Centre from 1st November 2026

Mondays	
10.30 – 11.30	***Pilates with Anne – Anne Hume – 07824 395324 annefranceshume@gmail.com***
12:15 – 13:15	**Yoga – Hatha Yoga with Natalie Penniall - 07968** 504057 briandnat2002@yahoo.co.uk
18:00 – 19:00 & 19:15 – 20:15	***Pilates with Kirsten Harder –*** *07584 279440 kirst.harder@gmail.com*
Tuesdays	
9:00 – 14:30	***Parish Lunch (First Tuesday monthly) Rosemary*** *07703 293189*
9:00 – 13:30	***Tuesday @10 (3rdTuesday monthly) Trina*** *07988 909239*
14.00 – 16.00	***Mindful Stitching (3rd Tuesday monthly) Jennifer*** *07791 203880*
17.45 – 18.45 & 19.00 – 20.00	***Yoga with Ineke Henson –*** *07977 027013 ineke@yogabasic.co.uk*
Wednesdays	
9:30 – 10:30	***Yoga with Ineke Henson –*** *07977 027013ineke@yogabasic.co.uk*
Thursdays	
9:30 – 10:30	***Yoga with Ineke Henson –*** *07977 027013 ineke@yogabasic.co.uk*
11.00 – 12.00	***"Move It or Lose It" Exercise with Deborah – 07923 868475***
18.30 – 21.30	***British Waltham Rotary Club - Weekly Meeting***
Fridays	
9:30 – 10.30	***Pilates with Charlotte MacDonald-Gaunt*** *– 07834 486518 headtotoepilates@gmail.com*
14.00 – 16.00	***Private Class***
Saturdays	
9.30 – 12.30	***Tai Chi with Craig Jones*** *– 1st Saturday monthly - 07817 075287 craig@practise-taiji.co.uk*

MINDFUL STITCHERS

Here we are in Autumn again. The Mindful Stitch group continue to meet monthly on the third Tuesday afternoons at St John's Study Centre, Shedfield.

We vary our activities considerably and next meeting we will be attempting some printing. Meanwhile we are taxing our brains about decorating a window for the Christmas Season in St John's. If you would like to join a group interested in a variety of crafts we meet monthly in the Shedfield Study Centre on the 3rd Tuesdays at 2pm



BELLS & BOWS
Belles & Beaux

A fancy-dress supper
To raise funds for the re-hanging of the Shedfield Bells

Saturday 14th November
see poster for further details



WINTER MONTHS BEGIN IN THE CHURCHYARD



November is the time of Remembrance and we are expecting lots of visitors to the churchyard this month, visiting graves and memorials. As a sign of respect, all the military graves are marked with a poppy on a small wooden cross as we remember all those in our community who have served.

Looking back over this last year, the weather has, without doubt, had a major impact on the work and routines of the team. The Camelia bloomed early and we were treated to a long glorious display of bulbs which cheered us after a cold, gloomy winter. Then the long hot sunny spell caused plants to flower and run to seed quickly. Luckily we have a great team who are adaptable and always work hard to keep everywhere under control. Many thanks to Sam, Gill, Ian, Peter B, David, Ashley, Martin, Pete, Martin C, Brian and Joss.

Many more graves have been cleared of grass and brambles and tidied and cleaned over this last month.

Dudley E. Williams 2019, Alice E. Daysh 1931, Stafford L. & Julia Archer 1930/1939, Jane & George Churcher 1886, Martha A. & William Richards 1910/1925, Leonard & Georgina Doughty 1905/1945, Arthur & Agnes Dupuis 1897/1935, Lambert & Mahala Quiney 1949/1994, Albert & J Newcombe 1927/1937, Olive & Charles Poole 1991/1994, Agnes Watson 1947, Mary Churcher 1831, Martha Ann & Ann Churcher both September 1951 and on consecutive days.

Fungi have been slow to emerge this year, but they will continue to turn up here and there for months to come. They are neither plant nor animal, and play an important role in both woodland and grassland areas. Some are parasites, some break down dead wood & other plant material and others are symbiotic i.e. linking trees, and other plants through root systems. Fascinating. We are fortunate in our churchyard to have a mix of fungi species in our semi-natural, "unimproved" grassland". Some we see every year and some are new to us. However, they all get nibbled and eaten as the small mammals stock up for winter.



Do come and enjoy a quiet autumn walk around the churchyard and see what wildlife you can spot. The leaves on the trees are turning, the squirrels are busy and there are plenty of benches to rest and enjoy the last of the sunshine.

If you want to see photos or any more information about Shedfield churchyard please see the new benefice website: shedfield-wickham.org.uk or email – enquiries@shedfield-wickham.org.uk

Jos Helsen.

PARISH REGISTER EXTRACT APRIL - OCTOBER 2026

Baptisms

12th April	George Peter Wells
12th April	Lily Joyce Nolan
14th June	Harry William James Keely
12th July	Lucas Leslie Murphy Martin
26th July	Imogen Sylvia Diane Hedman
9th August	Julie Elizabeth Collins

Weddings

20th August	Katie Sewell and Jonathan Rogers
5th September	Camila Ribas and Joshua Robinson

Funerals

5th May	Frank Kamau Legge
22nd June	Catherine Brenda Hadfield
26th June	Andrew Shepley
27th July	Colin Reginald West
24th August	Deborah Jane Fisher
2nd September	Peter Daniel Chamberlain

Interment of Ashes

2nd April	Ann Thompson
18th April	Patricia Ann Langdale
27th May	Mary Wake
10th September	Deborah Jane Fisher



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL PREFECTS' REPORT

Welcome to the first article of the 2026-2027 academic year from the Prefects of St John the Baptist Primary School.

We are incredibly proud to have been chosen as Prefects this year. In our role, we strive to live out our school's Christian values of Courage, Compassion and Creativity, while supporting our fellow pupils, assisting the teaching team and being positive role models throughout our school community.

The academic year has got off to a fantastic start, with children across the school embracing a wide range of exciting learning opportunities. Many year groups have already enjoyed enrichment visits, helping to bring their classroom learning to life and broaden their understanding of the world around them. We have also seen some truly amazing work produced by pupils, guided and inspired by our fantastic teachers.

One of the things we value most at St John's is our wonderful outdoor environment. This term, children have been making the most of our beautiful green spaces for both learning and play. Classes have been busy planting our meadow and crops, which we look forward to watching grow and flourish as the seasons change. These activities not only help us learn about the natural world but also encourage responsibility, teamwork and care for God's creation.

Alongside our learning, we have enjoyed spending time with friends, taking part in new experiences and creating happy memories together. It has been wonderful to see our school values shining through in daily school life, whether in the classroom, on the playground or during our enrichment activities.

As Prefects, we are delighted to share the many successes and achievements of our school community. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to supporting our pupils and staff as we continue to learn, grow and flourish together.

The St John the Baptist Primary School Prefects: Harriet, Philipa, Caleb and George.

SHEDFIELD MOTHER'S UNION.

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday November 18th- invitation from BW MU to a talk on Fostering by Kirsty Newlands
Tuesday 24th November- Christmas craft meeting at 2p.m. in the Study Centre. We will be making our contribution to the church Christmas decorations. The theme this year is 'Into the Light'.

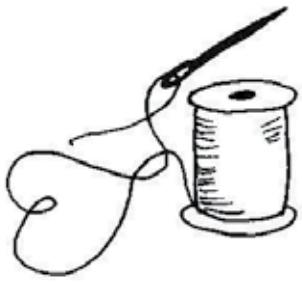
We will be supporting the global campaign 16 Days of Activism which is held every year from 25 November to 10 December to end gender-based violence, with the 2026 theme: "UNiTE to End Violence Against Women and Girls: Ensure justice, protect survivors, end impunity.

Our Advent service this year will be held on Thursday 3rd December at St John the Baptist Church. We are also very proud to be celebrating 135 years as a Mothers Union branch in Shedfield and will be joined by other members from the Bishops Waltham Deanery and Portsmouth Diocese for this special occasion.

Ann Stone.

MINDFUL STITCHERS

The Christmas Church decorations are underway. We have been allocated a window for our display and so far, we have made plans for quite an adventurous window. Much discussion has flowed across the table and decisions made, (till we next meet) - now comes the work. Opportunities for our stitching and pictorial skills, rich fabrics and embellishment!



If you would like to join a group interested in a variety of crafts, we meet monthly in the Shedfield Study Centre on the 3rd Tuesdays at 2pm.

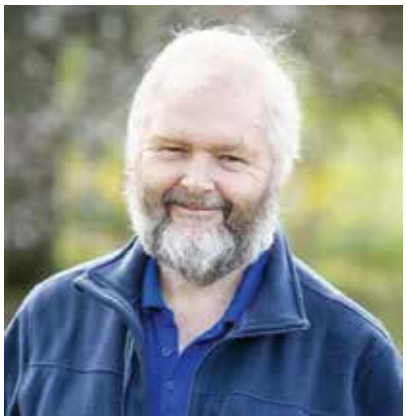
Please contact: Jennifer Wilks 07791203880 or Sarah Weston 07814572341

BISHOPS WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB

Pruning might seem an easy task, but it's so easy to make a mess of it if you don't know how to do it properly. That's why we have invited CHRIS BIRD to lead our 'Speaker Event' on Wednesday 25th November. Chris has such an experience in horticulture that this has got to be an event full of anecdotes and excellent advice.



In the early years of his career Chris worked as a junior foreman at Hilliers Nursery. In 1986 he embarked on his career as Lecturer in Horticulture at Sparsholt College where he continues to inspire students today.



Chris has a lifelong interest in plants, and has worked with many organisations including Plant Heritage, RHS and National Trust. Since 1998 he has co-ordinated Sparsholt College's display gardens at RHS Chelsea Flower Show. His results include seven gold medals, and four best in category awards, a testament to his guidance and skill. He has been described as a dedicated lecturer, passionate about horticulture and student focused. He is also funny, knowledgeable and extremely hard working.

At St Peters Church Hall, Free St., Bishops Waltham, SO32 1NS
Open at 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start. Tea/Coffee etc available. Raffle.
Members free; Visitors £2

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Sunday 6th December

2-3.30pm



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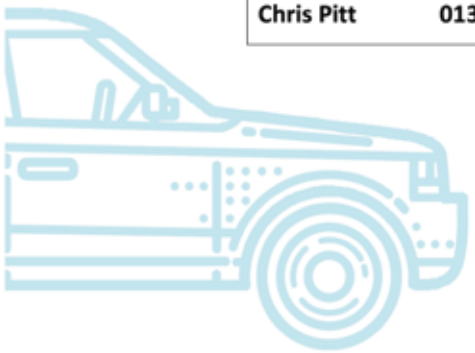
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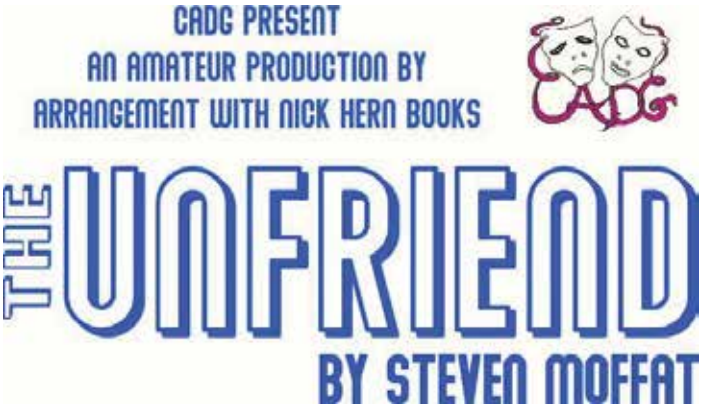
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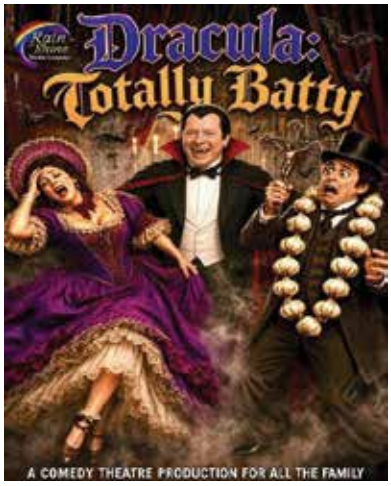
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18th October - Classic lunch at Brook House with speaker Julian Gee on "The 1970s. The decade that taste forgot".
3rd November – Jeremy Nightingale - "The Falkland Islands".
1st December- "Christmas Party".
12th January 2027 - Burns lunch with Don Bryan – "The Isle of Sky archaeology".
2nd February 2027 – Alan Abbott "Route 66".

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Although the weather has finally cooled down the pre-school garden remains a big favourite with our children. We go outside every day, whatever the weather and pre-school has a supply of puddle suits, hats, and gloves when necessary. Parents are encouraged to send their child in with suitable shoes (or wellies) and coats, as well a change of clothes in case they get wet, and the children are encouraged to change their clothes themselves (with a little help) to promote independence. Our garden planters are looking a bit sad after the long hot summer and we hope to be replanting soon and renewing our aging front gate and fences.

We are still fundraising through Easy Fundraising and used ink cartridge collections and are grateful for the communities continuing support. We still have some spaces for children from age 2 years and more details can be found on our website or call to arrange a visit.

Maggie Cooper.

SHEDFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our September meeting we welcomed Alan Jones to talk about his life as a 'roving reporter.' Alan spent his career as a broadcast journalist, working for the BBC. He worked in regional news for Central, Southern England which meant he did not have to commute into London very often. He travelled around in his mobile studio - a minibus covered in aerials (like a porcupine), with a telescopic aerial reaching up thirty feet. It became clear to us how difficult it is to create the perfect broadcast. Timing is all important and interviewing someone with a producer speaking in one ear and a technician speaking in the other is not easy. Alan told us about some of the stories he covered over the years, many of which were not just dramatic but surprising, and even peculiar! So, it was an amusing and interesting talk.

We have our Autumn Lunch coming up at the end of October and then, at our November meeting on the 18th at 2pm in Shedfield Reading Room, Jane Glennie will be speaking on the subject of 'The Creativity of Miss Jekyll'. Anyone wishing to join us at the meeting would be very welcome. For additional information, please ring 07775444776.
Sheena Walker.

MEON VALLEY U3A

Good day. We continue our lecture series in our new hall. On 3/1126 Alan Abbott, our distinguished Treasurer, will be talking on "Route 66", the famous USA road route, which he drove recently.

Web site-: southeast.u3asite.uk

On 17/11/26 Martin Letts will help us discover what "Working and Wandering in Australia" is all about. Many of us have visited Australia but not wandered too much.

We now meet at Swanmore Village Hall. New road, Swanmore SO32 2HF. Just opposite the Swanmore Collage and on a bus route. Everybody is welcome. Guests will get an especially warm welcome. (Guests pay £2 to defray speaker costs.) Tea and biscuits are provided after the talk, and we always have pre-loved books for charitable sale. All lectures start at 2pm

Lyndon (programme organiser) Contact-0788199176, lyndonplmr@gmail.com

WALTHAM CHASE FLOWER CLUB

Our next meeting is at Waltham Chase Village Hall

Wednesday 25th November 2026 at 2pm

Graham King will create floral arrangements "A Magical Christmas" '
Competition 'A White Christmas" Visitors are always welcome
For more information please contact:
Marjorie Read 07771897147 or Sue Roger-Jones 01329 833165



WALTHAM CHASE VILLAGE HALL CLASSIC CAR MEETS.



Well, what a way to enter Autumn, with fine weather for our events and full car spaces. On top of our regular Sunday morning gatherings, 25 of us visited the Shedfield Church Fete, formerly known as the Shedfield Shindig.



Our regular events all produce many unusual vehicles, with Waltham Chase uniquely attracting many pre-war vehicles. Waltham Chase has without fail, produced something we have never seen before, long may it continue.

Our dates, and locations are The Hunters Inn on the 1st Sunday of the month, Waltham Chase Village Hall on the 2nd Sunday, Botleigh Grange on the 3rd Sunday all starting at 09.00 until 12md. Barnaby's is on the 4th Saturday morning, but only April until October.

If you would like to find out more you can visit our Facebook page Waltham chasers Classic Car group, so named as it all started there in 2015 or you can phone me on 07710307880. This month's pictures are from Waltham Chase.

Pete Yeoman

WARD REPORT FOR SHEDFIELD, WALTHAM CHASE AND SHIRRELL HEATH

Here is report for last month's activities at WCC.

Local Plan:
Winchester City Council has started preparing a new Local Plan under the Government's new 30-month plan process. The City Council adopted its Winchester District Local Plan in March of this year, and this plan remains the plan against which planning applications across the district will be determined. However, under the government's new reforms, it means the council is now required to start preparing the next plan. Unlike the previous Local Plan preparation, Local Plans must now be developed under three defined stages within specific timescales and take no longer than 30 months to prepare. The first stage of the Plan is a scoping consultation which launched on 18 September 2026. This is a very early stage which is asking for views on the main issues the new Local Plan should address, such as housing, the environment, infrastructure and climate change. It is primarily a technical consultation aimed at organisations such as National Highways, the Environment Agency and other councils and forms part of the evidence gathering stage, however, anyone who would like to, is able to take part. This first stage does not include locations of future housing or employment sites – these will be considered at a later stage in the process and will be prepared with full public consultation.

National Scheme of Delegation:
The government's aim behind the national scheme of delegation is to ensure that there is greater clarity and consistency about the role of planning committees in planning decision making. Committees should focus on the key proposals that matter to an area, enabling other, often more minor and technical, decisions to be made by planning officers. Planning Committees and the National Scheme of Delegation of Planning Functions: Guidance for local planning authorities in England - GOV.UK

Where applications fall under Schedule 1 decisions must be delegated to officers. Where applications fall under Schedule 2, the decisions are delegated to officers unless the nominated officer and nominated member agree the application should be referred to a planning committee or sub-committee for determination. Parish Councils and residents are urged to submit their comments on the applications at the earliest for consideration by officers.

Your New Bin Calendar: You'll soon receive your new bin calendar through the post if you haven't already. It is specific to your address and a handy reminder of:

- Dates for your general waste, recycling, glass and food waste collections
- Garden waste collection dates (whether you subscribe to this service or not)
- Changes to your bin day due to bank holidays
- Dates for Christmas tree collections

All this information is also available by simply entering your postcode on our website www.winchester.gov-.uk/bin-calendar Why not sign up for bin day reminder emails at www.winchester.gov.uk/bin-day - we'll email you the evening before to remind you to put your bins out for collection.

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you need any further details or have any issues that need following up.

Councillor for Meon Valley Division of HCC:
Anne Small

Ward Councillors for Whiteley and Shedfield
Anne Small: asmall@winchester.gov.uk
Vivian Achwal: vachwal@winchester.gov.uk
Sudhakar Achwal: sachwal@winchester.gov.uk

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https://www.shedfieldparishcouncil.org.uk/Community_Contacts_.aspx

SHEDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL STAFF - available Monday -Thursday 10.00am to 1.00pm

PAVILLION HIRE - Lovely space within Shedfield recreation ground, great for parties'/meetings/exercise classes etc, good Wi-Fi, kitchen, showers. Please get in touch to arrange a visit. https://www.shedfieldparish-council.org.uk/Facilities/Pavillion/Terms Conditions of Hire.aspx Booking@Shedfield-pc.gov.uk

MESSAGE FROM OUR ASCO''s - With deer rutting season underway, you may come across a deer that appears injured or distressed. 🦌🦌🦌🦌
❌ Do not approach, touch or try to move the deer. Injured deer can be unpredictable, and attempting to help may put both you and the animal at risk.
✅ If the deer is on or near a road, contact Hampshire Police on 101 (or 999 in an emergency).
✅ If it's in a park, garden or public space, contact a local wildlife rescue organisation.
✅ If safe to do so, note the location (What3Words can help) and, if the deer is still mobile, a photo or short video may assist wildlife professionals.
Your safety and the welfare of the deer is the priority. For more advice, see the guidance from the British Deer Society.
Stay Safe, Sarah & Gary

MILL LANE - WICKHAM - If you wish to make your views known on the Mill Lane one way contact traffic.east@hants.gov.uk use reference Mill Lane, Wickham -Enquiry Ref: 7200333

PLEASE REMEMBER - When walking your pets in the recreation grounds to keep them on a lead and dispose of all waste correctly in the bins provided.
Thank you.

COMMUNITY GRANTS - Application forms and conditions available on the SPC website. https://www.shed-fieldparishcouncil.org.uk COMMUNITY Open to not-for-profit groups and charities within the parish (Shedfield, Shirrell Heath & Waltham Chase). * [Or via this website - https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations/town-forum-small-grants]

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WALTHAM CHASE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING UPDATE - Cllr Malcolm Wallace
Many residents have contacted us over the past couple of years about the need for a safer crossing point on Winchester Road in Waltham Chase, so I wanted to provide a brief update on the project. I've recently received a further update from Hampshire County Council. The scheme has now moved into the detailed design stage and a designer has been appointed to progress the project. The next milestone will be a public consultation on the proposals this autumn, after which the design will be finalised. Hampshire County Council's current aim is to complete the detailed design by the end of this year, with construction currently anticipated in late spring or summer 2027. Hampshire County Council has also launched a project webpage where residents can view the latest information and a preliminary design for the crossing. The page will be updated as the project progress-es: ☞ https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportschemes/b2177-winchester-road-zebra-crossing. It's encouraging to see the project continuing to move forward and I will continue to follow progress closely, particularly as the scheme moves into consultation. I'll share further updates as they become available. Proposed site plan also can be found on fb.

Marian Hazzard, Councillor.

BIN DAYS ARE FOR MEN

To a recently retired man comes an opportunity of developing that age related obsession known as 'bin day'. The days of running around the house at 6am on Friday mornings emptying an unreasonable number household bins and wastepaper baskets into a black, or white, bin bag and then a race against the bin lorry to the end of the drive. Failure is not an option, harbouring an already full wheelie bin for another two weeks cannot be contemplated. With retirement, however, comes the need for a life fulfilling hobby and 'bin day' can be that interest, nay - obsession.

The whole procedure starts on Sunday when a relaxed afternoon ahead is planned, touring the house emptying the household bins in a calm and controlled manner, taking time to inspect who is throwing away what and quizzing them about it later. But wait, the lady of the manor says she is going to cook fish for tea and the man must wait until that operation is accomplished before removing the food waste bag. The dumping of fish bones in a newly lined bin would only serve to reinforce her perceived uselessness of he who is always getting in the way. Having waited until late Sunday evening to do the deed, planning for Monday morning can now begin. There are now T-minus four days for the wheelie bin to be topped up with the final outpourings of the family and the said bin can be positioned on the footpath on Thursday evening, satisfyingly in plenty of time for the Friday sunrise collection. That operation, though, cannot be taken lightly. In many places the footpath becomes a no-go zone for pushchair users and mobility activists on the night before 'bin day'. Furthermore, the lady indoors has not returned from her 'time out' group and the bin cannot be allowed to obstruct the entrance to the driveway. 'I told you I would be late'. I retort, 'next time, you put the bin out when you get home', 'but it might be raining' she counters, 'well, get up at 6am and do it'. After a fitful sleep, the man wakes up at 5:30am in a cold sweat. 'What colour bin did we put out?', 'the grey one, dear', 'but it's the third Friday after the second full moon so it must be the green one.' Meanwhile, the distant sound of a bin lorry in the adjoining roads stirs the man into action, dashing downstairs to find the Council's master plan. Ten minutes later he returns to bed and declares it's OK, we're safe. 'Shut up' comes the response.

Talking of green bins, who really knows what you can recycle these days. The 'dos and do nots' provided by the Council are clearly not suitably comprehensive and what the man really wants is a proper checklist, one that is worthy of a re-entry correction manoeuvre for Apollo 13. So, as evidenced by intense debates at the local pub, each male occupant in the street has his own interpretation of the instructions. 'Do you chaps wash yoghurt pots before you put them in the green bin?' A shocked silence from the table. Who's going to break the news to this chap? 'Look, Geoffrey, yoghurt pots are a no-no. They don't want your yoghurt pots.' An even longer silence, Geoffrey looks like his car has been written off. All those years of sorting and washing, only to result in regularly annoying the sorting teams at the Council.



It's now Friday morning and the aftermath of 'bin day' can be assessed. The man sees this as an important part of his raison d'être. Opening the curtains slightly he can see that the now empty bin has been discarded in the middle of the footpath, rather than in the neat position against the hedge. Mobility scooter and push chair users are queueing to navigate the slalom of grey bins along the street. Slippers on, the bin is dragged back onto the drive and parked just a little too close to her car. 'I'll show her' he chuckles. Saturday is a bit of a hiatus for the man's new hobby so he must find some other distraction for the day, but it will soon be Sunday and the whole process can begin again. Now, was it the grey bin last week, so it must be green this week, but what about the brown bin and goodness knows about the bottle box. Maybe he should take up a less demanding hobby for his retirement, such as counting the acorns falling from the neighbouring oak tree onto his lawn.

Andrew Hallam.

TRUST 2000 - YOUR VOTE IS WANTED IN 2026
VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE THREE CHARITIES

Once again, the trustees of our local grant giving charity want to know your opinion regarding which charitable organisations from a short-list of five should receive a grant from our parish trust. (Shedfield, Shirrell Heath and Waltham Chase).

Please select up to three from the list below that you think should be supported and email direct with your vote to Trust 2000 at info@trust2000.org.uk , or text Anne Taylor on 07973 635810. (Your details will not be kept and you will not be asked for donations.). Your email must reach us by 15 December.

The shortlist has been selected from a total of over 80 applications. The credentials of these NGOs and charities, both in the UK and overseas, have been checked. UK charities are required to be registered with the Charity Commission. Website links have been added below. Subject to the amount of funds available to be distributed, projects may not get all they have asked for.

The short-list is:

Charity	Project	£ requested	Choice:1, 2, 3
St. Peter Paul Educational and Cultural Trust (India)	Provide wheelchairs & adaptive seating for 50 disabled children who are currently homebound. The chairs will be reused when the children grow. This will give access to school, improve independence, support inclusion and offer dignity in daily life. www.spect.org.in	£2,070	
Buddha Outcast Social Society (India)	Construct Eco-friendly bio-toilets & sanitation facilities in a tribal school to improve hygiene, health, dignity & safe access to sanitation for tribal students; creating a healthy learning environment. https://bossngo.org	£2,000	
Southampton Hospitals Charity (UK)	Provide specialist wig service for cancer patients. Provide holistic support and fund a wig specialist to help 75 patients feel better after losing their hair. https://southamptonhospitalscharity.org/	£1,000	
Porridge and Pens, Brightlingsea (UK operating in Ghana)	Create a sustainable school kitchen, replacing much of our wood-fire cooking with commercial equipment. Improve health, reduce firewood use & support 2 free meals/day for 452 children www.porridgeandpens.org	£500	
Women's Organisation for Rural Development. (India)	Training in honeybee keeping to young tribal widows in the Kolli Hills. 20 families in 5 villages. This helps the community and the environment. https://www.mywordindia.org/	£1,000	

We do not "process" personal data, any details received are not kept or recorded anywhere

If you wish to suggest a charity for consideration for a future year, please visit our website www.trust2000.org.uk to see the process, bearing in mind the objects of the trust are "to advance education and to relieve poverty, sickness and distress of those in need"

If you are interested in becoming a trustee of Trust 2000 contact the Chairman or Secretary at info@trust2000.org.uk .
Thank you for your vote.

Anne Taylor, Chairman
Trust 2000, c/o Rivendell, Twynham's Hill, Shirrell Heath, Southampton, SO32 2JL.

MEON VALLEY BOWLING CLUB

It has been a difficult outdoor season especially towards the beginning of the Finals of the Meon Valley Bowling Club outdoor competitions. On some occasions the club had to close the green to all playing due to the amber heat warning and matches had to be reorganised, sometimes more than once. However, the finals were able to take place on Saturday/Sunday 5th and 6th September 2026 and the winners are shown in the photo from right to left:

Top Row:
Mens Pairs: Bill Houlton and Kevin Sage. Ladies Pairs: Kate Cassell and Claire Spall. Aussie Pairs: Chris Batty and Tony Blackford

Middle Row :
Mens Singles: Colin Johnson. Mixed Triples: Howard Felgate, Chris Wickert and Glenn Floyd. Ladies Singles: Karen Hunter

Bottom Row:
Golden Girls Singles: Karen Hunter. Mens Vets Singles: Steve Sprake. Mixed Pairs: Karen Hunter and Howard Felgate.

We are also very proud of the teams from Meon Valley Bowling Club who won:
Ladies: Southampton & District Meridian League and
Men: Southampton & District Championship 3 League

We celebrated the end of our outdoor season with a social match with a Mens v Ladies competition.

Indoor playing on our two 60 foot mats commenced on 21 September 2026.

New members are welcome to join our club at any time during the season with membership subscriptions being agreed on a pro rata basis. If any prospective member is interested they can contact our Secretary at glennfloyd@aol.com (note the nn in the name please)



Tuesdays at Ten Pavilion & Facilities Reading Room Waltham Chase Village Hall	Trina Hillier Clerk Caroline Ford Christine Cunningham	Laburnum House, Solomons lane, Shirrell Heath Shedfield Recreation Ground, Upper Church Rd Windmill House St. John's Lane Shedfield walthamchasevillagehall@gmail.com	07988 909239 07918623009 07940 704 676
Wickham Community Care		To request transport for hospital / GP	07880732812
Children's Society	Rob Banks	Hospital Road, Shirrell Heath	01329 832455
Brownies: Waltham Chase Shedfield	Heather Pearce Sarah Moore	pearceheather@hotmail.co.uk mooreappletrees@hotmail.com	07791 966 432 01489 892 700
Shedfield Guides	Helen Dyne	shedfieldguides@gmail.com	01489 892 381
Shedfield Rainbows	Hilary Tucker	shedfieldrainbows@gmail.com	07531 365046
Mondays 7 – 8.30pm 5 – 6.30pm Tuesdays 5 – 6pm 6.30—8pm	Scouts Beavers Squirrels Cubs	scoutsectionshedfield@gmail.com sue.j.ward65@gmail.com shedfieldsquirrels@gmail.com sue.j.ward65@gmail.com	**Scouts** 1st Shedfield
Explorers	Jenny Bunce	meonvalleydistrictexplorers@gmail.com	
Shedfield Social Club	Laurie Tucker	shedfieldsocialclub@gmail.com.	
Shed. Horticultural Society	Caroline Ford	Windmill House St John's Lane Shedfield	01329 832 107
Shedfield Petanque Club	Robert Bish	rjbish2000@yahoo.co.uk	07519 748993
Fairlands School Shirrell Heath Methodist Waltham Chase Little Fishes Waltham Chase Preschool	Nursery Manager Pam Morgan Anouska Kirby Maggie Cooper	Church Road Shedfield SO32 2HY pammorgan55@yahoo.co.uk anouska@chasemethodist.org hello@walthamchasepreschool.com	01329 834 848 07722 057 772 07510 215601 07913 640795
Tree Warden	Peter Milla	Glebe Lodge Church Road Shedfield	01329 833405
Trust 2000: Secretary Chairman	Jacky Wood Anne Taylor	Brooklynn, Winchester Rd., Waltham Chase Rivendell Twynhams Hill Shirrell Heath	01489 893615 01329 834 904
Waltham Wolves & Mini Soccer	Sarra Parker	Secretary.walthamwolves@gmail.com	07703657783
Waltham Chase Flower Club	Marjorie Read	meread45 @icloud .com	07771897147
Waltham Chase History Group	Linda Dudley	wchghants@gmail.com	01489 896 690
Meon Valley Lions Club	Carole Dash	contact@meonvalleylionsclub.org.uk	08458 337 812
W. I.: Shedfield	Mandy Sadler	shedfieldsec@hampshirewi.org.uk	
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Accredited Community Safety Officer	**Gary McCulloch**	acso@shedfieldparishcouncil.org.uk	**07442 156124**
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County Councillor	Anne Small	asmall@winchester.gov.uk	07739050244





Meon Valley Active Retirement Association

Retired and Over 50?
Regular activities for members
November 2026

Activity	Day	Place	Times	Contact
Tai Chi*	Wednesday	Jubilee Hall	9.15-10.15 10.30-11.30	Linda Doswell
Table Tennis	Wednesday	Priory Park Hall	14.00-16.00	Les Craddock
Steady and Strong (keep Fit)	Monday	St Peters Church Hall	10.00 – 11.15	Sue Stainton
Theatre Visits	Various			Kay Corke
Outings/Visits	Various			Linda Doswell
Advanced French Conversation	Monthly Second and Fourth Tuesday	Various	14.00	Sue Coombes
Italian Course	Thursday	St Peters The Stables	9.15 – 10.45	Roger Wingrove
Spanish Course	Thursday	St Peters The Stables	11.30 - 13.00	Roger Wingrove
Ladies' Pub Lunches	Monthly First Monday	Various	12.30	Contact via the website
Members' Lunch	Monthly Third Friday	Various	12.30	Roy Stainton
Chair Yoga	Fortnightly Monday	Swanmore Village Hall	13.00 - 14.	Roger Wingrove
Bridge	Fortnightly Thursday	Various	14.00 – 16.00	Roger Wingrove
Scrabble for Fun	Friday	Paterson Centre Swanmore	14.00 - 16.00	Linda Jones
Book Club	Monthly Last Tuesday	Various	19.00	Lorraine Hansford
Singing for Fun (MVARA Minstrels)	Fortnightly Monday	St Peters The Stables	14.00- 15.30	Lyndon Palmer

***There are two sessions Intermediates and Experienced, W.L. for starters.**
For calendar of MVARA Activities and Membership please visit
www.mvara.co.uk

Activity organisers can be contacted via www.mvara.co.uk/activities

Annual Subscription £6.00 – additional charges apply to most activities



Bell Repair Fundraising

Fancy Dress Dinner

Bells & Bows

Saturday 14th November at Shedfield Study Centre

6:30 for 7:00

Menu:
Stew and Dumplings or
Ratatouille with Crusty Bread
Dessert & coffee
gluten free options available

Bring a bottle

Belles & Beaux

£25

Tickets at:
bookings@shedfield-wickham.org.uk or 01329 832162

Welcome to Open Arms

We are a new group offering friendship and support to one another.

Are you grieving?
• Through death, divorce or separation?

Are you feeling anxious and lonely?

If so, this group might be for you.

Please feel free to join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Starting Thursday morning
10am – 12pm

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Titchfield Lane, PO17 5HB

Free parking

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7PM TILL 9PM

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All welcome!
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No Need to book, just turn up and play!

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Thursday 1st October 2026
Thursday 5th November 2026
Thursday 3rd December 2026
Thursday 7th January 2027
Thursday 4th Feburary 2027
Thursday 4th March 2027
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