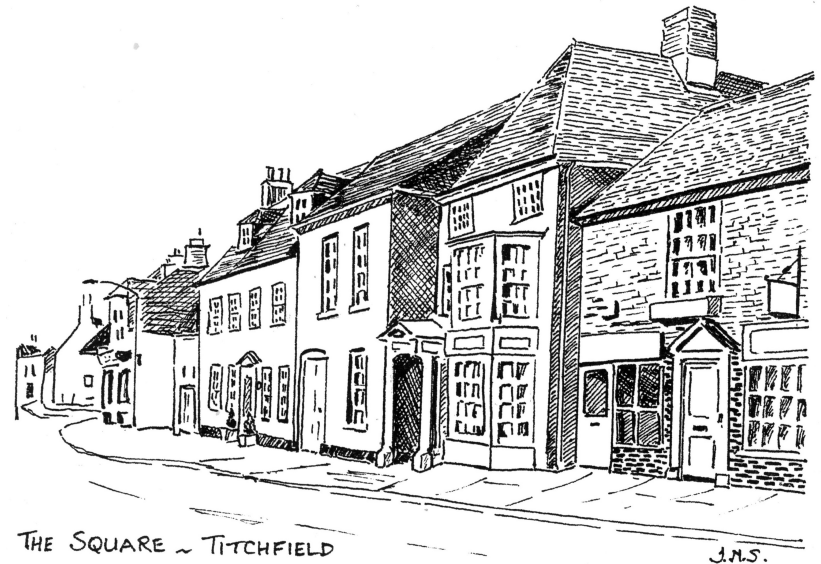


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May Elections – Postal Votes

Fareham Borough Council will be holding elections on **Thursday May 6th** for Police and Crime Commissioner, Hampshire County Council and Fareham Borough Council. Residents who would prefer to vote from home rather than visit a polling station can apply for a postal vote. This needs to be done by **5pm on Tuesday April 20th** by calling the election team at FBC on **01329 824588**. Alternatively you can apply on line by filling in a simple form on the Electoral Commission website:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/> under 'Information for Voters'

Full information is available at: <https://www.fareham.gov.uk> under 'About the Council'

From the Editors' Desk

It is heartening to be writing as days lengthen, signs of spring appear, friends and neighbours are vaccinated and the end of lockdown 3 is in sight! As always, we hope you are keeping safe and well.

Several people have taken out subscriptions to Titchfield News for the first time and we welcome and thank two new distributors. For a subscription (£5.00 p.a.), please contact Gerry Pontefract by text message on: 07818568034 and she will see if there is a distributor for your area.

We have another packed issue for you with news from organisations, the church, our bell-ringers, the Country Market and the Earl of Southampton Trust. The Titchfield Village Trust updates readers about the Parish Room and we have an important update from Jubilee Surgery's Patient Participation Group. Waiting for the Community Centre to re-open, Ann Whyntie has delved into its records – with amusing results.

This has been an incredibly challenging time for educating children and young people and you can read about how our school's pupils learn about history as well as, from Adrian Whyntie, about a great initiative to supply IT support for home-schooling. As we move steadily out of lockdown restrictions, our police beat officers remind us of the importance of following lockdown rules and Karen Postle questions whether we could consider donating to relevant charities in thanks for our vaccines.

Harry Sowerby brings us two very interesting articles; how renowned sailor Dee Caffari has coped with lockdown and John Davis' volunteering on the Watercress Line. If suspense mounted about Meidrym Owen's sister, the second part of John Hiett's story is here. Ever thought about pavements while walking? I doubt it but Annie Sugrue's article might change that.

Revds. Julia and Jane bring uplifting messages of hope as does Pastor Tracey Wickland and, looking to Easter, Nog Grimstead asks who was at the empty tomb. Church services have certainly been different, as John Ekins writes, and Claudine Pichon sets us thinking about service formats. Daily Bible reading sustains many and Jane Reid writes about some very helpful reading notes.

So we hope we have articles to entertain and inform and we have again included some puzzles and book reviews. We hope you enjoy reading Titchfield News and we welcome your comments. Just e mail us at: magazine@stpetertitchfield.org.uk .

A postscript about p15: 17/3/21 Completed Couch to 5K today. Just don't ask if I like running! (Ed.)

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Good News

Rev. Julia Foster & Rev. Jane Richards

Early in February I saw my first snowdrop of the year. A little white head nodding in the February gloom, a promise that spring was on its way, a glimpse of good news on a grey winter's day.

As human beings we thrive on good news. The rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine has been good news not only for individuals but also for society as gradually we see the lockdown beginning to ease. Slowly the door is beginning to open allowing us to begin to resume our lives with some level of normality, though still needing to be careful.

At this time of year Christians celebrate the good news that, though Jesus died upon the Cross on Good Friday, on Easter Sunday he was raised from the dead. The good news of Easter is that hope overcame despair, love overcame hate and life overcame death. The good news is that many have worked hard over the past year to help overcome the shadow of Covid so that we can have the opportunity to live our lives free of fear.

Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the father, now we also may live new lives. Romans 6:4

Rev. Julia Foster

A crocus in the snow... light at the end of the tunnel (and it's not a train coming!). Any signs of hope are great in these difficult and frustrating times and we hang on to them. But – and I'm going to use one of my favourite words – they are ephemeral, over in a flash. I only remember one bit of Anglo Saxon from long, long ago, but it says much the same: 'Thaes ofereode. Thysses swa maeg!' Say that with a good hiss, and it means 'Those things passed. So may these.' All that's encouraging, but it does feel as if we are wishing our lives away.

So perhaps more than ever we need the message of Easter – the tomb was empty, Jesus rose from death in some mysterious way, met up with his friends, let Thomas touch him, ate with them, cooked breakfast for them, and turned them from frightened wimps into passionate evangelists, sharing the good news that death isn't the end with all people in all times and all places.

There's a popular song which says: 'I wish it could be Christmas every day!' Well, I don't – but it is Easter every day, and that calls for real celebration! I hope we can celebrate together very soon!

Rev. Jane Richards

Bell-ringing News & new ringers welcome

Lyndon Hatfield

Recent announcements give us hope that we will be able to restart ringing sometime in the late spring or early summer. We will have to wait until guidance is received from the Church of England as well as our Central Council of Church Bellringers.

In the meantime, we have been holding "virtual" practices and have been making good progress, helped by joining other ringers in web ringing organised by our local Guild.

We hope to restart garden handbell practices once the rule of 6 is introduced, and will, depending on what is allowed, ring handbells or tower bells once services restart.

We are feeling much more confident that Titchfield bells will once again ring out, and hope that we are not too rusty after such a long time.

I would be interested to know if there are any readers who have ringing experience, and would like to join us, or perhaps learn to ring with us. At this time we won't be able to actually train new ringers until we have re-established regular practices, but you can contact me for more information using either St Peter's office, church web page or contact details on p33.

St Peter's Prayerline

Do you know anyone who is ill or in any distress
and who needs the support of prayer?

Please contact
Charles Timberlake - 01329 845265
or Doreen White - 01329 843544

Every Day at 8.00pm

Pray at home with fellow parishioners and the St Peter's Prayerline,
as we pray for everyone who is fighting against the Covid-19 pandemic.

History at Titchfield Primary School

Owen Kidd - History subject leader

At Titchfield Primary School, our learning values- STRIVE*- are embedded into our History curriculum and children are given opportunities within each History project to demonstrate each one to help them develop into the best historian that they can be.

We use 'The World' statements in Early Years Development Matters and the History National Curriculum to structure the content of our History curriculum projects. History is an exciting area of the curriculum because it allows our children to understand our past, which in turn allows them to understand our present. Our teaching intentions are to establish and develop knowledge, develop historical skills and equip children with the vocabulary with which they can achieve well in the subject.



Each History project will be a learning journey starting with an engaging hook, which gives the purpose for the outcome. An example of an outcome would be the children creating an Egyptian museum for the local history society who visited the children at the start of the project to inspire them to undertake research into the Egyptians. By having a purposeful outcome with an audience, it engages the children further with their history learning.

At Titchfield Primary we plan our History projects carefully which give children the essential characteristics to help them become historians. We believe that children should be active historians. We ensure children have access to artefacts and different sources to explore. We work closely with the Local Authority's History Resource Centre to borrow different artefact boxes which have an array of resources to engage the children with their learning. One of the most vital skills we teach the children is to question as this enables them to deepen their understanding. We teach the children how to investigate a source or artefact, whether it is real or a copy, what time period it came from, how it was made etc. These questions the children come up with can underpin their history learning. We use questioning skills to help the children access different activities. The children learn how to use inference grids, constructions relays and diamond 9's as ways of helping them to organise their ideas. These activities deepen the children's history knowledge while allowing them to practise different historical skills. The children are encouraged to use their understanding of change and continuity, similarity and difference, chronology and significance, to interpret events and developments.



The content of the History curriculum is planned so that children develop key historical concepts such as chronology and cause and effect through

their time at Titchfield Primary. In Year R the children begin to reflect on their own personal history including significant events in their lives such as birthdays and growing up. In KS1 the children explore significant people from the past and events of national significance such as the Great Fire of London and sinking of the Titanic which started its journey from nearby Southampton. When the children enter KS2 they develop their knowledge of British History in a chronological way, starting with the Stone Age, and move throughout historical periods until they pull all of their skills together by studying crime and punishment post-1066 in Year 6. Alongside this, the children also explore ancient civilisations including Egypt, Greece and Maya.

Other areas of the curriculum are also utilised to support children's knowledge and understanding of History. History will form the focus for writing projects and guided reading activities.

Teachers assess children's learning in each History project using assessment criteria developed by the subject leader, which they also use to evaluate how far the curriculum planned is enabling children to have high quality outcomes. The subject leader will also monitor standards in the subject.

On leaving Titchfield Primary we want children to have a secure historic knowledge as well as an understanding of the key historical skills and see History as exciting and interesting!

* Self-motivation, Thinking, Resilience, Independence, Valued Contributor and Emotional Intelligence.



Message from our Police Beat Officers

PC 21801 Rachel Bowden & PCSO Mark Oliver

We hope you are all keeping safe and well and the majority of you have had your vaccination. The Prime Minister has given us hope with his projected plan to get back to 'normal'. Please adhere to these rules, they are there for a reason. The more we all ease back into it and stick to what he has said the sooner we can all get back to normality and hopefully enjoy the summer. The vaccination does not stop you getting the virus and you can also still carry it, please bear this in mind. We will both still be out there patrolling and will issue fines to those that are breaching the rules.

Take care and stay safe

An update from Jubilee Surgery PPG: Locating important information

Suzy Jackson, Chair Jubilee Surgery PPG

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) has recently had significantly less contact with the surgery team. We feel that it is still very important to keep patients updated with latest developments affecting health but we have to work differently.

Information is now sourced from the Sovereign Health Network (SHN), Jubilee, Whiteley and Highlands Surgeries Websites and Facebook page, in addition to NHS England, The Patients Association, Fareham & Gosport CCG and other reputable sites. This is complex and time consuming.

We would like you to know about 'Help My Health' as we think it will be helpful to you. Chris Turner (ex Jubilee and Whiteley PPG Steering group Member) has set up a website <https://www.helpmyhealth.info>. The key principle behind the website is that it's a 'one stop shop' where information is sourced from all of the above sources plus many more. There are also two key parts of the site. One is public where anyone going on to the site can see information. The other is a separate area where Members can access all the Members' Chat posts (rather similar to a Facebook Group), can contribute and respond to posts. It is also possible for Members to receive notifications when new content arrives on the site.

We fully appreciate that not everyone is comfortable using technology, and some people may prefer to continue to receive updates by email. Using the [helpmyhealth.info](https://www.helpmyhealth.info) website as a resource, Chris is able to email you a regular newsletter rather than the sporadic communications sent by the PPG to date.

With data protection in mind, you will need to contact Chris Turner at: Help.MyHealth.Info@gmail.com to provide him with your name and email address if you wish to receive regular newsletters.

We are sure you appreciate that, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the PPG has been unable to hold any open meetings to discuss developments. We hope that you are all keeping safe and well,

Suzy Jackson, Chair Jubilee Surgery can be contacted on 07532 1684654 ppgchair.jubilee@gmail.com

Suzy has advised us that the current Jubilee Surgery PPG will step down from April so the above contact details will no longer be current. We extend our thanks to Suzy, Pat Shirley and Lindsey Bailey for their hard work on patients' behalf over the past three years (Eds).



The
Earl of Southampton
Trust

Frances Knight, Chairman

The Earl of Southampton Trust (EOST) began life over four hundred years ago in 1597 when Robert Godfrey gave land near Funtley "for the relief of the poor people of the town of Titchfield". The yearly rents were paid to the churchwardens of the Parish Church of Titchfield (St. Peter's) "and the churchwardens shall distribute and bestow the same with the consent of the greatest part of the inhabitants of the town of Titchfield to the poor people of the said town".

In 1620 Henry Wriothesley, the Third Earl of Southampton, made various properties within Titchfield available to help the "poore people of the said Towne sett to worke whereby they may be better enabled to sustayne themselves and their families" These included Barry's Cottages in the High Street, a barn and a meadow (Barry's Meadow), plus an acre of land adjoining the church (now part of the churchyard).

There was also an acre of land which is now part of the Garston estate, an acre of land off Common Lane and two cottages on land that is now between Hunts Pond Road and Kites Croft.

Between 1700 and 1894 three other local land-owners, Richard Godwin, Charlotte Hornby and Robert Delme also made charitable contributions of both land and money for the relief of the poor of Titchfield.

In all these instances the beneficiaries were encompassed by the 'Ancient Parish of Titchfield'; which includes the current parishes of Sarisbury and Whiteley (parish of St Paul's), Titchfield (parish of St Peter's), Locks Heath (parish of St John's), Warsash (parish of St Mary's), Stubbington (parish of Holyrood) and Lee-on-the-Solent (parish of St Faith's).

All five of these charities were formally amalgamated in 1969 but it was not until 1989 that the current Trust undertook the role of a 'Relief in Need and Almshouse' charity. An almshouse is defined as 'charitable housing provided to people in a particular community'. It is perhaps better understood nowadays as: 'self-sufficient, low-cost community housing that is held in trust for local people in housing need'. Almshouses are managed and run by almshouse charities made up of local volunteers and as such come under the regulations of the U.K. Charity Commission. The EOST owns 19 such houses in the village and has been using them in this respect for the last 35 years.

We, of course, are not exclusive in this respect as there are over 1600 independent almshouse charities across the United Kingdom providing homes for vulnerable and needy people for around 35,000 residents.



Pollyanna

Tracey Wickland
Senior Pastor of Living Word Church Network

Pollyanna was a children's classic novel from the early 1900s. We may have heard her name used as a saying and a by-word in a negative sense, 'Don't be a Pollyanna' referring to someone who is annoyingly optimistic.

The story unfolds of an orphan girl who plays 'the glad game'. In situations where there's opportunity for anything from a grumble to all out despair Pollyanna looks on the bright side. She's the ultimate glass half-full running to completely overflowing kind of girl! This 'glad game' is the way she's been taught to cope with life's sorrows, hardships and joys.

This attitude has a differing effect on those around her from irritation to thoughtful contemplation. It's an indicator of someone making a different, deliberate choice in outlook and an opportunity for Pollyanna to change the atmosphere in the room.

The Bible has some Pollyanna moments when people look up to heaven for their help and sustenance and look for the good, in faith, despite how things might look in the natural swing of things. Take the young King David, Nehemiah or even Jesus himself as examples. They looked beyond their circumstances for their strength. The Bible tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 'In everything give thanks.'

I think in difficult days that seem endless and feel restrictive, lonely and abnormal it would do us good to have some Pollyanna moments, to give thanks in everything, to find the good, to voice the positive and celebrate it. God in his wisdom knows that this is for our good. It lifts us beyond the trial or situation, helps us get some perspective and gives us strength to continue. It can keep us from despair especially on those days when we might only have our own thoughts for company.

Science is beginning to discover how our words and our attitudes have a real effect on everything about us from giving us stamina and capacity to change our actual circumstances, to having a bearing on our mental and emotional health, even having a direct impact on our physical health.

Of course, God had all this in mind when he said 'In everything, give thanks'. Let us decide to take some Pollyanna moments. Where can we give thanks right now? Where can we see the good? What do we have to be thankful for outside of this immediate situation? Not only will this help to carry us through each day with a little more joy and a little more 'oomph' but it might even be an opportunity to brighten someone else's outlook. Even more so in these days when our smile or cheerful word in passing might be the only lift or human contact someone else has today.

Please pop into the Titchfield Evangelical Church building on the High Street for prayer, contemplation, or simply to give thanks. Or call us on 01329 841619 for prayer requests, ministry requirements and practical relief needs.

When all Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, Living Word Church Titchfield meets on Sunday Mornings at 10.30am 18 High Street (Old Titchfield Evangelical Church Building)

Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF)

Jane Reid

Who are BRF?

They are a Christian charity. The BRF vision is to enable people of all ages to grow in faith and understanding of the Bible.

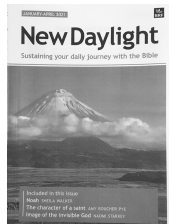
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You can find out more by going to:

<https://www.brfoonline.org.uk/collections/new-daylight>.

Copies of New Daylight, as well as a daily email and an app for Android, iPhone and iPad can be ordered from there.

Several people at St Peter's have found 'New Daylight' invaluable in their faith life, especially during these difficult times. (Ed.)

Titchfield Gardeners' Club

Beneficial Insects in the Garden

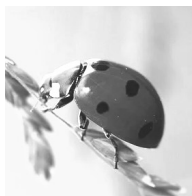
By Robert Blake

Andrew Halstead, who was the RHS's Principal Entomologist at Wisley before retirement, is also a beekeeper and gave this informative talk at our 3rd February Zoom meeting. He started by emphasising the importance of insects in pollinating plants by picking up pollen from the stamens and transferring it to the stigma of another flower. All types of bees are good at doing this as pollen sticks to their hairy bodies. Bumble bees are much hardier than honey bees, are active from March to October and live in

colonies of up to 100 – bird boxes are favourite nest sites. Advice on plants that attract bumble bees can be found at www.bumblebeeconservation.org/gardeningadvice/. Red Mason bees are gentle and solitary bees that make their nests in hollow spaces. They like bug hotels, fitted with 7 mm cardboard tubes and placed in a sunny position.



We should welcome the many predators that help to protect our plants against attack by pests. There are many different types of beetle (e.g. Ground, Devil's Coach Horse and Stag beetles) which feed on slugs, caterpillars and aphids. The 2 and 7 spot ladybirds are the most common ones in the UK and predate aphids. However, the larger 16 spot Harlequin ladybird, new to Britain in 2004, is a much more efficient aphid predator as it produces three generations each year. There are also about 300 species of hoverfly which prey on aphids, leaf hoppers and caterpillars. Ichneumon parasitic wasps are non-threatening, can be found in gardens as well as woodlands near log stacks, and lay eggs in the bodies of caterpillars of the cabbage butterfly.



Large infestations of pests can be dealt with using pesticides but their use can kill beneficial insects. However, insecticidal soap (organic pesticides with fatty acids) can be bought at any garden centre and will control a wide range of pests such as whitefly, aphids and spider mites. Yellow sticky traps can be used in greenhouses to indicate the presence of whitefly. Vine Weevil larvae attack and eat the roots of container plants and can be eliminated by introducing nematodes in late summer. There are also nematodes for removing slugs but they work best in sandy soil and are not so effective in heavy clay. Beer traps are probably worth trying! Snails can best be reduced by attracting song thrushes to your garden as they eat them by smashing their shells on a stone.

News about the club.....

So, if this and Robert's previous reports has fired your imagination, why not think about joining Titchfield Gardeners' Club? The club meets monthly, as well as hosting a couple of social events and visits to places of interest during the year.

The club programme during the next couple of months:

- 7th April we will be welcoming (via Zoom) the return of Rosy Hardy who will be talking about 'Early Spring Flowering Perennials.
- 5th May we have another Zoom talk - 'You, Your Gardens and Climate Change, by Pauline Weeks.
- Then, at the end of the month the club members will be off to Hilliers Arboretum for a guided tour and visit.

New members are always welcome (annual membership is £8) and visitors may attend/join individual meetings for £3. If you are interested in gardening, or maybe looking for a new hobby, then please visit our newly designed website to learn more: www.titchfieldgardeners.club. You can contact us at: tgc.meetings@gmail.com

Donating Vaccines to end the Pandemic

Karen Postle

COVAX, launched by the World Health Organisation, has been working globally on development, manufacture and distribution of vaccines to bring about a global solution to the pandemic. GAVI <https://www.gavi.org/>, the vaccine alliance, is 'the financing instrument that will enable people in 92 lower-income economies to access safe and effective donor-funded COVID-19 vaccines' through COVAX. By bringing vaccines to lower income countries, GAVI can help to 'ensure the most vulnerable people in all countries can be protected against COVID-19, giving us our best hope of ending this pandemic as quickly as possible.' And, as we have heard, no one will be safe until we are all safe.

What does this mean for us? Well, if we are grateful for our vaccines, perhaps we can consider donating to GAVI to hasten the time when the pandemic can be contained.

Other organisations who are suggesting making donations in gratitude for our vaccines are:

Christian Aid: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

UNICEF (a partner in GAVI): <https://www.unicef.org.uk/>

Letters to the Editors

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Diary of the Bowls Club Secretary Season 2020

Dennis Dowsett

Club Secretary Dennis Dowsett concludes his account of the difficult 2020 season in which meaningful club participation never got started till July. The club is hoping for better things in 2021. If you would like to try your hand, if - and when - we can restart, then contact The Secretary whose details are in the Directory (p 32) or email: titchfieldbowling@gmail.com. A date for your diary: An open morning for prospective new members is planned for **1000 on Sat 15 May**.



Gradually many of our members emerge from the shadows of lockdown to experience what Old English bowling is now like in this different post-lockdown world. Understandably some of our more vulnerable members consider the risks are too high and they prefer to wait for better days or to confine themselves to small games within their social

bubbles. Others decide that it is still too restrictive and choose to wait to see what 2021 will bring.

So were the herculean efforts of the committee and our volunteers to restart futile? No. Not a bit of it. Despite the restrictions on playing numbers, a new group dynamic emerges. The result is a mix of long serving and relatively new members supporting our three times weekly roll ups plus ad hoc bookings in the evenings. The weather finally decides to add its support, so at last we can play competitive bowls again with the banter and humour that goes with it. We even manage a mini-league Doubles competition.



Can things really get any better? Well, surprisingly yes. As the constraints of COVID restrictions are slowly relaxed, our Chairman points out that we should be able to reintroduce that essential component of most English summer games, tea.

A different experience but nonetheless tea is back. Place your own cup on the table before play commences and magically at three o'clock you arrive back to find it full of hot tea. Well, that's the theory! That handbell ringing out mid-way through the afternoon is a welcome sound. The missing component of bowls is back, the fifteen-minute chinwag in the sunshine where we can swap news, jokes and whatever else one needs to get off the chest.

There is even a Finals Day for the top placed teams in the mini-league, complete with socially distanced supporters.



In normal times, we would have shut up shop at Bridge Street by now and decamped to the Community Centre on Thursday afternoons. But these are still far from normal times. Tier 2 means playing indoors and brings a whole new set of challenges. We have agreed to delay 'til at least

November then think again but the virus data throughout the country seems, at best, unchanging.

So, the outdoor season continues into October and mercifully we find ourselves enjoying some warm, autumnal sunshine. However, the sun is getting lower in the sky each day, so the greens are getting damper and we find our resident worms are leaving their casts in increasing numbers. Parts of the car park too are becoming increasingly wet and, with a week left in October, continued heavy rain leads the committee to conclude that the 2020 season is finally closed.



Titchfield Country Market

Sandi Jones

Titchfield Country Market is back! We open at 0930-1130 each Friday morning in the Parish Room, offering home baked cakes and savouries, locally produced fruit and vegetables in season, unique greetings cards, knitwear, jewellery, handmade bags for all occasions and a variety of other craft. The new season's Seville orange marmalade is on sale, together with a variety of jams and chutney, and if your garden is looking a little sad after the long cold winter lockdown we can offer locally-grown plants to cheer it – and you – up. We will continue to operate in a Covid-secure manner, with face coverings and social distancing, a one-way system round the hall and careful monitoring of the numbers of people. You will still be asked for a name and telephone number for your shopping card to enable track and trace, and we are happy to take payment either by cash or card. By the end of June we should be able to offer refreshments too, a chance for you to sit down and catch up with your friends and neighbours. If there is a particular cake or savoury meal you've been missing, don't forget you can order food in advance by emailing Sandijones@live.co.uk or you can order in person any Friday morning for food to be collected at a future Market. We are looking forward to seeing you and getting back to our happy Friday mornings together.

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A sailor's lockdown

Harry Sowerby



The last twelve months have been a relentless stretch of near-timelessness for most people in the United Kingdom. In a year when even the most basic pleasures have been put on ice, everybody from musicians to rugby players have had to adapt to a less socialised, more restricted lifestyle. For one sailor it has been just as strange, but she hasn't let that dampen her passion for sailing and looks ahead, optimistically, to the future. On the day of the first snowfall of the year in Titchfield, I too experienced a first – being granted an interview with an MBE awardee; a woman who could arguably be called the busiest woman on water – Titchfield resident Dee Caffari.

Dee Caffari has sailed around the world a total of six times – no easy feat, but even more impressive when you discover that she was the first woman ever to sail around the world, single-handedly, against the wind and ocean currents. For her achievement on the water, she was awarded an MBE. However, her passion for solo sailing didn't end there and she became the first woman in history to circumnavigate the globe single-handedly three times.

Like so many of us, her lifestyle changed immeasurably when the UK was plunged into lockdown on March 16th 2020. "The last twelve months have been very difficult for me", Dee commented, saying "there has been no travel, no work and very little sailing". For Dee, the lockdowns have been challenging and frustrating but in a spirit of defiance she has learned to adapt to a different way of doing things. Swapping days out on the water for long dog walks and sailing for gardening, Dee retains a positivity about the situation. She also enjoys keeping up with overseas sailing races, stating that the stories of the sailors participating in the Vendée Globe Race "kept me captivated as it has brought back so many memories and has been a real inspiration to follow".

Closer to home, Dee also mentioned that the village has responded to the pandemic excellently, saying she has been "impressed at how the community has pulled together." She added, "People have been cared for and supported throughout... we have all had to adapt to overcome challenges in the last twelve months but I hope we continue to keep up that community spirit".

When asked about her hopes for the future, Dee was positive in her views on being able to get back out on the water again. "I will be racing in the double-handed offshore class this year, which includes the famous Fastnet Race." Despite her love of sailing, there is, however, one thing more important. "The most important plan is to see friends, family and loved ones. Visit one another, eat together and hug each other once again". I think that is a future that we all hope for – and perhaps one that is now not too far away.

Lockdown 3's Challenge or Who thought 'Couch to 5k' was a good idea?!

Karen Postle

Never one for making New Year resolutions, it's hard to say exactly why I thought this would be a good idea! Certainly in lockdown 1 the sight of runners and cyclists left me thinking perhaps running (cycling is not an option for someone with poor balance!) could be a good idea – being outside on nice days, good aerobic exercise to counter lockdown excesses, a welcome break from online exercise classes, companionable... why not?

Hold on a minute... because I hate running, that's why not! Last in every race at junior school, a history of missed buses and trains, stiches, shin splints – all told a story of someone destined not to take up running. Nonetheless, some perverse incentive found me buying trainers last summer 'because I need new ones for the gym anyway' and vaguely reviewing the idea.

Then we encountered a convert! On a socially-distanced, permitted walk a friend talked about how brilliant the 'Couch to 5k' programme was, how encouraged she felt, how achievable etc. etc. She glowed with good health and enthusiasm! So I stifled the little voices telling me it was now winter, cold outside, possibility of rain, snow, ice...etc. and announced we should do this. I also ignored Tony Postle telling me he'd been running on the treadmill at the gym – clearly a sneaky advantage!

I tried stalling techniques:

- "I haven't got the right clothes" "Of course you have. It's just running"
- "My chest will seize up" "Use your inhaler" (buried in a drawer 'because I don't really need it')
- "I'm going to get shin splints" "Warm up properly then"
- "We live at the bottom of every hill in Titchfield" "We won't run up them"
- "I've run out of excuses!"

So here we are in week 5, him running, me slowly jogging in circuits round the churchyard with occasional detours to the Community Centre car park – I figured it's where the defibrillator is – and the homeward straight down South Street. People we know – and some we're getting to know – wave and smile, albeit in a rather bemused way, and I've finally stopped grumbling. Do I still hate running? Well let's just say it will never be my first choice of exercise but I'm determined to finish the programme.

Full details of the ~~terture~~ programme are here:
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/couch-to-5k-week-by-week/>



Titchfield Village Trust

Nick Girdler—chairman

Well, as they used to say in London in 1666, "been a funny sort of year"!

For TVT we've managed an entire 12 months with only 1 committee meeting, held of course under the strictest social distancing conditions, but then most of our meetings are anyway to avoid gossip.

However, as we couldn't hold our usual AGM, I thought we might attempt to encompass the entire "funny sort of 12 months" into a what we've done since the last AGM: We became a Charitable Incorporated Charity giving our Trustees (Officers) greater protection

- The merger of the Parish Room Charity and TVT is now complete and is reflected on the Charity Commission site.
- The new 68-year lease on the Parish Room is now signed and runs until 2088.
- We have applied for planning permission to re-tile the roof and complete some outside work to prevent water ingress. At the same time, we have applied to install flush-fitting solar panels on the South side (Queens Head car park) of the building.
- We opened an account to hold the funds for this work and set up a committee to oversee the raising of funds for this. We need to raise £100,000. As such we have only been able to hold one meeting but I can tell you we currently have over £30,000 towards that total which includes an anonymous donation of £1,000 from one individual, as well as larger amounts from both statutory and voluntary bodies, including a large grant from the Earl of Southampton Trust. So more than a quarter of the way there already and we haven't had a 'launch' yet!
- We are in the process of making more applications and, if successful, will hopefully be able to begin work later this year. Still a lot of hoops to jump through yet though so don't hold your breath or stop washing your hands.
- We have joined the Fareham Lottery to raise more funds and would exhort you to buy tickets to support our effort to keep the Parish Room at the heart of the village.
- We have opened a Just Giving page for people to make one off contributions.
- Our Treasurer, Digby Hands, is to retire but a past Chair of the Trust, Richard Ashton, will be taking his place. Many thanks to both for the work they have done for the Trust and the work still to come.
- Digby also oversaw the regular users of the Parish Room and Suzy Jackson has agreed to take on that role. We've asked Suzy and Lesley Blackburn, who looks after the unregular (I'm making this up as I go along) users to join

the committee so they can represent all our Parish Room customers.

- We made a donation of £210 from our small scale grants scheme to Titchfield Primary School for the purchase of a computer to be used for 'home schooling' during lockdown.
- Our website www.TitchfieldVillageTrust.com, overseen by Chris Turner, is much improved and gives you access to both of our fund-raising sites.

As well as all this, during 'Lockdown 365' we continued to monitor the Posbrook Lane planning application, and the 'Draft Local Plan' that FBC has produced. But our biggest hope is that this "funny sort of year" will be over soon and we can get down to achieving things again!

Our next meeting will be our postponed AGM on **July 6th 7.30pm** in the Parish Room. All things being unequal as far as Covid is concerned I look forward to seeing you all then

Titchfield History Society

Marilyn Wilton-Smith (Chair. Titchfield History Society)

The last meeting we had as a Society was a year ago. Like everyone we were hoping this pandemic would be short-lived but here we are in 2021 still 'on hold'. Luckily the Society had recently updated their website and also created a Facebook page which enabled us to think out of the box for projects to keep our members involved.

One of our Committee members first came up with the idea of a Newsletter featuring interesting historic subjects, mostly relating to Titchfield, together with any news that we needed to relay to members. We published these on the mailing list, the website and the Facebook page, resulting in the number of followers on the Facebook page jumping from under 100 to around 850 as it stands today.

On Facebook we tried out a few things like photos of strange implements etc. but have found that posts, together with the monthly Newsletter, have captured people's attention. We have come up with a 'Did You Know?' feature of local facts and it is amazing how many people 'Didn't'.

You can join us on Facebook and, when we are again holding meetings, perhaps you would like to become a member of the Society. We normally meet once a month from May through to September and enjoy other social events during the Summer months.

Our website titchfieldhistory.co.uk has an online shop where you can purchase our publications and other products.

The Facebook page is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/314492522275930>

Pavements

Annie Sugrue

I don't know about you, but I find pavements fascinating. They are taken for granted but we could not do without them could we? This morning, on a misty November day, I went for a walk just following the pavement in any direction it took me.

It is easier to look down, than up, not catching sight of birds, or roofs, but that is another story! Just look down. I know you are asking "What did you see?" Well, I won't talk about the leaves, twigs, cigarettes ends and I won't mention the unmentionable – litter and dog poo – oops! I have mentioned it!

On the less-trodden pavements, short grass grows between the slabs adorning them with thin green lines; lichen shaped like medals decorates them and the occasional late flower from a weed erects its stem up. Moss is also a pretty invader cushioning the hard surface.

On several places, the roots of the trees have elevated by several inches the level of the pavement like a snaky dome. Unfortunately the council workers have not got rid of the roots, on the contrary they have added new tarmac on top of them, so now wheelchairs cannot climb these mounds.

Some of the broken or cracked slabs are treacherous. They have sunk and make the experience of walking on the flat surface suddenly a hazard. Some slabs are not set in properly and are wobbly which means that when it is wet – and when one does not wear trousers! – the sloshing of the slab will send dirty, muddy water up the legs. How refreshing is that!

What we can't miss is a quarter, a half or even an entire car – if we are unlucky – parked on the pavement. I know I am guilty also, but I do park only two of my wheels of my car on the pavement, but at least I leave a wide berth for a pram or a wheelchair.

I have to thank the postman who abandons the elastic bands. They are very useful – after washing them of course – the large ones are for my filing system and the smaller ones for anything else. But why can't they use them again?

I even found two credit cards several months apart. I phoned the number at the back as soon as I got home and destroyed them as requested.

Not only on the pavement but also things above it can interfere with the walkway. A house nearby had leylandii in its front garden whose branches were reaching very low well over the pavement. Pedestrians had to walk close to the kerb edge. Unfortunately, there was a very long puddle on the road along the pavement, and when it was wet one had to watch the

vehicles coming (at speed) as one did not want to be drenched! One day, this is exactly what happened to me. I was so cross that I called the council offices straight away full of adrenaline. I exploded and explained what had happened. Once I had finished my diatribe, there was a silence at the other end of the line, an elderly voice said kindly "I am sorry about your troubles dear, but I have to tell you that you have the wrong number!" How embarrassing! Several times I'd grabbed my secateurs and chopped some of the branches leaving them on the lawn, as a hint. Recently they had the trees removed and had it all paved in. Phew!

Next time you walk on a pavement, look down... but be very careful not to hit a lamppost, as I did the other day!

Laptops for schools

Adrian Whyntie

At the start of the recent lockdown, a good friend reached out to me via social media and asked if we had any computers that could be donated to local schools to assist in home learning. I thought it was a cracking idea. I contacted Titchfield Primary School to see if they needed any such support. My two sons having attended the school many years ago.

Their response was "yes please". Their need was beautifully specific. Some of their pupils needed Chromebook devices and they cost £210. I reached out to four village charities and some local friends. The response was fantastic and immediate.



The four charities were, The Earl of Southampton Trust, Titchfield Arts and Community Theatre (TACT), The Titchfield Bonfire Boys and the Titchfield Village Trust. Along with friends I contacted, the school now has an additional 21 devices.

Although pupils have returned to school, the devices will be needed for months ahead as there is much to catch up on.

I would like to publicly thank the charities and those generous individuals who responded in making such a difference. Other organisations and individuals also generously contributed. Learning and education are critical for future generations. Although this pandemic has caused awful problems for many, it has also allowed natural generosity and goodness to shine through. Long may it continue as we creep back to normality.

On behalf of the village we would like to thank Adrian for bringing this plight to our attention and for coordinating the response.



The Villager Helping to Keep History Alive

Harry Sowerby

John Davis of Sandy Lane is a man of many talents. By day, he works at the University of Southampton, but there is more than one string to his bow; he is an Experimental Officer for a geology and geophysics group, seabed mapper and Earth system scientist. On top of that, he is a ranger for the South Downs National Park and a river warden, undertaking mammal research. No doubts, then, that Mr Davis is a busy man. Amazingly, he also finds time to volunteer as a station porter on the Watercress Line.

The Watercress Line, opened in 1865, was originally called the Alton, Alresford and Winchester Railway. Perhaps unsurprisingly, its more famous name comes from the fact that the line was used to transport watercress to the fresh food markets of Victorian England. It ran as a working train line until it was closed in 1973, at which point it was taken over by volunteer staff to keep the historic tracks working. Three years ago Mr Davis, visiting the line's main engineering works at Ropley, had an idea that would grow into his keen involvement with the railway.

Mr Davis said that a "powerful sense of nostalgia" inspired him to volunteer, pointing out that his father had been a track layer and railway maintenance worker. The last year, however, has been a difficult one for the Watercress Line. The effect of the pandemic on its ability to open to the public posed a worrying issue of support and funding, threatening to impact the upkeep of the site but, in spite of this, the railway still managed to run a steam gala in October and some spectacular Christmas events – including the Steam Illuminations, an incredible light show made up of over thirteen-thousand lights. During the quieter times however, as Mr Davis was quick to comment, the volunteer staff are a "very committed team" and have taken the chance to carry out improvements to facilities and attractions – reflected in their busy calendar for this coming year.

Mr Davis is looking forward to the line re-opening when it can, as he is aware of the need for visitors to help in the upkeep of the railway. However, he was also clear in his comment that "there is no one demographic of visitors". Proudly, he continued, "it is somewhere that all people of all ages can enjoy". It is important to remember that alongside the managers and funders, volunteer staff are vital to keeping attractions operating safely and all year round. Thanks to people like Mr Davis, the Watercress Line is looking forward to a successful re-opening in the hopefully not-too-distant future.



Who was There Moments after the Resurrection?

Nog Grimstead

Comparing all four Gospel accounts, I have been careful to translate exactly what was written in the original Greek, for example 'tomb' or 'monument', 'angel', 'man' or 'youth'.

Matthew 28:1-3. There were two Marys, the Magdalene and "the other". The place is referred to as a tomb. There was one angel of the Lord (Kyrie, capitalised and with the addition of the untranslatable word 'gar', which adds emphasis), who came down from heaven, and the angel rolled back the stone from the door. The angel wore a garment as white as snow.

Mark 16:5. There were two Marys, the Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jacob (in English, James), and also Salome. The place they went to is referred to as a monument. A youth in a white robe appeared to them.

Luke 24:4. Two men dressed like lightning appeared to Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jacob (James) and Joanna. Later it transpires there were other females with them.

John 20:10. Mary Magdalene alone is mentioned at the monument and she sees two angels in white.

So, all in all, I think we may agree that (a) there was an empty tomb outside which (b) Mary Magdalene and probably other women saw (c) one or more angels clothed in radiant white, all telling the same story - that Jesus' body is no longer there, because he is risen, and the women are to go off and tell the others.

Enjoy this blessed season of Eastertide.

Titchfield on the web

Information on Titchfield www.titchfieldnews.com

Information on St Peter's Church www.stpetertitchfield.org.uk

Friends of St Peter's Church www.friends-of-st-peters.org

Information on Titchfield Village Trust www.titchfieldvillagetrust.com

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New Ways to Worship

John Ekins

As we experience the second year of the pandemic with the end probably now in sight it is interesting to reflect on the way that our experience of worship has changed.

The virus was starting when we made our usual visit to Cornwall last spring. We celebrated Ash Wednesday at Mylor Bridge where our friend is Churchwarden and things were normal, other than avoiding physical contact at the Peace. On our return home we attended one midweek Eucharist at Holy Trinity Fareham with just the bread being distributed and no Peace. Our last service in church before lockdown was on March 15 at St Mary's Warsash with an evening Celtic Communion presided over by Rev. Bill Day. Since then we have been shielding and have been in church once; for Rev. Susan Allman's penultimate Eucharist.

Initially in lockdown we relied on the televised Sunday services and then, as people got the hang of the technology, streamed services became available and we had more choice. Just before the virus struck we needed to replace our television and bought an internet-enabled 'Smart' set so we can comfortably access a richness and diversity of streamed services from all over the UK. Some churches have opted for Zoom and, although we have tried Zoom for study groups, we haven't really taken to the idea of attending a whole service by Zoom.

Streaming from St Peter's has been very good and set a high technical standard right from the start when Susan began streaming from the vicarage. Early on we also enjoyed 'attending' the Eucharist presided over by our Bishop at Bishopsgrrove. Some of the cathedrals have been good, especially Wells where the Dean has maintained a special streamed Eucharist even when normal services resumed. A service organised just for streaming is much more satisfactory for remote 'attendance' than a video of a live service as it has directness and intimacy which a video of a congregation lacks. When St Peter's reopened with a congregation we felt, as remote participants, we were outsiders looking in but we did have fun trying to recognise members of the congregation from the backs of their heads.



We wonder whether we will go back to how we were. The streamed services give more focus on the words spoken with fewer distractions - and irritations - than when actually sitting in the pews. The facility to roam the country enjoying the best of worship in our great cathedrals is an attraction but obviously we miss the people.

Revs Sally Davenport and Janet Trevithick
at the Ash Wednesday service.

St Peter's can hold its head high for the technical excellence of its audio, video and camera work. The 2021 Ash Wednesday service was very well done, not only demonstrating the potential of remote access but also the benefits of collaboration with our neighbours in the Deanery. It seems possible that when we are unlocked and we learn to live with the virus some of us may be content to stick with the new way of distanced worship.

Use of The Book of Common Prayer: Does it affect church attendance?

Claudine Pichon spotted an interesting item in The Daily Mail

The form of language used in church services has long been a source of debate with new versions of services, updating the language, usually receiving a mixed reception. Some churches, like St Peter's, have held services in traditional, 500 year old Book of Common Prayer, language, as well as in the more recent forms introduced in 1980 and 2000.

St Marylebone Church, in London, had apparently seen a fall in attendance so it introduced the Book of Common Prayer for its 8.30 am Holy Communion service on Sundays. Steve Doughty reports that attendance has since risen and he quotes the Rev. Canon Dr Stephen Evans as saying that the Prayer Book's 'rich liturgical and linguistic heritage' still appeals to people.

Steve Doughty questions whether the reductions in Church of England attendance on Sundays since the 1970s might be partly attributable to many churches changing to only using modern language versions of services.

While it seems likely that the reasons for reductions in church attendance are complex, perhaps there is some merit in ensuring some aspects of worship remain unchanged. Food for thought, perhaps?

Doughty, S. (2000), 'Church of England parish boosts its flock 20-FOLD after adopting traditional services from the 500-year-old Book of Common Prayer'
The Daily Mail, 30 Dec 2020



Congratulations to Fiona Aubrey-Smith

Jane Reid

Over the last 40 years Fiona Aubrey-Smith née Reid has been a member of St Peter's Church. She was baptised and confirmed at St Peter's. She was a member of our Sunday School, Music Group, Home group, Alpha Group and Messy Church. She was married to Jonathan at St Peter's and their first child, George, was baptised here as well. Some of you may remember her fund-raising musical performances and the concerts she was involved in over those years. I hope you will join me in celebrating her recent achievement to become Dr Fiona Aubrey-Smith (Education).

John Heitt's Tales of the Brynna

Meidrym Owen's Sister (Part 2)

Betty took a taxi from the station. "Start as you mean to go on" she said to herself. There was a gate in the wall surrounding the estate and a long yellow drive through parkland to get to the house. It stood behind a gravelled area where the taxi pulled up. The main part of the house was old brick, two storeys tall. At the side was a tower and attached to that a modern extension, one storey only, more glass than wall, and all white. She could see a swimming pool inside.

A butler came out of the arched entrance and took her little cardboard suitcase. He took her into the library where Anne and another woman sat at tea. They were graciously welcoming. Anne introduced herself and her sister Bunty, James' aunt. She was offered tea and Battenberg cake and then Anne suggested that she might be tired after the journey and need a little rest before dinner. "We eat at seven" she said and rang the bell for the butler. It was all like a dream for Betty.

Caruthers the butler took Betty to the tower. On the top floor the stairs opened into a large square bedroom. On one wall was a fireplace; the stairs were on one side of the fireplace and on the other side was a bathroom. The other three walls had large mullioned windows looking out over the rolling parkland of the estate. Betty lay joyously on the bed and relaxed in bliss. She was warm and comfortable.

It was almost dark when she awoke, nearly seven o'clock. She quickly tidied herself up and went down to the main house for dinner. Anne and Bunty were perfect hosts. They made Betty feel at home, asking her about her job and how she liked it, and saying how grateful they were to her for looking after James. Anne had actually heard about Brynna!

Between the fish course and the main course there was a subtle change of tone. Bunty took over the conversation.

"Did you have a nice rest in your room? Did you manage to sleep?"

"Yes I did. It's a lovely room. But something rather odd happened"

"Oh indeed. What was that?"

Betty said "I don't know if I dreamed it. It seemed so real at the time. I thought I woke up and saw an old lady outlined against one of the windows."

"Tell me" said Bunty, "what did she look like?"

"She was quite tall, slim, dressed in black in an old fashioned sort of way. Her hair was grey and was worn up on top of her head. Eerie. Do you have a ghost in the house?" she laughed.

Bunty hesitated, took a sip of wine. "What happened next, my dear?"

"She didn't say anything but she beckoned to me and I took a few steps towards her until she raised her hand to stop me. Then she just looked at me and shook her head. The next thing I knew was waking up in bed. It must have been my imagination."

"Are you sure she shook her head?" asked Bunty.

"Oh, I'm sure about that. I just don't know what it means."

Anne took over the conversation. "My dear, this family has always been a matriarchal society. That's strange, because the eldest son succeeds to the estate, marries a woman from another family and that woman takes control of matters. It was the same two hundred years ago, when there were two grown sons in the family. Both were engaged to be married. The two young ladies were brought to the house, as you were and as I was, and taken to see the old grandmother, who was still ruling the roost. She was confined to bed in the tower, where you slept. She beckoned each girl in turn to come towards her. For one she nodded, for the other she shook her head. The one she approved of was allowed to marry her fiancé, the other one was sent away. Since that time, every prospective bride has been sent to that room. All saw the old lady as you did. It happened to me. I got the nod." She paused and leaned forward. "We both like you very much Betty. We can understand why James fell in love with you but you will understand that he can't marry you". The next morning Betty came downstairs for breakfast. Only Caruthers was there. He served her breakfast and called her a taxi. He was very sympathetic. He felt her pain.

As the taxi drove away Betty looked out of the back window. James was standing in the archway. He was weeping.

I never did find out if she had a wooden leg.

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Quirks from the Minutes and Newsletter of the Early Days of the Titchfield Community Association

Ann Whyntie, Chair, Titchfield Community Association

Late 1960s/Early 1970s – The 'Entertainments Committee' ran lots of events. Cheese and Wine Evenings and Curry Suppers were very prevalent.

1970 - 28th January – The W.I. held a Wig Party. Entrance 2/6d (12p) for members, 3/6d (17p) for others.

20th February - The Swanwick and District Basket Factory held a dance.

1972 – November – the 'Club' proposed a Disco for the youngsters. It was pointed out that – "the last occasion, the trouble was caused, not by those participating, but by the youngsters waiting outside" "Teenagers are using the entrance hall in the evening and causing annoyance to Members." Police were asked to call in on Friday and Saturday evenings.

December - Fire Service held a Dinner and Dance in the Main Hall.

Work started on the ceiling in the Main Hall.

1972/73 – 'Art Evenings' were introduced.

There was much competition for the use of the Main Hall for New Year's Eve between the Bonfire Boys, the Club and the Fire Service.

"The Pigeon Fanciers had acquired a mobile hut on wheels which could be used in the grounds of the Centre".

1991 – A reply from 'AJS for Creative Light and Sound' regarding a complaint from the House Committee concerning stage curtains purchased in 1988 –

"I was sorry to hear that your curtains had suffered wear. However, I have to comment that, after THREE YEARS of handling, I am not surprised that your velours have lost their pile. As I'm sure you are aware, if one has velour curtains in one's home, one NEVER handles the velour surface."

1995 The Social Committee organized a VE Dance in June (50th Anniversary) with bangers and mash supper and apple pie and custard (1940s menu).

1996 - The Youth Club became known as Oasis.

From Newsletter No 7 of the TCA, 7th July 1970

"Once more we appeal for a Press Representative – how we do miss our tireless Mrs Williams! If she could do the job so well at the age of eighty, surely there's someone who likes talking to people, going places, and can put pen to paper without too much head scratching? Just the job for one of our 'young retirees' perhaps?"

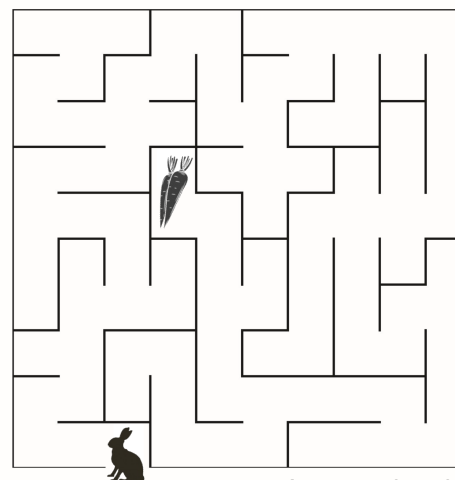
"Have you been converted? No, we're not talking about Billy Graham, only that GAS! If you have been or are going to be Monday 14th September is a date for you to remember, when there will be FILMS and a Talk about it at the Centre – 8pm."

"Titchfield Trust continues to hammer away on our behalf. At the meeting on 16th July that perennial problem of traffic and roads was once more aired and some sound advice given: also the Market Hall and Cage – do we want it restored or don't we? If you have views on this come to the next meeting in November – there'll be posters in the village: also VANDALISM by the feeble-minded minority – could the help of the responsible majority of young people be enlisted to counteract it? The meeting was addressed by Mr Bernard Brown, who asked what sort of future we really wanted for our village and gave us several alternatives to think about. If things are not being done your way, could it be that you haven't spoken up? (Funny expression that, when you think about it) How about a few talks on "Saying What You Mean Out Loud in Public" – anyone interested?"

Enjoy!

Puzzles

Can you help the rabbit find its carrots?



Sudoku

Fill each row, column and marked rectangle with the numbers 1 to 6

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News from St Peter's Church

An Update on the Interregnum from the Churchwardens

"Well, what a year!" Usually a statement you might hear following twelve months of successful events, happy occasions and causes worthy of celebration. This past year though, of course, that same statement relates to entirely different experiences. A year fraught with fear and anxiety, danger, sickness and, sadly, the momentous tragedy of the loss of loved ones on a global scale. Strange, frightening and unpleasant times indeed. It has also been a strange time for St. Peter's as we progress onwards into our 'interregnum'. An 'interregnum', also referred to as a 'Vacancy', is the period of time between an incumbent priest leaving their parish and their replacement taking up the office, leaving that parish temporarily without a priest or vicar. With the retirement of the much missed Rev. Susan Allman last year, St. Peter's entered an interregnum.

An interregnum is an undefined period but can typically be a year or even two, just as long as it takes to attract the right candidate. During this time, the church is governed by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) with ultimate responsibility resting on the Churchwardens as officers reporting to the Bishop.

At the best of times, this is a particularly demanding period for the entire church body and great effort is required of all, but this interregnum falling in a time of pandemic is extraordinarily difficult. It is made harder by the departure of our Archdeacon in January (to become Bishop of Dorchester) and the announced retirement of our Bishop in April. This has created a challenging time of change across the entire Diocese. St Peter's is thankfully supported, once again, by our wonderfully dedicated team of retired clergy who give their time so willingly and freely to enable our services to continue fully. We are grateful and indebted to them all.

At the time of writing, the hard-working team commissioned with updating the 'Parish Profile' have nearly completed this. The 'Parish Profile' is a document presenting the church, parish and village to any potential applicants for the vacant position here in St. Peter's. Once this is completed we will start the process of recruitment. Rest assured any news will be published as soon as it becomes available. In the meantime, we continue to pray for your health, safety and strength until such times that we can, once more, come together face to face in the love of Christ. Please may we ask for your prayers that we may be guided by God through the challenges that lay ahead of us as we proceed through the interregnum.

Peter Gordon

Annual Meetings at St Peter's Church in 2021

Church of England Parishes are legally required to hold two meetings before 31 May every year:

1. The **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** to elect Churchwardens. This can be attended by anyone living in the Parish and on the Electoral Register of Fareham BC
2. The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**. This is open to people who are on the Electoral Roll of St Peter's Church. This meeting receives reports and financial statements for the preceding year and elects PCC and Deanery Synod members. People who are not on the church's Electoral Roll can attend this meeting but cannot vote.

Both meetings will be held via Zoom on **Sunday 18 April 2021 from 11 to 11.40 am**, with one meeting immediately following the other. The Chair and Secretary of the PCC and the Churchwardens will be in the church to lead the meetings.

There are two vacancies, one each for the PCC (a vacancy continuing from last year) and the Deanery Synod. Nominations for these should be emailed to the PCC Secretary: stpeterstitchfieldpccsecretary@gmail.com by **Saturday 10 April**. Nomination forms are available on the church website: <http://www.stpetertitchfield.org.uk/>. The forms provide an explanation for completion including how the proposer and seconder should endorse/support the application. Our Churchwardens and all members of the PCC have agreed to continue in post for a further year to ensure continuity during the vacancy and in working on the Diocesan consultation on Deanery Restructuring. This is part of a nationwide consultation about combining parishes to pool resources.

See: <https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/strategy/deaneries/>

Everyone on the church's Electoral Roll has received:

- Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2020,
- Minutes of last year's meetings
- Agenda for this year.

Anyone who cannot access the documents online can collect them from the church on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday between 11am and 1pm until **17th April**. Additionally, the Electoral Roll, showing names only, will be placed in church for 14 days from Saturday **3 April**.

Questions or comments about the Annual Report or Financial Statements should be emailed to Helen Andrews, PCC Secretary: stpeterstitchfieldpccsecretary@gmail.com, by **10 April**.

Anyone who would like to attend the meetings, or who wants to record their apologies for absence, should email the church office at: office@stpetertitchfield.org.uk

Book Reviews

The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri, pub. Zaffre Publishing

This is the story of a Syrian refugee couple and their journey towards the UK. There are many physical and mental challenges on the way; and although sometimes harrowing, it is written with compassion and sympathy. It is an inspiring tale of perseverance against the odds and the power of family love. I couldn't put it down!
Di Hatfield

World Naval Review 2021. Edited by Conrad Waters, pub. Seaforth

For those interested in maritime and naval matters this annual publication provides an excellent overview of the world scene, at a fraction of the cost of the much more famous annual 'Jane's Fighting Ships' (£1,300). Seaforth's Review, by a range of expert contributors, briefs on the size and shape of the world's navies by region with selected technical updates and in-depth briefs on certain ships (the Type 23 frigate in this edition). Enhanced with a mass of photos and detailed tables, it is highly recommended.
John Roberts

Mutiny on The Spanish Main by Angus Konstam, pub. Osprey

This latest book from Angus Konstam, our best contemporary writer of pirate stories, is a vivid and horrific account of the bloodiest mutiny in British naval history. The frigate HMS Hermione was serving in the Caribbean under a sadistic captain and in 1797 the crew murdered the officers and took over the ship. They cruised the Spanish Main as pirates and were then hunted down and hanged. The detailed, gripping account is compiled from confessions and trial records. This true story combines elements of Pirates of the Caribbean, Treasure Island and Mutiny on the Bounty. Highly recommended.
John Roberts

Letters to My Sister by John Hiett, pub. Magic Flute Publishing Ltd

If you've enjoyed John Hiett's 'Tales of the Brynna' in the magazine then this is the book for you. The tales began as lockdown emails to his sister and recall Brynna, where they grew up, but with a dash of fantasy added in. There are tales to amuse, like The Butcher of Brynna, poignant tales, like The Sad Story, and ones to intrigue, like The Bonfire Man and many more. Illustrated with interesting old photographs, it's a book you can dip into.
Karen Postle



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Current arrangements for Sunday Worship

During the national lockdown, our regular 9.00 am service has continued to be live-streamed every week and then available on stpetertitchfield.org.uk

Subject always to the latest Government advice, we hope that public worship will have resumed in church at **9.00 am on Sunday 28th March**, when the special service for Palm Sunday will also be live-streamed.

The Liturgy of Good Friday, including the Passion Reading, will also be both public worship and live-streamed from **2.00 pm until 3.00 pm**.

On Easter Day and for the foreseeable future we expect to be able to continue to meet in church at **9.00 am** each Sunday and live-stream the service for those unable to join us.

On-going social distancing precautions and the anticipated number of people who might want to attend mean that places in church on Easter Sunday must be booked in advance. Please telephone Liz in the Church Office on 01329 847003 or e mail: office@stpetertitchfield.org.uk .

Weekday Opening Hours

The church is open again for individual private prayer only, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm.

For further information

Please see the contact details at the back of this magazine and, in these fast changing times, up-to-date information is posted regularly on the church website, stpetertitchfield.org.uk

From the Parish Registers

Funerals

7th January
7th January
13th January
15th January
26th January

Maurice John Floyd (94)
Alan Rollett (92)
Patricia Ann Hare (79)
Margaret Noyce (89)
Keith Matthews (83)



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	Kung Fu & Kick Boxing , Omar El-Kilany.....	07575 991855
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	Slimming World (Tuesday) , Lorraine Botham.....	07751 807409
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	Website www.friends-of-st-peters.org	

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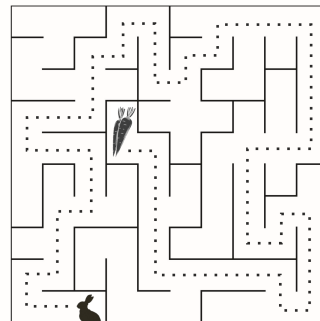
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