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## From the Editors' Desk

Belated Happy New Year to all of our readers. We do hope you are all keeping well as, worryingly, we know cases of the Omicron variant of Covid have been high. Hopefully many/most people will have had vaccines and boosters by now and the incredible statistics in Dr Bertram's article are a tribute to the NHS team and to everyone who has gone along to take up their vaccines.

In addition to the surgery article, which also reports on an important meeting, updates from clubs and societies and articles from our regular contributors, we have a number of interesting items for you. There is an important update from the church regarding the current vacancy. Peter Jeffs reminds us of Titchfield's success in winning the Best Kept Village competition back in 1987, Mark Pearce reports on the much missed Art Show which was back in November and John Ekins pays tribute to all the sterling work done by Liz Miller who recently retired as Parish Administrator. As well as our book reviews... and do send us yours... Margaret Thompson has written about the joy to be found in reading some less than great literature.

We were all saddened to hear of the death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu on Boxing Day and Archbishop Justin Welby has paid a very fitting tribute to this incredible man which we've reproduced for you from the C of E website.

Nothing stays the same in Titchfield for long and we've been delighted to welcome new landlords, Nikki and Nige, at The Bugle. You can read about what they have already done in transforming the pub as well as their exciting plans for the future.

If computers fascinate/mystify/annoy (delete as appropriate!) you, you'll be very interested to read about what the children at Titchfield Primary School are learning. When we hear so much about the downside of IT, as well as its benefits, it's so important to know the children are learning about safe use of IT.

Our Diary column has important dates for you, not least another Art Show coming up in April to restore the annual pattern of these. You can also read about the national programme of events and the preliminary local plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which is bound to be a time of great celebration. We hope for better weather than on coronation day itself and it would be lovely to hear from those of you who have memories of that day.

Finally, our editorial team... and our readers... are sad to say goodbye to Harry Sowerby who worked with us as a reporter for a year. Harry's articles were interesting, entertaining and informative; an all-round good read. We miss him and wish him well for the future in his new ventures. The editors welcome articles, letters and book reviews and do send us your photos for our cover. It can get very lonely out here at the editorial desk so we'd love to hear from you!

Reminder: Subscriptions for Titchfield News will be due on 1<sup>st</sup> April. These remain at £5.00 for 6 copies.



## Seeking Truth

The Rev'd Canon Peter Kelly

Candidates for Confirmation often ask, "What should I believe?" The answer, I suggest, is that we can only really believe what we want to believe. But as we learn throughout life, we can always choose to try to believe the truth, accepting that whatever we may come to believe can only ever be partially true.

Anyone who has been sworn in as a witness in a court of law can tell you that both 'the truth' and 'nothing but the truth' can be hard enough to articulate, but 'the whole truth' is simply not possible for any individual to know. We need to believe only what we can, to humbly accept our human limitations and recognise that we shall always be faced by very inconvenient truths such as man-made climate change and its devastating consequences.

We have all been rocked back on our heels by the experience of the past two years. For many there has been tragic loss, pain and hardship of all kinds. We have seen that people, individually and in society, all over the world are free to choose to ignore the truth and rather to believe what they want to believe or whatever is most convenient for them.

But for most of us, as seekers after truth, the pandemic has afforded us, in times of suffering and self-isolation, opportunity to re-discover how closely we belong to one another and to the natural world – how we belong, and how we need to renew our connections with our neighbours and our neighbourhood alike. We have been reminded that we cannot escape from our personal responsibilities. We are all in this together.

We have been given the chance to recognise how important it is to look after our own physical, mental and spiritual health. Indeed, to love myself is essential if I am to love others as I love myself, and that is, after all, the best way I can demonstrate my love of life and of God.

As individuals, as communities and as the Church, we have learned much about what it means, in practice, to love our neighbours as ourselves. We must continue to nurture this awareness and the way in which we respond to the needs of the world around us. There is always more that we can and ought to do, and if we see the Church as a credible agent of such spiritual and material support for society, we could try to contribute to that vital work, even more generously than we do already.

So my resolution this new year has been to remember to thank God for the body, mind, abilities and talents which I have been given by him, and to pray for inspiration from him to use such knowledge and skill in the cause of good and the service of truth, justice and all that is life-enhancing.



## The Welcome Café at St Peter's Church

Helen Perry

Thanks to the many people who supported the Welcome Café during Advent. It was so good to meet with people and share time and conversation as well as hot drinks and delicious home baking. St Peter's has always been a place where people can gather for fellowship as well as worship. The Welcome Café continues that tradition and it is good for all of us to share time together in such a lovely ancient space.

This time we offered some Christmas stalls with all sorts of interesting items for sale where many were happy to browse and find presents for others...or themselves! Stalls for Fairtrade and Fareham Homeless charities were available on two separate weeks alongside gift stalls in aid of St Peter's Church.

Sheila Hignall sent £300.00 from her stall to support homeless people in Fareham, Karen Postle raised just over £500.00 for Fairtrade and around £1,100.00 was raised through donations and sales for St Peter's. Thanks to everyone who gave their generous support by donating items, by spending money, by giving time.

Events like this cannot happen without the energy and enthusiasm of a team to make it work and we certainly had that. Many people were involved in preparations for weeks in advance and an almost equal number over the three weekends we opened the Café before rising Covid infections became a concern once more. There was as much enjoyment found in setting up the café each week as in opening the doors to visitors. The combination of the team, including our wonderful bakers, plus every single visitor and Charles playing the piano in the background, made for a really lovely experience – all of us coming together, sharing something warming and cheerful...let's do it again in 2022 at some point!

## St Peter's Prayerline

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

Please contact  
Charles Timberlake - 01329 845265



## Computing at Titchfield Primary School

Taryn Christmas - Computing Subject Leader

We are working hard on developing our computing curriculum at Titchfield Primary School this year. We have been fortunate to receive support from Phil Bagge (Hampshire Inspection & Advisory Service). This is to ensure we can develop our computing curriculum to a high standard and to make sure staff receive up-to-date training to enable us to effectively deliver high quality computing teaching. With technology playing such a significant role in society today, we believe 'computational thinking' (problem solving, analysing and evaluating) is an essential skill children must be taught if they are to be able to participate effectively and safely in our digital world.



'A high-quality computing education equips pupils to use computational thinking and creativity to understand and change the world. The core of computing is computer science, in which pupils are taught the principles of information and computation, how digital systems work, and how to put this knowledge to use through programming.

Building on this knowledge and understanding, pupils are equipped to use information technology to create programs, systems and a range of content. Computing also ensures that pupils become digitally literate – able to use, and express themselves and develop their ideas through information and communication technology – at a level suitable for the future workplace and as active participants in a digital world.' (National Curriculum, 2013)

There are three key areas to the computing curriculum:

- Information technology (IT)
- Computer Science (CS)
- Digital Literacy (DL)

The core of computing is computer science, in which pupils are taught the principles of information and computing, how digital systems work, and how to put this knowledge to use through programming. Building on this knowledge and understanding, pupils are equipped to use information technology to create programs, systems and a range of content. We have been using a programme called 'Scratch' to implement the programming aspects of the computing curriculum in Key Stage 2. The children have been fully engaged in the Scratch projects we have taught so far and they have enjoyed exploring the concept of coding to create their own characters and exciting projects.

An integral part of computing is using the children's ability to develop digital

content in a creative way. Learning using digital devices can be recorded in many ways including: printed screenshots of creations, saved programs, PowerPoints, Word documents, written work, photographs and video recordings. The process undertaken to arrive at the finished product or program is as important as the finished product itself. This area of the computing curriculum perfectly lends itself to our integrated curriculum at Titchfield Primary School. Children can apply the specific computing skills they have been taught to present learning relating to their current curriculum project. Examples of this include Year 1 children using digital cameras to take photos of our school environment to use in their booklets about our school. In Year 5 children are currently learning about Florida and will be using presentation programs such as PowerPoint to share the outcomes of their learning in an engaging way.

Another important aspect of the computing curriculum at Titchfield Primary School is learning how to use technology safely. British values are taught through computing by promoting tolerance, cultural diversity and in turn mutual respect. We link this to pupils' behaviour online and how mutual respect and tolerance is applicable to the online world as well as in society. Respect is key to ensure that our children know that their actions online can affect the feelings of others. We encourage responsibility and accountability of our children to develop the enthusiasm to become safe users and programmers of information and communication technology for positive purposes.

In February this year we will mark Safer Internet Day, which this year will be explored under the theme 'An Internet We Trust: Exploring Reliability in the Online World'. We will hold a 'Safer Internet' assembly and the children will develop their understanding of this through age appropriate activities in class. Key Stage 1 children will be shown videos featuring fun characters such as Smartie the Penguin to help them develop an understanding of the online world and ensuring we can all use technology in a safe and respectful way. The biggest impact we want for our children is that they understand the consequences of using the Internet and for them to be aware of how to keep themselves safe online.



We are excited and committed to developing our computing curriculum journey at Titchfield Primary School and sharing our learning with the community in the future.

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## Letters to the Editors

We welcome letters to the Editors, either for publication or just to send us your views, so do please contact us at: [magazine@stpeterititchfield.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stpeterititchfield.org.uk) making it clear whether or not your letter is for publication by March 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 please.



## From Crib to Cross

Chris Wickland - Senior Pastor

Matthew 1:20-21 '...an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to receive Mary into your home as your wife. For this child has been conceived in her womb through the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you shall name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

By the time you read this article we will be sandwiched between the Christmas of 2021 and Easter of 2022. Advent and Easter are the two main calendar events of the church worldwide. With this in mind, I thought it would be useful to ponder the crib and the cross of Christ.

In today's liberalised church, where it may seem anything goes, I often wonder if the church has forgotten what Jesus came to do. What are Christmas and Easter really about? Why was Jesus born? Why did He die?

In many pulpits today you will sadly be pressed to hear a preacher mention the words sin, evil and the afterlife. Instead we tend to hear platitudes and self-help sermons with a dose of motivational speaking to keep the congregants nice and cozy.

However, is the Christmas and Easter message a cozy one? In Joseph's dream the angel specifically told him that Jesus has come to, "save people from their sins."

The word sin comes from a Hebrew word, 'Yarah.' It is an old word that denotes missing the mark. It is often used in archery to denote going wide of the target. If we are honest with ourselves, how often have we missed the mark in our own lives, our families and in our marriages? We have all missed the mark in many ways.

If sin, i.e. missing the mark, is such big deal to God, why do many churches downplay its danger and impact? Why has the voice of the church rung silent in our age of shifting topographies?

Maybe we have all become overly familiar with the Christmas and Easter stories and have just stopped listening to what they really say. Jesus came to set us free. Free from what? Bondage to missing the mark and darkness.

The Christmas message of the coming Messiah was so great that all Israel looked forward to it, angels heralded it, kings bowed down to it and the heavens declared it. Maybe it's time for the church to pick up the baton on this and join with that ancient host and start declaring the true gospel once again. Christ was born on Christmas morn to die and suffer pain and loss upon that old rugged Easter cross. Christ came to bring us freedom, so let

us walk in that freedom and freely give the joy of forgiveness to all. Jesus was born and died to forgive us our mistakes, so we should in turn forgive others their mistakes. This is one of the most powerful things we can do.

Living Word Church meets at 10:30 am on Sunday mornings at 18 High Street Titchfield (Old Titchfield Evangelical Church Building)

## St Peter's Update

### Next Steps for the Western Wards

Helen Perry

The acting Archdeacon, Will Hughes, and Diocesan Secretary, Victoria James, met with St Peter's PCC on 12<sup>th</sup> January. Similar meetings were held with St John's, Locks Heath, and St Paul's, Sarisbury Green, that same week. All three parishes are in vacancy. Will reported that considerable time had been taken to gather information across the diocese so that the archdeacons and diocesan senior staff are now able to draw up proposals for the allocation of paid clergy to each parish. The Western Wards\* of Fareham is the first area to be addressed. The acting Archdeacon will meet churchwardens and PCC secretaries from these parishes to discuss the diocesan proposals and report back to their respective PCCs. The PCCs have asked that St Mary's, Hook-with-Warsash, also be involved. Further information will be published when progress is made. Minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January will be available in church shortly.

The PCC is elected to represent us all so if you have any questions or thoughts do please speak to any of them. Names are listed on a notice board at the back of the church and they may be contacted via [office@stpetertitchfield.org.uk](mailto:office@stpetertitchfield.org.uk) or 01329 847003.

\*4 churches named in the article



## Bell-ringing News

Lyndon Hatfield

Although we were able to ring for Christmas and Sunday service, we decided to suspend practice ringing but hopefully, by the time you read this, practices will have restarted. A return to normality is taking longer than we anticipated but I am grateful for the support of the ringers during these difficult times. I am looking forward to playing our part in the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations, along with other village organisations.

Thanks to all those who have made positive comments about hearing the bells, we much appreciate them.

## Sovereign Health Partnership

Dr. Tom Bertram updates us

As I write, on the 13<sup>th</sup> January, I am very aware that the last few weeks have been an extraordinary time for primary care. We were asked to focus on delivering as many Covid vaccinations as possible over the run up to Christmas and the New Year, along with urgent and emergency general practice. This meant that many of you have been asked to delay your 'routine' concerns, and some of you had your routine appointment cancelled to free up our GPs to vaccinate. I'd like to thank anybody that has been affected by this for your patience – it has made a real difference for many of your family, friends and neighbours, who are now protected against the Omicron variant of Covid-19. I thought you might like to know what we have been able to achieve with your help – here are the latest vaccination figures (as of 13<sup>th</sup> January);



- 91% of our eligible population have received their first Covid vaccination (28,825 people)
- 97% of those eligible for their second Covid vaccination have received it (27,940 people)
- 89% of those eligible for their booster Covid vaccination have received it (23,967 people)

### Patient Engagement Event

This is a short summary of the event held on 7th December which was the second of our engagement events. There is a full report on the surgery website at: [https://www.jubileesurgery.co.uk/news\\_archive/](https://www.jubileesurgery.co.uk/news_archive/) where there is also a link to a recording of the meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended.

We want to know how we can hold further events at a local surgery level as well as across all three practices so we welcome your thoughts and suggestions about this. Please email us at: [fgccg.sovereign.comms@nhs.net](mailto:fgccg.sovereign.comms@nhs.net). You can sign up for our email bulletins on the website.

My initial presentation covered:

- The surgery's work and current pressures
- How our triage and clinical decision making processes operate
- The eConsult service and how this is managed
- How telephone calls into the practice are handled and our improvement plans
- Surgery arrangements during the pandemic.

We also talked about the Covid-19 vaccine programme, seasonal flu clinics and the new pharmacy referral scheme.

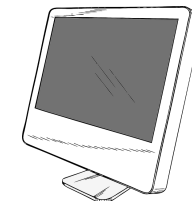
Key issues raised and discussed:

### 1 Engaging with patients who are not online

People can come to the surgery and use an 'eConsult-lite' process to get the help they need. 'Social prescribers' are running weekly drop-in sessions for support and a monthly drop-in session for carers and we have a complex care team available to support people unable to leave their home.

### 2 eConsult forms

We have heard from some of you that you find the eConsult forms frustrating at times as they do not exactly match your symptoms/medical situation. We strongly advise you to complete them as accurately as you can, as our triaging GPs will use the information you give us to make decisions about your medical care. Giving us as much good information as possible will help us make the right decision for you.



If you are certain that that the advice eConsult is giving you (to call 999 or attend ED) is incorrect, rather than provide inaccurate information on the form, we would prefer you called the surgery to give us your request in person.

For many queries, particularly those relating to fit notes, test results, prescriptions etc. you can contact the practice directly through the green buttons on the home page of the website:  
<https://www.jubileesurgery.co.uk/>.

eConsult is a national system which was introduced for most practices in Hampshire some years ago. Since then, a range of other systems have been developed, and we will be looking at those alternatives during the course of the next 12 months.

### 3 Phoning the practice

The telephone team answering the phones can see how many people are waiting to be answered, and how long they have waited, at all times. They work tirelessly during the day to speak to everyone so please do bear with them when you get through. The telephone team do not make the decision about when to offer you an appointment, but please give them as much detail as you can about your concern, so that the triaging GP can make the right decision on your behalf.

We are reviewing our telephone system set up and an engineer has recently surveyed all of our equipment to see how we can increase capacity and reduce waits. We are starting to see the benefits of last year's recruitment and training of new reception staff with telephone wait times improving. We continue to do everything possible to recruit, train and retain good staff but recruitment and retention is difficult in the current employment environment and increased sickness/absence is also a challenging factor.

**4 Have health checks for people over-75 stopped?**

Despite the demands of the vaccine programme, we are trying to keep as many checks and services going as possible. We are balancing both vaccines and routine care and are well aware of the risks if we cannot maximise either of these.

**5 How are you going to manage with the increasing population growth in the area?**

One reason for merging the three surgeries was to ensure we remain an attractive proposition for recruiting GPs and other staff. The Clinical Commissioning Group is also working with us and with organisations like Fareham Borough Council to plan for population growth, with a current focus on more facilities at Whiteley surgery.

**6 Isn't this just the first step in a journey towards privatisation?**

As an assurance to our patients, there is nobody else involved in our new practice other than the partners of the three existing practices; Jubilee, Whiteley and Highlands. By strengthening our partnership and improving our resilience, we think we can reduce the likelihood of any of our practices being taken over by an outside organisation.

**7 We seem to be losing contact with our GPs and thus our continuity of care**

This is a really important concern. Becoming a bigger practice, we feel, is imperative for us to remain a viable organisation in the long run. Equally, the model of primary care is changing, with fewer GPs available and a much greater workload, albeit with new healthcare professionals, such as pharmacists and physios, coming into practice to work with us. Finally, the demands of the pandemic has made it feel like there is a bigger distance between you and your GP, with the need to socially distance and protect the most vulnerable members of our patient population.

However, we would reassure you that all of our GPs came into the profession because we enjoy seeing patients and we, too, value continuity of care. We need to work out how we can best maintain and improve continuity of care for patients within the new model of primary care, and we recognise the need to involve our patients in that important piece of work.

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**Titchfield Abbey WI  
Forthcoming Events**

Margaret Wellington

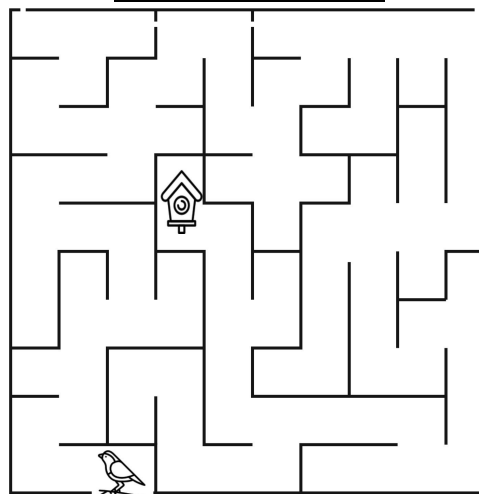
Titchfield Abbey WI started the year by considering the five voted resolutions at their January meeting. These will go forward to the National Federation annual meeting in the summer. Members also brought along items which they have made, collected or worked on during the pandemic, to show and talk about.

New members and visitors are always welcome to group meetings, which are generally held at Titchfield Community Centre on the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 9.30am. Tea/coffee with biscuits will be served and there will be an opportunity to meet members and to find out about Titchfield WI's activities, which include book clubs, garden club, craft and patchwork/knitting groups, as well as an occasional walking group, theatre trips and visits to places of interest. Some activities have been curtailed during the pandemic but it is hoped that the current situation will gradually improve and they can start up again. Rules of social distancing, mask wearing and sanitising are all followed.

To continue into the year our February speaker will be Madeleine Salvetti talking about 'Mistresses and Their Influence on History'. In March, Paula will be showing slides and talking about 'Life in a Greek Village'.

Further details of our meetings and speakers can be found online by anyone wishing to attend a local meeting: <https://hampshirewi.org.uk/wi-page/titchfield-abbey-wi/> . We look forward to seeing you.

**Can you get the bird  
to the birdhouse?**



**Sudoku**

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

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Answers on page 29



## TVT Update

Nick Girdler - chairman

2021 may have been a very poor year for most people and one that many would like to forget but as far as fundraising goes it turned out very well for the Village Trust and the roof on the Parish Room.

It started with a grant from the Earl of Southampton Trust and was followed by £10,000 from the National Lottery. On the way to Christmas, we picked up two very generous individual donations - one for £5,000 and one for £1,000 - both donors asking to remain anonymous. It ended with an early Christmas gift from the Veolia Environmental Trust of £20,000. Along with other smaller grants and money from our reserves we are now within touching distance of reaching our £100,000 target.

However, as no doubt all the best fund raisers say, that's not the end of the story. Although we will be starting work on the roof sometime in the spring, during the 2 years after our initial surveys and costings, prices have risen considerably due to....well you are no doubt very aware of the excuse by now!

So our fund raising efforts must continue I'm afraid, not only to fill the small gap left but also to prepare us for the other projects we think need to be carried out to be sure we have a Village Hall to take us into the next 50 years.

Some in the village have been more than generous but I'm afraid I must remind everyone that we all need to be behind this project if we want to be sure of success. The easiest way to help is by using our Just Giving button on the TVT website: [www.TitchfieldVillageTrust.com](http://www.TitchfieldVillageTrust.com) When you get to our Just Giving page and enter your contribution, they ask you to make a voluntary contribution to running the site. This defaults to 15%!! Just use the slider button to select 'Other' and add your own voluntary contribution. When they pay the money to us they automatically add the gift aid if applicable.

Or you could use the Fareham Lottery button and join the nine of us who gamble weekly in the hope of winning £25,000. Even with that small number we still manage to raise over £500 a year. More welcome please.

Or what about just joining the Village Trust and helping us that way? Just go to the website for more details.

We're all looking forward to a much brighter year than 2021 but, to be honest, if 2022 means raising as much as we did last year I wouldn't say no to a repeat. But we won't do it without your help.

## Titchfield History Society

Marilyn Wilton-Smith - Chair

I would first like to take the time to wish you all a very Happy & Healthy New Year.

The History Society managed to start their new season back in September and continued with successful and interesting meetings up until December, when it was decided that, because our meeting was during Christmas week, it would be advisable to cancel.

By the time you read this we should have commenced our meetings again in the New Year. Our full programme can be found on our new website: <https://titchfieldhistory.com/>, along with many other interesting subjects. This website has just been developed and is still in the process of being added to.

Along with the website, behind the scenes we have produced a number of publications to add to our portfolio. These include the next Parish Register which takes you from 1678-1762, a book on 'Titchfield Rentals from 1546-1547' (a record of lands and their rental value) and our new set of booklets which, under the heading of 'The Titchfield Papers', covers historic and interesting places, people and events associated with the village. There are 4 available at the moment with many more coming your way in the New Year.

1. The Adventurer - The story of William Beeston, Governor of Jamaica.
2. How to get away with Murder - A tale of revenge and murder from 1594
3. The New River - The mystery of the Titchfield Canal
4. Titchfield Abbey - 300 years of history



If you wish to join our meetings guests are welcome, or you can join as a member at any time. At the present time we request that all attendees carry out a lateral flow test before coming to meetings.

Our booklets and other merchandise, mugs, coasters etc can be purchased either from our website or from Hearts & Hugs in the village square.

The events over the past couple of years will be the history of the future. Stay Safe.

## New Landlords at The Bugle



Being an editor can be such a tough job... especially when you find yourself sitting on a comfy chair next to a lovely log burning stove, drinking a delicious cup of coffee! Luckily Karen did remember why she was there and heard all about how the new landlords, Nikki and Nige, came to take on The Bugle, what they've done so far and some of their plans for the future.

Nikki and Nige have 50 years of pub and hotel experience behind them so relished the challenge of moving to Titchfield and taking on The Bugle, having fallen in love with it. They come with great reputations as Nikki's former pub was rated 41<sup>st</sup> out of 50,000 nationally in one national press article and the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) said it was the best real ale pub in the locality.

Their aim is to make The Bugle somewhere for people of all ages to feel comfortable and welcome; serving good food – the menus certainly look mouth-watering – in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Another key aim is to be a supportive part of the community and Nikki and Nige have plans for monthly quiz nights to raise money for local charities and helping these in any ways they can. Importantly, they are also very open to suggestions and, to this end, there's a suggestions box on the bar. It's not just people who are welcome in The Bugle as it's very dog-friendly, with dog treats on the bar and an equally warm welcome from Lottie, their own dog, who is quite a character and loves her new home and surroundings...especially the canal!

Taking on a pub during Covid, with all the uncertainties that brings, is no mean feat and Nikki and Nige have clearly worked incredibly hard. They spent two and a half weeks cleaning the pub and refurbishing it, including using some of their own furniture which they can't get up the stairs to their flat – hence the very comfy chairs and sofa! They've also been doing a lot of research, finding out about a number of local ghosts and also discovering that the fireplace once graced Titchfield Abbey!

The day before my visit, work had begun on the bedrooms. There will be seven with en suite facilities and one with sole use of facilities. All are being completely refurbished and re-fitted. Nikki and Nige aim to start taking hotel guests on the 18<sup>th</sup> March and, with their drive and determination, I'm sure they will do that. They are adapting to the challenges which Covid still brings and will be using Deliveroo to deliver meals to people who feel cautious about eating out just yet... or just prefer a night in. They have smartened up the function room and have been taking bookings already.

Things have not gone smoothly as, when the pub was due to open on 13<sup>th</sup> December, there was a problem in the cellar necessitating a delay until 15<sup>th</sup>.

Nikki and Nige took this in their stride and they loved being in Titchfield for Christmas although they would have welcomed a little bit of time off!

Summing up, Nikki and Nige said they aimed for a community focus and fun and were excited to be here. From the time I spent with them it certainly looks as if Titchfield will be in for a treat and, looking at their wine list, I think my drink on my next visit will be stronger than a coffee.

## Titchfield Gardeners' Club

Caroline M<sup>c</sup>Grath

Despite Covid restrictions during the year, Titchfield Gardeners' Club has managed to have a full programme of talks, visits and workshops.

We visited Hilliers Arboretum near Romsey in September with Marco Bartolini eco-arboriculturalist, showing us the specimen trees and giving us their origin and history. This was a fascinating tour.

In October, Mark Porter gave a brilliant Zoom talk about The History and Purpose of The National Garden Scheme (NGS), its beginnings and how you get accepted into it and open your garden. Many of us know about the yellow NGS booklet and Mark showed us lovely photos depicting our local Hampshire gardens to keep us interested!

Our November talk was given by Tim Woodland giving us lots of information on Autumn Bulbs. Tim also brought a large selection of autumn bulbs for sale.

Then, on two weekends in November, volunteers from our club, The Earl of Southampton Trust and Titchfield Primary School helped to plant bulbs alongside the newly built pathway in Barry's Meadow. I am sure we cannot wait to see the bulbs in the spring.

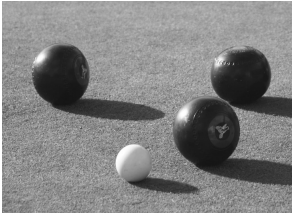


The year ended with our Christmas Skittles at the Crofton pub when Steve Nash's team, the Strikers, successfully beat the competition and were awarded lovely cyclamen prizes!

Our membership is continuing to grow but we always welcome new members. If you are interested in joining us please contact our Secretary, Tina Williams on: [tgc.meetings@gmail.com](mailto:tgc.meetings@gmail.com) or through our website: <https://www.titchfieldgardeners.club/>

## Titchfield Bowling Club 2022 Season

David Shields - Chairman



Titchfield Bowling Club is in Bridge Street next to the canal car park. The club has been in existence since 1923 and its outdoor season begins in April and runs until September. The club has around 70 playing and associate members. During the season the club is open to members to play each day apart from Sundays and there is a full programme of social events throughout the year.

Titchfield Bowling Club is one of only six in the country, and possibly the world, who play a form of the sport known as Old English Bowls. The club is friendly and informal and we invite anybody who may be interested in becoming a member to come along to our open day on **Saturday the 9th April** anytime between **10:00 and 12:30** to learn more about the club, what we offer and to have a taste of the game. The membership is fairly equally split between ladies and men and the club provides a convivial atmosphere in very pleasant surroundings in which you can enjoy the fresh air with a bit of exercise in a mildly competitive way. The subscription for members this year is £80 with a small additional fee for anybody wishing to hire bowls for the season.

### Word Search

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## Liz Miller An Unsung Hero of St Peter's

John Ekins

Of the unsung heroes who work behind the scenes at St Peter's few have made a greater, but probably less noticed, contribution than Liz Miller who retired as Parish Administrator at the end of November.

Liz arrived in 1994, having taken early retirement from the Civil Service, shortly after her husband Keith had been appointed organist. This was during James Mitchell-Innes' incumbency and the parish office was in the vicar's garden shed.

When Bill Day was appointed vicar in 1998 he established a proper parish office in the chapter rooms with up to date office equipment which, with Liz in place, became the hub of the parish. Liz became the default verger for funerals and managed the administrative tasks for weddings. She supported Keith and could often be found - especially at Christmas - sitting with him by the organ.

Liz has received many tributes:

"The full appreciation of all that Liz quietly undertook is apparent now that these tasks are having to be taken on temporarily by several others. Liz will be sorely missed by us all." Peter Gordon

"My time as Churchwarden would have been far more challenging without Liz." Ros Seward

"Liz was a rock for me in the Parish Office while I was at St. Peter's. She kept the wheels turning and freed me up to be the priest I wanted to be. She did that for me, she did that for James, my predecessor, and I am sure she did that for Susan too. Her knowledge of the parish and the people in it and her willingness to serve those people was exemplary. She did this, not asking anything for herself, except the satisfaction of serving St. Peter's. She just carried on serving the church, quietly, lovingly and largely unnoticed. I am so glad that she was there, and so glad to count her as my friend - bless you Liz and may God bless you and keep you in all that you do in the future." Rev'd Bill Day

Liz is a very private person, as is her faith. Her ministry was her work for St Peter's. For the future? She says she is going to spend more time caring for her garden - and of course for Keith. An already lovely garden will become truly magnificent!

"One is nearer to God in a garden than anywhere else on earth"  
Dorothy Frances Gurney

## Titchfield Takes 'Best Kept Village' Title at First Attempt

Peter Jeffs

Titchfield is famed, of course, for its Shakespearean associations, its ancient church and the magnificent remains of the Abbey but in 1987 we claimed the title of Hampshire's 'Best Kept Village'.

Remarkably the competition, promoted by 'Hampshire', the county magazine, was won at Titchfield's first attempt, beating 44 other villages large and small and said to be one of the closest contests in the 17 years the competition had been held.

It has to be said that the village's inhabitants did approach the competition with a great deal of enthusiasm and support and the victory in the competition was achieved in no small measure by the attention that many applied to tidying up the streets, pavements and their own surrounds in advance of the date when the judges made their visit.

The Hampshire magazine, in its announcement of the winner, said that the finals' judge Eric Ashby, the famous naturalist, 'found the general appearance of Titchfield pleasing' and was delighted by the nooks and crannies in a village abounding with them. He reported that everywhere was clean and neat, obviously cared for and many were colourful with flowers in beds, baskets, tubs, boxes, urns, and troughs.

The judge was reported as having found that most of the shops, garages, pubs and offices had colourful blooms on display, as did the cottages around The Square. The uniformly high standard of village homes and gardens impressed him and he commented that this extended beyond boundary fences and hedges to verges and roadside, for him 'a sure sign of enthusiasm'.

Described as 'impressive' was the Bellfield estate, which gained a special mention. The judge commented that 'pre-war housing' was not easy to beautify and he acknowledged that the majority of the village folk there had 'obviously spent a lot of time and imagination in improving matters with, here and there, some real picture-book corners'.

The setting for the famous village church was described as 'splendid and immaculate despite incorporating a busy footpath.'

The judge summed up his visit by commenting, 'I saw evidence on all sides that the rich heritage of buildings and features handed down to present-day



Clock commemorating the title, located at Hadlow's The Butchers

villagers was deeply appreciated and treasured, also made plain by the skill, thought and sensitivity with which most recent changes in the village had been made.

Two other riverside villages, Goodworth Clatworth, near Andover, and Corhampton and Meonstoke were adjudged joint runners-up, with Sway and Rotherwick named as finalists.

The 'Best Kept Village' competition is no longer with us following the demise of the 'Hampshire' magazine, but Hampshire competitions such as 'the prettiest village', 'the most gorgeous village', 'best places to live', 'most picturesque' and 'best retirement' are still available for us to enter.

## Titchfield Ablaze

Annette Devoil

The Titchfield Ablaze team would like to thank everyone in the village who supported them by putting a Christmas tree on their house... making Titchfield very sparkly and beautiful for Christmas. It certainly lifted everyone's spirits for the festive season. A big 'Thank you' once again to Hadlows, the butchers, who kindly sponsored the Christmas tree, Freemantles, funeral directors, who provided the lights, and the very talented people who made the wonderful pom-poms to cover/hide the safety fence.

380 trees were distributed this year and our faithful band of volunteers worked hard to order trees, off-load two deliveries of them, organise tree collection, deliver trees to homes and climb ladders to position trees in brackets for those who are unable to do so. Thank you to all who helped on the day - we could not do it without you.

Happy New Year

Tessa, Grace and Annette

Sukie Swan writes:

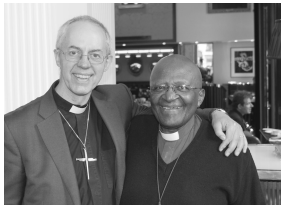
We would like to add our thanks in print to all who were involved in putting up and taking down that wonderful Christmas tree on the green. It really looked terrific this year and photographically has been admired from as far afield as New Zealand, Canada and Wyoming!

All of the helpers did a brilliant job! Thank you all.

The editors add their thanks for such a fantastic display this year. The village looked splendid.

## Archbishop of Canterbury Pays Tribute to Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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The death of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu (always known as Arch) is news that we receive with profound sadness – but also with profound gratitude as we reflect upon his life. My prayers and condolences are with his family and all who loved him, with the Anglican Church of the Province of Southern Africa, and all of the people of South Africa.

Arch's love transformed the lives of politicians and priests, township dwellers and world leaders. The world is different because of this man.

Archbishop Tutu was a prophet and priest, a man of words and action, one who embodied the hope and joy that were the foundations of his life. He was a man of extraordinary personal courage and bravery: when the police burst into Cape Town Cathedral, he defied them by dancing down the aisle.

He was a man of enormous vision: seeing the possibilities for building the Rainbow Nation long before anyone else, except perhaps President Mandela.

His vision and bravery were allied with a canny political sense and wisdom, enabling him to be a healer and apostle of peace while so many still saw wounds and war.

He was a pioneer, the first Black Archbishop of Cape Town, the pioneer of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

He was a great warrior for justice who never stopped fighting – whether it was for those in his own country, for inclusivity in the South African Constitution, or for those suffering injustice around the world.

When you were in parts of the world where there was little Anglican presence and people weren't sure what the Anglican church was, it was enough to say "It's the Church that Desmond Tutu belongs to" – a testimony to the international reputation he had and the respect with which he was held.

Most of all he was a Christian disciple – that was the root of everything else.

After meeting him, many would speak of being in the presence of one who brought God close to them. His joy, grace, laughter, hope and life caught up those around him with a sense of Jesus Christ.

It was Jesus' love we saw in his eyes, Jesus' compassion we heard in his voice, Jesus' joy we heard in his laughter, Jesus' face we saw in his face. And it was beautiful and brave.

His greatest love is now realised as he meets his Lord face to face.

We are thankful today for such a life so well lived, even as we feel the sorrow of such great loss.

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/archbishop-canterbury-pays-tribute-archbishop-desmond-tutu>



## Titchfield Art & Craft Show

Mark Pearce



After an extended break the Titchfield Art & Craft Show was very pleased to be able to set-up and run the show again in 2021. We had to move to a different time of the year, causing some confusion for regular visitors; but without the November '21 show it would have been a two year loss in our fund-raising contribution to the Titchfield Community Association, the charity that runs Titchfield Community Centre.

The Show had a great turnout of Artists, Photographers and Crafters this year with 130 artists exhibiting 377 pieces of art in the main hall. There were also 18 Crafters in the Malt & Barleycorn rooms selling craft ranging from woodwork, glassware, jewellery, textiles, ceramics, ironwork and even a local micro-brewery. We were also joined by the Country Market providing teas, cakes and sandwiches.

Over the course of the Show weekend, including the preview evening, we had approximately 800 visitors.

With the funds raised from the sale of preview evening tickets, entrance fees and artwork sales we have raised a total of £6,000 to donate. This will help with the ongoing improvement projects currently running at the Titchfield Community Centre.

We are in desperate need of a few extra people to help us set the show up and take it down. This is usually the Sunday and Thursday afternoons before the show and the Sunday of the show. If you are available to help us, please email [mark@titchfieldartandcraft.co.uk](mailto:mark@titchfieldartandcraft.co.uk)

We are currently working on the next show, returning to our usual dates in April. The show will be held at **Titchfield Community Centre** on the weekend of **April 23rd & 24th**, see our website for further details: [titchfieldartandcraft.co.uk](http://titchfieldartandcraft.co.uk)

We were also very pleased to see the Fareham Art Group Exhibition come to Titchfield in October '21 after losing their regular venue of Ferneham Hall. This means that there will be two annual art shows at Titchfield Community Centre. The Fareham Art Group Exhibition is run by Fareham Art Group and, other than having our complete support, doesn't have any connection to the Titchfield Art & Craft Show.



## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee National Plans and Events

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will mark her 70 years of service – an unprecedented anniversary in British history. A number of events and celebrations are planned nationwide:

- A four day UK bank holiday weekend from **Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June** including public and community events
- **Thursday 2nd June:**
  - The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour). Tickets for this incredible spectacular are available to the public and applications for the ballot are open until the end of February from [gbp.army.mod.uk](http://gbp.army.mod.uk)
  - Platinum Jubilee Beacons: The Principal beacon will be lit in a special ceremony at Buckingham Palace.
- **Friday 3rd June:**
  - Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen's reign will be held at St Paul's Cathedral
- **Saturday 4th June:**
  - The Derby at Epsom Downs attended by the Queen
  - Platinum Party at the Palace: a special live concert broadcast from Buckingham Palace with some of the world's biggest entertainment stars. Details of the ballot for UK residents to secure audience tickets will be released in February
- **Sunday 5th June:**
  - The Big Jubilee Lunch: for communities to celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little bit better. Free packs for organising these fun events are available from: <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-jubilee-lunch>
  - The Platinum Jubilee Pageant: a London based Pageant will combine pomp and ceremony, street arts, theatre, music, circus, costumes and visual technology

Further Platinum Jubilee events include:

- The Platinum Pudding competition: a nationwide baking competition sets out to find a brand new pudding dedicated to The Queen. Entries due by 4<sup>th</sup> February.  
See: <https://www.fortnumandmason.com/platinum-pudding>
- The Queen's Green Canopy: A tree-planting initiative.  
See: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

- Royal Collection Trust: Three special displays marking significant occasions in Her Majesty's reign – the Accession, the Coronation and Jubilees – will be staged at the official royal residences from July 2022. See: <https://www.rct.uk/about/news-and-features/the-queens-platinum-jubilee-special-displays-at-the-official-residences#/>
- The Queen's Private Estates: Celebrations will also take place on The Queen's private estates, Sandringham and Balmoral, for local residents and visitors to enjoy.
- The Platinum Jubilee Celebration: 12th -15th May - the same arena used by Royal Windsor Horse Show will see over 500 horses and 1,000 performers create a 90-minute piece of arena theatre with equestrian events

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Local Events

Ann Whyntie

You may remember the Titchfield Village Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June 2012. I was then Chairman of the Bonfire Boys and helped organise 4 days packed with events for all ages.

How 10 years have flown! We are now approaching the Queen's Platinum Jubilee!

The Bonfire Boys have already made inroads into organising the beacon lighting at West Hill (in line with the National Beacon lighting) on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, plus a children's party over the weekend, and are looking for more village groups to organise and participate in four days of festive fun.

Community-led events are being offered funding by the National Lottery Community Fund, National Lottery Heritage Fund, Arts Council England, Sport England and the BFI to develop activities that bring people together to celebrate this Jubilee.

More details here: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/news/press-releases/2021-11-17/over-22million-the-queens-platinum-jubilee>

It is all about bringing communities together, whether it be a specific community project, a Jubilee-focused version of the Big Lunch, a creative project in partnership with established artists, or supporting communities to re-connect with the nature on their doorsteps.

So, if your organisation/group has an idea, the Community Centre and Parish Rooms are available for bookings; you can advertise in this magazine and exploit social media such as Voice for Titchfield on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/488811834587989/> where you will also find the Bonfire Boys' page: <https://www.facebook.com/TitchfieldBonfireBoysSociety/>



## What do I read?

Margaret Thompson

What do I read? I am often asked.

**Background:** In 1968, one hundred fourth year Glasgow medical students travelled on a Caledonia plane bound for Toronto as our contemporaries had done before. What a loss to medicine if the plane had crashed... or maybe not! We then scattered to prearranged placements throughout the USA and Canada.

I spent a summer in a remote town in British Columbia (BC) in the local hospital doing obstetrics, not knowing many people, lying in bed in the nurses' home working my way through a cupboard full of Mills and Boon, eating chocolate and putting on about 2 stone. My mother picked me up from Glasgow Airport, bundled me into the car and drove away very fast before someone saw me.

Powel River was a pulp mill town. The logs would be floated down the sea from the logging camps - an amazing site. The town smelled of sulphite every Thursday when the paper pulp was bleached; not a pleasant smell which permeated everywhere. There was not much to do, although people were kind. The Canadian and the USA navies came to town about twice a month and they were the high points. BC was a beautiful place. Then I travelled on to San Francisco which was full of the flower people. I met up with friends taking the greyhound bus full of students and cannabis through the Mohave desert, Las Vegas (did not manage to capture the attention of a rich punter unfortunately, though played the slot machines) on to Philadelphia and then by train to New York.

**Now:** Now I am no longer compelled to read journals, information about how to do hand washing, or governance for my yearly appraisals I am free to read what I want.

According to my google statistics from my Kindle, I have read 700 days in a row. So, what do I read?

Certainly I am reading some proper literature, as my English graduate friends would call it. For example Shuggie Bain (October's Titchfield News) and two books from a recent new book club: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig and Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu and I have more books from the Booker prize shortlists from Christmas, so watch this space for reviews.

I confess, however, I find myself reading from choice what used to be Mills and Boon, upgraded. I suppose they are a more modern Georgette Heyer, which was my graduation from Enid Blyton and before Jane Austen. Worth reading especially through isolation and lockdown.

I am now exploring this new genre. Although it is true you can tell quite quickly who will probably end up with whom, the books are crafted well.

There is often a tortuous path through to the satisfactory ending; the relationships of the characters are well enacted and, as a family therapist, I enjoy the family dynamics. There is often an interesting ending that's not always anticipated.

It is a rest from detective stories - my other reading drug. Sheer escapism. There is no shooting, no cruelty, no unexpected endings and they make the downtime during the night when sleep eludes more bearable. The novels I choose are usually set in beautiful countryside; the latest in Scotland or Kerry.



So, if you want some escapism, try some authors you have not read before for example: Susanne O'Leary set in Kerry, Southern Ireland; Beth Rain set in Cornwall; Karen Swan, individual books: Hannah Ellis set in Scotland, the Loch Lannick series. Remember you can download many from the Library (see December's Titchfield News) or if you join Kindle Unlimited. Many are also free.

Enjoy!



## Hampshire Police Male Voice Choir

John Heitt

Greetings from your friends in the Hampshire Police Male Voice Choir! The choir has enjoyed giving a number of concerts in St. Peter's, always to a full house and always for a Titchfield charity.

The choir has survived the lockdowns with Zoom rehearsals and emerged ready to entertain in public as soon as they are allowed to do so.

The choir is also recruiting. For any men thinking of joining, allow me to tell you something about it. I sang with the choir for forty years, until a wonky vocal cord obliged me, reluctantly, to leave the choir. I miss it but I remain an ambassador.

They rehearse every Wednesday evening in Sarisbury Green Social Club, which means they can enjoy a pint after rehearsal. I realised that with an ordinary voice I can make beautiful music. The four part harmony of a male voice choir has an elemental quality; the singing itself is beneficial to health. Breathing improves and singing releases little happy pills into the bloodstream. The camaraderie of a choir all working for each other is like that of a rugby team. The toying with the emotions of an audience is every man's dream. If you can't read music, don't worry. You'll pick it up soon enough.

The choir holds open evenings where you can just go and listen before taking the plunge. If you'd like to hear more, ring me, John Heitt, on 01329 315893. You'll find out what a joy it is.

## John Hiett's Tales of the Brynna

### PC 49 - Part 2

Aunty Betty was PC 49's introduction to society. He joined the Llanharan Cricket Club. He was a decent bat, coming in at four or five. He was an excellent fielder, fielding close to the wicket. He took some spectacular one-handed catches at silly mid-off.

Brynna wasn't a hotbed of crime. The most exciting thing he had to do was to give Boyo Smith a clip around the ear when he caught him scrumping apples at Annie Owen the Rent's. And of course there was that Grace thing.

He bought himself a car, a 1928 Lagonda. It wasn't new and it wasn't really a car. It was a hearse sold to him by the local undertaker, Jones the Death. The bodywork was beautiful and, when he had taken out the slides, it looked like a two-seater car with an extra-large boot. It was chain driven and had a top speed of 40mph.

He couldn't drink in the Eagle in Brynna, but used the High Corner in Llanharan, where his accent allowed him into the company of the Young Farmers' Club, who met there. It was in the High Corner that he met Sonia Sandfields. Sonia lived in the Brynna but thought herself a cut above everyone else. She worked as a window-dresser in Howells in Cardiff. She was very good looking but not a very nice person. She rather liked the appellation 'SS' applied to her. When Alexander first spoke to her she gave him a withering look and said "you can't afford me."

One Friday night at stop tap, when they came out of the High Corner, it was drizzling with rain. Alexander offered Sonia a lift to the Brynna, which she accepted quite sullenly. He walked around to the offside of the car, opened the door for her and closed it behind her with an expensive sounding clunk. As she relaxed on the leather seat on the way home Alexander, smooth talker that he was, won her attention.

He had an educated Home Counties accent. He talked to her about society in the South of England, of polo at Cowdray Park, of sailing in the Adriatic. She thought perhaps that this young man was a cut above the rest. He invited Sonia to accompany him on a weekend in Cardiff. There was a show at the New Theatre starring Paul Robson. The plan was to drive up there on the Friday, book into the Park Hotel in separate bedrooms, have dinner in a little Italian place he knew in Newport Road, do the show on Saturday evening and, best of all, on the Saturday morning he would take her to an expensive jeweller where she could choose a piece of jewellery as a gift. Not to be sniffed at, even for Miss Toffee Nose.

So it was that they found themselves at the jeweller's counter. The jeweller brought out some pendants and earrings, all about the £85 mark, but Alexander said "Don't you have anything better than that? What about that necklace in the show case?" The jeweller said, "That necklace, sir, costs

£1000." "Bring it out please" said Alexander, "What about that, my dear?"  
Sonia couldn't believe it, but Alexander insisted. "I'll give you a cheque for £1000 now" he said modestly. The jeweller said, "I won't be able to let you take it away until I've cleared the cheque sir." "That's quite alright. I'll come in on Monday to pick up the necklace. Will that give you enough time?"

On the Monday Alexander walked into the shop. "You've got a nerve coming here" said the jeweller, "That cheque you gave me bounced". "Yes, I know" said Alexander, "I've come to apologise to you but also to thank you for enabling me to have the best weekend of my life".

## Book Reviews

### **The Salt Path and The Wild Silence, two books by Raynor Winn, pub. Penguin Books Ltd**

The Salt Path documents Raynor and her husband Moth embarking on the South West Coastal Pathway after catastrophic life-changing circumstances. In a very short space of time they lost their home, were made bankrupt and Moth received a diagnosis of a terminal illness. The Salt Path tells of their physical progress, not only along the pathway but in their health and mental well-being, enabling them to face the challenges ahead.

The Wild Silence tells of Raynor's gift to Moth so he does not forget their journey along the Salt Path. We also learn of Raynor's insecurities and how she starts to learn to trust people after the devastating problems of the recent past. Raynor shows in both books that, despite everything, there can be better times ahead.

Lesley Blackburn

### **Elly Griffiths: The Ruth Galloway Mysteries pub. Quercus Editions Ltd**

Do you like a good crime series? Are you fascinated by TV programmes such as BBC's 'Digging for Britain' with Alice Roberts?

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The books are well-written with just enough twists and turns to build up to a gripping climax. The first in the series is entitled 'The Crossing Places' followed by 'The Janus Stone'. If you enjoy these two there are 13 more to try. Personally, I can't wait to start the next one. There is more information at: <https://ellygriffiths.co.uk/>

Di Hatfield

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 Followed by time to meet over coffee.

## Midweek Worship every Thursday

**10.00 am Holy Communion** Book of Common Prayer 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks  
 Common Worship 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weeks  
 Followed by time to meet over coffee.

## From the Parish Registers

**Baptisms**

21 <sup>st</sup> November	Willow May Buckner.
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Daisy Mai Dennis.
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Edward William Chaiyakrit Saekang-Filtness.
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Nellie Anthea Perri Pringle.

**Funerals**

5 <sup>th</sup> November	Doreen Price ( 83 )
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Nicola Anne Baker ( 81 )
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Terence Matthews ( 85 )

## Services at Other Local Churches

Readers might be interested to know about services at other local parish churches.

Please check up to date information on their website or telephone numbers listed below.:

- Holy Trinity/St Columba: <https://www.htscf.org.uk>  
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- St John's, Locks Heath: <https://www.stjohnslocksheath.org.uk>  
01489 578082
- St Mary's, Warsash: <https://www.stmarywarsash.org.uk>  
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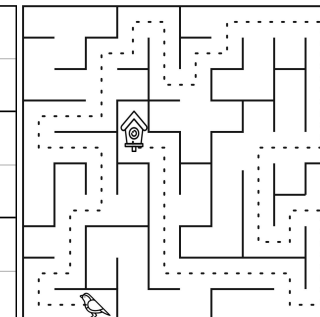
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## Events Diary: February & March 2022

Please note that most events require advance booking

Date, Time & Place	Event details
2nd February, 7.30pm Zoom meeting	Titchfield Gardening Club 'Plants from the ends of the Earth' by Richard Barnes Visitors welcome Contact <a href="mailto:tgc.meetings@gmail.com">tgc.meetings@gmail.com</a> for details
9 <sup>th</sup> February, 9.30am Community Centre	Titchfield Abbey WI 'Mistresses and Their Influence on History' by Madeleine Salvetti See article on page 11
15 <sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm Community Centre	History Society See <a href="https://titchfieldhistory.com/">https://titchfieldhistory.com/</a> for details
2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 7.30pm Titchfield Parish Rooms	Titchfield Gardening Club Annual General Meeting and Spring Show. Visitors welcome Contact <a href="mailto:tgc.meetings@gmail.com">tgc.meetings@gmail.com</a> for details
9 <sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am Community Centre	Titchfield Abbey WI 'Life in a Greek Village' by Paula See article on page 11
15 <sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm Community Centre	History Society See <a href="https://titchfieldhistory.com/">https://titchfieldhistory.com/</a> for details
19th March, 10am - 1pm Titchfield Parish Room	Table top sale in aid of Greyhound Trust <a href="https://www.greyhoundtrust.org.uk/">https://www.greyhoundtrust.org.uk/</a>
6th April, 7.30pm Zoom meeting	Titchfield Gardening Club 'Community Gardening - The Joys and Challenges of Growing Together' by William Rallison Visitors welcome Contact <a href="mailto:tgc.meetings@gmail.com">tgc.meetings@gmail.com</a> for details
9 <sup>th</sup> April, 10am-12 noon Titchfield Bowling Club, Bridge Street	Titchfield Bowling Club Open Day. See article on page 16
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> April, Community Centre	Titchfield Art & Craft Show See article on page 21 and <a href="https://titchfieldartandcraft.co.uk/">https://titchfieldartandcraft.co.uk/</a> for further details

## WHAT'S ON? To enquire about joining a group, please see the Contacts page.

Sunday		Wednesday	
Titchfield Auctions	Viewing 5.30pm Auction 6.30pm	Zumba	9am-11am
Sugar Push Tea Dance	1pm - 6pm	Flexercise	9.15am - 10.15am
		Titchfield Lunch Club	10.30am - 2pm
		REDS dance school*	5pm - 7.30pm
		Beavers*	5.30pm - 7pm
		Tai Chi	6pm - 9pm
		Cotton On Sewing	7pm - 9pm
		Sea Scouts *	7pm - 9pm
		Pilates	6.30pm-8.30pm
		Bridge Club	7pm - 10.30pm
		Thursday	
		Flexercise	9.15am - 10.15am
		Ladies Badminton	10.30am - 12.30pm
		Word Wrights (1st & 3rd)	1.30pm - 3.30pm
		Bowling (Oct- Apr)	2pm - 5pm
		Ballroom Dancing	5.15pm - 10.30pm
		Cubs*	6.30pm - 8pm
		Fareham Flower Club	7pm - 9pm
		REDS dance school*	5pm - 7.30pm
		Oasis Youth Club	7pm - 9pm
		Friday	
		Card Making 1st)	9.30am - 12.30pm
		Saturday	
		Tai Chi (3rd)	1pm - 4pm

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The Community Centre's contact list is being updated and will be available soon. For any queries regarding meetings/events, please contact the Centre.

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