

# *Southwick & Boarhunt*

**PARISH MAGAZINE**



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Dear friends

I visited Stubbington Church for a meeting there the other day and was impressed to hear about their men's shed - a building in the church yard, built by local volunteers – which is a hub of fellowship and shared skills and creativity. I had previously heard of similar things happening in communities around us

The men's shed concept starting in Australia around 1999. It then spread to New Zealand island UK Canada and more recently, Europe and the USA with a total worldwide of around 2000 sheds worldwide by 2020.

Sheds are mainly grassroots community activities that come about in response to shared needs. These are mostly for men to access tools, workbenches skills and opportunities to make and mend in the company of others. Gardening, computing, electronics and other activities have been included according to members interests.

The UK Mens Shed Association (UKMSA) is an organisation that exists to inform and inspire the development of the idea in order to encourage physical and mental activity and improved well-being by providing an enjoyable way to stay socially integrated in local communities, by being creative, and learning or passing on skills.

Whilst most sheds are for men, about 1/3 involve women. There are now also some all women sheds

I would be interested to hear from any one who might share my interest and enthusiasm for considering a project here. If I could get a handful of people together we could visit local sheds and see how they are run and what they are up to. Should we agree that it is a good idea I could then begin to explore possible ways forward

If you are interested in exploring this with me I can be contacted on 07905 318016 or email [revsimonb@btinternet.com](mailto:revsimonb@btinternet.com)

Your affectionate friend and Chaplain  
Simon

## **RAINFALL FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2025**



<b>March</b>	<b>3.6mm</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>22.5mm</b>

A dry spring so far with spells of unseasonably warm weather. Last year, in comparison, saw more normal levels of rainfall 109mm in March and 72mm in April. But we don't have to look too far back to find similar amounts to this year. In 2021 we received 28mm in March and just 1.5mm in April. And don't forget Covid in 2020 when it stopped raining the day before lockdown began and the sun shone day after day. (Thank goodness!)



Thinking now about estate planning and Lasting Powers of Attorney is a responsible thing for all of us to do and will avoid future misunderstanding, inconvenience and distress

Using a solicitor with legal understanding is invaluable for both straightforward and complex Wills, advising on Inheritance Tax, trusts - and compliance will ensure it's clear & legally valid

Law firms with dedicated Wills departments can also help with setting up a Lasting Power of Attorney, safely storing the Will, and even acting as the executor.

Using a solicitor is the best, as their regulatory processes make solicitors professional and safe.

If you have questions, Help can be found by calling Age UK, Portsmouth 023 9286 2121



**WICKHAM  
HISTORY  
SOCIETY**



## Wickham in the Second World War

An exhibition to mark  
the 80th anniversary of VE and VJ Day

Saturday 5th and  
Sunday 6th July  
11am - 4pm

Wickham Community Centre  
Mill Lane, Wickham PO17 5AL

Our Fighting Men - The Land Army & Farming  
The Wickham Invasion Committee  
Wickham's Home Guard - Celebrations  
Models of WW2 planes  
Photo albums - Newspaper cuttings - Parish registers

**FREE ENTRY**

All welcome  
[www.wickhamhistory.org.uk](http://www.wickhamhistory.org.uk)



**NEWS RELEASE 28th April 2025**

## **SOUTHWICK REVIVAL FUNDS D-DAY VETERANS NORMANDY PILGRIMAGE**

The Southwick Revival Committee has donated £4000 to support the “Spirit of Normandy Trust” which enables the veterans’ pilgrimage to France for the 81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of D-Day in June 2025. The donation will help fund the travel, carers and medical insurance costs for D-Day veterans for whom this year may be the last time they can physically manage the journey. This donation was made following an appeal from the Trust’s President after the disappointing withdrawal of the government’s Libor grant to the Trust.

Viscount Henry Montgomery is the President of the Spirit of Normandy Trust and he retains close links with the Southwick Revival, visiting the village again last year along with Susan Eisenhower and families of the Allied Forces wartime leadership. Henry has spoken several times to packed audiences on the subject of his illustrious grandfather, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, who led the 21<sup>st</sup> Army into battle in Europe in 1944, alongside Allied Forces.

Viscount Montgomery said; “This is a most generous donation from the funds raised from the exceptional Southwick Revival weekend, which is a 1940s-style tribute to the Spirit of D-Day itself and held in the village where grandfather chose his Headquarters in the days prior to the 6 June. I have been fortunate to visit Southwick many times and applaud the tremendous volunteers who work so hard creating this memorable family experience to raise funds for several military charities. I thank everyone who came to listen to me remembering my wonderful grandfather earlier

this year and who gave generously afterwards to the Spirit of Normandy Trust.”

The Chairman of the Revival Committee Martin Bazeley MBE said:

“It is so important to the volunteers of the Southwick Revival to be able to support the few remaining veterans of D-Day whilst there are still some of these courageous souls surviving and wanting to revisit the beaches to remember those who didn’t come back. The Revival supports The Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Families Association and several other military charities which help UK veterans of all ages and conflicts. We value Viscount Montgomery’s close connection to Southwick and are absolutely delighted to support the Spirit of Normandy Trust.”

Those wishing to make a donation to support the Trust can find the Just Giving link at the following website:

<https://spiritofnormandy.org.uk/fundraising>

To date the Southwick Revival has raised £323,500 over the past decade since it has been run. In the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year the Revival raised nearly £100,000, most of which was dispersed to military charities and local organisations including Rowan’s Hospice in a presentation ceremony in October 2024.

Tickets for the 2025 Southwick Revival to be held on 7/8 June 2025 are now on sale on the website link: <https://southwickrevival.co.uk>

There are several new experiences under development as part of this nostalgic Revival family weekend event. More information can be found on the website link above or on the Southwick Revival Facebook site.

Volunteers to help run the Revival are most welcome, from decorating the village to assisting on the gate or in the tearooms. If you wish to volunteer please email the following address: [info@southwickrevival.co.uk](mailto:info@southwickrevival.co.uk)

## RUBBISH!



This is my first piece for the Parish Magazine, so I do hope that it is not rubbish .... even if that is what it is all about!

Twice a year each member of the Estate's staff spends half a day collecting litter from the miles of road verges on the Estate. Our last litter-pick was on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of April and thankfully the weather was pleasant, even if the task was not.

We concentrated on the lanes around the Portsdown Hill area and filled dozens of heavy-duty, extra-large, dustbin bags - mostly with energy drink cans and fast-food containers. There are sometimes quite bizarre things to be found, though. Radio-controlled cars, dog-beds, a surprising number of pairs of underpants and even unopened cases of beer have all made their way into our bin bags. I once picked up a signed and in-date cheque made out to the Estate for a month's rent, which didn't go into the sack!

At about the same time as we do our litter-pick, the Estate employs contractors to come and spend a few days undertaking the same operation on the busier and faster roads: this time the bypass. They filled a bag every couple of hundred yards or so...

You can see the results of our combined labour in this photograph. In the months since we last cleared those verges, the road-users on this one part of the Estate have managed to dump enough rubbish to fill two skips to overflowing...and I haven't even mentioned the fly-tipping!

It is rather disheartening to know that all this time and effort is treating the symptom rather than the cause, but the Estate is doing what it can to keep this corner of the countryside as beautiful as possible.

# HALL FOR HIRE



Situated in the historic and beautiful rural setting of Southwick Village, the D-Day Memorial Hall remains the best choice for group activities, weddings, parties and meetings.

Visit our website [southwickvillagehall.co.uk](http://southwickvillagehall.co.uk)

Bookings secretary 07572 529180

Or [ddayhallsouthwick@gmail.com](mailto:ddayhallsouthwick@gmail.com)

[bookings@southwickvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@southwickvillagehall.co.uk)

# Swift Horticulture

As the vibrant energy of June gently blends into the full warmth of July, our gardens here in Hampshire are truly coming alive! It's a spectacular time, filled with colour, delightful fragrances, and the exciting anticipation of the harvests ahead. Here at Swift Horticulture I am thrilled to share some tips to help you make the most of these glorious summer months. I have over 2 decades of experience, expertise and knowledge and absolutely love sharing this with like minded people so they too can enjoy their gardens.

## JUNE: A Burst of Life and Gentle Tending

\*Deadheading to keep those blooms coming thick and fast, make deadheading a regular ritual. Snipping off the spent flowers encourages many plants - from roses and sweet peas to petunias and geraniums - to produce more buds not seed heads. It keeps things looking tidy too.

\*Plant supports are essential as plants grow taller and heavier. I always advise early staking, however, this can still be done later with canes and twine. I also like to use hazel twigs.

\*Welcoming wildlife, especially as the weather warms up, remember to keep those bird baths topped up. Continue to appreciate the buzz of bees and flutter of butterflies, they are vital partners in our gardening efforts. Swift Horticulture encourages planting bee friendly plants to support our pollinators.

\*Filling in the gaps in borders with annuals such as Cosmos. They are a great addition to any garden style and look beautiful as a cut flower in your home too.

\*Watering, be mindful of dry spells, especially for newly planted specimens and those in containers. Water deeply at the base early in the morning or late evening.

## JULY: Summer's Abundance

July, the garden shifts into a more established rhythm. We start to see the rewards of all our hard work and we then focus on maintenance and enjoying the fruits and flowers of our labour.

\*Harvest begins so keep a watchful eye on those courgettes, one day too small to pick the next they're the size of a marrow. Keep pinching the side shoots on the tomatoes. There is nothing quite like the taste of home grown fruit and veg!

Watering, again consistent and thoughtful watering becomes even more important. I like to use pea gravel to top dress my containers. Not only does it help to retain moisture it stops the soil from being washed out of the container.

\*ENJOY THE SHOW! Take time to simply sit and soak in the beauty of your garden. It's a reward for all your hard work. Perhaps enjoy a cup of tea amongst the blooms. I like to be out in the garden in the morning with a coffee alone admiring the flowers, the sound of the Swallows nattering to each other but equally enjoy sharing the colours, fragrances, hints and tips with family and friends.

At Swift Horticulture I offer personalised coaching sessions, maintenance plans, consultations and regular local garden maintenance visits carried out by myself. Contact via Whatsapp 07776308961

# SOUTHWICK AND WIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHLIGHTS from the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2025

**Public Matters:** C/Cllr Stallard had provided a written report, previously circulated. There had been a report written by Hampshire County Council on devolution. This is available to view online, the closing date any comments is 13th April 2025.

The Chairman asked a question regarding secondary school places. What was the current percentage of pupils being offered their first choice of school? C/Cllr Stallard replied that it is currently very high, 90+% and 97/98% were offered one of their first 3 choices.

The Chairman went on to speak about the telephone box in the village. There was a notice from BT that they plan to take away the phone equipment. The Chairman has concerns regarding the safety of residents surrounding the remoteness of the village and the non-existent mobile phone signal. He had contacted WCC planning and been told that only the phone box itself is grade II listed. Southwick Estate may take on its maintenance. The phone box will not be taken away, even if the working parts of the phone are removed. He will report back further regarding this matter.

**Community Safety:** There may be an abandoned van in the village hall car park. The van has graffiti on it and had been left there for weeks. The vehicle has since been removed

**Correspondence:** Cllr Rev Brocklehurst had offered to look into the company, SilverTime legal, following their request to provide a free talk on Will making to constituents. He was concerned that any such presentation might infer the Councils sanctioning of the advice people were given by a firm who had an interest in offering their services and products. Instead it was agreed that Rev'd Cllr Brocklehurst should

produce a flier to be published in the magazine giving general advice and information

**Playing Field Matters:** Cllr Woodard gave a verbal update, there was nothing new to report.

**Street Lighting Matters:** Cllr Woodard gave an update regarding street lighting. Light 16 is still under repair. 1A is not working. Light 20 is very bright and lighting up the whole road, it was queried if this can be adjusted. C/Cllr Stallard suggested the use of a shield, to focus the light down.

**Roads and Highway Matters:** Pot hole problems have been rectified. Cllr Parkinson spoke about receiving requests from residents to have white lines painted on the junction, as he suspects there may be an accident before too long. The Chairman stated he will contact Hampshire Highways regarding this. There are lines, but they have become very faded, if a photo could be included in the correspondence it would be very helpful.

**Planning Matters:** There are currently 3 live enforcement cases. Cllr Hinton reported no new planning applications on the weekly list. Cllr Hibberd queried whether the tree at Church Lodge has a TPO on it. He believes it requires some crown lift work. If this is a safety issue, the parish council would support the application to have work carried out.

**Finance Matters:** The clerk stated that the council will require appointing another internal auditor this year.

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to instruct Eleanor Greene at Do The Numbers to carry out the internal audit as part of the AGAR 24/25.

### **Orders for Payment**

it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the council should pay its bills in the sum of £958.80.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm

Date of next meeting – 13th May 2025 at 7:30pm

## CAPTION COMPETITION



A new feature of the magazine is the caption competition. Here is this month's photo. Please send captions to [sandbmagazine@btinternet.com](mailto:sandbmagazine@btinternet.com)

Submitted captions will be printed in the next edition



# **Southwick Lunch Club D Day Memorial Hall**

Every Wednesday the Lunch Club  
is run by a group of volunteers for villagers over 60,  
their friends & family and friends of Southwick.

A warm welcome awaits our members,  
together with a 2/3 course home-cooked meal,  
followed by tea/coffee for just £5.00  
served at 12.30pm.

We hope this year to attract new members and/or helpers.  
If you would like to join or help occasionally please contact  
Carol on 023 9238 4069



## **Boarhunt Easter Egg Hunt**

After two wonderful weeks of sunshine the weather turned on Good Friday just as we had organised the Boarhunt Village Easter Egg hunt. However, undaunted 60 children and parents/grandparents came out to participate. There were 8 different pine cones hidden around the area which had been mapped and each located had a letter which when all the clues were found spelt out Boarhunt.

The event started with a giant egg trying to stop footballs from scoring a goal on the recreational ground, then the path took everyone to the fairy tale woodland to find more cones, finding the Easter Bunny before they entered the Pilgrims Way to find the final cones and return to the village hall to collect their Easter Eggs.

Colouring Easter pictures to keep all the little people busy whilst the adults were able to enjoy a drink or two as Mike had kindly opened the bar at 3pm.

The raffle had some fantastic prizes including a huge balloon bunny made by Eliza Proost which was admired by everyone and a lot of the children hoping to win! The monies raised by the raffle is going towards other village events and we are pleased to announce that overall, we made a £210 profit.

Thanks to everyone who came out to support us on the day and we look forward to planning an even better one for next year which we hope will be dryer!

Photos are available, please contact the Clerk if you would like to see more than those uploaded to Facebook.

[Clerk@boarhuntparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@boarhuntparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## **Sunflowers**

In the previous Parish Magazine edition, we mentioned the delivery of sunflowers to Boarhunt residents. How are you all doing with your sunflowers, they should be growing nicely and ready for planting outside? The idea is to see bright blooms and bring smiles to faces.

## **Boarhunt in Bloom**

In July we will have the judges coming around to see how well as a village we have done with our 'Blooming' at the front of our homes – remember that they can be hanging baskets, beds, pots, planters anything that brightens up our village.

## **Barn Dance**

Following on from last year's successful party, another has been arranged for this year with the same great caller.

On 12<sup>th</sup> July the Barn Dance will be in the recreational grounds from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.. Tickets are £15 per person. Mike will be doing a bar by the pavilion but remember that it is a cash bar as his machine signal cannot take card payments that far away. Food will be available from Three Cut Burgers who have a very interesting menu and payable on the night.

The Bucking Bronco will be available from 7 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. and cost is included in the ticket price.

Please see posters for more details and where to get your ticket from.

BOARHUNT

# Barn Dance 2025



AFTER LAST YEAR'S SUCCESS,  
PLEASE JOIN US AGAIN FOR THE  
BOARHUNT BARN DANCE AT THE REC ON  
TRAMPERS LANE.

12 JULY 2025  
@ 7-11pm



Tickets for sale @ £15 pp.



Boarhunt Social Club will be running a **CASH ONLY** bar on the rec.



**Three Cut Burgers** will be set up to purchase food.



Bucking bronco, country dancing, raffle and plenty of fun!



**Contact:**

Lara: 07564050732

Ruth: 07816299437

## **Future events**

Later in the year we are planning another scarecrow competition for end of October, followed by a bonfire with some sizzling sausages in early November and finally the Father Christmas visit just before Christmas.

There will be a Litter Pick organised when it is safe to do so and a call out to ask for volunteers will be made nearer the time.

If anyone would like to organise or suggest other village activities, please feel free to contact the Clerk ([Clerk@boarhuntparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@boarhuntparishcouncil.gov.uk)) or one of your councillors.

## **Pavilion and Playground**

Now that we have the new fencing around the playground and some kind souls who have volunteered will be painting and decorating the play area and the Council are investigating some new equipment for the playground. Your council is looking into making the skate park safer and better and putting up the Basketball hoop hopefully in the near future.

The pavilion has been cleared out and costs being attained with regards to refurbishing it as well as having a built in BBQ nearby for villagers to use. We will be putting more park benches (made from recycled materials) around the area.

If anyone would like to volunteer to join the working group, please contact the Clerk [Clerk@boarhuntparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@boarhuntparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## GARDEN PAGE

We really do need some rain it does seem to make plants grow. I can remember some years ago when I worked for Portsmouth City Council Parks department we always planted the summer bedding plants the third week of May, but one year we did not get any rain for six weeks the plants had to be watered, but they did not grow but as soon as the rain came they grew away fast. I have been busy on the allotment weeding and planting potatoes and sowing seeds but we do need some rain to get plants growing.

We have also been busy in our garden. There is a raised bed outside the greenhouse where we have planted some strawberry plants and lettuce plants I have also been re-potting some shrubs.

Recently I received a question from Jeanette who asks whether she can plant a rose bush in a container as she has a very small garden. The answer is yes any rose shrub or small tree can be planted in a container but you must remember the plant must be watered regularly and ideally the container should be placed in a saucer so when you water it the water does not run through the container and be wasted. Also do not forget to feed the plant with a general fertiliser which will prompt good growth and flower.

As the plants grow the container will slowly become full of root so you will need to re-pot the plant into a slightly larger container in doing so you can separate some of the roots to stop them forming a circle of root. Use a peat free compost and add some drainage like horticultural grit or Perlite. There will of course become a time when the plant will become too large for your container, so this will be the time to plant it in the ground. You will have to find some one with a large garden to plant it in.

Hope you found this useful. Happy gardening  
Roger

## Directory

<b>Club/Organisation/Facility</b>	<b>Contact Name</b>	<b>Telephone No</b>
Age Concern Village Agent Boarhunt	David Roger-Jones or Head Office	01329 833 165 0800 3287 154
Boarhunt Parish Council clerk@boarhuntparishcouncil.gov.uk	Erin Taylor	07394 503 607
Boarhunt Sunshine Hour Club	Joan Brameld	023 92 421 371
Church Warden, St James	Joan Dickson	01329 220 091
Church Warden, St Nicholas	Edwina Johnson	01329 239 073
D-Day Memorial Hall (bookings) bookings@southwickvillagehall.co.uk	Nick Hibberd	07572 529 180
North Boarhunt Social Club	Mike Fortun	01329 832 470
South East Hants Young Farmers Club	David Norrish	07759 713 070
Parent & Toddler Group	Coral Moule	07521 923 581
Priory Club	Liv George	023 92388 924
Southwick Luncheon Club	Carol Watson	023 92384 069
Southwick & Widley Parish Council	Karen Seear	07504 516 902
Southwick Social & Sports Association	Tony Adams Doug Hunt	023 93 787 065 023 92 321 291

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If your organisation is not listed here, or details have changed, please contact the editor or your co-ordinator with information for inclusion in future issues

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# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## **M27 Junction 10 Scheme Update**

**Lane Reductions:** The number of lanes on the motorway has been reduced from four to three, with a 50 mph speed limit in place until the scheme's completion in late 2026.

**Guide Slab Formation:** A complex operation involving 1,000m<sup>3</sup> of concrete, cast in three phases during February and March, will ensure the underpass can slide accurately into its final position.

**Construction Notice:** Over the next few months, work on the “box” next to and north of the motorway will become more noticeable, with the base, walls, and roof being created in preparation for the sliding of the concrete box into position beneath the motorway during Christmas this year.

**Christmas 2025 Closure:** The new underpass will be installed beneath the M27 between Junction 9 and 11 over the Christmas 2025 and New Year period. This will require a full closure of the M27 during the school holidays when traffic volumes are lower. Closure dates and travel advice will be provided in advance.

**Forthcoming Night Works:** Night works are programmed for summer 2025. The A32 Junction with the western end of Pook Lane will be closed, but access to Pook Lane from M27 Junction 11 and the eastern end will be maintained. The new A32 Broadway roundabout is currently being built, leading to changes in traffic management measures on the A32 north of the M27.

## **Getting ready for a Spring Clean?**

Don't be tempted to engage with people on social media who offer to remove your waste, unless they are licensed waste carriers. It is your duty of care to dispose of your waste correctly. You could be fined an unlimited amount if your waste ends up fly-tipped. Check your waste carrier is licensed here: <http://bit.ly/2Hn8yge>

## **Green light to boosting recycling rates in Hampshire**

Plans to construct a new, state of the art recycling facility for Hampshire, have been given the go ahead enabling residents to recycle a wider range of household materials at the kerbside in future

Based in Eastleigh, the new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) is expected to be up and running by the end of 2027, and will support all households across the Hampshire region to recycle:

- a much wider range of plastics, including pots, tubs, trays, cartons, and soft plastic film
- glass
- metal
- paper and cardboard

Currently we send a tiny proportion of waste to landfill in Hampshire, with the bulk either recycled or incinerated. Any waste we can divert from incineration is not only better for the environment, creating less carbon, but also increases our recycling rate, costs less to dispose of, and has a second or third or fourth life as a new product. Importantly, it also helps ensure we maximise return for local taxpayers.

The proposal to build a new £50.5 million Materials Recovery Facility has been developed in conjunction with Hampshire's neighbouring waste disposal partners, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council, who will jointly fund the project ensuring a consistent service across the region.

The new approach being taken in Hampshire, aligns with Government's Simpler Recycling guidance on residential kerbside recycling – separating dry materials from other waste to reduce contamination – which occurs when dry recyclable material, such as card, is unable to be recycled if it gets wet or stained with food residue or mixed with glass. Managing waste in this way will minimise the cost of sorting 'contaminated' materials (currently around £2 million every year) and ensure the recyclable materials, carefully sorted by Hampshire residents, can be put to be best possible use.

## **Deadline for School Transport**

Hampshire parents who would like their children to be considered for School Transport from September 2025 must apply on time to make sure their applications are reviewed before the new school year starts.

School Transport is available to eligible children from the school term after their fifth birthday up to and including Year 11. With the end of the current academic year now fast approaching, Hampshire County Council is reminding local families of the upcoming application deadlines:

- For children attending mainstream primary and secondary schools – 31st May
- For children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) – 30th June

Applications received after the relevant deadline will be treated as late applications and will only be reviewed after all on-time applications have been processed. For eligible families who apply late, this means that transport will not be in place for September 2025 and may not be available before December 2025.

Before applying for School Transport, families are strongly encouraged to check the eligibility criteria -

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schooltransport/parent-carer/eligibility>

Families with children who already receive School Transport do not need to do anything unless their circumstances have changed. For example, if they have moved home or school, they will need to reapply for transport by the relevant deadline.

Visit the County Council's website for full details, including how to apply for School Transport see -

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schooltransport/parent-carer/application-process>

## **Post-16 Transport**

For most families, transport assistance stops at the end of Year 11.

Families are asked to explore alternative transport arrangements for their child's post-16 education or training, even if their child will continue to attend the same setting.

A discretionary Post-16 Transport service is available in certain circumstances, for young people with SEND who are unable to access their further education or training without transport assistance from the County Council. Applications are only approved where there is clear evidence that nobody else in the young person's household is able to transport them.

As a discretionary service, parents are required to pay a partial financial contribution towards the costs of transport. To be considered for this service for the 2025/26 academic year, families must apply by 30th June 2025.

For eligible families who apply after this deadline, transport will not be in place for September 2025 and may not be available before January 2026.

### **Getting Help**

It can often be confusing about where/who to go to for help or information, so I hope the following will be useful:

- Understanding your Mental Health Act Assessment - Information to help you understand the process – see

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/mental-health-act-assessment>

- Mental Health & Substance Misuse Teams - How to contact your local social care and health service mental health team and information about s.117 aftercare services –

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/mental-health>

- Mental Health Crisis breathing space scheme - Information about a scheme that may help if you are receiving mental health treatment and struggling with debt -

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/mental-health-crisis>

- Meals on Wheels - How to apply or make a change to your current use - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/meals-on-wheels>

## **Report Concerns**

If you are concerned that you or another adult is being neglected, harmed, or abused in any way, please do not ignore it. Any suspicion of abuse or neglect should be reported to Hampshire County Council Adults' Health and Care.

Further information about contacting Hampshire County Council Adults' Health and Care can be found on here -

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/contact/start-a-referral>

- If you or someone else is in imminent danger, phone the police on 999, or call them on 101 if it is less urgent.
- If your request is urgent and you need support in the next 24 hours contact Adult Services on the numbers below. Please be aware, at busy times there may be a wait for your call to be answered

0300 555 1386

- Monday 8.30am to 5.00pm
- Tuesday to Thursday 9.30am to 5.00pm
- Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm

Out of hours 0300 555 1373

- Monday to Thursday 5.00pm to 8.30am
- Friday 4.30pm to Monday 8.30am
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And finally...

Please note, I continue to hold a Councillor Surgery on the first Saturday of every month [except August] in The Heath Room, All Saints Church, Denmead, 10.00 am – 12 noon. No appointment necessary.

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## CASTAWAY CORNER

Lieutenant Commander Heather Lane VR RN Retd



This edition's castaway is Heather Lane. Heather retired from the Royal Navy after 34 years, joining the Women's Royal Naval Service in 1981, then the Royal Naval Reserve in '96 and serving under various full-time contracts and mobilisations to active operations.

She has served in Iraq, Bahrain, the USA, Singapore, Malaysia alongside international coalitions and multiple NATO and Joint exercises at sea in the Mediterranean, Baltic and North Atlantic.

On retirement, finally, at age 63 she moved to Pembrokeshire to live with her sister. After a year exploring the stunning beaches in West Wales, she moved back to Hampshire in March 2023. After moving house and belongings over 20 times from military housing to numerous private rentals across the globe, the King William IV Naval Foundation found a forever home for her after her travels. In the Royal Naval cottage, Heather can literally put down some roots especially being a keen gardener, for which she is truly grateful.

Having thoroughly enjoyed the Southwick Revival two years ago, she volunteered support to the Revival Committee, helping with news media and marketing and was delighted to see the enormous success of the 80<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary weekend in 2024 and thoroughly enjoyed being a part of a tremendously motivated team of volunteers.

Heather also volunteered to assist with providing local village stories to the Parish magazine and is keen to hear from locals who have news of interest to share. With a background in media operations and public engagement, she maintains a keen interest in current affairs and defence matters. She is the membership secretary for The Pen and Sword Club which has almost 500 members mainly from a defence communications background including National and International defence journalists.

Heather has two brilliant daughters who are as adventurous and travel hungry as she is, one is teaching at an International School in Phuket, Thailand having spent most of her adult life exploring South East Asia and the other is a zoologist who has spent the past five years working for the Ascension Island Conservation team. Literally a volcanic island in the middle of nowhere! Both are keen divers.

Sometimes we all feel like we would like to get away from it all. We asked Heather to imagine that they are shipwrecked and marooned alone on a desert island and to pick their favourite piece of music: one that they would like to listen to on the island and explain why they like it, and to choose one book they would like to have there plus one luxury they would like to have with them and some other interesting questions.

**What are your personal skills that would allow you to survive on a desert Island?**

**Answer:** Resilience and relentless optimism. Not so much personal skills rather than personality traits but essential for warding off loneliness and isolation. I have learned a number of survival skills having served in the military, facing up to my worst fears: e.g. spiders, scorpions and snakes. I hope I would find edible plants. I am a keen gardener so would plant and nurture any seeds. I have fished competently from various boats I have sailed on as a delivery crew before joining the Navy and can forage for shellfish. I can make gadgets out of wood, a basher to sleep under and tie many useful knots. Finding a clean fresh water source and collecting wood would be my first priority for making a fire all learned on military

exercises in Dartmoor so I could manage reasonably successfully, for a while.

**If you were marooned on a desert island which two people would you like to be marooned with and why.**

**Answer:** Bear Grylls and Henry Cavill – Bear for teaching me more survival skills - as long as he doesn't make me eat a rat or snake. Henry Cavill because he is very strong for lifting heavy things and helping to build the treehouse! He has the most wonderful voice that he could tell me bedtime stories to help me sleep! Between us we could build a raft to escape the island. Might want to stay though with those two for company!

**What food would you miss most and why?**

**Answer:** Chocolate, although on my island I would expect to have some cacao or trees, sugar cane and a few wild goats so I could make my own.

**If you could take something with you from your home what would it be and why?**

**Answer:** A very sharp knife or saw; if allowed my entire toolbox – to build the shelter (and the boat).

**If you could take with you the item that you think is the greatest invention ever, what would it be?**

**Answer:** Antibiotics/medicine to keep the tropical diseases at bay. Nothing worse than falling sick or getting hurt when there are no medical supplies.

**If you could choose a book to have with you what would it be and why?**

**Answer:** A guide to tropical island edible plants could be quite useful, but for sheer pleasure I would probably choose *Lord of the Rings* to learn the Elvish language (Runes) when I am bored and not hunting for food.

**If you were allowed one piece of music to play whilst you were there what would you choose?**

**Answer:** Beethoven: Symphony No. 6 in F, Op. 68 - "Pastoral" as featured in Disney's *Fantasia* – I don't think I would ever get bored of playing such uplifting music. Not sure what I would play it on though!

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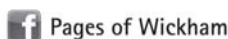
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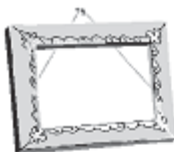
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