

Itchenor Society Membership – Exclusively Inclusive!

Membership is open to all residents of the village. However, the Society looks after the interests of all residents, whether members or not. Clearly there are certain expenses that occur that require funding and for this reason there is a membership fee of just £10 per household per annum, although some members generously donate more.

If you are not already a member, please do consider joining as it is in everyone's interest – not just those who have subscribed to date.

Please contact: Colin Simpson at Oldhouse Farm PO20 7DH
Tel: 01243 514931 email: cps0942@btinternet.com

2016 - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 3rd June	Wreath Laying
Saturday 25th June	Summer Party, Tidemark
Friday 11th November	Itchenor Society AGM

Little Nicks

Little Nicks welcomes visitors, grandparents, mums, dads and little children at 9am on the first Sunday of the month for our special children's service. The service is suitable for younger children but all are welcome. The service is followed with bacon butties and fresh coffee at 9.30am. At our last service in May, we had eleven children with us and they all had a great time.

You can find out more about St. Nicholas Church and the other churches in our Benefice by visiting our website: www.chichesterharbourchurches.org, and by signing up to our newsletter where you can receive weekly information on all the church services and events. But even better, why not come to church yourself!



For further information on any of the above – please don't hesitate to contact anyone on your committee

Itchenor Society Committee

Officers

Chairman	Alexandra Webb	514766	alexwebb833@btinternet.com
Vice Chairman	Alistair Impey	514700	alistair.impey@yahoo.co.uk
Hon Secretary	Glynis Lansdale	07775 647 144	secretary@itchenorsociety.co.uk
Hon Treasurer	Basil Taylor	514034	basil.taylor@btopenworld.com
Membership Secretary	Colin Simpson	514931	cps0942@btinternet.com

Executive

Jim Mould	513600	itchenorjim@gmail.com	Margaret Raggett	513741	margaretraggett33@gmail.com
Tony Offredi	512882	toffredi@btconnect.com	Alastair Spencer	514618	alastairspencer@btinternet.com
Mark Bray	511005	the.brays@btinternet.com	Caroline Dunn	512873	carolinedunn01@gmail.com



Itchenor News

Brought to you by the Itchenor Society

Spring 2016

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

One of the many functions of the Itchenor Society is to make charitable donations to worthy causes within our village. Just before Christmas, we organised the Walking Carols through the village, followed by supper at the Sailing Club. Everyone who joined in was very generous and with a contribution from the Society we were able to make a donation to the Sussex Snowdrop Trust of £525. We have also made donations to the Chichester Harbour Trust, Friends of Chichester Harbour, St Nicholas Church and the Memorial Hall totalling in excess of £1000. All the recipients have acknowledged how grateful they are for our continued support. Thank you to our members for their support which enables us to make these donations.

We are also delighted that village social events are so well attended. The **Winter Lunch** at the end of January was, once again, a great event. The Ship Inn was filled to capacity and John and his team provided us with a delicious Sunday lunch.

With some warmer weather finally on its way we can turn our thoughts to our annual summer events. The first is the **Wreath Laying and Remembrance Service** at the Hard on **Friday 3rd June** at 10.30am. This is a moving tribute and we encourage everyone to attend.

Our **Summer Party** this year will celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. We are delighted to welcome SJQ, our local jazz band, and a celebratory cake has been ordered for what we hope will be a fun-filled, memorable evening. The event will take place on **Saturday 25th June**. We have also organised a raffle to win a magnum of champagne. Only 100 tickets will be sold so get in quickly if you would like a chance to win the perfect addition to a summer party!

Our **AGM** will be on **Friday 11th November** at the Memorial Hall. Our guest speaker this year will be Simon Keitley, the last Customs Officer of Itchenor. With a glass of wine and delicious canapés to follow, this is always a very sociable evening and we look forward to seeing you there.

A27 – The latest

In January 2016 Highways England (HE) announced a programme of consultation to look at options for the upgrading of the A27 with a view to reducing traffic congestion. This initial consultation, promised for spring this year, would consider 1 or 2 two new routes to the north of the city and 5 possible upgrades to the route south of the city. Draft plans were leaked to the press and published in newspapers and online. This prompted a campaign of strong opposition by residents to the north against consideration of any new road.

The HE's March newsletter advised that the consultation had been pushed back to spring/early summer and a letter was circulated, via a neighbouring MP, from the Transport Department stating that any possibility of a northern route had been abandoned. There will be no opportunity for you to express your opinion on the northern route option; so much for consultation! Following a forthright letter from Louise Goldsmith, leader of West Sussex County Council, HE have also agreed that they need to consult fully with the County Council and Chichester District Council; one wonders why they hadn't planned to do so in the first instance!

The HE's April newsletter refers to several ideas being considered, these include 'Grade Separation' (rebuilding junctions as flyovers so that through traffic can flow freely), installing traffic lights at existing roundabouts to control traffic flow, and rebuilding roundabouts as 'Hamburger' junctions with lights, again giving through traffic priority.

Consultation is now due to take place this summer (no specific date as yet) with the preferred route announcement in the autumn. Subject to planning consent being granted the works will start in 2019 and should be completed in 2021-2023, depending on the option selected. Up to date information is available on HE's website, go to:

www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/A27-chichester-improvement/

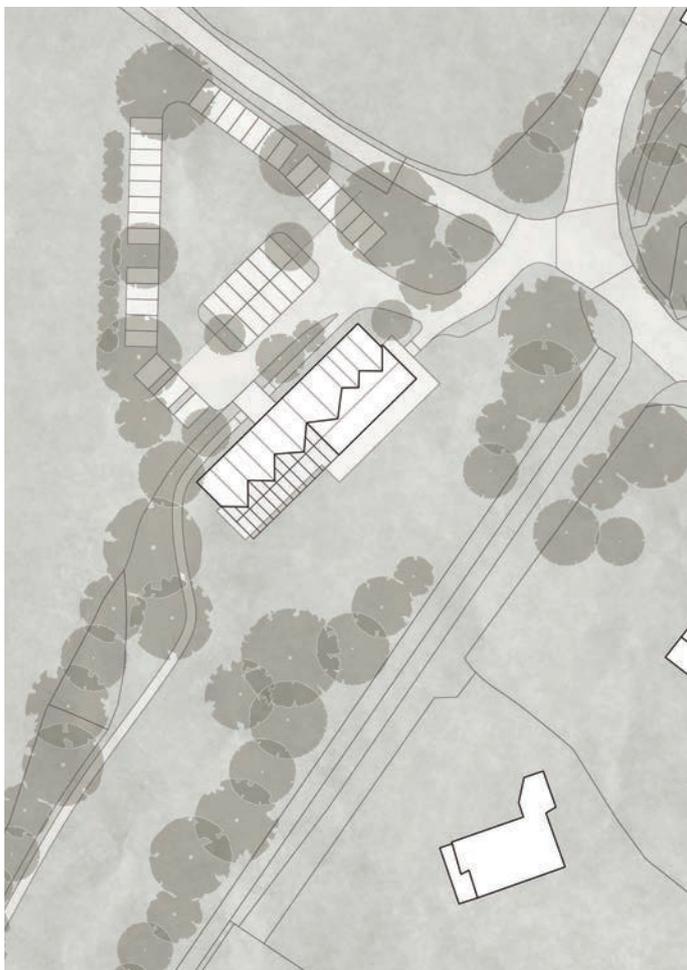


Itchenor Memorial Hall

The Itchenor Memorial Hall land was conveyed to the Parish of West Itchenor, its residents and environs in 1947 by Sydney Graham. In 1953, the Memorial Hall was built to commemorate those from Itchenor who fought in the war. In 1999, the addition of the kitchen annex was funded by residents and the Lottery Millennium fund. Now in 2016, the ideas for development show that the Hall and surrounding land could be enhanced to make a parkland and space to suit the needs of the community into the next 50 years. An additional smaller building could house the Parish Council in one part and a small meeting space to be used as deemed useful. This could be a community run cafe or space for

clubs, talks or a place to work with WIFI. Small groups like Knits and Knots would have a cosy meeting space. At the same time the larger hall would be improved with new washroom facilities, a catering standard kitchen and more hall space allowing for hire for weddings (with the same capacity as the church), parties and multiple users with soundproof dividing doors. The plans also include more doors out onto the parkland and more daylight in the hall.

All residents are invited to look at the boards in the hall and discussion would be greatly appreciated before we can go to planning and fundraising. Please contact us on itchenormemorialhall@gmail.com or view the website www.itchenormemorialhall.org



The Diggers

West Itchenor and West Wittering have joined forces to form the West Manhood Drainage Improvement Group.

By association with the National Flood Forum and the West Sussex Flood Action Forum, the "Diggers" will have access to funding from Operation Watershed and are working closely with the Manhood FLOW project (fixing and linking our wetlands). The AONB's drainage into the Harbour is finely balanced and not working well after many years of poor control and management. The Harbour Conservancy and the Environment Agency are working with us to manage this better and plan for the future.

Initial funding from the Parish Council is allowing coordinated maps to be produced for the first time so that they can plan, restore and enhance the ground drainage network that we rely on and that protects our wildlife. You will hear more from them soon and, as their work will benefit every individual in the area, they will be asking for your assistance.



Itchenor Sailing Club

Itchenor Sailing Club has been a key part of village life since its foundation in 1927 and many village residents are members. The Club has a very active sailing programme aimed at sailors of all ages (from 8 to 80+) and a wide range of skills from beginners to crews forming part of the UK Olympic team. Boats sailed include junior dinghies such as Mirrors and Toppers, performance dinghies including RS 200 and 800 and International 14s and keel boats including Sunbeams, Swallows and X Class boats. It is one of the few Clubs in Chichester Harbour from which it is possible to sail at all stages of the tide.

The Club is keen that all residents in the village are able to enjoy its facilities, in its traditional buildings in beautiful surroundings next to the Harbour, and now offers Social Membership for non sailors. The Club is a great place to meet at the Bar or to enjoy a meal in its harbourside dining rooms and it also offers accommodation in comfortable rooms. The Club is licensed for weddings and is a fabulous venue for these or other functions.

If you are interested in the facilities offered by the Club, please contact office@itchenorsailingclub.co.uk or phone 01243 512400.

