



Itchenor News

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Spring 2017

Update from the Chairman

With the approach of the warmer weather and evidence of Spring throughout Itchenor, we can again reflect on how lucky we are to live in such a special place. The Itchenor Society has had a very busy year and continues to work on behalf of all residents to ensure that we protect and preserve this environment. We have worked closely with the Parish Council and other interested parties to support them on a variety of planning issues and we are grateful to everyone who has responded so positively to our email communications.

We will continue to email notices that are of interest to all the village and that require attention in the short term. To ensure that you receive these communications, please contact our Membership Secretary, Colin Simpson, if your email address changes.

The Itchenor Society website provides valuable information on the activities of the Society and also, via web-links, to the activities of local organisations and information on the area. Please take a moment to look at it - www.itchenorsociety.co.uk



ITCHENOR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Calling all keen amateur photographers our Itchenor Society Christmas cards were so well received last year that we are now planning our Christmas 2017 sets. If anyone has any Christmas-themed photos of Itchenor scenes that they would be happy to share with us, please email them to me, Caroline Dunn at carolinedunn01@gmail.com

One of the many functions of the Society is to make charitable donations to worthy causes within our village. We have therefore made donations this year 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 contributions. Thank you to our members for their generous support which enables us to make these donations.

Our annual social programme began with the Winter Lunch. Held at the end of January, it provided a good opportunity for members to get together over a relaxing lunch at the Sailing Club. With generous portions and delicious puddings, it was a most enjoyable Sunday afternoon.

Forthcoming events include the Wreath Laying and Remembrance Service at the Hard on Friday 2nd June at 10.30am. This is a moving tribute and as it falls during Half Term this year, please encourage all to attend. The annual Summer Party is on Saturday 17th June at The Old Rectory, the home of Murray and Liz Fox. Fingers crossed for a sunny evening in their beautiful garden.

Our AGM will be on Friday 3rd November at the Memorial Hall. This is an opportunity for the committee to update you on the events of the year and with wine and canapés to follow, it is always a sociable evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

2017 - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 2nd June - 10.30am	Wreath Laying Itchenor Hard
Saturday 17th June - 6.30pm	Summer Party Old Rectory, Itchenor
Friday 3rd November - 7.30pm	Itchenor Society AGM Itchenor Memorial Hall

THE HARBOUR PATROL TEAM



This is the Harbour Patrol Team - from left to right Phil Walker - Deputy Harbour Master, Ed Carter - Moorings Officer, Mike Hayes - Harbour Technician, Damian Homer - Lead Technician and Adrian Karn - Deputy Harbour Master as well as Health and Safety Manager.

The team of five is boosted during the summer season by seasonal staff who help with the many and varied duties. You will see the Team out either in their patrol boats or on the barge.

The Harbour itself has some 55 miles of coastline, which equates to 11 square miles of water. There are seven marinas and countless mooring buoys as well as fourteen sailing clubs and on average there are around 12,500 boats registered in the Harbour. Managing the Harbour, particularly, during the busy summer season is a demanding job. The ethos of the team is Safety First.

Here in Itchenor, at weekends, there is a Patrol Officer dedicated to helping at The Hard to make sure things go as smoothly as possible for all the visiting boats wishing to launch and ensuring trailers and cars are removed to the car park as soon as possible to enable more boats to launch. There are also six visitors buoys, each of which take six boats, as well as the jetty to manage. The Patrol Team are on the water, mainly to ensure everyone's safety and to help and give advice when and where necessary. Last year the Patrol Team attended a number of incidents within the Harbour:

34 vessels requiring tow of which 24 were caused by mechanical failure

17 Byelaw infringements

9 vessels sunk on moorings

20 vessels adrift of moorings

30 aground

15 collisions

Over the years the trends in the Harbour have changed with the growth of paddle boards and kayaks. The racing fleets at the various sailing clubs are still very strong and there are still lots of large pleasure sailing boats. However, the main change is the decline of the typical family boater.

One is inclined to think of the Harbour only in terms of boats, but there are many other pursuits such as Angling, Bird watching, Photography, Wildfowling, Walkers and Artists and all these different hobbies are managed by the Conservancy Team who try to ensure harmony between all users.

WALKING CHRISTMAS CAROLS



On the December 16th, a dry but misty night, residents and friends gathered at Russett Cottage for the start of the Walking Christmas Carols.

With warm mulled wine and delicious food bites, the party sang the first carols in the courtyard before moving off to sing for Harold Molyneux. It was quite an army that arrived at his house and crowded onto the front lawn to sing. He enjoyed it from the warmth of the doorway.

The procession walked on to the Church to sing around the Christmas tree and then processed through the village to visit Ian Christmas and sing some favourite carols for him. Next it was into The Ship where Roger kindly allowed us to sing and rattle the collection boxes - donations were very generous.

The last stop was Itchenor Sailing Club for more mulled wine and a hearty supper of delicious curry, perfect for a cold winter's night.

We would like to thank everybody for their donations and support for this event which raised the magnificent total of £500 for the Snowdrop Trust.

Special thanks to Claire Goddard for leading the singing and to Jo and Roger Scholes for hosting the start of the evening.





ITCHENOR MEMORIAL HALL brought to you by the Hall Committee

A well-known country magazine counsels people to take the advice of estate agents on choosing the right place to live, and identify the "five P's: a pub, public transport, parish church, primary school and post office."

They go on to say 'English village communities are small and often eccentric. They are, however warm and usually welcoming, reflecting local charms of the 'English character'. The local post office or shop is the communications hub of every village, while the village pub offers an opportunity for new arrivals to get to know local culture and its personalities. But the heart of many rural communities remains a - usually



historic - village church around which many community activities - and squabbles - revolve, from village fêtes, parish council meetings to flower arranging.'

We have a pub. The bus comes occasionally. We have a wonderful church. Long forgotten are the primary school and post office.

And that's where the Itchenor Memorial Hall comes in to its own.

Our church does not have a church hall. However IMH is there whenever a church function, a local christening celebration, a funeral tea or indeed a wedding feast is called for. The Parish Council hold their meetings here. Local groups use the hall for community activities. Classes happen daily to enhance our



lives and health. Village Voices sing their heart out every week.

We do not have the five Ps; we may not have a hub or focus point; but we see that this village has one extra P. Potential to create a modern, interesting meeting space in the form of a newly renovated Itchenor Memorial Hall.

The plans have been shown to the village and we were excited by the enthusiasm we heard.

Next up is the Planning Application.

Then the F word... Fundraising.

The Trustees invite you to the AGM on Sunday 14th May at 5pm. Most importantly, followed by refreshments and a time to chat. Hear what we have done over the past year and what we hope to do over the next year and beyond.

And the magazine also adds...

Top tips for surviving in an English village

Make an effort to be part of the community!





FERRY NEWS

Itchenor is set to get a new ferry boat which is great news for the village, harbour users and walkers alike! Wilson Boats have been commissioned by Andy Larsen, the owner and operator of the Itchenor Ferry, to build a new boat. Wilson built the present ferry some 30 years ago in their Havant boat shed. Since it came into service, the ferry has carried many thousands of walkers, cyclists, and yacht folk (and their dogs) to the footpath landings and moorings. This Wilson Flyer 23 hull has proved its ruggedness and versatility to act as a passenger ferry in and around Itchenor Reach and Bosham for three decades.

The new build which is due to be completed in the late summer, is slightly longer and has a wider beam than the present ferry. The hull construction will be modified to include a drop down bow and side opening gunwales to facilitate the loading and discharge of the ever increasing

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number of bicycles the ferry now carries. She will be licensed by the Harbour Conservancy to carry 11 passengers. Her greater internal volume will mean more space for passengers, bikes and yachting gear ... and of course the odd dog!

This new ferry will form a vital link in Natural England's coastal path scheme which is due to be completed in the winter of 2018. With this in mind, Andy has been asked to provide a winter weekend service, starting in November 2018. This service will operate between the hours of 1000 and 1600, weather and daylight permitting. It is many years since there was last a winter ferry at Itchenor and it is hoped that public support for this venture will ensure its long term viability.

Operating times

April-Mid May

Weekends and bank holidays 0900 -1800

Mid May-September

Daily 0900 - 1800

October

Weekends only 0900 -1800

In addition from November 2018

November-March Weekends only 1000 -1600

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

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If you have received this notice and are not yet a member why not join the Society now?

Contact the Membership Secretary, Colin Simpson on 01243 514931 or email cps0942@btinternet.com