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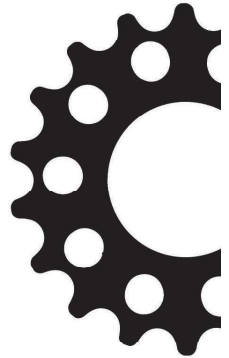
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Last weekend I planted my broad beans out in the allotment – I love broad beans, but I discovered while sharing my allotment actions with a colleague in the vestry before a service (we have very profound conversations at such times!) that not everyone else does. My colleague couldn't stand them. 'Why?' I asked, incredulous. 'Because they taste bitter and rubbery!' She responded. Following a detailed cross examination, I discovered that my colleague – to my horror - doesn't blanch and then peel the broad bean, leaving the sweet green core that's simply delicious with olive oil, sea salt and lemon drizzled over – she just cooks them whole and eats them as is! No wonder she doesn't like broad beans – she's doing them all wrong! Which led us both to reflect on the profounder thought that maybe some people are doing God all wrong!



Why do there seem to be as many gods and spiritualities and philosophies as there are people? Why don't we all have a clear picture of God? And why isn't everyone's the same when we all live in the same world and have basically the same needs?

Chapter 1 verse 15 from Paul's letter to the Colossians tells us why it might be difficult to picture God - because He's invisible! It's difficult to form an accurate picture of someone who's invisible. But luckily we have some help.

Chapter 1 verse 15 of Paul's letter to the Colossians also tells us quite clearly what we ought to picture when we think of God. Jesus – the image of the invisible God.

This is so important, because when we get down to the nitty gritty, most people have a very distorted view of God. The "God" they believe in is usually some kind of Heavenly Giant. Some distant figure, high on power, low on personality – which is very sad - because when you see Jesus you see laughing, crying, shouting, eating, drinking, loving, stooping, suffering, bleeding, dying.

When you see Jesus you see something completely different from the heavenly distant giant – you see love. Next time someone tells you that they don't believe in God, ask them what kind of God they don't believe in. Almost without fail they'll tell you about the heavenly giant, a distant individual, high on power, low on personality. I then tell them that I wouldn't believe in that kind of God either – in fact, if I thought *that's* what God was like, I'd join them as an atheist.

Our job as Christians is simply this - to say, 'forget the heavenly giant, forget everything you thought you knew about God'. Look at Jesus– let HIM be our image of the invisible God.

Lord Byron the poet once said, "If God isn't like Jesus, He ought to be." Jesus Christ is the heart of our faith because in him, and only in him, do we see what God is really like.

Is our vision of Jesus this big? And is our vision of God this Christ-like? If not then, just like my colleague's got her broad beans all wrong, we might be getting our image of God all wrong!

Yours in Christ, Simon.



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NATURE NOTES

The New Forest

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The trees once more put on their mantle green,
The song of mating birds is in the air,
And Nature awakens from her Winter's dream;
And flowers bedeck the Forest paths again,
Shedding their fragrance over field and plain.

Edmund Lechmere 1710-1805

I have been trying to tidy up the garden in the brief moments of fair weather, which have been few and far between. The determined Spring bulbs have saved the day and have brightened up every nook and cranny fighting their way up between a forest of weeds.

For some years now my back garden has been infiltrated by an unknown (by me) plant whose flowers bear a striking resemblance to Forget-me-nots. It has much larger, broader leaves which are quite hairy, and mine have white spots on them. Flowering from Spring well into Autumn they are a welcome splash of bright blue. They self sow everywhere and, unless you catch the seedlings young, they are a devil to dig up with their brittle, deep tap root making it extremely difficult, especially as the foliage can cause a rash if handled, so gloves are necessary. Browsing through an old copy of 'Diary of an Edwardian Lady' by Edith Holden which she wrote in 1906 (published June 1977) I came across the very thing and it is 'Green Alkanet'! It is brilliant for pollinators and provides food stuff for the larvae of the beautiful, day flying 'Tiger Moth'.

Easily cut back to the ground when untidy and the leaves can be left to rot down in some water before putting in the compost. It is part of the Borage Family although a different species and not native, having been first reported in British gardens in 1724 arriving from South West Europe. So now I know.

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THE VILLAGE BUTCHERS



The Village Butchers in Brookley Road has been in the village for well over 100 years and is the longest established shop in the Village. Bruce, now in charge, has been there for 35 years. He has two assistants, Barry his twin brother and Howard. All of them were brought up in Brockenhurst. Between them they have many years experience in the retail butchery trade. They can

arrange any cuts of meat including racks of lamb to the customer's requirements.

He told me how eating choices have changed over time. In the old days families stayed together more in one place, nearly always had a Sunday roast and did not eat out so much. Today people's tastes vary. They prefer leaner meat, although Bruce stressed that a little fat in the meat brings out the flavour. Also more easy to cook meat such as sausages and burgers are more popular. The main holidays, such as Christmas, Easter, Bank holidays and the summer holidays are when the butchers are really busy. In the summer when there are many campers in the area, folk will come in twice a day, first to buy breakfast and then later on to buy items for an evening BBQ such as kebabs, sausages and burgers. Bruce says they can offer up to 15 types of homemade sausages and up to 20 choices of kebabs. They can also be made to order. Local venison is now on sale too.

The UK is very strict over hygiene rules for selling meat and poultry and butchers have to strictly adhere to them. A more modern problem is the risk of allergies, so they must always be able to say what are the ingredients in the food on sale and adhere to them. The Trading Standards and Environmental Health Officers regard Village Butchers as the best they see in southern Hampshire and the systems they have created are frequently shown to other butchers that they visit. Bruce has a book listing all the ingredients that can avoid allergies and whether any of them are present in what he sells. His meat and poultry are nearly all from local sources including free range.

There is also an extensive cheese section, excellent ham and fresh fish also. If Village butchers do not hold a fish of your choice then it can be ordered and collected the following day. In the summer he even checks the weather forecast before deciding what to order for the week ahead!

It was good to hear that the shops in the village have a good rapport and help each other out. For instance the popular Bakery opposite uses the Butchers'

sausage meat for their famous sausage rolls, ham, and other meat for their various pies. They also buy a hog roast daily for their baguettes. They can always ask for more at short notice. Likewise, although the hotels now use much larger suppliers they also ask the local shops for help and for top ups in busy times or when they are running low on some items.



The photo shows Bruce many years ago standing in the middle in front of all the Christmas turkeys on sale. Times and tastes have changed, but the quality of the meat and other items in the shop remains excellent.

Janet McDonald

BROCKENHURST'S SECRET BOWLING GREEN?

Well no, it's not actually a secret, just a bit hidden away. In fact some visitors are unaware that at the back of the car park in Brookley Road Brockenhurst there is an outdoor bowling club that's been there for almost ninety years!

We are a friendly members sports club, run by the members and managed by a committee, with work undertaken voluntarily. We are affiliated to Bowls England and Bowls Hampshire, as well as the New Forest and Southampton Associations, to enable our members to play against other clubs in leagues and competitions if they wish.

Bowls Drives are played at the club on most Monday afternoons and Friday mornings and there are also plenty of opportunities at other times for members to just come along and play informally. There is a healthy social side as well - we have a comfortable lounge and members bar and during winter months when the green is closed we get together to play skittles (yes, we have an indoor skittles alley!) or for a quiz evening with supper.

We are always pleased to welcome new members whatever their bowling experience and we can provide bowls and basic coaching if required. All you will need to bring is flat-soled shoes.

Weather permitting, the Bowling Green will open on the 1st April so why not contact our Membership Secretary by emailing dybond@btinternet.com or calling 07563506724 and make a date to have a go at bowling this spring?

BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Following on from our last article we are pleased to report that we are now starting to make significant progress with the Authorities on most flooding problems. Whilst we have no doubt all will have seen the issues of the recent flooding it's fair to say that the sheer scale of the rainfall overwhelmed Hampshire County Council's Highways contractor. They finally managed to clear the drains on Burley Road between the Church and the Rise.

A schedule of works for Balmer Lawn Road, the Latchmore underpass and on the A337 at Waters Green has been confirmed for this month. Forestry England have been asked to clear choke points in the river on the Weirs and near Martins Road. Surface water drainage in Brookley Road has been investigated and significant damage found which will need repair. Surveys are being completed but to avoid disruptive construction activities taking place during public and school holidays, the works to repair the drainage system are being scheduled for the Autumn. Additionally, many organisations are involved in slowing up water coming off the forest such that the outflow to the Lymington river can cope without flooding the village. As always, given all the work being completed we would ask all residents to consider their own riparian responsibilities and clear their ditches to help.

Finally, the Parish Council remains disappointed by the state of the roads and is continuing to press for work to be carried out in problem areas.

The latest Parish Council Winter News Sheet is now available. This can be accessed on our website at <http://www.brockenhurst.gov.uk/>

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RHINEFIELD PROBUS CLUB

Chairman Lew Cohen welcomed Audiologist and Lipreading tutor Caroline Court to their February meeting for a talk on hearing loss. Caroline, who was formerly a trainer in the police, lost all hearing when she was struck down with Multiple Sclerosis. Determined not to allow the disability to exclude her from society she studied lip reading, became proficient in it and then qualified as one of only 225 lipreading trainers in the country. She has also undergone surgery for a cochlear implant and is a promoter and trainer for this device for the profoundly deaf.

Her talk took the form of an interactive forum with members, many of whom were hearing loss sufferers and frustrated hearing aid users. She described how the perfect ear can respond to a wide frequency range and how this reduces through ageing. Copies of Audiograms, showing the ideal banana curve for speech and the impact hearing loss has on it were handed out. The diagrams clearly showed how primary consonants were the first to be lost, followed by mixed vowels and consonants, and last the primary vowels . Only in severe and profound cases of hearing loss are noises from children crying, vacuum cleaners, motorcycles, chainsaws etc. lost.

She described how users of hearing aids could determine the limitations of their hearing aids by comparing the audiograms of their hearing tests with the ideal banana and recommended that all hearing aid users should obtain copies of their personal Audiogram from their hearing aid supplier.

The talk moved on to lipreading as a complement to hearing aids and how it's limitations restrict the lipreader to only read about 50% of speech in ideal situations i.e. when the speaker is talking slowly, has defined lips and is directly in front of the lipreader. The limitations are also due to many words having similar lip movements, such as "Bobby Moor and Bodmin Moor, fan and van, figure and vicar" which make it difficult or impossible for the lipreader to differentiate between the words.

Caroline closed her talk with a warning from Professor Sophie Scott, director of the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience at UCL who stated that "the single biggest preventable risk factor for dementia is losing your hearing in adulthood and not getting or using a hearing aid".

The talk was educational, informative and enjoyable given by a dynamic presenter on top of her subject.

Rhinefield Probus Club meets at 9.45am on the third Wednesday of the month at the Balmer Lawn Hotel. Guests and new members are very welcome. Details on joining or attending a meeting can be obtained by visiting www.rhinefieldprobus.org.uk.



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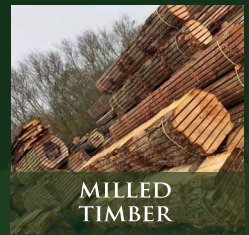
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The mist rose high to cloud the sky
And bitter winds did blow
Misty tears were turned to ice
And the ice was turned to snow

And snow did fall on land and sea
To cover all below
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As sunshine melted snow

And the snow it turned to teardrops Trickling through the land
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Fresh teardrops on the sand

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And the seas formed clouds up in the sky
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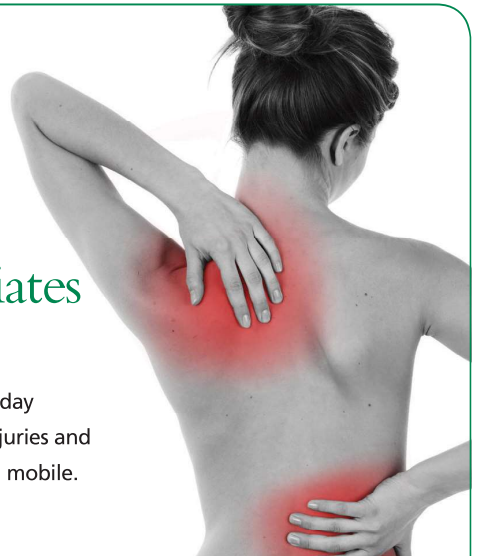


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The next lecture is on 8th April and the topic is 'Cinema from Rubble: the post-war politics of Ealing Studios' by Benedict Morrison. Visitors are welcome, so long as we have space, for a fee of £7.50 (cash preferred).

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BROCKENHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY CAMPAIGN

The school has launched a new campaign called Brockanory in an attempt to raise awareness of the importance of libraries within our community, whilst also raising funds so that children at the school can have access to a new library and reading material moving forward.

Headmaster at Brockenhurst C of E Primary and Pre-school, John Littlewood, said: “Unfortunately we have seen a number of library closures due to stretched public service budgets, with the recent pandemic also helping to compound this situation.

“Whilst many of us now have access to digital devices and other sources of information, in my opinion libraries are still a vital resource for many, particularly children.

“Where the future of libraries remains uncertain, it is very much up to schools now to bridge the gap for families, with this in mind we are looking to refurbish the school library so that all children have access to age-appropriate material so that they settle and succeed in school.”

The school has organised a calendar of events to support the project, with opportunities for the local community to get involved, raise awareness and help support fundraising. The school will kick-off its activities by the children completing a readathon.

Head of the school’s PTA, Krys Yates comments: “The school’s library refurbishment will see an entirely new environment created for the children, which will hopefully reinvigorate their love of reading and learning.

“The total refurbishment will cost approximately fifteen thousand pounds and will be entirely up to the school to raise for its pupils.”

Whilst data around the future of libraries remains a cause for concern, it must be remembered that there are good news stories as well, such as the Lyndhurst children’s library which was reopened in 2022 due to local pressure, with people in the community volunteering to man the new facility. An award winning library in Oslo has also reinvented library use with modern technology and other artistic disciplines, such as music and gaming, being incorporated in children’s areas.

For anyone wanting to get involved in the campaign please contact Krys Yates at ptabrock@gmail.com or to donate directly towards the outstanding sum please visit the school’s Just Giving page via this link - <https://bit.ly/4bwM1ur>

Picture 1 - Krys Yates (Head of the school’s PTA) with pupils from Brockenhurst Primary School.

Picture 2 - Pupils from Brockenhurst Primary School

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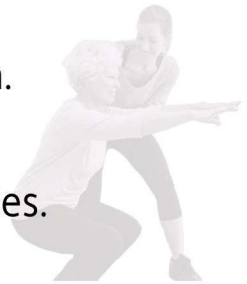


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Our choir has been rehearsing in St Saviour's Church this term, and as a "Thank you" we invite you to a short informal concert on Monday 22nd April at 7pm with a retiring collection for Church funds.

It will take the form of a dress rehearsal for our forthcoming concert on May 25th at Beaulieu Abbey, as part of the Music at

Beaulieu programme.

There will be a selection of world music which includes some well known pieces. Our Music Director, Phil Daish-Handy, will be giving a short cello recital.

BROCKENHURST FOOTBALL CLUB

Brockenhurst Football Club has a regular social programme in the newly refurbished clubhouse. The Clubhouse has a full bar and is open to members and non-members, who are welcome to join us for a drink or to attend any of the events.

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Practising yoga doesn't have to involve rolling out your mat or taking an hour out of your day. Finding little spaces and ways to integrate some gentle movement in your daily routine can be a great way to practice yoga. That's why we're bringing you a yoga pose of the month to help find more ways to keep moving, keep breathing and keep healthy.

Your 'Second Heart'

This month we're focusing on your 'second heart'—your calf muscles which play an important role in promoting blood circulation pumping blood from your legs back to your heart. Whilst we may be familiar with keeping your calf muscles active on a long-haul flight to reduce the risk of deep vein thrombosis (DVT), it's important to stay active throughout the day to keep your blood flowing smoothly, reduce the risk of clots and varicose veins forming from long periods of inactivity. Here is a simple way to build a bit of yoga into your daily routine.

Standing Calf Raises

The next time you make a cup of tea, whilst the kettle boils, do a few standing calf raises. If you're not sure about your balance, start by placing your hands lightly on the countertop. Take a full, slow breath, inhaling and exhaling noticing your belly and rib cage rise and fall. On your next inhale, as you stand straight, lift your heels so you balance on the balls of your feet. Feel the gentle squeeze in your calf muscles. As you exhale, lower your heels, remembering to keep a soft bend in your knees. You can repeat this several times, slowly raising and lowering yourself with your breath. If you want to work on your balance, try holding yourself up on the ball of your feet for a breath or two, and gradually increase how long you stay up on the balls of your feet. As you feel comfortable with balancing, try your calf raises without holding onto the counter. Remember, it's ok to feel a little wobble, and reach for the counter to steady yourself.

Seated Calf Raises

If you're reading this sitting down, take a moment to do a few seated calf raises. You can work with your breath as above. As you inhale, lift your heels so you roll onto the ball of your feet. On your exhale, lower the heels. You can repeat this several times. Remember to do a few seated calf raises whilst your on our computer, watching tele or having a cuppa with a friend.

Yoga with Dr. Mo

Mo is an advanced yoga teacher (RYT500) with training in Sivananda, Anusara and Vinyasa yoga and specialist training in Yoga for Cancer. Her classes weave together breath work, postures, and meditation to bring ancient yoga philosophy to life on and off the mat. She teaches in Milford on Sea, at SenSpa in Brockenhurst and offers a Yoga for Cancer class on Zoom. Mo offers 1:1 and small group classes as well as workshops. To find out more, get in touch mo@yogawithdrmo.co.uk.

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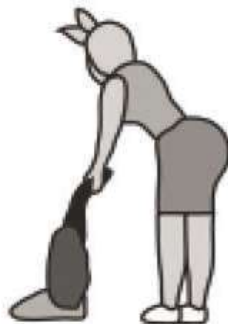
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ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION 21 APRIL 2024

The annual ANZAC service will be held on Sunday 21st April. As in previous years we will invite the youth groups to muster at 2.45pm with the service starting at 3pm. The bell will toll during the laying of the posies and the congregation are all then invited back to Tile Barn immediately following the service for refreshments and cake and an opportunity to mingle. We look forward to seeing you there.

The History

An Anzac Day open-air service was first held in April 1920, the fifth anniversary of the Gallipoli landings, at the graves. The New Zealand Commissioner sent a wreath, but it was not until after WW2 that there appears to be any official from N.Z. Commission attendance.

A ceremony of remembrance has taken place on the nearest Sunday to ANZAC day, April 25th, every year since and now a wreath is normally laid by a member of the New Zealand High Commission.

In 1916 a, temporary, extension to the churchyard was made to the east of the path down from the church, for the burial of the soldiers who died at the No. 1 New Zealand Military Hospital.

From 1919 the up keep of the graves was by the 'Parish Roll of Honour Guild', who, in 1921, received a letter from the Right Honourable W. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand, thanking them for their work saying.

'We in New Zealand will never forget the great kindness extended to our boys in Brockenhurst'.

It became a permanent part of the Churchyard in 1921 when the area, was purchased by the Imperial War Graves Commission who replaced the wooden crosses in 1924 and erected the memorial in 1927.

It was in 1929 that the Revd. Haslem organised the first processional service, led by the cross and choir of St. Saviour's Church, with Guides, Scouts, Cubs and Brownies, members of the Red Cross and V.A.D.'s which proceeded through the village and was joined by the Parish Church choir for an open air service at the memorial; this laid the basis of today's annual service.

More details of the graves are in By-Gone 12 available soon.

The By-Gone Brockenhurst books have been published to raise funds for the up-keep of buildings and grounds of the Village parish churches and are available at Cards & Candies, Pot Pourri and Streets, all on Brookley Road.

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Spring Concert in Support of Oakhaven Hospice Saturday 13th April at 7 pm in St Saviour's Church Brockenhurst. Please join us for an uplifting evening of song with The Friday Girls and the All Ladies Chamber Maids Choir from Ringwood.

The Chamber Maids, Conducted by Musical Director Ivy Tan, kick off the evening with the Faure Requiem. During the interval refreshments will be served. The second half of the concert - the Friday Girls, conducted by Musical Director - Cynthia Wilson take the stage.

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WOMENS' INSTITUTE

The monthly meeting of the Brockenhurst branch of the W.I. was held in the village hall on Monday 11th March and led by Elaine our Vice Chair.

A throng of ladies perused the room to see what was on offer over the next few weeks. Sign up sheets offered places at a lunch club, a quiz team, a local walk through Beechern Woods and a demonstration of 'Spiced Dorset Apple Cake' - truly something for everyone!

Future events were also flagged. 'Fabric Fiesta' is held over the weekend 27th and 28th April and is where the W.I. holds court in the kitchen catering for all the visitors to this textiles based event. The annual Croquet Evening is destined for a sunny (let's hope) June evening.

Britta was our champion chilli grower last year so it was her decision what we should have a go at in 2024. We were all offered beetroot in varying colours - it will be exciting waiting to see what the seeds produce.

Rita did a wonderful job of explaining what the 'Bandages for Ukraine' group does on a weekly basis. Used sheets are torn and sewn into the desired lengths before being rolled ready for use. It was salutary to think about the destined use of the bandages. Tiny layettes were also held up as Ukrainian mothers are desperate for clothes for their new born babies. Many members generously donate yarn and skill to make these small items to send out in filled shoe boxes.

Mandy Driver from the 'Scottish and Southern Electricity Network' talked to us about services available during power cuts. There is a free priority register available for anyone requiring electricity to maintain their health - this can be accessed via a free phone number 0800 294 3259. We were also advised to enter 105 into our mobile phones - the number to call if there is a power cut.

Our brilliant member Jackie stepped up when the booked speaker didn't show. We were all fascinated and enthralled to hear about her Girl Guide trip to Annapurna in Nepal. She brought the adventure to life with a video featuring coloured prayer flags, incredible scenery and a taste of the hard work involved in climbing such a steep, high mountain. Jackie deserved the enthusiastic clapping she received.

Members meet regularly to share in their love of craft and quilting. There is also a lively darts team. Why not come along yourself to our next meeting on Monday 8th April at 19.00 and see what you would like to join in? We would love to meet you.

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BROCKENHURST AND DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

Our March talk was on a subject close to the heart of many members - a good glass of wine! Wine expert Jonathan Rogers presented his talk "Growing Grapes & Wine Making in England."

Jonathan has spent 30 years in the business, Founder of The Hampshire Vineyards group and organiser of the Hampshire Vineyards Wine Festival. A former manager at Wickham Vineyard he now has his own wine shop in Emsworth.

He ran through the history of the rise of English wine from the time of the Domesday book (1086) when there were 42 record vineyards in the England through a low following the Destruction of the Monasteries (1536) and their growth to around 503 today. Most are in the southernmost counties - Kent to Cornwall - with Hampshire making a large contribution. Interestingly Sussex has acquired Protected Denomination of Origin (PDO) status for its wine so watch out for that "bottle of Sussex" when out shopping!

The last 5 years has seen a 70% increase in the hectareage of vineyards and Jonathan detailed the factors needed to ensure good growth in England, from the soil and site conditions to even methods of pruning. English wines are exported to Norway, USA, Canada, and Australia and others but jokingly he added that he thought it would be a while until the French sold English wine in Paris!

The club welcomed two new members and was briefed on the imminent launch of the new website, including a quick demonstration of how easy it will be to use QR codes to access it quickly on smart phones.

The next meetings are as follows:

Tuesday April 9th. Tales of a Roving Reporter - Alan Jones. A return visit of this very popular speaker after his much-acclaimed talk in 2021.

Tuesday May 14th. Health, Humanity & Humour- Dr Alastair Smith. Health care then and now; NHS - Reality, Covid and the Future; Challenges for the NHS consultant; all with an added touch of humour.

Club Meetings are at Brockenhurst Masonic Hall on the second Tuesday of each month and offer a chance to have a drink and a meal with other members. If you are retired (or about to retire) and want to extend your friendship circle, why not join us by contacting the Secretary on 01590 622 501 or by visiting the website at www.brockenhurstprobus.com



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17 April, 11.00 am Longslade Bottom

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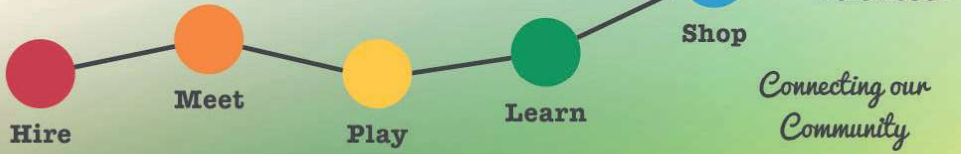
We have booked extra sessions every Tuesday in April, £5, from 2pm to 4.30pm at the Village Hall. Please come and call in if you are interested, Sue Andrews our excellent exercise trainer, designs an hour's exercise routine which we all enjoy despite our varying abilities. Cardio, weights, balance and stretching are all covered in the hour. The optional table tennis and short tennis follow on after refreshments, which allow for socialising.

The social programme over the summer starts with a BBQ in May and subsequently a monthly walk and pub lunch.



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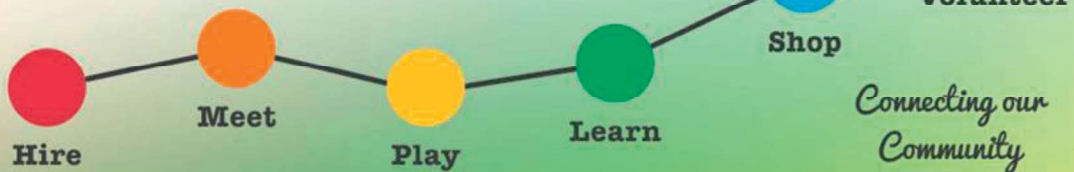
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Monday 8th April	The Arts Society 10:30am-12pm
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Monday 15th April	The Flower Club workshop with Jo Richards Doors 10am-3pm
Thursday 19th April	Wessex Internet drop in between 10am-4pm
April 20th April	Friends of The New Forest
Sunday 21st April	Little Pickles Market 10am-11:30am
Monday 23rd April	Yoga- Full Moon Gong session 5:15pm-6:45pm
Monday 23rd April	Let’s talk about Community Art – ‘What’s it all about’ 2:30
Monday 23rd April	Sip and Paint – Community Art project 6:30-9:00
Saturday 27th April	Brockenhurst Needlework Fiesta 10am-5pm
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Thursday 11 April

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SUNDAY 14 APRIL

9.00am Holy Communion - St. Nicholas' Church
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9.00am Holy Communion - St. Saviour's Church
10.30am Holy Communion - St. Saviour's Church
2.45 for 3.00 pm Anzac Service – St. Nicholas' Churchyard

Thursday 25 April

10.00am Said Holy Communion - St. Saviour's Church

SUNDAY 28 APRIL

9.00am Holy Communion - St. Nicholas' Church
10.30am Morning Praise - St. Saviour's Church
6.30pm Choral Evensong - St. John's Church, Boldre

Please see our website for latest information and details of how to access Zoom and Online Services www.brockenhurstchurch.com or phone the church office on 624584 for assistance

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	Church	Community	Roads
7	House Groups and Prayer Groups	Doctors and Nurses	Park Close
14	Members of the PCC	Health service workers	Tile Barn Lane
21	Our pianists, Pauline Brown, Mike Kelly and our other musicians	The hospitals serving the village	Wide Lane Close and Whitemoor Road
28	The Mothers' Union	Probus clubs	Woodbury and Armstrong Close

PRAYER TIMES

Daily prayer is happening on line at 8:30am for Morning Prayer and at 5:30pm for Evening Prayer. They are accessed via the church website: brockenhurstchurch.com.

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

John Fitzpatrick

WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

During school term time, we continue to welcome guests to a 2 course lunch each Wednesday in the Church Hall. We have managed to maintain the cost at £5 and wherever possible, offer transport for the less mobile.

We will be having our Easter break on Wednesday 3rd and 10th April when there will be no lunches.

For more information or to book a place, please contact the Church Office on 624584. This is also the number to ring if you have booked a place and subsequently find you are unable to attend.

Lesley Munt , Lunch Co-ordinator

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Christian Care for Families through praying, enabling and campaigning

Another Board Game Cafe afternoon was held recently when people came to the Church Hall for a fun afternoon of playing games and enjoying delicious tea and cake. We're hoping to hold another of these afternoons in the autumn, so watch out for the date!

Mothering Sunday posies were once more made by members and distributed to the congregations at St. Nicholas' and St. Saviour's churches and arrangements of potted spring flowers were taken into Woodpeckers and Forest Oaks Nursing Homes.



Our monthly corporate communion service is at **10.00 on Thursday 4 April** in St. Saviour's Church followed by coffee at CAMEO for those who can stay.

We continue to enjoy meeting at our new time of 2.30 on 3rd Thursdays monthly in the Church Hall. This month we invite you to come along to our meeting on **Thursday 18 April** when we have a speaker from The Blue Lamp Trust 'Cyber Bobby', advising us about safety in IT. This is an important subject relevant to us all, so please do come along and hear how we can keep ourselves safe. You don't have to be a member to attend - everyone is welcome! Entrance is £2 which includes delicious home-made cake and tea or coffee.

For more information about the work of the Mothers' Union worldwide, visit www.mothersunion.org or pick up a leaflet in either St. Nicholas' or St. Saviour's church, together with Brockenhurst Branch programme of meetings.

Lesley Munt, M.U. Branch Secretary



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JMECA embraces seven Diocese divided into the two Provinces of Jerusalem and the Middle East and Alexandria.

The physical area covered by the two Provinces is enormous stretching from Cyprus in the West and working East to Yemen and Oman in the East and embraces Israel, the Holy Land and, Palestine, the Gulf States and Iran at its border with Pakistan, whilst in the North, JMECA provides ministry to Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, and Egypt as well as such smaller countries as Djibouti , Ethiopia and Somalia..

Looking at a map it readily becomes clear that Churches supported by JMECA are serving now in some of the most volatile and dangerous regions of the World, working in the Holy Land, Gaza, the West Bank, Jordan Yemen and both sides of the Red Sea!

Throughout the area of its responsibilities the charity runs medical and educational facilities to a standard unrivalled in the Middle East where poverty and hardship is taken for granted; Eye clinics in Yemen, hospitals in Nablus on the West Bank and schools in Jerusalem are examples, whilst Anglican churches and their congregations bear physical witness to the works enabled by the support to which we and others contribute. Even in countries like Saudi Arabia and Iran, where Christianity is severely discouraged, JMECA reaches out in the name of Jesus.

The chairman of the trustees of JMECA is Bishop Anthony Ball who is the assistant bishop in Alexandria Province, in addition to his role in Westminster Abbey, and he writes: *'This is an unusual and possibly unique moment in the unfolding story of the two provinces with the Primates (Archbishops) each being the only diocesan bishops in their church and therefor acting in that role for all seven dioceses supported by JMECA'*.

Further information can be found on the websight:www.jmeca.org.uk

Tony Foulger

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CHURCH SERVICES at 10.30am:

7th April Miss Rosemary Wells
14th April Mr Rob White
21th April Rev. Mike Shrubsole – Holy Communion
28th April Rev. Barbara Jeffries

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Our **Tiddlers playgroup** meets **every Tuesday, during school term time only**, in the Methodist Schoolroom from 10am to 11.30am. We welcome all pre-school children with a parent, grandparent or guardian for a time of fun and fellowship. Cost, including refreshment, is **£2** per family.

No booking is necessary, just come along.

Contact - Carolyn ☎ 01590 623 328

I CURRAWONG & METHODIST BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 2.30pm in the Methodist Schoolroom. All are welcome to come and share in a time of fellowship and exploration of the Bible.

St Anne's Roman Catholic Church

Rhinefield Road, Brockenhurst

Fr David Adams is the Parish Priest for St Anne's Brockenhurst, St Francis of Assisi, Milford on Sea and Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph, Lymington. The parish office covers all three parishes and is based at Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph Church, 132 High Street, Lymington SO41 9AQ, telephone number 676696, email address office@lymbrockmil.org.uk.

The website for the catholic churches in the New Forest is www.nfwf.org.uk.

Mass is celebrated at the following times:

St Francis of Assisi, Milford on Sea	Sunday 9am
Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph, Lymington	Saturday 6pm Sunday 10.30
St Anne's, Brockenhurst	Sunday 6pm

Weekdays

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph, Lymington	Tuesday 10am
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