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The chaplain writes:

Some years ago near my home in Nottinghamshire, I visited a farmer, Roy Prinold. Roy, a Methodist, was a devout old man who had befriended me as a teenager. I was concerned upon my arrival to see Roy's old Fergie tractor chuffing down the field without him on it. Then I saw him kneeling a few yards behind it looking at the ground. He had seen a tiny flower. "Isn't God good!" he said to me before catching his tractor up and switching it off to have a conversation with me.

His acclamation began a conversation about the seasons and life cycles and the reassurance of these things and what they tell us about God. In a garden far away from Southwick over 2,000 years ago a woman stood weeping. Jesus speaks to her and after a momentary misconception that he is the gardener and Mary makes the immense journey from utter bereavement to a place of finding; finding on the far side of loss, finding him in the miracle of his risen life. Mary tells us, 'I have seen the Lord' and in this short statement, there is hope, opportunity and renewal. Within the Gospel message there is reassurance from Jesus of his care and companionship in all that is to come; and with it, the breath of new life.

A year or two ago we were asking: Where is God in this? Well, what a journey we have travelled, covering landscapes of loss and burying ourselves in the monotony of lockdowns and other crises. The damage is visible; economically as well as environmentally and we will continue to bear the scars in our human story well into the future.

Further in our conversation I remember asking Roy what he thought was the most important thing about Easter, to which he replied, 'Renewal!' What amazes me is that someone who had lived almost a century was still seeking to be renewed - having lived through war and the challenges, hard

work and ups and downs of farming he still found the world quite wonderful, compelling and life giving.

God is calling each one of us to experience new life in the risen Jesus. Is this wonderful world, one of equality, justice and peace for everyone or only for a few? Are we ready to 'Live His Story' of radical change, justice and compassion?

Across the nation, Churches are currently beginning to consider a House of Bishops' Document called 'Living in Faith and Love' – a paper which will permit the blessing of same sex couples in our churches, though coming short of allowing them to marry there. The document considers issues of identity, sexuality and relationships.

It provides opportunity through honest and open conversation to refresh old ideas and rigid mindsets. I'm sure we will find at times that this will be an uncomfortable journey. An uncomfortable journey is one that God knows well. Jesus travelled it before us with an act of sacrificial love on the cross. Jesus bears the scars with us and therefore we have nothing to fear as he tells us, 'I am with you always'.

Just as the seasons renew and replenish, I pray, so will you. May you truly know and inhabit the joy of Easter!

I end with some words from an Easter hymn:

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Jesus' touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

Your affectionate friend and Chaplain  
Simon

**A clipping from the Portsmouth News reads.....**

## **“NEW YEARS HONOURS**

The chairman of the popular Southwick Revival has been honoured.

Martin Bazeley has been recognised as a Medallist of the Order of the British Empire (BEM) for his services to the community

The fantastic nostalgic event commemorating the D-Day Landings has to date raised £182,500 for charity with the Armed Forces charity SSAFA and Rowans Hospice in Purbrook among the beneficiaries. Mr Bazeley a farmer in Southwick “

Well done, Martin!

## **RAINFALL FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2023**



**November rainfall: 145.6mm**

**December rainfall: 113.4mm**

2023 Total: 1070.80mm or 42.16 inches. (2022 total of 31.70 inches)

Thanks to an exceptionally wet ‘back end’ the year has ranked as the fifth wettest since records began (1988). The wettest year was 2000 with over 49 inches and the driest was 2011 with 26.41. Our 36 year average is 34.5 inches.



# LENT COURSE

Watch and Pray invites us all to wait expectantly for God to meet us and sustain us through the storms and trials we all face

**Southwick and Boarhunt Lent Group discussions** on the material will be happening in

**St James' Church, Southwick** at 7pm on Wednesdays  
28<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

*The Church of England's Lent theme for 2024, Watch and Pray invites us all to wait expectantly for God to meet us and sustain us through the storms and trials we all face. For each day of Lent, the Watch and Pray booklet offers a Bible verse, a short reflection, an idea for 'watching', and a prayer. It invites us to seek God in both familiar and unfamiliar places this Lent: in darkness and in quiet; in movement and migration; in the healing and transforming work of the Spirit; in the weeping of Holy Week and in the joy of Easter morning.*

**Watch and Pray Books** are available  
from Rev Simon



# Lent Lunches

St Nicholas' and St James' Simple lunches  
of home made soup, cheese and bread  
Donations for the Rowans

On Fridays 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March 2024  
in the D-Day Hall at 12.30pm

Everyone welcome!

Please sign up on the list in church if you  
would like to attend



**St James' Church Southwick  
EASTER CHOIR 2024 ALERT!**

Following the meteoric success of the scratch Christmas Choir we are planning an Easter choir to practice two pieces for the Easter Day Service at Southwick

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Let Simon (07905 318016)  
or Derek (07825 226316)  
know if you are interested



St James' Southwick and St Nicholas' Boarhunt

## **LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024**

**Ash Wednesday** 14th February, 7.00pm Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at Southwick

**Mothering Sunday** 10th March Southwick 10.45am, 30 Minute Service suitable for everyone

**Maundy Thursday** Southwick 28th March 7.00pm. Eucharist stripping of the altars, Church open for vigil

**Good Friday** 29th March Southwick. 2.00-3.00pm Good Friday meditation

**Easter Day** 31st March Holy Communion 8.30am and 10.45am at Southwick,, 9.30am at Boarhunt

**Lent Lunches** See separate flyer

**Lent Course** See separate flyer



There will be a 30 Minute Service in  
St James' Church Southwick on 10th  
March 2024 at 10.45am

The service is for everyone, and for  
all ages, giving thanks for mothers  
past, present and future and  
acknowledging too those whose  
experiences of mothering or being  
mothered has been challenging

## **Royal Armouries Fort Nelson D-Day Exhibition**

Fort Nelson will be holding a D-Day Exhibition at the end of May 2024.

They have listened to and read a number of interviews with Southwick residents from the D-Day story, but it would also be really great if anyone has any more interviews or photos that they could potentially use for the exhibition or if anyone would be interested in speaking to someone at Fort Nelson.

If you are able to help in any way please contact Ellis Taylor, Public Engagement Officer.

Email [ellis.taylor@armouries.org.uk](mailto:ellis.taylor@armouries.org.uk)

Thanking you in advance for any help you are able to offer.

## Boarhunt Parish Council



Happy New Year, we hope that you had a wonderful festive season starting with the Christmas Party kindly funded by Hampshire County Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Hall with 49 children booked to see Santa.

The hall and exterior had been decorated and lit up for the event and looked very bright and welcoming. The afternoon started off with the amazing magician Charlie who kept all adults and children amused for 45 minutes until Santa appeared on the Horse and Carriage with the horses looking like unicorns! This was really exciting for everyone as it has been many years since there has been an event like this in the village.

Before the horses and carriage arrived in Trampers Lane, a well and truly illuminated carriage with so many fairy lights twinkling away had done a tour around Wickham Court so that those not well enough to join us at the hall were able to have a small part in our party. This was very much appreciated by them.

Santa then helped by his Elf gave everyone there own present and the atmosphere was electric, the kids then had a hot dog and drink and each one was also, given a goodie bag.

This was followed by Carols, mulled wine and mince pies, a lot of the children had left by this time but those that stayed on and the adults that subsequently joined in making the hall really come alive!

A Christmas quiz followed in the bar whilst the hall was made ready for the evening entertainment with Andy Osman who sang away with many dancing until almost 11.00 p.m. Food for adults was provided by Crescent Spoon and as ever was delicious.

The feedback that the organising committee (Ruth and Julian Proost, Eddie and Emma Schofield and Carolynne Trew) has been really fantastic and much appreciated and we are now planning to do more events in 2024 for the community.

Events in the pipeline are an Easter Egg Hunt, Summer BBQ/Barn Dance, Autumn Harvest Flower and Produce Festival and Christmas Party. Sadly, not all can be free so they will have to be self-funded, but we will endeavour to keep the costs down.

Keep an eye out on Facebook and the Webpage for more information as these will be updated as details become available. The Easter Egg Hunt will be open to everyone. We are also hoping to have a very well-known children's author visit us this year, but you will be the first to know!

It is hoped that we can start up more community groups using the hall; it is there for everyone in the village and whilst there might be a small charge to use it, that is only to cover overhead costs. The Parish Council leave it up to you as residents to get the groups up and running and will always support you where we can or even join you! For more information please contact Erin Taylor, our wonderful Parish Clerk, [clerk@boarhuntparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@boarhuntparishcouncil.gov.uk), who will be happy to advise and point you in the right direction.

Boarhunt Community Speedwatch has conducted 104, hour long sessions since 30 Nov 22, primarily at 3 sites on the B2177 Southwick Road.

- 3628 vehicles have been reported to the police since 30 Nov 22 for speeding in excess of 35mph.

## Directory

<b>Club/Organisation/Facility</b>	<b>Contact Name</b>	<b>Telephone No</b>
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Church Warden, St James	Joan Dickson	01329 220 091
Church Warden, St Nicholas	Edwina Johnson	01329 239 073
D-Day Memorial Hall (bookings) paulinelbailey@hotmail.co.uk	Pauline Bailey	023 93785 298
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
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Southwick Luncheon Club	Carol Watson	023 92384 069
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- The average speed of the reported vehicles over this period has been 39.73mph.
- The fastest reported vehicle was 81mph.
- The 6 fastest recorded speeds have been 81, 77, 73, 70 (x3) mph.
- 2525 reported vehicles were manually detected by the hand-held radar gun.
- 743 reported vehicles were automatically detected by the portable ANPR camera.
- White cars are the most reported colour (747), followed by Black (656), Grey (540), Blue (515), Silver (431) and Red (243).
- A Ford is most likely to be reported for speeding (518), followed by Volkswagen (286) and Vauxhall (265).
- Of the makes above a Ford Transit (117) is most reported, followed by Volkswagen Golf (76) and Vauxhall Astra (39).
- The most prevalent speeding vehicles are a white Ford Transit (76).

## **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 06/12/2023**

Circulated and agreed as a true and accurate record

### **Parish Council Finance**

- i. To endorse payments made for December 2023 (endorsed by Chair)
- ii. To receive current financial statement of accounts to end (endorsed by Chair)

**Planning Applications** - Five new planning requests were reviewed by the Parish Council

### **Boarhunt Environment**

- i. Blackhouse Lane – Parish Council agreed to a working party to assist clearing the stream banks

- ii. Wickham Court – Regency Living are still waiting on road closure notification to proceed with work.
- iii. Springfield House – A case has been raised to HCC in December, pending an engineer's visit
- iv. General flooding in Boarhunt - the Clerk is recording all incidents of flooding incidents in the village

### **Boarhunt Community**

- i. Village Event 23 December 2023 – special thanks go to Carolyne Trew & Ruth Proost for the immense amount of work they put in to organising such a successful event
- ii. Village Design Statement - The Parish Council are looking at various options on how to publish the updated Village Design Statement
- iii. Speedwatch – To date 3200 cars have been caught speeding
- iv. Review of Lengthsman contract – Clerk to seek alternative options

### **Parish Council**

- i. Policy Review - all policies are under review
- ii. Social Club Meetings - pending next meeting date from the social club
- iii. New Parish Hall – next meeting due 18/01/2024

### **Correspondence**

- i. Meon Valley Food Bank thanked the Parish Council for the donation
- ii. Parish Magazine distribution - some villagers do not receive the Parish magazine
  - a. Clerk to investigate options
- iii. Resident M Stares – Recreation gates
  - a. The Parish Council are reviewing the options with a view to replacing the existing single gate

**Next meeting of Full Council – 7th February 2024**

# **MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held at the Parish Hall 7.30 pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

## **PRESENT:**

Parish Councillors, Tiggy Ayoub, presiding, Carolyne Trew, Darryl Pynigar & Wayne Johnson

Mayor of Winchester: Angela Clear

Chair of Hampshire: Patricia Stallard

Clerk/RFO Erin Taylor

Members of public: 3

## **Public Participation and Reports from District Council, County Council and Parish**

### **Chair of Hampshire – Patricia Stallard**

**Household waste charges** - A reminder that as from 01/01/2024, residents using HCC Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) will no longer be charged for disposing of their DIY waste - in line with the Government policy changes. Up to two 50-litre rubble bags, or one bulky item.

**Fire and Rescue Authority Mid-Year Update** - The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service has published its mid-year update on their annual performance. Please visit [hantsfire.gov.uk](https://hantsfire.gov.uk) to view.

**Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan consultation** the consultation on the updated plan started during the week beginning 8th January 2024 and will last for eight weeks. Details can be found at Hampshire County Council website.

**Climate change and nature recovery** The Council has published its Climate Change Annual Progress Report - which highlights the progress of council backed community initiatives and its own efforts to tackle climate change. One example is the Solar Together scheme - over the past two years, 2,100 households have purchased competitively priced solar panels,

resulting in the installation of 7,400kw of rooftop solar power, which has the capacity to save an estimated 46,000 tonnes of carbon emissions.

**Roads** The County Council's Highways Service Annual Review for 2023 can be found on the Hampshire County Council website.

**Hampshire City Council app** – HCC have released an app to make it easier to report issues. The app is called [OurHants](#)

**Mayor of Winchester – Angela Clear**

Angela reminded everyone of the ongoing Vinecross consultation to replace two semi-detached houses with more affordable properties. Angela also thanked the Parish Council for the wonderful Christmas event, which all agreed was a great success.

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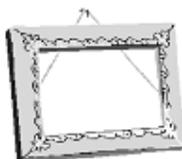
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