



Itchenor News

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UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

2016 has been a busy year. The Itchenor Society has again been involved in the many aspects that combine to make this village a special place to live and we have worked closely with the Parish Council on a number of issues that have affected our village.

The year started with continued concern over the proposed development at Northshore. Many residents took the time to give their responses to the application on the CDC website. Over the Christmas period, the Parish Council and the Itchenor Society put in many hours to ensure that we were well prepared to appear before the CDC Planning Committee in January. The effort was well worth it when the committee voted against the proposed development. A huge thank you to all those involved, particularly Alastair Spencer and Christopher Mead Briggs.

In May, we again supported the Parish Council in their attempts to preserve Old Haven. CDC officers were invited to view the property and after much discussion and on-going pressure, the CDC Enforcement team issued an enforcement order (a Section 215 Notice). The owner has four months from the end of September to carry out the work detailed in the notice. Along the same lines an enforcement notice was served on Northshore to remove the moulds which lie on the land alongside the John Davis path. Our thanks go to the Parish Council for continuing to pursue these issues.

The proposed upgrade of the A27 divided opinion on the best way forward for the Manhood Peninsular. The Itchenor Society were conscious not to promote one particular view but instead we sent out a number of emails with information and links to a variety of options and opinions. We sought to ensure that residents were informed of the proposals and encouraged as many people as possible to register their views on the Highways England website. Again we worked with the Parish Council and assisted with the public meeting held in August which was well attended. The consultation period is now closed and we await the views of Highways England which should be published in the Spring of 2017.



In March the Secretary and I attended a public meeting organised by Natural England regarding the proposed Coastal Path.

Although the process of defining the actual route is still in its early stages, Natural England has confirmed that it will recommend to the Minister that the route around Chichester



Harbour use the Itchenor/Bosham Ferry. This excellent news will enable the ferry service to operate 12 months a year. Residents should bear in mind that ongoing support of this facility will help with the viability of the operation. Any further developments will be made public by Natural England through the internet and press.

Our Membership Secretary, Colin Simpson continues to do a marvellous job of keeping our membership lists in order. To date two thirds of the village are members of the Society and we are happy that this ensures our on-going relevance in Itchenor. We are using emails to send out information that we think will be of interest in a timely manner. Please keep us informed of your up to date email address so that we can keep you informed. Our subscriptions enable us to make various charitable donations to organisations that have particular relevance to our village and we will continue to do this thus ensuring support for these worthwhile causes. If haven't already paid your subscription for this year and you would like to, please contact Colin.

As always, social functions have been a significant feature of our activities this year and once again it has been good to see the village come together and enjoy some very good parties. The Walking Carols just before Christmas were well attended and our thanks go to the Creaks and the Impeys for their generous supply of mulled wine and mince pies. A good supper at the Sailing Club followed and we were able to take a cheque to the Snowdrop Trust in early January for £520 thanks to the generosity of all involved. The Winter Lunch at the Ship was very well attended - and quite delicious - a good way to spend a winter's afternoon.

The Summer Party was a wonderful evening. After a day of rain, the sun broke through and we were able to enjoy the hospitality of the Backhouses in their beautiful garden. As this was also a celebration of the Queens 90th Birthday we all enjoyed the Union Jack cake and we were treated to the excellent music of our local Jazz

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SUMMER PARTY

The annual Summer Party is always one of the key events in the calendar and this year was no exception. Held on June 25th, 130 guests arrived to make the evening a truly memorable event. Our thanks go to the Backhouses who invited us to use their stunning home and garden overlooking the harbour as the venue for the party.

Luckily the weather, which had threatened heavy showers all day, turned out to be a beautiful sunny evening. A delicious selection of canapés was complimented by a Union Jack cake in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday. We were also treated to the excellent music of our local jazz band SJQ. Everyone agreed that it was an wonderful evening and our thanks go to all who helped make it such a good event.

Found after the Summer Party!

If you lost a silver bracelet at the Summer Party, please contact Glynis Lansdale on 07775 647144.





CHRISTMAS TREES IN ITCHENOR

Every year the Itchenor Society organise lit Christmas trees at the Church and on the Hard. This year both trees have been sourced from the Goodwood Estate and we are grateful to the Ship Inn, Haines Boatyard, the Harbour Conservancy and Lansdale Marine for their generous contributions to the cost of the trees. Do go and have a look - the lit trees at sunset are particularly beautiful!

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

During the year the Itchenor Society made the following charitable donations

Itchenor Memorial Hall	£250
Chichester Harbour Trust	£200
Friends of Chichester Harbour	£200
St Nicholas Church	£500
British Legion	£100

CALLING ALL GARDENERS. YOUR MEMORIAL HALL NEEDS YOU

Working parties are planned in December and January to maintain the shrubbery etc. For further information contact John McCann (jmccann479@btinternet.com)



THE SHIP INN

The Ship Inn is described as the best pub in Itchenor in our Parish Magazine and has been serving the village since the 18th Century. It is, in fact, the only pub in Itchenor (!) and has an enviable record of providing refreshment to inhabitants of the village and to visitors. The site of the pub, in the centre of the historic core of the village has ensured that the Ship Inn has always been popular. In the past the principal customers would have been the farming inhabitants of the village and those working the Harbour. In the early 20th Century, with improved communications, the number of visitors grew as more people had the leisure time to travel on excursions and as yachting in the Harbour became more popular. From the early 1930's there was a considerable expansion in the number of houses in the village, driven mainly by recreational sailing activities, increasing even further demands on the Ship Inn.

The Ship Inn is at the heart of the village, both metaphorically and geographically and is an important feature of village life. We are lucky as a village to have such an active pub providing entertainment and refreshment to locals and visitors alike.

The Ship Inn is built on a site a couple of hundred yards from the Hard, opposite the lane now leading to Itchenor Sailing Club. The original building of the Inn was in a similar alignment to the line of Cottages, built by the Duke of Richmond in the early 1800's, that typify the village close to the Harbour. This main building was surrounded by smaller buildings, some of which survive to this day, that were then used as a coach house and stables, piggery and dairy. At that time a pint of beer was 2d (less than 1p in current coinage) and a bottle of whisky was 3/6 (17.5p), somewhat less than today's prices!!

The old Inn was demolished in 1931 and replaced by the larger current building, designed in the Tudor revival style

that was popular at that time. The building was moved back on its plot, to provide a large open space to the front, and earlier walls enclosing the site removed. The current building includes a large bar area, restaurant and accommodation as well as the open space in front of the pub, upon which many tables are set up in good weather. The old coach house has been converted into a holiday cottage.

The bar of the pub is surrounded by traditional wooden panelling and has an open fire, which is kept burning as soon as the weather cools down. It is particularly lively on Friday evenings, when many local residents make a point of meeting their friends there. If you have not already been to the Ship, choosing a Friday evening is a perfect time, you are sure to meet someone you know. The Ship Inn prides itself on the wide variety of beers available to its customers, by promoting real ales brewed locally in Sussex and Hampshire and is included in CAMRA listings.

The restaurant is popular with both local villagers and the many visitors during the summer season and at the weekend. The food is classic good pub food with a modern twist and a strong focus on seafood. Servings tend to be generous, so go when you are hungry!

Contact details:

The Ship Inn, the Street, Itchenor PO20 7AH

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RAISING THE ROOF!

As you will be aware the new roof at St. Nicholas' Church is just about complete and the contractor and roofers have done a great job for us. It has been interesting over the past few weeks to see developments and discoveries as they have happened. Originally it was hoped to be able to reuse some 70% of the existing tiles but they were found to be in poorer condition than anticipated and the number of suitable tiles came to less than 50%. Additional tiles were sourced from a specialist reclamation site and, ironically, these tiles came, in the main, from a barn in Ichenor!

Naturally, the first thing to be preserved was a bat that may have been resident in the roof area, and in order to make it comfortable an opening had to be created at each end of the church. Further exploration revealed some 13/14th century beams, still in sound condition, some original square wooden tile pegs as well as some mediaeval tiles. It appears that the tiles may have been made locally and imprinted into some of them can be seen paw marks of a dog that went for walk across them while the tiles were drying.

Some tiles bear scratch marks made by an earlier tiler showing his initials and number of tiles used in a particular area. A carpenter has also carved his mark into a beam.

We hope to prepare a display of some of the items and photographs of the work undertaken in early December. Do come and see it. And by the way, the new roof means we now have a dry, warm place of worship, so why not experience some of its benefits on a Sunday?

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN ITCHENOR

Friday 16th December

6pm Walking Carols starting at Russet Cottage. A stroll through the village singing well known carols before arriving at the Sailing Club where supper will be available.

Please make sure that you have a torch and that younger children are accompanied.

Sunday 18th December

8pm Carols at the Ship Inn



St Nicholas Christmas Services

Sunday 4th December

11am Toy Service and a celebration of the festival of our patron St. Nicholas. Toys will be given to needy children.

Sunday 18th December

6pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve

4pm Children's Carols by Candlelight

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

11am Holy Communion for all the family



2017 - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 22nd January Winter Lunch at the Sailing Club
Booking details to follow in early January

Friday 2nd June Wreath Laying Ceremony,
Ichenor Hard, 10.30am

Saturday 17th June Summer Party

Friday 3rd November Ichenor Society AGM

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Band SJQ - thank you to all involved, particularly the committee members who spent a very wet day putting up the tents.

A project that we have undertaken this year, that is a little different, is the launch of the Itchenor Society Christmas Cards. My thanks to Caroline Dunn for getting this underway. All profits will go to our chosen charities and we hope, with your support, to make this a regular Christmas feature.

The AGM was held in November and again it was a very sociable evening with plenty of wine and excellent canapés. The guest speaker this year, Simon Keitley who was the last Customs Officer of Itchenor gave a fascinating talk on a career spent working as a Customs Officer along the South Coast.

The Itchenor Society would not function as well as it does without the time and support given by its committee members. Thank you to all of them for all that they do - and to you, our members, for your support over the last year and your continued involvement in 2017.

WREATH LAYING

This year's wreath laying and service of remembrance for the 601 LCM Flotilla took place on Friday 3rd June. The service was supported by many regular attendees and commenced with Peter Dean giving the welcoming address followed by Richard Craven reading the history of the memorial seat. Capt. Johnny Talbot RN read the names of those who were lost at sea. The Reverend Jonathan Swindells officiated and the Last Post and Reveille were played by bugler Tony Crisp. A wreath was placed on the memorial seat by Alexandra Webb, the Chairman of the Itchenor Society. We are very grateful to all those who support this event including the British Legion standard bearers who bring such colour to the occasion.



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

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