



Itchenor News

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Update from the Chairman, Alexandra Webb

In September 1989 the Itchenor Society was formed and now 25 years later we can look back with pride at our achievements and the role that this society has played in protecting our village and ensuring that it remains a very special place to live.

As I look back over my first year as Chairman it has, as always, been a busy time and there are a number of activities that we as the committee have been involved in. The following pages of this newsletter highlight some of those activities - we have made written representations to improve the Chichester Draft Local Plan, we have protected a designated Rural Gap by putting into trust a protective land strip, we have supported the Parish Council in a number of planning related issues and we have organised social events.

I began my term of office by going back to the Rules of Association. A number of people had asked me what the purpose of the Society was and I wanted to ensure that everything that we did adhered to the original aims. There are a number of objectives set out in the Rules, but for me, four stand out:

- To promote high standards of planning and architecture in the village
- To act as a co-ordinating body and co-operate with local authorities, the Parish Council, the Harbour Conservancy and other organisations interested in the village
- To promote or assist in promoting charitable activities
- To arrange social events to enhance the cohesiveness of the village

With these objectives in mind the committee has continued to ensure that various activities within Itchenor are progressed for the benefit of the village and one of these - promoting charitable activities has in fact been achieved with great success over the last 25 years. Ian Christmas, our Treasurer, kindly prepared a schedule to show that the Society has donated over £23,000 since 1994. The main beneficiaries have been the Memorial Hall and St Nicholas Church as well as various harbour related charities. We are also asked on occasion to contribute towards the purchase or installation of items that will benefit the village - the latest is a defibrillator that we have been asked to pay for the mounting and housing of at the Harbour Office. As a committee we want to continue to support these causes as they provide benefit for all of us but we are also mindful of the need to maintain our reserves so should the need arise we have the funds available to take action quickly. In order to build up the cash reserves, whilst still supporting village causes and social events, we propose to increase the membership subscription to £10 per household. It is worth noting that many of you are very generous and give far more each year. We are very grateful for that and hope that you are able to continue, but we would also like to see a more equitable contribution from all. The new subscription will take effect in December when the renewal notices go out.

The success of the Itchenor Society over the last 25 years is down to the committees that have run it and my sincere thanks go to the current committee not only for all the time that they give willingly, but also for the support that they have shown me.

In conclusion, after 25 years we can look back with pride on what our Society has achieved for our village. Each year we're able to do a little bit more and the fact that seventy percent of households in the village belong to the Society shows that it is still relevant and supported. Those original objectives continue to be achieved each year - here's to the next 25 years!

Chichester Draft Local Plan Protecting the Harbour



Last year the Society made written representations to improve Policy 43 of the Chichester Draft Local Plan which protects the Harbour and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty from more development. The plan is currently being examined by a Government Planning Inspector in front of a sizable audience in the basement at Pallant House and the representations will be discussed at this meeting. It is worth noting that the Plan has been found wanting in failing to provide enough new housing sites. The Plan already proposes a 25% increase in the population of Chichester over the next 15 years but this has not satisfied the Planning Inspector. The Inspector has asked the District Council to initiate an audit of all potential sites so that the proposed figure of 6973 new dwellings during the plan period can be increased. The Itchenor Society will continue to monitor the proceedings.

NEWS FLASH

At the Local Plan Inquiry on 6th November, the Society gave written evidence to support a change to Policy 43 for Chichester Harbour and the AONB. The case was made by Linda Park and Steve Lawrence of the Harbour Conservancy, to change the word in the fifth bullet point from "considered" to "meet" to accord with the Havant Local Plan at the Hampshire end of the Harbour. Steve Lawrence explained that the Chichester Harbour Management Plan 2014-2019 had been through full consultation with all District and County Councils in the area it covers and with the public. Chichester District Council relented and agreed to the modification to accord with the Havant Local Plan.

Royal Visit to Itchenor

On Friday 3rd October, HRH the Duke of Kent paid a brief visit to Itchenor.

His Royal Highness was visiting Chichester Harbour as part of the 50 years celebrations as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. He was met by the Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex, Mrs Susan Pyper, who introduced representatives from Chichester District Council, Chichester Harbour Conservancy, Chichester Harbour Trust, Friends of Chichester Harbour and finally the staff of the Conservancy. His Royal Highness then took a short trip on the Solar boat followed by lunch at Itchenor Sailing Club.

Judi Darley the Conservancy Communities Officer presented His Royal Highness with a gift of Harbour Honey.



Summer Party

Our thanks go to Graine and Jim Hartley for once again hosting the Itchenor Society Summer Party.

We were lucky with the weather this year and a good time was had by all who came along.

A big thank you to the ladies (and men of course) who fed us so well that evening. Another big thank you to Mike and Alastair for organising the bar and let's not forget all those who helped us put up the gazebos and then clear away the next day.



Above: Our Chairman addresses the Itchenor Society Summer Party



Photo left: The previous Chairman Christopher Mead-Briggs presents Betty Liebert with a bouquet of flowers. Betty has kindly given the Society a strip of land between the Oast and the rural gap by the Barns. It was donated with the intention of keeping a buffer zone between the Oast and the rural gap.



Village Hall Activities

Monday 2-4	Knits & Knots
Tuesday 10.30-12.30	Village Voices
Tuesday 12.30-3.30	Twags
	Tues Art Group
Tuesday 6-8	Pilates
Wednesday 11-12	Pilates
Wednesday 1.30-4	Art Group
Thursday 9.15-10.45	Yoga
Thursday 7.30-9	Yoga
Friday 9.30-11	Yoga

Seasonal Monthly Events include:

First Tuesday	Movie Club
Friday	Reeling

For further detail please email Brigitte at betsham@btinternet.com

Itchenor Events Calendar Blog

We are pleased to announce the start of the trial of the Itchenor Events Calendar blog. The link can be found on www.itchenorsociety.co.uk or directly at www.itchenorcal.blogspot.com

It has been said for a long time that the village lacks a one-stop calendar, which can be referred to when planning village events. The calendar currently displays the Memorial Hall bookings, St Nicholas services, The Ship Inn events, The Itchenor Society important dates as well as other dates that might be relevant to local event planning e.g. Goodwood Festival of Speed and the Revival meetings. We have contacted the RNLI, Chichester Harbour Trust, Friends of Chichester Harbour and the Itchenor Sailing Club for their important dates and social events.

The calendar will not be available for personal publications or private parties. Private bookings at the Itchenor Memorial Hall (IMH) will be shown as 'Private Booking'. The idea is to publish events that are of interest to most of the residents in Itchenor.

This calendar is on a trial basis and is very much in its infancy, we hope it will be developed and updated on a regular basis. We are very grateful to Meryl Mead-Briggs for coming up with the idea and for all the hard work she has put in to get this project underway.

The Storm of 2013 - an update

What a difference a year makes. On 28th October last year disaster struck the big willow tree on the island in the pond. The combined effort of members of the Itchenor Society's Green Gym and the Parish Council managed to clear the area of broken branches and then set about the tree. The top half of the tree was removed enabling the tree (with the help of a passing Land Rover) to be hauled back up again. We are very grateful to those who helped then and continue to attend the work parties and help keep the area looking as nice as it is. The second picture was taken on 28th October 2014



Christmas Celebrations in Itchenor

Wednesday 17th Christmas Trees go up at St Nicholas Church and on the viewing platform at Hard.

Friday 19th Village Carols starting at 6pm at Tapners Field, Shipton Green, (the new house next to Seafever). Mulled wine courtesy of David Leon. Strolling through the village arriving at Itchenor Sailing Club at about 7.30 pm for Commodore's Drinks Party. Supper will be available at the club. Collection on behalf of The Sussex Snowdrop Trust

Sunday 21st, 8pm Carols at The Ship Inn

St Nicholas Christmas Services

Sunday 21st Christmas Eve 6 pm Carols by Candlelight
5 pm Children's Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve 11.30 pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11 am Christmas Day Communion



2015 - Dates for your diary

Sunday 8th February

Winter Lunch at Itchenor Sailing Club.
Booking details to follow in early January

Friday 5th June

Wreath Laying Ceremony, Itchenor Hard, 10.30am

Saturday 27th June

25th Anniversary Summer Party
Hog Roast, Live Band, Marquee at the Village Hall

Friday 13th November

Itchenor Society AGM

Wreath Laying – June 2014



Photo 1: The Chairman Alexandra Webb lays a wreath at this year's Remembrance service. The 2015 service will be held on Friday 5th June commencing at 10.30 am

Photo 2: Tony Crisp, National Bugler to the Royal Naval Association and Band Master to the Maritime Training Corps, and members of the British Legion.

Photo 3: This year saw Peter Dean stand in for Reg Blake to give the welcome address. Reg was involved in the raising of funds for the bench and gave the address for many years. Reg could not be with us this year as he was attending the service in France. Very sadly he passed away just a few weeks later.



Charitable Donations

During 2013/2014 The Itchenor Society made the following charitable donations

Itchenor Memorial Hall	£250.00
Chichester Harbour Trust	£200.00
Friends of Chichester Harbour	£50.00
St Nicholas, Itchenor	£500.00
British Legion and Bugler	£150.00

At the Society AGM, £250.00 was raised for Children in Need. A big thank you to all who gave so generously.

Winter membership – Itchenor Sailing Club

We are pleased to inform you that once again Itchenor Sailing Club is opening its doors to Itchenor Society members and residents of Itchenor. You are invited to use the club facilities and join the organised events throughout November – March. Winter membership is free of charge and application forms are available from the Club Bar or by contacting the office on 01243 512400 or emailing office@itchenorsailingclub.co.uk. Prepay membership cards giving a 10% discount will be issued on receipt of £30 to be spent at the Bar or Buttery. Previous winter members need only contact the office to renew and top up their cards..



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