

# PORTCHESTER MATTERS

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## No Homes Here



by Paul Woodman

Just when we were led to believe that Welborne's proposed 6,000+ new homes will protect the local gap between Fareham and Portchester we have another developer trying to obtain planning permission to build on our precious green fields.

Persimmon Homes are the latest and held a public exhibition at the Wicor School at the beginning of October to attempt to persuade us that a development of 119 homes on the field to the north of Cranleigh Road is a good plan which we should all embrace.

Developers have sought to build on this field many times in the past and after losing their bids, appeals were made to have Fareham Borough Council's decision overturned in 1983, 1987, 1997 and 2006. Each time the appeals were dismissed by Appeals Inspectors and confirmed by successive Secretaries of State.

Any application to build on this land is counter to a whole raft of local and County, Coast and Countryside policies which seek to retain the open nature of the land and protect the Local Gaps, which in this case is the gap between Portchester and Fareham. A couple of points to note from the 2006 refusal were that the Secretary of State agreed with the Inspector that the site has a connection with the coast, and that the

small creep of urbanisation towards the coast would have an erosive impact on the special character of the coastal fringe and land around the northern part of the harbour, contrary to the local Plan. The Inspector also stated that the appeal site is primarily Grade 1 agricultural land and there is a strong presumption against the loss of land of high agricultural value. For that reason such high grade land is a precious national asset and its loss weighs against the proposed scheme.

The reasons for refusal in the past remain valid in 2014 and there is no justification for the granting of planning permission for 119 homes in this sensitive coastal location. We await the full planning application and the opportunity to contest it.

# A Steamy Day in Summer

by Bernie London

On a sunny July morning, 25 of The Portchester Civic Society descended on the Long Barn Lavender Farm at Alresford and devoured copious amounts of tea, coffee and the most delicious lavender biscuits and scones you could find in Hampshire.

This was the start of a lovely July summer's day and after sampling these delicious delights we headed for our trip on The Watercress Line to experience the past pleasure of steam trains (and the odd diesel train as well). It was a nostalgic journey for most of us into the past, when you could smell the wonderful aroma of the smoke as a steam train sped by you, and if you were one of the "Railway Children," wave undergarments at these monsters of iron and steel as they passed by you as a child. Our sturdy engine 'Cheltenham' awaited us at the station,

building up its head of steam ready to take us on this nostalgic journey.

We had carriages reserved for us, so there was none of the pushing and shoving of yesteryears, and as I looked out of our carriage window waiting excitedly for our departure I was greeted by the sight of Hazel merrily waving to us from the platform in sheer joy and excitement of the occasion. I was just hoping she wouldn't miss actually getting on the train and joining us. But not to worry she made it successfully on board and joined us for a gentle chug along the tracks to Alton and eventually to our picnic stop at Ropley. The stations were a picture, with beautifully decorated platforms, which had floral displays that were spectacular in their designs and colours. Every station was manned by well dressed station staff whose guards uniforms looked immaculate but unfortunately there was no sign of The Fat Controller of "Thomas the Tank Engine" fame, although we are led to believe he does appear on special "Thomas" days. The journey along the tracks was delightful, with the old noise from the wheels that you don't get from trains nowadays, and the constant waft of the smell of engine smoke percolating through the carriage windows.

Stopping for lunch at Ropley was a real treat; with picnic tables provided for those who didn't want to spread their picnic blankets and devour their lovingly prepared picnic feasts on the ground. As well as the attractiveness of the surroundings there was plenty to look at, with the engineering work sheds sited here, and a museum in the station showing you how stations looked in this bygone age. Walking around the sidings looking at the various monsters parked up here, I was just so struck by the actual size of the various parts such as the boilers, tanks and fittings that make up these steam engines. I came across one volunteer who was sitting inside the actual boiler chipping away the old coating on the inside. He must have finished the job covered from head to foot in coal dust and the like - a job one wouldn't rush to do I feel.

Our return to Alresford was delayed as our locomotive 'Cheltenham' had decided to give up for the day, so we were transported on our final leg of the journey by a diesel locomotive, so unfortunately we finished our journey smokeless but full of satisfaction that we had a satisfying day out with memories stirred from the past. Can we please do it again?



## MEMORIES OF

# Maggie Beddoes

by Bryan Jerrard

I have many happy memories of Maggie. First we were quite close neighbours and this involved trips to her and vice versa for Scrabble Games - I really mean 'Matches' - as Maggie won nearly every time and expected to! She came armed with her two-letter list of words and this usually wrecked our chances of ever winning.

Maggie was a wonderful wordsmith and she oversaw our history of Portchester for the 2006 Oral History book and proved an excellent interviewer with her background in publishing and interviewing people. She was very patient with Gary and me and our trying out the tape recorder; this gave her a chance to rehearse some questions of our candidate.

We supported her efforts in Bedhampton running a stall in an annual sale of work.

Maggie was generous with her time and loved to hear of our family news. She was well informed on social service help that the elderly needed.

I have her photo up in my study when we launched 'Portchester in Living Memory' and the group included Maggie of course. She left an indelible mark on my memories and I was so glad to remember her, with many others in the 'news' industry at a full church service in Gosport in September.



Maggie, seated, at the launch of our Oral History Project

## Maggie's Fantastic Contribution

by Hazel Woodman, Chair,  
Portchester Civic Society

I have chaired the Portchester Civic Society for the past 15 years. Maggie joined as a member and crept slowly but surely into our lives, her help and support was tremendous.

The aims of the society in the early days really just focused on the built up area of Portchester and local planning issues, but with her help we started to include and expand our aims and looked at our historical past, not only buildings but people as well.

Maggie worked very closely with my husband Paul, and between them produced our newsletter that was circulated to our members. Maggie was so very good with people, and her style of writing was so readable. She sat on our committee for many years and became a good friend to not

only Paul and I but I think to everyone she made contact with. Through her interviewing skills Maggie also helped us with our oral history project, recording local people's past knowledge that was used to produce our book 'Memories of Portchester'.

She has certainly left us a legacy in her style of writing and it is carried on today with Paul producing a very readable newsletter and writing nostalgia articles which are being published in the News on a regular basis. I think she would be proud of him.

My lasting memory of Maggie will be especially in the summer months, hearing her little voice as she walked down the drive into our garden where she would sit on the bench. Our cats, Polly and Sammy, would promptly jump up for a cuddle, the kettle went on and a ten minutes visit could last for the afternoon.

I feel privileged to have been part of her life and will always remember her with very fond memories.

Maggie, if you are looking down today please forgive my style of writing as I am still a novice.



# Chairman's Newsletter

Dear Members,

It's this time of the year that I reflect on the Society's achievements and news and as I am thinking of the winter months last year, I can only think of that terrible weather we all experienced. Let's hope it's not a repeat this winter. As we moved through the seasons from spring to summer we could not have asked for better weather. We had a family holiday in St Ives in August and had such beautiful weather it was difficult to think that we were in England.

The Society has enjoyed another good year of meeting and speakers

so a big thank you to Bernie Lendon, our programme secretary who is responsible for arranging the speakers for the year. Looking at the list for next year we have an interesting and wide range of subjects that I hope you will all enjoy.

Paul has just set up two photographic displays using pictures from the Society's collection, one in the community school in White Hart Lane to help celebrate their 75th anniversary and another in the library to help celebrate their 30 years in West Street. I also appreciate his efforts as editor of this newsletter, which is circulated to all members in November.

We have recently had the inscription stone on Thomas and Mary Goble's grave in the grounds of St Mary's church cleaned as it was becoming difficult to read.

This year we have sadly had to say good night to Margaret Jerrard who

has been a member for many years, together with past committee member Maggie Beddoes. Paul and I attended a very moving memorial service at Holy Trinity Church in Gosport to celebrate Maggie's life as a reporter for the News.

Our annual summer visit was well attended and this year the visit was to the Watercress Line. We started the day with coffee, delicious scones and cream and lavender shortbread biscuits at the Lavender Farm at Alresford, followed by a train ride to Alton and a picnic on the return journey on the banks of Ropley station. A beautiful summer's day enjoyed by all.

Bryan Jerrard's guided walk down Castle Street for Heritage weekend was very well attended; in fact on the Sunday we almost had too many people. That was followed by Beachwatch, which again proved very popular, with over 30 people of all ages volunteering. I think that is a record number in all the years we have been taking part in the survey.

The main concerns in planning we all face are the government's overwhelming need for more houses. Councils all over the country are faced with the same dilemma on how and where this can be achieved within their areas. I was watching on the television the other night a piece about a rural area in Oxford, where there is a threat of a 600 house development being built between two villages, virtually merging them all into one complex and losing the villages identities for ever.

The way Fareham Borough Council has dealt with this situation is with the new proposed community of Welborne, north of Fareham where it is proposed to build a staggering 6,500 dwellings, including schools and businesses. When the government inspectorate meets in November we will learn our fate; will they accept the plans for Welborne? The leader of the council is saying to us is if we don't go forward with this massive development we will be faced with losing our strategic gaps all over the borough to housing developments. Locally our biggest threat is the land north of Cranleigh Road. This grade 1 agricultural land site has had development plans



Beachwatch 2014

rejected before and even as I write this letter there are new proposals to develop this land which will be presented to the directorate for consideration in November.

I do hope to see you all at our 'Memories of Portchester' exhibition in the Parish Hall on November 8th and please come and join us for our quiz night in December.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my committee for their hard work and dedication to the smooth running of the Society.

Wishing you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and thank you for supporting our Society.

Regards,  
Hazel



Thomas and Mary Goble's Grave



Bryan Jerrard on a Castle Street Walk

## PORTCHESTER PERSPECTIVES NO. 20

# Helping the Victorian Farmworker

by Bryan Jerrard ©

One of the purposes of these Portchester Perspectives is to introduce ourselves to what the man in the study has been finding out. Malcolm Walford of Waterlooville has researched '19th Century Agricultural Associations in Hampshire and West Sussex' and shows the efforts of landowners and farmers to reward good behaviour and farming and domestic skills.

The period after the Napoleonic Wars was a period to the 1830s of serious rural unrest in Hampshire among farm - workers. Under-employment and unemployment, low pay, taxation of food, overcrowding and poor housing - the phrase 'dirt poor' described hovels with only earth floors - combined to make some workers protest. Arson and rick burning in Fareham, the smashing of new tools that cut down the demand for farm work and threatening letters from 'Captain Swing' to some farmers frightened the landowners, farmers and the government.

## Charles Osborn & The South East Agricultural Association

Osborn himself was a land valuer and a caring yeoman farmer who moved from Hayling Island to farm in Fareham where on 5th September 1835 his farm was torched. He persuaded local landowners, including Henry P Delme of Cams Hill, and yeomen farmers to encourage good practice and good behaviour for farm workers, both men and women. His farm was again torched in 1837 when he moved to Downend, near his Delme friend. He set up the Association in 1836, was its secretary, and expected the farmers to raise funds to reward some 19 'character classes' of workers. Solo ploughing (both men and boys),



Harvesting at Wicor Farm c1950

shepherding to avoid losing lambs and ewes, cottagers with bee hives, thatchers, rick builders, hedge trimmers and productive cottage gardeners were to be rewarded in Portchester, Fareham and district, Droxford, Havant, Catherington, and nearby Portsmouth and Portsea.

## Prize Money Ranged from up to £1 to £15+

These rewards were payable only to regular church or chapel attenders - visiting beer houses was forbidden - who managed themselves without excessive support from the parish authorities. The prizes were awarded at a time when farm work was about 10/- to 11/- a week and more at harvest time and modern readers will probably regard this as patronising. The Anglican clergy held deep views that God had created a hierarchical society and the poor should recognise and accept the superiority of rank. The Bishop of Winchester also began to give prizes to regular church attenders but was

silent about tithes of farm produce and rural problems.

## Over £3,000 was Disbursed

In the 27 meetings in South East Hampshire before Osborn died, over £3,000 was disbursed and money from the West Sussex Association was added since its area of work was up to 20 miles from Chichester.

In Portchester we know that Charlotte Sturgess, aged 44, widowed four years before 1851 was left with 16 children - all under 19 years of age. She set up herself as a laundress, went to Portsmouth market with flowers and fruit and only relied on the basic parish allowance. A remarkable woman.

Another widow, Ann Crimble aged 74 in 1837, was third and was awarded £2 as a widow, also with a large family. Among men, James and John Hedgecock won two prizes for ploughing in 1837 and 1838 (a £1 and £2.50p) and John a variety in 1836, 1838 and 1842. They worked for Henry Binsted at Wicor Farm.



# Expectant Appeal?

by David Williams

St. Mary's Church stands within the grounds of Portchester Castle and is looked upon as one of the finest Romanesque churches in Wessex and the most precisely dated. It is also one of the four that are faced in ashlar inside and out. It is no wonder due to its iconic setting it has become a popular venue for weddings and other special occasions.

In earlier times the Church had been a convenient venue for a prisoner of war camp – firstly in the reign of Charles the Second for Dutch prisoners, which Admiral Blake captured in the English Channel in 1653 then secondly during the Napoleonic Wars in the 19th century. The Church benefited from the latter group of prisoners as they were employed on restoration work before being evacuated.

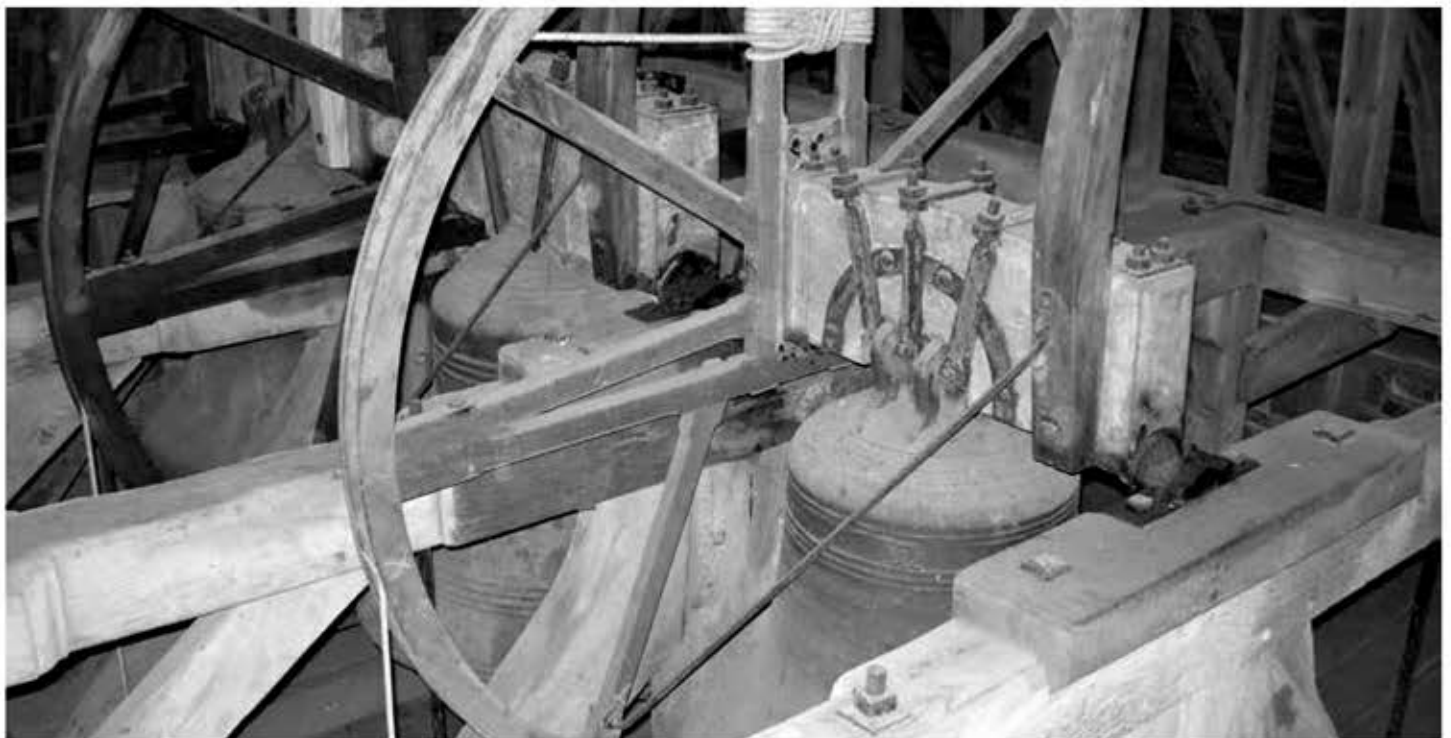
For centuries it has been an English tradition to ring bells to summon parishioners to church. Bells are also usually rung for weddings, funerals and

special occasions. During World War 2 bell ringing was actually forbidden except to announce an invasion and of course when victory was declared. The presence of bells at St. Mary's came about following a visit by Queen Elizabeth 1 to her Royal Residence at the Castle. She discovered that the Church had no bells so ordered that she wanted some there. As a result the belfry now contains three bells. There is a tenor one dated 1589 which bears the inscription "Obey God and the Prince". A second tenor bell is dated 1632 which has the impression "In God is my Hope" whilst a third is a treble dated 1633. The treble bears the initials of the bell founders "RV, IH and WW". The bell frame is the original one, which however was strengthened in the 1880s at the recommendation of an expert from Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

One might speculate why no further bells have been added since then. With only three bells it is difficult to introduce tuneful ring changes. Depending on the number and type of additional bells this would make it possible to introduce a number of tuneful permutations and provide a repertoire of peels to suite all occasions. As bell ringing is such a fascinating pastime St. Mary's band of campanologists could then look forward to having an even more enjoyable experience than hitherto

whilst delighting attendees at various functions held at the Church and Castle.

Even the thought of adding extra bells does invite a huge number of questions to be answered! Initially funds needed to cover the cost of the bells would be considerable. Installing them in the belfry would prove to be a major operation. Without doubt the bell framing would require re-modelling to accommodate additional ones. Now the Church is a listed building this would involve using original or matching materials. Under current regulations such changes would have to be made under the scrutiny of an authorised and experienced archaeologist. However despite covering all these considerations these days nothing could ever be achieved without the permission of the Church Commissioners, English Heritage and perhaps the involvement of the Charity Commissioners. Perhaps such drawbacks would thwart even the most enthusiastic supporter of campanology but has anyone in the past tried to see what was possible? It would be interesting to view any such records if these exist. Could the result of such attempt finally only become possible with St. Mary's needing yet another Royal command? However it would be quite a special day if someone did manage to achieve it and add yet more appeals to such a well-loved Church!



The bells of St. Mary's

# Portchester Community School – A former teacher's view

by Christopher N Jones BA ATD

I worked as a teacher at Portchester School from September 1973 until the summer of 1997. I was first employed as Head of the Art Department, became a Head of Year in 1980 and then finally took on the role of Curriculum Manager for Creative Arts in 1989. I enjoyed those years a great deal and met some very interesting teachers and pupils, some of whom have become life-long friends. For a short while I was a teacher-governor and saw the school from another perspective. In those days, before data protection, complex civil rights and political correctness were so much a part of our lives, I might have mentioned a few names and told a few personal stories, but now I'm obliged to confine myself to the broader picture.

Before starting work at the school I visited Portchester to transfer my bank account to the local branch of the National Westminster Bank. In those days that wasn't just a question of filling out a form online, I was asked to meet the manager in his office to discuss my banking needs! Things were a bit messy in West Street in 1973 because the entire area was a building site with a muddy road running through what is now the Precinct and the A27 had just been diverted to the north away from West Street. On hearing that I was to join the school staff, the bank manager told me that he thought the school had a very good reputation and mentioned how much he enjoyed the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas which were produced every year. That was refreshing to hear.

I learned early in my career that there are so many people who are essential

in keeping a school running and I made a special point of maintaining good relationships with them too – administration staff, caretakers, cleaners, cooks, learning support staff and many more – life gets very difficult without them all. From the very first time I entered the school and waited nervously for an interview I realised that Portchester was a rather special place. I was met by Norah Knights, who was the School Secretary, a warm and caring person who knew every child and most of their families. She had been at the school since it opened, initially in 1939 but then again from 1945 when the end of WWII removed the need to keep children away from the daily threat of bomber attacks on the Portsmouth Naval Base.

In 1973 there were a large number of teachers whose careers had started immediately after the war, in many cases after the short emergency training, which had been introduced to kick-start schools that had been unable to operate during the war. A few of my new colleagues were ex-Royal Naval personnel who had retired from the Navy and retrained as teachers. It doesn't take a great deal of imagination to see that the attitude to discipline was very different at that time, but at the same time these teachers brought a maturity and broad knowledge into the school of different work environments and often faraway places which most of us had not seen in those days.

Even though I didn't live in Portchester when working at the school I soon became aware of the mood of the place. Everyone referred to Portchester as 'the village' and indeed it was a much smaller place than it is today. People were very friendly and helpful and the children seemed very happy and relaxed. There was a feeling of success associated with recent fund-raising that had brought the school a brand-new minibus, which was to become very important to the school in many ways, allowing group visits and sports team fixtures to be made without excessive cost. Fund-raising has always been well supported here by parents and children alike, allowing the school to acquire equipment and facilities which could not always be provided within the

annual budget. That is usually a good indicator of the value placed upon education and extra-curricular provision by the community.

The school was a 'secondary modern' at that time, but preparations were under way for the move into 'comprehensive' education by 1975. I had witnessed the beginning of comprehensive schools in Wales in the 1950s and I knew that the management of this change in Hampshire was going to be a difficult process. The changes of the 1970s were only the beginning of a restless obsession with change in education which has been inherited by every government in the last 35 years. I can now look back at the effect it has all had on the children of Portchester. The first things to go during the headship of Geoffrey Forbes were the 'vocational' subjects which had become popular in secondary modern schools because they helped children get apprenticeships and jobs in local industry. It had been mostly boys who got the apprenticeships and technical opportunities while many girls learned to do shorthand and typing, skills which have almost disappeared today. It comes as no surprise that government ministers keep coming back to this apprenticeships issue, but they don't usually do very much about it for all their promises. Nevertheless, optimism was restored to teachers as change was embraced fully and the school had a happier and more productive atmosphere for several years until even greater change came with the arrival of the National Curriculum.

The reorganisation which was to take place in the whole of Fareham was to have a more specific effect upon Portchester School, largely because the neighbouring school, now Cams Hill School, was originally Fareham Girls Grammar School. When Cams Hill became a comprehensive school its initial catchment area included the east of Fareham as far as Cornaway Lane, and even though Portchester School became larger because of population growth, it would never again serve the children of the whole population of Portchester. The next Education Act brought in 'parental choice' and many aspiring parents in Portchester chose to send their children to Cams Hill, in many cases because it had been a grammar





Portchester Secondary Modern School c1950

school in the past. Cams Hill School quickly moved to become one of the most successful schools in Hampshire while Portchester School lost many of the 'high achievers' who could bring success in the league tables with which we are now all familiar.

Throughout my years in teaching I gained a great deal of satisfaction from being involved in extra-curricular activity, particularly sport and the arts, since it enabled me to know the children better, meet their parents under different circumstances and make links with the community. My earliest involvements were with football teams, playing matches against Portsmouth schools on Saturday mornings in Cosham. In the summer I organised sailing from Portchester Sailing Club, and since I was the only qualified instructor I would often have a huge queue of youngsters waiting on the shore for a very short spell of instruction. Fortunately we were able to expand in the years ahead to use the dinghies and facilities at the St Vincent Sailing Centre in Gosport, with many more children and staff being involved. Sail training became a feature of many summers, sadly only for boys in the early days, since I was a Watch Officer with The London Sailing Project (now the Rona Sailing Project), and could provide places for 15 -19 year olds to experience a week or three weekends aboard the three yachts based in Gosport. Also, between 1976 and 1994 I introduced skiing into the

school and together with a few other staff took children skiing every year in most of the alpine countries.

Nothing has given me greater pleasure in my work than to see young people achieve success, both at school and in later life. In recent years some ex-Portchester School pupils have made spectacular achievements such as winning Mastermind, graduating from Girton College, Cambridge, qualifying as doctors, nurses and radiographers, becoming Global Retail Director of Adidas, qualifying as lawyers and becoming a Yachtmaster Examiner with The Royal Yachting Association, while more locally I have had contact with many people who have set up their own businesses in this community and provide excellent services of all kinds. The league tables and OFSTED Inspections are good at providing statistics and general information, but they take no notice of the individual successes of thousands of local people.

During the 1980s the school staff made a collective decision to apply for funding for the provision of facilities to accommodate up to 20 children with a range of physical and learning disabilities. This was a major development, in that while it provided support for many young people with Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy and Down's syndrome, it also taught the children and the broader community how to show consideration to anyone with such difficulties and to work together to

overcome any issue that was likely to arise. I believe that the school and the community gained immeasurably from this opportunity, both from the additional facilities which were provided and from the educational value of learning about the access and inclusion which must be provided for everyone. The headship of Gladys West during the 1990s extended the humanity of Portchester School, creating happiness and good achievements for many more children, raising the professionalism of teachers and giving the community an institution of which they could be proud.

My bank manager's excitement about the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas was to be short-lived, largely because teachers were suddenly required to do much more within the curriculum. However, that was not to be the end of memorable performances on the school stage and the tradition of stage musicals, concerts and other cultural events was revived in the 1980s and continued through the 1990s. I am delighted to hear of the school's recent contribution to the Fareham Arts Festival and pleased to see that the school website is reporting so much more active involvement in the Portchester community. My only concern is that the successes and events which the school hosts are not always advertised as well as they could be locally. They are certainly worth presenting to a broader public who perhaps don't know what they're missing!



# PORTCHESTER CIVIC SOCIETY NEWS



by Paul Woodman

## Portchester school celebrates 75 years

Opened in September 1939 the Portchester Community School is 75 years old and as part of the celebration our Society has contributed a photographic display in the school's foyer.

Following an appeal to parents and former pupils by Richard Carlyle, the new Headteacher, a large array of old photographs and memorabilia,

including an old school scarf, was donated and passed to the Society for future exhibitions.

## Library celebrates 30 years

Portchester's Library is another celebrating this year, as it is 30 years since the 3rd October 1984 when it opened in West Street having moved from wooden huts in Chalky Walk. The Society has put on a photographic display during October in the library.

## Love Where You Live

On a beautiful summer evening members of the Portchester Civic Society and volunteers gathered at the Wicor Recreation Park to take part in 'Love Where You Live Week'.

The event was organised by Fareham Borough Council who provided all the equipment and bags for a litter picking tidy up of the park area. The team collected ten bags of litter, with the main items being plastic drink bottles, cans and crisp packets.



Portchester Community School display



Love Where You Live

## Portchester Castle

Due to concerns over the state of Portchester Castle a group was set up by the Vicar, Rev. Ian Meredith, early this year to meet with English Heritage to discuss our worries.

The group is made up of representatives from the Church, Southwick estate, Portchester Society, Local Councillors, FBC Conservation Officer and the Portchester Civic Society. We had our first meeting in March, and meetings with English Heritage in May and October. These have been very productive and English heritage are very keen to engage with the local community. We intend to continue with these meeting every 6 months.

## Points from the last meeting were;

**A contract is being awarded to structurally stabilise the Watergate Arch.**

**Legal advice is being sought on who owns and is responsible for the maintenance of Church Road within the Castle.**

**A steel gantry is to be installed above the sluice**

**gate in the moat so we will have a fully operational sluice gate. Silt will be removed from the moat.**

**The official announcement that English Heritage is to become a charity was made on 15th October 2014 and will probably take effect on 1st April 2015.**



## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 2014/15

## 2014

**Saturday 8th November****'Memories of Portchester'**

An exhibition of Pictures,  
Photographs & Memorabilia  
of Portchester Past

Parish Hall 10am to 4.30pm  
Entrance £1

**Tuesday 18th November****Plantation Houses of Virginia**

by Bryan Jerrard

Parish Hall 7.30pm

**Tuesday 16th December****Christmas Party & Quiz**

£5 per member or guests; Tickets  
023 92 382778

Parish Hall 7.30pm



## 2015

**Tuesday 20th January****The Famous and Infamous Characters associated with Portsmouth**

by Madeleine Salvetti

Parish Hall 7.30pm

**Tuesday 17th February****Conservation of Fareham Creek**

by Tim Ferrero

Parish Hall 7.30pm

**Tuesday 17th March****The Aguila Wrens**

by David Slade

Parish Hall 7.30pm

**Tuesday 21st April****'Over the Anvil' Gretna Green and Scottish Border Weddings**

by Rev Ian Meredith

Parish Hall 7.30pm

**Tuesday 19th May****Meet an 1805 Naval Officer, his Lady and an Ancestor**

by Roger and Barbara Glancefield

Parish Hall 7.30pm

**Tuesday 16th June****'Goodbye to Victoria and the Queen Empress'. Queen Victoria's Funeral**

by Peter Keat

Parish Hall 7.30pm

**Tuesday 15th September****Hampshire County Council Coastal Sites**

by Pete Potts

Parish Hall 7.30pm

**Tuesday 20th October****History of the Friends of Fareham Museum**

by Anne Baxendale

Parish Hall 7.30pm

**Tuesday 17th November****Work with the British Legion and other Organisations**

by Father Paul Miles-Knight

Parish Hall 7.30pm

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