



Tiptoe News

Winter 2023

The Quarterly Newsletter for the Tiptoe Community



Obituary for the late Stephen Edward Tarling 27th December 1955 – 29th October 2023

Stephen was born in London to Eddie and Sylvia Tarling. His father was an accountant and his mother a 'stay at home mother' who was very clever in her own right and it is thought that Stephen got his humour and his brains from both his parents. He had two brothers, Brian and Philip, and attended Hampton Grammar School and from there continued his education at Surrey University, ending up at Birkbeck University London in the Crystallography Department.

At the time, machines had been developed that could help identify of what a compound was made. They were so accurate they could identify a few parts per million. This was of great benefit to pharmaceutical companies when taking legal action to protect their patents. To prove another firm was producing your product but labelling it differently and depriving you of your income was the reason behind many cases going through the courts.

At that time Stephen's specialty was being used to set legal precedents across the world and he gave evidence in Washington Supreme Court, the Royal Courts of Justice in London and at one of the courts at The Hague in the Netherlands.

But this was not the only area that wanted his expertise, and Stephen helped the National Trust, The Natural History Museum, and many others who wanted to know the make-up of various items.

Eventually he went into Human Resources and Higher Education Administration, initially at Birkbeck University, then at University College London and finally, in Southampton University when he moved to Tiptoe in August 2010.

Once in Tiptoe, Stephen soon became known as the quiet gentleman. He would attend local events to meet people and find his way around our village. He became very interested in our plans for the Village Green and the wildlife surrounding it. On hearing that we were going to put up some nest boxes, he volunteered to go up the ladder and one Saturday morning in Eileen and John Poxon's garden, at the end of the Green, the mission was accomplished.



Stephen was involved from the beginning with the grand opening of the Village Green on 29th April 2011 (the Royal Wedding Day), later to become the May Fayre. His help was

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Thank You
Pat and Cyril Rendell

invaluable as he became our Master of Ceremonies right up until May 2023. He would arrive in his top hat and waistcoat, clipboard under his arm and microphone in his hand, looking totally in charge of the running of the show. He was also able to manage the loud speaker systems over the years. He kept the timing of the show to schedule, announcing acts and reminding people where stalls of interest were to be found.



Stephen was very keen to carry out a conversion on a part of his property to use it as a holiday let, and promised me that I could see it when completed. He was so happy and proud of his hard work and it certainly was an excellent conversion. Friday was always the day he would not take on anything else as it was his 'change over day'.

One Christmas Day Stephen asked the village Santa if he would deliver a Christmas stocking to a young couple staying in his holiday cottage. The idea was wonderful and he made them the stocking with suitable gifts for Santa to surprise them. Unfortunately, when Santa reached the cottage the couple had gone out for a Forest walk so missed seeing him but returned home to their surprise presents.

During the period of having the thatch replaced on Apple Tree Cottage, Stephen was happy to allow me to write up the work from start to finish including a series of photographs of the progress.

Stephen was elected to Sway Parish Council in May 2015, and served as the Chairman from May 2018 until October 2020 remaining on the Parish Council until he passed away. Stephen had also become a member of the National Park Authority Board and served on the Planning Committee. He was also one of the Authority's first New Forest Ambassadors, a scheme set up in lockdown, which saw hundreds of local people helping to care for the Forest through activities such as litter picking. Stephen was an advocate for the New Forest Marque local produce scheme, showing his support through his holiday let.

He would attend meetings at Hordle Parish Council as a visitor - that being Tiptoe's Council Office. He eventually persuaded me to become a councillor as well, which I did for many years. Stephen said his love of The New Forest began with camping by Ober Water as a scout. A scientist and trainer, his background saw him measure pollutants in local streams from the Forest to the sea. This exercise he did with our local Tiptoe Brownies and they reported their findings to the Tiptoe News.

Stephen also served as the 'Returning Officer' for the Trustees of Tiptoe Green during elections.

Stephen was a very well respected and liked member of our community who will be greatly missed. We send our condolences to his family. PR

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Dear Reader,



My name is Sue. I live in Hordle and I am a volunteer driver with Hordle Volunteer Driver Group. I first decided to become a driver after hearing that the group was short of drivers and that they may not be able to cover all the requests to take people to their medical appointments. I must say, it was one of the best things I ever did.

It is very rewarding. I have met some amazing people over the years and people are so grateful for the service we do. Many of the clients who use our service are either elderly, disabled or both. Quite a few live alone and are grateful for the company so our door to door service is very much appreciated.

I like the fact that I am under no obligation to undertake a journey and that I have been able to choose only to undertake local appointments which can be to hospital, Doctors, Opticians, Dentists etc. I am paid a mileage allowance which covers the petrol costs and I hope to be able to provide the service for sometime to come.

We would welcome new volunteers, so please get in touch by calling our Secretary on 07980 268318 or email hordledrivergroup@gmail.com



Christmas and New Year Recycling and Rubbish Collection Changes



Recycling and rubbish sack collections

Mon 25 December and Mon 1 January – will instead be collected on
Tues 2nd.

Tues 26 December and Tues 2 January – will be collected on Wednesday 3rd.

Wednesday 3 January – will instead be collected on Thursday 4 January.

Thursday 4 January – will instead be collected on Friday 5 January.

Friday 5 January – will instead be collected on Saturday 6 January.

Glass

Monday 25 December – will instead be collected on Saturday 30 December.

Tuesday 26 December – will instead be collected on Saturday 6 January.

Monday 1 January – will instead be collected on Saturday 13 January.

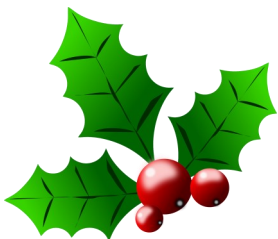
Garden waste collections will not take place from Monday 25th Dec to Sunday 7th Jan.

Collections will resume on Monday 8 January 2024.

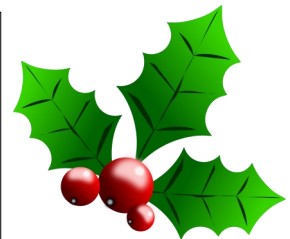
Check your collection day at <https://www.newforest.gov.uk/findyourcollection>

Unless your normal collection day is listed above, your collection will take place as usual.

Find out more about recycling over Christmas and New Year, including drop-off points for real Christmas trees: <https://newforest.gov.uk/christmasrecycling>



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Tiptoe Remembers



On Sunday 12th November 2023 by the Remembrance Beech tree, around 30 Tiptoe villagers, led by the Revd. Phil Mullins, braved the torrential rain to remember those who have served, as well as those who currently serve, their country in conflicts around the world. Matilda, under such terrible weather conditions, played the Last Post and Reveille to mark the beginning and end of the two minute silence.

The Beech was planted five years ago to recognise the sacrifice of not only the human combatants who perished, were injured physically, or were affected in other ways, but also the birds, dogs and horses who assisted in the various fields of war.



Hello Tiptoe!

My name is Josh, and I am the new pastor at River of Life Church. It was great to meet some of you at the Remembrance Day service on Sunday, despite the lovely British weather!

My wife, Victoria, and I live in Southbourne, about 15 minutes' drive away from the village.

We met at Moorlands Bible College in Sopley, where we both earned a BA in Applied Theology. Victoria is currently working as a Teaching Assistant at the Priory School in Christchurch, and I am completing a PhD in theology part-time alongside leading River of Life. We are also expecting our first child in February, which is very exciting!

We are looking forward to getting to know everyone better over the coming weeks and months and want you all to feel welcome to come and visit. We would like to thank all those we have already met for making us feel most welcome. It is such a privilege to be part of such a vibrant community.

We currently run a prayer meeting every Tuesday morning from 10-11am, and a craft morning every Thursday morning from 9:30am-12:30pm, and our Sunday services begin at 10:30-11:45/midday. From January I will be helping out with Open the Book at Tiptoe School.

We also have various events happening throughout the year (as well as lots of great stuff in the pipeline!) so if you would like to be kept informed of what we are up to, do send me an email at Josh@riveroflifeforest.org and I will send you our monthly newsletter.

We as a Church are keen to serve the village of Tiptoe in whatever way we can. If there is any way you feel we as a congregation might be able to serve you in some way, please do reach out. My contact number is 07539611212.

We really do look forward to getting to know you all better!

Blessings Josh and Victoria



If You find a Dead Hedgehog

If you find a "dead" hedgehog during the cold months, do not bury it, do not throw it in the trash. No one wants to see a dead animal in their garden or road, but it could be a hedgehog hibernating from November to March.

They usually dig holes to stay safe, but we have less green areas, bushes or forests, and it's becoming harder to find a safe place to spend the winter sleeping.

Some may come into your gardens seeking safety and warmth to hibernate, some are so exhausted from looking that they end up sleeping in various strange places like roadside streets or even on pavements.

When they are in hibernation, their heart rate and general body functioning slow down considerably, as a way of saving energy that can confuse a person that the hedgehog is dead.

Just in case you see a stationary hedgehog, make sure it is in a safe and warm place and that it can last five months.

If you find a hedgehog in your garden or somewhere on the street, make a hole in a cardboard box and in a dry, safe and quiet place so it can spend the cold months there.

Hedgehogs are an endangered species, they are completely harmless and very important in our ecosystem. They eat beetles, snails, frogs, lizards, snakes, including poisonous.

They also destroy mice nests.

They are not afraid of bees or wasps. The hedgehog can easily destroy a hornet's nest and eat its inhabitants by ignoring their bites. Scientists have long noticed the immunity of hedgehogs to strong poisons, including bites from insects. This antidote phenomenon is not yet known to scientists.



Be aware when you see a hedgehog in the cold months. It costs nothing to help such a fragile wee thing.

Let's be kind to animals!



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The New Forest National Park Authority is inviting nominations for its prestigious Building Design Awards 2024.

The New Forest's distinctive and attractive buildings and their setting in the landscape play an important role in the area's unique character. The annual awards (now in their ninth year) celebrate high-quality new developments and the contribution that good design makes to the Forest. People are asked to nominate their favourite building which has been completed in the last three years. Residential schemes, non-residential schemes, conservation projects and 'green buildings' are all eligible for an award. Previously recognised have been a converted dairy building, a restored Victorian Ice House, the Peppa Pig building at Paulton's Park, and the modern Lookout Café at Lepe – as well as many residential improvements with proportions and materials in keeping with their surroundings.



Gordon Bailey, Chair of the New Forest National Park Authority's Planning Committee said: 'Through our planning policies, detailed design guidance and decisions, we're constantly looking to support quality building design in the National Park.' Last year the National Park Design Guide was revised with a renewed focus on conserving local character, the climate emergency, and sustainability. It also offers greater clarity and detail on sustainable construction, lighting and materials. The committee's role is to ensure new development is of a high quality and sympathetic to the nationally-important landscape. Entries never fail to impress, and the awards are testament to the positive contribution good development makes to the local built environment.

Nominations can be made by anyone living in or visiting the New Forest and must be for a high-standard design within the National Park boundary that has been completed in the last three years.

The NPA looks forward to receiving nominations from local residents, visitors, developers, professional agents and parish councils – and those nominating their own buildings in the following categories:

Best residential scheme (household extensions, new homes, conversions to residential)

Non-residential scheme (for example employment or educational sites, public buildings, visitor attractions)

Best conservation project (extensions to a Listed Building, restoration of a Listed Building, repair of a Building at Risk)

Best green building (showcasing sustainable construction and materials).

Nominations are open until 31 December 2023 and the winners will be chosen in the new year by a panel of members drawn from the National Park Authority's Planning Committee.

Submit your nomination at www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/buildingawards



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Losing a Loved One

My Dad died of oesophageal cancer in late August this year. He was diagnosed in early May. He had had bad news before, surviving a heart valve operation and other ailments in the past. But the diagnosis of “months rather than years” was a great shock to Dad and the family. Age doesn't change how you feel on hearing those words.

The last six months were the worst of my life. The raft of different emotions and the mental and physical exhaustion of caring for someone with a serious illness took a big toll on us all.

However, it would have been worse without a good local authority response to Dad's illness. Dad was allocated a named palliative nurse, a dietician, an occupational therapist, a district nurse team and had access to an invaluable emergency 24/7 nursing service. All of them were called upon and all were wonderful.

Towards the end of July, Dad's fighting spirit waned. The day eventually came, mid-August, when care at home was not enough. The decision was made, by Dad and his palliative nurse, that hospice care would be the best thing for him. What angels the ambulance crew were, as Dad left the family home for the last time. As were the hospice staff on his arrival.



We are getting through together. As you have to. But thank goodness for the support my Dad and our family received. From the NHS, the council, the hospice and, for my part, charities like MacMillan. I was a frequent visitor to their online forums, looking for advice and reassurance. And I found plenty.

My message to everyone, as Christmas comes closer if there is someone you know who is struggling with bereavement or with caring for someone, be there for them. Listen. If they would like more support, help put them in contact with organisations who can help.

And to those who have lost someone this year, may you have a peaceful and restful Christmas this year. Remember those very best of times with your loved one and smile. Because they would want you to.

Cllr Fran Carpenter

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Support Available Before and After “End of Life”

Hampshire County Council has an excellent bereavement and end of life support resource in its one-stop website where you can find out about help and services available for those facing end of life and their carers. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/publichealth/mentalwellbeinghampshire/bereavement>

New Milton Library is also a ‘Death Positive Library,’ providing advice and a listening ear to those going through illness and bereavement: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/about-us/death-positive>



SWAY FLOWER ARRANGING CLUB

Looks forward to another enjoyable year of flower arranging at the Church Rooms, Sway, on the last Wednesday afternoon of the month.

There will be a variety of workshops and two demonstrations where members and friends can sit back and enjoy the entertainment followed by a cup of tea and a piece of cake.

We are a friendly group and welcome new faces. Why not come along at 2 pm one last Wednesday afternoon of the month for a taster session.

Christmas in Tiptoe

EVERYONE WELCOME

Carols on The Green

Sunday

10th December

2-2.45 pm

accompanied by members of
the Salvation Army Band



Mulled wine, sausage rolls & mince
pies will be enjoyed afterwards.

Christmas in Tiptoe
 Have the family been good this year?
 Will you have guests staying over Christmas?
 How about surprising them with a visit from Santa on Christmas Morning ?
 Check your copy of Tiptoe News for details of how to organise this.
 or have a look on the Tiptoe Green website tiptogreentrust.org
 or scan here 




HORDLE WI

We meet on the first Tuesday each month. Doors open at 1.30pm for 2.00pm start. Members can join a Walking Group, a Craft Group and a Games Group. We have Speakers most months, Outings and Quizzes. We have a WebSite hordlewi.org.uk where you will find more details, our regular hirers and all you need to know about hiring the hall weekly, monthly or one-off events.

Our Speakers for 2024 start as follows

- 2nd January. - Sarah Delves. - Lipstick, Powder and Paint
- 6th February. - John Pitman. - Village Life 1940-1950s
- 5th March. - Steve Herra - Body through the Port Hole

Come and join us, new members and visitors are welcome. Contact Yvonne 01425 615284 for more information.

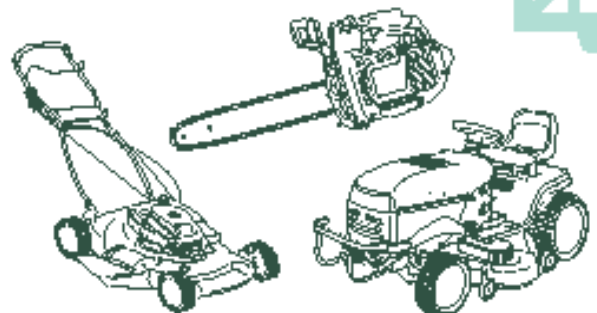


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The Editors have received the following response and reply to the article published last quarter entitled "Net Zero or Not Net Zero?"

Dear Fran,

I am delivering copies of Tiptoe News today, something I am always happy and proud to do, but your article in the latest edition has for once left me a little reluctant to do my job.

There is a lot I agree with in what you have written but three things stand out as being problematic.

1. "Sadiq Khan's London Ultra Low Emission Zone" - I think you will find that the expansion of ULEZ was first announced by Boris Johnson when he was mayor. Unfortunately, in the heat of a by-election a rather cynical decision was made to campaign against it (ironically, in Boris' former seat).

2. Your statement that Net Zero has been "politicised by organisations such as Just Stop Oil and Greenpeace" seems strange as neither organisation seeks political power. They are campaign groups trying to raise the profile of climate change in a world where the most important issue facing mankind can be knocked off the headlines by a football result.

Maybe it is valid to question their tactics of disrupting sporting events or blocking roads, though it does strike me as being very reminiscent of the tactics used by the suffragette movement 120 years ago.

I wonder how posterity will judge us and them. ("Grandad, why didn't you support Just Stop Oil ?", "well, they once made me late for work, and delayed a sports match for ten minutes")

Incidentally, it is very concerning that elements of the media, like the Daily Mail and GB News have condoned people to taking physical action against protesters.

3. I ask extreme protest groups to stop their activities - we've got your message". Really? Yet we still allow energy companies to make billions whilst irreparably damaging our environment. No, we haven't "got your message".

I am concerned that your article seems complacent, and more concerned about protest and "jargon" whereas I would like to see those with any political influence show some passion on this most important issue.

Regards,

Jon Linin

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Thank you, John.

I note your comments and views on these matters. This piece is just an opinion. This happens to be mine. I am not persuaded by Stop The Oil etc. that it is the right thing to do. Nor am I in agreement with climate sceptics. What I'm trying to say is that both extremes need to find an acceptable middle ground and work for things we can all get behind and agree on.

Kind regards,

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# Christmas Pudding Recipe

Preparation: 1 Hour

Serves: 8-10

Cook 6 Hours (plus 2-3 hours on Christmas Day)

## Ingredients:

90g (3oz) self-raising flour  
125g (4oz) shredded vegetable suet or grated chilled butter  
30g (1oz) blanched almonds, shredded  
125g (4oz) carrot, grated  
250g (8 oz) raisins  
currants – 125g  
sultanas – 125g  
125g fresh breadcrumbs  
¼ tsp grated nutmeg  
60g mixed candied peel, chopped  
90g light muscovado sugar  
grated zest and juice of 1 lemon  
2 eggs, beaten  
butter for greasing  
75ml dark rum or brandy  
brandy butter, to serve  
You will also need a 1.25litre pudding bowl



## Method:

In a large bowl, combine the flour, suet or butter, almonds, carrot, raisins, currants, sultanas, breadcrumbs, nutmeg, candied peel, sugar and lemon zest. Add the lemon juice and eggs and stir until well combined.

Lightly butter the pudding bowl. Spoon in the pudding mixture and level the surface.

Cover with buttered greaseproof paper then foil, both pleated in the middle. Secure the paper and foil in place by tying string under the rim of the bowl.

Put the bowl into a steamer or saucepan of simmering water, making sure the water comes halfway up the side of the bowl. Cover and steam, topping up with boiling water as needed, for about 6 hours.

Remove the bowl from the steamer or pan and leave to cool. Remove the paper and foil covering. Make a few holes in the pudding with a fine skewer and pour in the rum or brandy.

Cover the pudding with fresh greaseproof paper and foil. Store in a cool place for up to 3 months.

To reheat for serving, steam the pudding for 2-3 hours. Serve at once with brandy butter.



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- Complete the form below
- Return it with one small named present per child
- Enclose a donation in an envelope for the Tiptoe Community Group local charities
- Deliver it to Father Christmas, c/o Robins Joy, (opposite the Tiptoe Green on Wootton Road) by Monday 18th December.

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Child's name: .....

Address .....

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## Local Roads

The number of pot holes on local roads seems to be getting more and more, and some break down very quickly after being repaired. The trouble appears to be where they fill the hole too quickly.

The people doing the repair have not looked into the cause of the problem or carried out a proper assessment, as they just backfill the hole, not finding out what caused the breakdown in the first place. I feel cars would not be damaged so much if not having to run over the excessive pot-holes that are currently all over the place.

At this moment, the need is for the councils to try and keep the roads up to a good standard, instead of just saying they cannot do the repairs when needed.

What do we pay our road tax and fuel tax for? It should be for the upkeep of our roads!



Sway W.I. meets at the Village Hall on the 2nd Thursday evening of the month at 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. where there is often a speaker, or other entertainment. For example in December a games evening is planned, in January there will be a party with The Bow Tie Balloon Man as the main attraction, and in February, yet another party to celebrate Sway WI's 106th birthday. We will be having a talk about the history of tea - perfect for tea and cake.

But that is not all we do. A variety of sub groups have been set up. In no particular order, these include CALLIGRAPHY, DARTS, BOOK CLUB, POETRY, CRAFT AFTERNOONS, SCRABBLE, CHATTERS/STROLLERS, FOOD & PRODUCE EVENINGS, LUNCHESES, and WALKING GROUP.

We are part of the Brockenhurst Group of WIs comprising Brockenhurst, Barton Bees, New Milton Sands, and Sway. We took part in the Hampshire Quiz, the Chocolate Evening at Brockenhurst, and on 30th November Sway WI hosted the Carol Service at St Luke's Church at 2 pm.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

## Lunch (No Booking Needed)

### Brockenhurst Young Farmers

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9th January, 13th April and 11th May 2024



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## REMEMBERING THE CATS - WW1

Thousands of cats were dispatched to the trenches during WW1 to keep rodent numbers down and act as early warning detectors for mustard gas. So many gave great comfort to the troops as companions and mascots. How many cats survived we will never know?

Paws At The Ready -

The cats of World War One had significant role in all the campaigns, we must honour their bravery too.

Give thought to all the kitties who served in World War One.

A battalion of the finest who never fired a gun.

What was their role? Whether hunting rodents out at sea, or loyal friends to men, these many cats had vital roles, time and time again.

The food was saved. A common sight in trenches deep, dispatching mice and rats, the soldiers' had a special bond with many of these cats.

Many were treasured mascots. Five hundred thousand cats were sent to serve in the Great War. Some detected mustard gas, whilst others were off shore.

Some of the feline heroes –

Togo was the Dreadnought's cat, The Swan had their lad Ching.

Pincher was the Vinex's mog, it was luck they hoped they'd bring.

'Martinpuich' was aptly named, by The 9th battalion chaps.

Pitouchi was the orphaned kit, who'd survived on army scraps.

Spark Plug, Tabby and many more were companions to the troops.

The feline unsung heroes, those cats who became recruits.

We'll never truly realise just what these cats went through.

So spare a thought and give some thanks for what they did for you!

Lest We Forget!

A gunner with the regimental cat in a trench in Cambrin, France, February 6th, 1918.

### Tiptoe Green Trust

Charity No. 1135329

**Volunteers always required**

Contact - Stephanie Nash 01590 682383

[stephynash@uwclub.net](mailto:stephynash@uwclub.net)

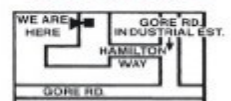


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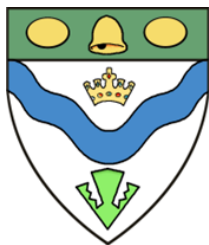
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Web: [hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Clerk: Sarah Pitt Deputy Clerk: Hannah Izod

## Parish Council Update—Winter 2023

### **New Parish Councillor**

The Parish Council recently co-opted Hordle resident Malcolm Warne Holland to fill the councillor vacancy left after the May uncontested election. Malcolm previously served as a parish councillor some years ago and was instrumental in writing the Village Design Statement, which forms an integral part of local planning policy. We would like to welcome Malcolm back to the council and we look forward to working with him over the coming years.

### **Remembrance services throughout the parish**

At the time of writing, Tiptoe Green was due to host its Remembrance Service on 12th November, with its focus on the animals who served in conflicts as well the people. In addition, a service was due to be held at the parish war memorial on Everton Road in Hordle. This year a Tommy silhouette joined the commemorations and will be making a regular appearance in the years to come.

### **Path to Happiness at Dudley Avenue**

The new gravel path has been installed at Dudley Avenue Rec, linking the toddler play area to the BMX track. This area gets very wet in the winter and we hope this will encourage even more people to use this great facility. We would also like to thank local resident Julian Bailey for making and donating the new bike repair station on the viewing platform by the BMX track, which is perfect for those on-the-go fixes.

### **Pitch Improvements at Recs**

Also at Hordle (as well as Everton Rec), the Parish Council has undertaken verti-draining work to improve the playing surface for the football teams. This treatment improves drainage as the ground has a tendency to become very waterlogged here. We have more improvements in the pipeline for the spring and we will keep you updated with developments.

### **Rest Awhile at Hordle Rec**

A new bench has been installed at the top end of Hordle Rec in response to residents' requests. We hope everyone residents will enjoy resting and taking a moment to enjoy the view on a sunny day.

### **Hedge Cutting**

This is a perfect time of year for everyone with hedges to give them a good trim, especially if they border the highway. In addition, residents with ditches bordering the highway should clear them at this time of year to prepare for the coming winter, under their Riperian responsibilities. For more details: [hants.gov.uk/reportaroadproblem/treehedge](http://hants.gov.uk/reportaroadproblem/treehedge).

### **Potholes**

If you spot a pothole on your travels, you can report it quickly and easily online directly to Hampshire County Council: [hants.gov.uk/reportaroadproblem](http://hants.gov.uk/reportaroadproblem)

### **Grants for Local Charities and Groups**

Grants for local charities and organisations are available from the Parish Council. Small awards (usually under £500) are made 3 times a year; the next round is scheduled for 28th February 2024 and details and application forms are on our website. Past recipients include Hordle Volunteer Driver Group, Hordle Art Group, Everton Pavilion, Tiptoe Green Trust, Hordle Community Association, Hordle Scouts, New Forest Disability Service and the Twinning Association.

### **Post Offices Services in the Parish**

Christmas is coming and posting dates are nigh. The Post Office van visits Hordle Pavillion



Car park on Vaggs Lane on Fridays 11.30am - 1.30pm and Saturdays 10.30am - 12.30pm. Please use your local services!

### **Next Meetings**

Tuesday 19th December, 16th January & 20th February at Hordle Pavilion, Vaggs Lane @ 7.15pm. See the website & noticeboards for agendas and minutes.

### **Merry Christmas!**

The Parish Council would like to wish all the residents a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. It would like to thank everyone who has contributed their time and effort to our parish over the past 12 months which has made our community such a lovely place to be.



## **St. Andrew's Church Fellowship and Fun Group**

Monthly – Tuesdays starting from 14th November at 2.30 – 4.30

### **Games afternoon,**

People are bringing board games, so there will be plenty of choice for you to decide which table to go on .

### **Cake and Tea/ Coffee during the afternoon**

There is a small charge of £1.50 per person,  
Bring along friends as well,

**Everyone is welcome**

## **What to do if your dog shows signs of chocolate poisoning**

If your dog has eaten chocolate by mistake or you suspect they have, take them to your vet as soon as you can, ideally within two hours. If you're able, take the packaging from the chocolate and try to work out the type they've eaten and how much – this will help your vet decide the best treatment.

### **Symptoms of onion poisoning in dogs**

The humble onion can be toxic to dogs, as can garlic, as they contain a toxin called N-propyl disulfide. This can lead to a range of symptoms over both the short and longer terms such as vomiting and anaemia.

### **What plants are poisonous to dogs?**

Some plants can be dangerous to dogs. It's important to act if your dog eats any of the following:

Bulbs such as autumn crocus, bluebells, daffodils, Hyacinths and Lily of the Valley

Foxgloves, Azaleas and rhododendrons, Giant hogweed, Holly, ivy, rowan, mistletoe and yew

Some food plants such as rhubarb and potatoes, Acorns and horse chestnuts, which can cause blockages if eaten,

If you're concerned your dog has eaten a plant that could be toxic, check with the vet. It's useful to take some of the plant with you if you need to get veterinary attention.

The symptoms of plant poisoning in dogs are similar to those for chocolate poisoning. As always, if your dog seems unwell, contact your vet as soon as you can.

## **Tiptoe Community Group**

**Everybody welcome. Come and enjoy our coffee mornings. Chat and meet new friends every Wednesday, at the Young Farmers Club, Wootton Road Tiptoe.  
10.00 to 12.00.**



## Water, water, everywhere and I'd really rather not drink it ...

I'm sure most of you have noticed that after any downpour or prolonged period of rain, it doesn't take long for water to build up in ditches, drains to fill up, and big puddles to appear in the village. Maybe we shouldn't be surprised after the wettest March on record, followed by the wettest summer on record, before Storm Ciarán blew through at the beginning of November. The ground is saturated. But as Tiptoe actually sits on a small rise with the ground sloping away gently in all directions, water really should drain away and none of us should have to keep a nervous watch to see if water is creeping up the garden path.

Unfortunately it's something that we experienced 12 years ago, when multiple factors, all combining together during a period of heavy rain, resulted in our house being flooded downstairs. Believe me, it only takes a couple of inches of dirty rainwater – and who knows what else – to ruin everything and it takes months to truly dry your home out.

It's not something that we ever want to experience again and so we set about installing various mitigating measures, including a deep French drain across the front and sides of the house linking into a deep sink hole in front of the house where we house an automatic pump. To remove any build up of water and not just re-circulate it, we use an extension on the pipe to direct water to the east side of Wootton Road as water has always seemed to flow away better that side. Many of you may well have seen it in action – and apologies if it has caught any of you out! It's not intentional, I promise!

However, this year after a big downpour at the end of October followed by the recent storm, we noticed there was a massive build up of water from the junction of Wootton Road along Middle Road and that water didn't seem to be flowing as it normally would.

We were concerned that pumping water from our side of Wootton Road to the other would only add to this new build up, and we didn't want anyone to have a problem as a result - so we thought that we should try to somehow help fix the issue. We cleared out the debris from the ditches along the side of Tiptoe Green, dug out and rodded the pipes, and water is now flowing nicely, hopefully alleviating the issue.

But it got us thinking that perhaps, as a small community, perhaps we could come together to work out how we can help each other to prevent these build-ups going forward – and more importantly prevent any property from being flooded outside or in. There's a lot to think about – we don't know what the definitive flow of water through the village is, how the various drains and ditches and pipes all link together.

So we wonder whether there is any interest out there in a joint effort to understand the water flows, monitor them and schedule some simple periodic maintenance similar to the Tiptoe Green working parties? Given the stretched budgets of local councils and other agencies – and the length of time it takes to get any response from Highways and the like (we know from experience!), pulling together as a community may well be the most effective way forward.

We're suggesting creating the Tiptoe Village Community Action group, using WhatsApp for group messaging and creating a blog where we can share information – and add more issues to address like how to combat vehicles speeding through the village (don't get me started on that!).

If you're interested, please contact us at [tiptoevillagecommunityaction@gmail.com](mailto:tiptoevillagecommunityaction@gmail.com) and let's get started!

Alg Mobile number: 07863 403462

Website: <https://tvca.electric-outboard.co.uk> Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1023375235569964>

YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC24RcGXMeXgopInf1YirRMQ>

Alg & Lesley Bennett, Iona Cottage, Tiptoe



### Volunteers always required for Tiptoe Green

contact - Stephanie Nash 01590 682383  
[stephynash@uwclub.net](mailto:stephynash@uwclub.net)



## Warning to Drivers on New Forest Roads



Motorists should expect the unexpected when driving on Forest roads this autumn after only a quarter of speeding drivers knew what to do if they were in an accident involving New Forest ponies and other free-roaming animals. This warning comes in the wake of 37 ponies, cattle, sheep and pigs being killed or injured in road accidents in the New Forest during 2023 up to October when compared to 39 for the whole of 2022.

Incidents occurred on both major and minor Forest roads and these figures are significant because the deadliest months for accidents are November and December, when weather and light conditions are very unpredictable. Several hundred drivers have been caught speeding over the last two years by Operation Mountie, a multi-agency road safety project. Speeding motorists were stopped and either given tickets or education about driving to the conditions and the behaviour of Forest animals near or close to the roads.

Despite it being a legal requirement to report an accident involving Forest animals to the Police as soon as possible and within 24 hours, only 26% of motorists stopped were aware of this. The vast majority of those caught speeding were on their daily commute and only 5% were visiting the area. Two-thirds of all drivers stopped lived within the boundaries of New Forest District Council, and of the hundreds stopped, it was discovered that no particular age group was more likely to speed. The vast majority of those spoken to said they had not fully considered the risks presented by animals on or nearby the road.

Gilly Jones from New Forest Road Awareness said “Animals roaming across the New Forest have right of way and can be extremely unpredictable”.

Sue Westwood from the Verderers of the New Forest said “Please pass wide and slow when approaching ponies and other animals on the Forest verge. This is especially important during the autumn and winter months when it is dark, foggy or raining or you are blinded by oncoming headlights or a low sun. Expect the animals to walk out in front of you. They have no road sense.”

**What to do:-** If you are involved in an accident with a Forest animal, call 999 immediately even if it runs off as it may have an internal injury.” RM

Register with Pat Rendell by Monday 29th January 2024



### Tiptoe Quiz Night

Teams of 6 people

Friday 2nd February 2024

7 for 7.30—10.30 p.m

Wootton and Bashley Social Club

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## Halloween

Deep in the Forest on the 27th October the spooks and ghouls came visiting in Marley Mount. With the help of some humans (Alan and Trish) they turned the garage into a Haunted House making a party spectacular complete with the village Witch entertaining the local children. The cobwebs hung and the floor covered in wood shavings. Here the braver of the children found the sweets. The spiders came out to play as well and the ghosts waved around the building. The very well-practiced Witch sent the children screaming away from her frightening appearance.

Luckily the spooks, or was it the Witch, remembered to bring along their photographer to record this fun party, just to prove to all that it really happened.



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## **A Plea to our Readers of Tiptoe News.**

Cyril and I have Edited the Tiptoe News since 2010. The last year has not been easy with Cyril's health problems and it is getting increasingly difficult to complete it on time. I have always been the one to collect the content for the Newsletter and Cyril has always put the Tiptoe News together on the computer. I am sorry to say that Cyril is not managing this now and I do not have enough knowledge of computers to do this part all so . I am asking if there is anyone out there who would be capable of doing this part for me? Please contact for further details if you are interested and think you can help. Thank you. Pat and Cyril

## **It would be a shame to lose the Tiptoe News for good!**

### **New Forest Animal Emergency Hotlines**

Don't Delay

To prevent unnecessary suffering, report all accidents immediately.  
Even if it runs off, the animal may have serious injuries.

#### **Police (24hrs)-999(emergency)**

101 (non-emergency)

Road traffic accident involving a pony, cow, donkey, pig or deer

#### **Verderer's Office**

023 8028 2052 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

Sick, injured or distressed pony, cow, donkey, pig, or sheep (not deer)

#### **Forestry England**

0300 67 4600 (24hrs)

### **Hordle Volunteer Driver Group**

Covering the Villages of Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton, Can you help? We urgently need more drivers. Please help us by calling 0345 388 9063 or Email [hordle.care@btinternet.com](mailto:hordle.care@btinternet.com) for further information. To book transport

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### **Dance with Miss Jennifer**

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#### **Wednesday:**

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#### **Thursday:**

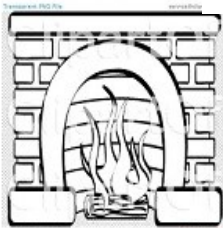
10.00-10.35am Toddler & Me ballet (18mths-2.5yrs)

10.40-11.20am Pre-school ballet (2.5-4yrs)

11.25-11.40am Pre-school tap (2.5-4yrs)

[www.facebook.com/DanceWithMissJennifer](http://www.facebook.com/DanceWithMissJennifer)  
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Hordle Parish Council Website:- <http://www.hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk>



### Sway Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr Lisa Thomas

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Sway Parish Council Website:- <http://sway-pc.gov.uk/>

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## Useful Contacts

### Hampshire Constabulary

**Emergency:** 999

**Non-Emergency:** 101

[www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)

### Crimestoppers

(Anonymous reporting)

0800 555 111

[www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

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(Report and get advice about fraud or cyber crime)

0300 123 2040

Online [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

### Blue Lamp Trust

(Bobby scheme)

0300 777 0157

### Citizens Advice (Advice line)

03444 111 444

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

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(24 hour Helpline to report cruelty, neglect or an animal in distress)  
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### Environment Agency Incident line

0800 80 70 60

### Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service

03300 165 112

### The Farming Community Network

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## How to report a road problem

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<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transort/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>

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(call or Text)

Or [fran.carpenter@hants.gov.uk](mailto:fran.carpenter@hants.gov.uk)



# Tiptoe News

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#### The Life Centre

Contact Joy Bingham on 01590 682638

For the  
Tiptoe Green Website



[www.tiptoegreentrust.org](http://www.tiptoegreentrust.org)

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10.00am Family Worship, 2nd & 4th Sunday  
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#### (Assemblies of God) Church

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Tuesday 10 - 11 Prayer meeting  
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### Mondays to Fridays

#### Butterflies

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07708001150

#### Wednesdays

**Tiptoe Community Group Coffee Morning**  
Young Farmers Club Wootton Road  
10.am -12.pm

#### SCARF Youth Club

[admin@scarfnewforest.org](mailto:admin@scarfnewforest.org),  
07874 221249

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#### Carol Service

on the Green 10th December 2 pm

**Tiptoe Quiz** - see page 20

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