Lepe Country Park Revamp & Sensory Garden

The Romsey Show Celebrates 175 Years

A Visit To New Forest Lavender Farm

Protect Your Home From Burglary
Hello everyone and welcome to our Autumn Messenger.

Do any of you remember Issue 1? That was two years ago and to celebrate our anniversary I am giving away a Hayes Travel Voucher for £50 to one reader who can prove that they still have a copy of the very first issue of the Messenger. Take a photo of it and email or send it in and if there are multiple entries I will choose a winner at random.

I receive some wonderful letters and phone calls about our magazine. The Summer cover picture of the donkey was very popular. Thank you for taking the time to let me know how much you liked it and thanks to Cathy Anning for sending in the picture.

I thought it would be a good idea to mention the increase in burglaries that we have been having in the Forest over the past few months. Take a look on pages 26-27 for suggestions on how to safeguard your home.

You will see that I have been out on another trip, this time to New Forest Lavender Farm; well worth a visit.

We also have a feature on The Romsey Show, which is celebrating its 175th anniversary.

Why not have a go at the Wordsearch competition, if you have not done so before. There is a fabulous set of Italian Crystal Tumblers to win, and a beautiful jewellery set for the winner of the Caption Competition.

Kathy Baker
Editor
In the Summer issue, Olly was spotted by a number of readers so their names were put in a hat and Mrs Heather Lowe was declared our winner of the £30 gift voucher.

Mrs Lowe picked up her copy of the New Forest Messenger magazine from Lepe Country Park.

Olly is again hidden in one of the adverts. To be in with a chance of winning:

1. State clearly the name of the advertiser and the page number you saw it on.

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Business Mail, PO Box 300, Southampton SO45 9AW.

The competition closes on November 12, 2017.
Visitors to Lepe over the past few months have been watching the £2.7m transformation, which is due for completion next Summer.

The new cafe-on-stilts aims to beat tidal storm surges, after the current complex was flooded in a storm that struck the south coast in 2014.

Lepe’s current café will remain open until the new building is completed.

The reason for building on the beach level is because this is the plot of land that Hampshire County Council owns. The council also owns the land at Lepe Point – the local nature reserve. Aside from this, land is leased to Hampshire County Council to manage as a country park.

The new building will be set two metres above the surrounding ground on a concrete slab, supported by concrete columns and piled foundations, which are all designed to withstand the impact of rising sea levels. The structure will have a steel frame and will be clad in timber with hardwood windows. The roof will be covered with zinc and have large overhanging eaves to offer shade from the sun as well as protection from harsh weather.

Lepe Country Park
Open every day, 7.30am to 8pm or dusk, whichever is earliest. Parking charges apply.
W: hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryparks/lepe
During the Summer, Lepe Country Park opened a Sensory Cottage Garden for visitors to enjoy.

Councillor Andrew Gibson, Hampshire County Council’s Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside, said: “The Lepe Point Sensory Cottage Garden is a special addition to the site. It’s a dedicated space which encourages visitors, whether it’s through recreation or education, to excitingly explore lots of different senses such as sight, smell and sound in such a tranquil setting.”

The Friends of Lepe cleared the site at Lepe Point nature reserve of vegetation to make way for the new elements on what would have been the site of the Solent Cottage garden.

The new garden, which has been designed primarily for the disabled, schools and community organisations, has features including a bug hotel, a pond and water feature, bog garden, a wildflower garden and a pagoda for climbing plants. Varied pathways take visitors around so they can enjoy the abundance of flowers such as lavender, hydrangeas, azaleas and petunias on foot or from the seating area.

Cllr Gibson added: “Our thanks go to everyone who has helped in the garden’s creation since work began early last year, with donations of money, time, equipment and expertise all gratefully received. We hope to add to the sensory features over time, including bubble lights, mirrors and chimes so keep returning regularly to see the additions.”

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Oliver Crosthwaite-Eyre, Chairman of the New Forest National Park Authority, said: “The Autumn is a splendid time of year for a walk around the National Park, with fiery foliage providing the perfect backdrop for exploring the gentle, flat landscape of the New Forest. We hope that the expanded range of walks in this year’s festival show that you don’t need a car to go for a tranquil walk in the New Forest.”

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The first Oakhaven/Beaverbrook Foundation £100 Challenge proved to be a big success for the Lymington-based hospice. In January a number of local businesses signed up for the challenge and were each given £100 by The Beaverbrook Foundation and challenged to multiply that sum over the following six months by devising and implementing fundraising ideas and donating the profit to the hospice.

“The Challenge was a great way for businesses to show off entrepreneurial flair, bond with teammates and improve organisational and communications skills,” said Oakhaven’s Mike Denny.

The Challenge has raised £14,000 to date and some of the participating businesses got together at Oakhaven to hand over their profits (pictured).

Mr Denny said: “We are now looking for more local companies and business to take part in the £100 Challenge 2018. If you are interested contact 01590 677773.”
How well do you know our local area? Do you recognise the place in this photograph?

You could win Afternoon Tea For Two by entering this competition, sponsored by Waterside Blinds.

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The competition closes on November 12, 2017.

Our winner of the Summer issue competition was Jo Barr, who picked up her copy of the Messenger from Lyndhurst Community Centre.

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Although often to be found moored at this famous local attraction, it may only be boarded on selected occasions, when the crew are on hand to talk about her amazing history.

Visit the Maritime Museum to discover the full facts of the dramatic Gipsy IV story and see a map plotting Sir Francis’s amazing journey, together with personal items from the voyage.
“Colours of Autumn” is the theme for our Autumn photography competition.

The prize for our favourite photograph is a £50 gift voucher, sponsored by Ryan Fencing Limited.

Send in your photos before November 12, 2017, and our favourite images will be featured in the Winter issue.

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Here are our favourite pictures sent in for the Summer photography competition, entitled “New Forest Villages”. Our winner, Colin Lee, receives a £50 gift voucher, kindly donated by Ryan Fencing Limited.

Left: Our favourite image, of Fordingbridge and the River Avon, by Colin Lee.

Clockwise from above: Our runners-up, by Jan Sutton, Nick Utton and Emma Courtney.
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The not-for-profit club is holding two free sessions to encourage new members. They know that young people want to dance with their own age group, therefore they are aiming to have three age ranges (8-15 years, 16-24 years and 25-40 years), in addition to the senior section where they already have a good group going.

The 12 weekly sessions are followed by refreshments, included in the price of £3.

The club is held at Totton & Eling Community Centre every Friday, 7.30pm-10pm.

Two free introductions to this fun hobby will be held at the centre on Sunday, October 1, and Sunday, October 8, from 2pm. For further information contact the centre on 023 8036 4505 and either Carol or Alan Gerrey will get back to you.

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Heritage and history will form part of the spectacle as The Romsey Show hits a landmark 175 years on Saturday, September 9, 2017.

One of the oldest agricultural shows in the country, the show started out in 1842 when Queen Victoria was on the throne and steam trains were in their heyday.

The show is based on the historic Broadlands estate, where visitors will be treated to a true celebration of the English countryside and farming. Attractions will include over 1,000 livestock, heavy horse parades, the country’s best farriers, and more than 500 retail stands for those looking for a country-style shopping fix.

In line with the history theme, Salisbury resident Dr Phil Harding (pictured) from TV’s Time Team is this year’s President and visitors can dive into the past thanks to hands-on activities with Wessex Archaeology.

Dr Harding said: “Rural community spirit marked the Neolithic Revolution in Britain, 6,500 years ago. I sense this spirit remains as strong in this, my Presidential year, as The Romsey Show reaches its landmark 175 year anniversary.”

New attractions for the anniversary year include the humorous Mole Show, a magnificent Falcon Village, the dog and duck show, and don’t miss the Sheep Show with some amazing dancing sheep!

Show Secretary Alexa Hobday said: “The Romsey Show started off in the Market Square all those years ago and we know from our archive that hundreds of thousands of people have enjoyed a real celebration of the countryside over all these years.

“We stay true to our traditions by always providing the best entertainment, food and countryside day out but we also like to keep up to date and The Romsey Show this year has exciting new attractions for all the family.”

Tickets have been frozen at last year’s prices with under 11s free and they are available at www.romseyshow.co.uk.
By Kathy Baker

On a rather dismal day in mid July, the day after a thunderstorm, my good friend Sue Alford and I took a trip out to see the beautiful New Forest Lavender Farm that I had heard so much about.

We arrived rather late in the afternoon and it was very apparent the damage done by the previous day’s storm; the beautiful wild flower meadow was looking very sorry for itself but nonetheless I was struck by the beauty of the gardens as we walked up the path, thick borders of fragrant lavender lining the way.

The whole place is a gardener’s paradise. The David Austin roses were so beautiful and Sue was pointing out the names of all the other plants I did not recognise.

If you are looking for herbs there are many on display for sale as well.

For me it was the lavender that literally took my breath away! Like many children who grew up in the 1950s, I remember my mother’s Yardley Lavender Water and Soap! Perhaps that is why I have such fond memories of the smell.
The gardens are small but well designed, with gazebos, decking and tables scattered around, which made me feel we were in the grounds of a country house. If you want to enter the lavender field and wild meadow area, there is a charge of £2 which goes to charity.

The restaurant (set inside a beautiful wooden lodge) has comfortable pine seating, friendly staff and a fabulous menu, which made me realise that this would be a place to return to time and time again! Hanging above us from the beams were bunches of lavender and hops and the atmosphere was really tranquil.

The menu was truly amazing with lavender scones, cakes, shortbread and cordial. I have already planned what to have for lunch on my next visit!

Before we left we took a look around the gift shop and what did I come home with? Bunches of lavender, of course!

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Caption Capers

This picture of a deer was taken by Cathy Anning and we thought it would be fun to see your captions for it. Our favourite will win this Jon Richard jewellery set worth £15. Email your caption to: messengermag@yahoo.co.uk or enter our Prize Wordsearch as well and post the completed page to the address below.

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Word Wheel

Each word must use the central letter, each letter can be used only once, and you may not have words with fewer than three letters.

Summer Winners

Our Summer Wordsearch was won by D Strehlau from Blackfield.
The Curious Arts Festival Weekend Family Pass was won by Lyn C Vallence of Godshill.
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PJ Putt joined his local Slimming World group in Hythe eight months ago and dropped from 19.3 stone to 15.10.

Now, he has trained as a Consultant for Slimming World, the UK’s largest group-based weight loss organisation, at their national training academy in Derbyshire.

He says: “After losing 4.5st and completing my training, it’s a privilege for me to be able to pass on the experience, insight and understanding that helped me, so that I can give my members the support they need to get to target. Support is really the most important thing. I couldn’t have lost 4.5 stone without the weekly help, encouragement and understanding of my own Consultant and group.

Slimming World Consultants are all former members and groups are set up as micro businesses in the heart of local communities.

Consultants receive training in Slimming World’s healthy eating and physical activity programmes and learn how to use group support to empower members to take control of their own weight loss journey.

Emilie Drew-Rook, who runs Slimming World’s Calmore group and manages PJ as a Team Developer, says: “Slimming World Consultants are chosen for their positive outlook and because they genuinely care about the health and happiness of others. With PJ’s experience of being a successful Slimming World member and his kind and warm personality I just know that he’ll be an amazing support to members, cheering them all the way to their target weight.”

PJ’s Slimming World group will be held at Blackfield every Monday at 5.30pm and 7.30pm from September 11, 2017. For more information, call 07862 727743.
BY KATHY BAKER

Domestic burglaries are becoming commonplace in our villages, with news of these crimes regularly appearing on Facebook and other social media.

So how can we protect our homes? While a security system should be considered, there are many simple changes that householders can make. A burglar will scout the neighbourhood, looking for an easy target, but the good news is that there are ways to make sure your home isn’t one of them.

Close the curtains when you switch your lights on every evening, so your belongings aren’t on show to
A Thief anyone who walks by. A burglar may even ring your doorbell during the day, to check if you are at home, then make an excuse if you answer.

Burglars hate net curtains because they can’t see what’s inside. A radio left on will make them think someone is at home, while prickly shrubs are a good deterrent outside windows.

A cage around your letter box helps keep their tools out and a chain on the door is also a good idea. Don’t leave your car keys near the front door, either.

Fake security cameras may be recognised as such by burglars, but an outside security light is an effective deterrent.

Don’t forget your shed and garage, either. Garden equipment and tools are valuable so fit a decent padlock.

Join the New Forest and Waterside Crime Awareness Facebook page as it offers advice and publicises local crime.

Also:

• Mark your property with postcode and house number and register your property for free with Immobilise (immobilise.com)
• Consider joining or forming a Neighbourhood Watch scheme
• Store any high value items in a properly secured safe or bank vault

When You Go On Holiday:

Make your home look like someone is there:

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Air Conditioning In The Home

By Kathy Baker

Last month I decided that I would fit an air conditioning unit in my Park Home.

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In the past it was considered a luxury to have an air-conditioning system in your home but nowadays it is so much more affordable and energy efficient.

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Good Grief –
A Very Special
Coffee Morning

By Mandie Pidgley

New Forest Funerals and Fawley Parish Church are now holding a coffee morning on the last Thursday of every month, 10am till 11.30am, at All Saints Church, Fawley.

You do not have to be religious or bereaved to come along; we are there for everyone who wants to talk to us about death and dying.

We launched the group after noticing that many of our clients become lonely and isolated after a bereavement. The Church of England had launched “Grave Talks” to try to encourage people to talk about death before it happens and to write down wishes so that at the time they do pass away it is a huge help to the family left behind to know they are carrying out the wishes of their loved one.

We have combined the two to create “Good Grief” and it has been lovely to get people together to talk and know they are not alone and it is normal to have the feelings they do. We even had a sing song at the last meeting!

As the group grows we are hoping to introduce trips out and other events.

We provide tea, coffee and biscuits, and although we encourage people to talk, it is also OK if they just want to come for a cuppa and listen to others.
Your Captions

This photo by Cathy Anning made us smile so we asked for ideas for captions. Our favourite is by Mrs M Kimber from Langdown Firs, Hythe:
I’m thinking I shouldn’t have taken that toffee . . . but I’m stuck with it now!

Mrs Kimber wins a £10 book token.

Here are some of the other entries:

Chew Paca!
Mrs C Ransom, Calmore

Give us a kiss!
Hazel Phillips, Holbury

But they said it wouldn’t melt!
D W Painter, Romsey

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The summer holidays are over, the children are back at school and the colours are changing in the garden. Now is a great time to make the most of the autumnal sun and get out in the garden and prep it for winter. There is a large range of shrubs, conifers, heathers and perennials that will keep your garden colourful in spite of the cold and it’s also a great time to plant spring bulbs.

Another wonderful way to enjoy the change of season is to wrap up and get out in it! The abundance of colours once the leaves change from the rich shades of green into a haze of crimson, orange, yellow and deep purple is quite spectacular and the New Forest is breathtaking for this. The ground becomes covered in a carpet of leaves just ripe for crunching through (or kicking up!) and if you’re lucky enough, you might even spot some mushrooms, toadstools and fungi peeking through.

It is the perfect season, too, for doing some wild art with children. Never has it been easier for little ones to find things on the floor to pick up and a bag of different coloured leaves, twigs, feathers, pine cones and conkers will make a fantastic collage! It’s as therapeutic for the grown-ups too so here’s hoping you have lots of fun this autumn!
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Age Concern New Forest are well known for their charity shops in Dibden Purlieu, Totton, Holbury and Blackfield but not everyone realises that they also have an office in Dibden Purlieu where they provide a very important service for local older people, their families and carers.

Information and Advice is available at Southward House, Beaulieu Road (opposite the Post Office), from 10am to 1pm weekdays.

Information is available on a range of topics including health, housing, long-term care and benefits. Also, on the first Friday of each month, they run an I & A drop-in session at the Three Score Club in Totton, 10am to 12 noon. Appointments are available via the office on 023 8084 1199 or Freephone 0800 085 6625.

“Over the past financial year we secured over £350,000 per annum in previously unclaimed benefits for our clients,” said Jane Archer who runs the I &A service. “Older people are not always aware of the benefits they are entitled to so we encourage them to make sure they are not missing out.”

Form filling is one of the vital services that Age Concern New Forest can provide. “It can be very daunting to be faced with pages of paperwork to complete so we do our best to reassure people and help them,” said Jane.

All money raised by their four charity shops is used locally to support the services provided by Age Concern New Forest.

If you would like to know more about the services they provide, or if you would like to volunteer to help the charity, please contact Jane, Zoe or Teresa Blakey on 023 8084 1199.

This year they are putting together their own Winter Warmer Packs, including handmade knitted blankets. If you are a knitter and would like to knit a blanket or squares to make a blanket to donate then please contact the office.

Finally, Jean Adams, CEO of Age Concern New Forest, is retiring at the end of September 2017 and will be handing over the reins to Deputy CEO Teresa Blakey. Jean (pictured) has been with ACNF for over 19 years and has worked tirelessly over this time to increase the vital services it provides for local older people.

The Trustees, staff and volunteers all thank Jean for all her hard work and accomplishments and wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement. Teresa would particularly like to thank Jean for all her help and for passing on her great knowledge of the Charity to her so she can continue with this important, successful and challenging work.
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Singing Event Plus! September 25, 1.30pm - 4pm. Afternoon tea and a sing-a-long, plus we hope to have a singing group for your enjoyment as well. £3 members and £4 non-members, booking required.

Singing afternoon with sandwiches, cakes and tea! October 30, 2pm - 4pm. £3 members and £4 non-members, booking required.

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Fawley Fireworks
Gang Warily Recreation & Community Centre, Friday November 4, 5.30pm-9.30pm. Bonfire, live music, fun fair, food and bar vendors, plus the firework display. £2 in advance or £3 on the day.

Open Day
Hardley Fire Station, September 16, 10am till 4pm. Meet emergency services from the Waterside. All proceeds to Firefighters Charity.

History Drop-In Event
A history of Lymington in the 20th century in 4 maps. Tuesday, October 10, at 10am, 2.15pm, 5.30pm. Lymington Library.

Walking Festival
The New Forest Walking Festival, October 14-29. Book walks via www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/festivalwalks

Car Boot Sale
Totton & Eling Memorial Car Park, October 1, 10am - 1pm, £4 all sellers. Just turn up!

Purple Zeppelin
Hanger Farm Arts Centre, Totton, September 30, 8pm.

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Retired people welcome at 12 noon on Wednesdays. Call 023 8084 4336 for details of this Hythe event.

Their Finest (Film)
Hanger Farm Arts Centre, Totton, October 9.

Plants Sales
Copthorne Nursery in Fawley is holding a Sunday Plants Sale from 11am - 3pm on September 10.

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