

Newsletter 2019

Hello Everyone. Welcome to this year's newsletter.

I would like to start by sharing the news that I have taken the decision to step down as chairman of the parish council. I became chairman 7 years ago after being on the council for 2 years and since then I have become busier with my work and my family life has become much busier with the addition of two young children. However, I will remain on the parish council and will support the new chairman as they take on their new role.

Since becoming Chairman of the Parish Council in 2012, I have met some inspirational people who have taught me a lot and supported me in my role as chairman. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those people as without their support I would have found my time as chairman a challenge.

As you may have noticed there has been extensive building work going on at the parish hall their year. I would like to celebrate the work of the parish hall committee who have successfully completed the hall refurbishment and addition of the second hall which is now available to be hired on its own or in addition to the main hall. The hall is the central hub of the parish where the village comes together to enjoy some great events put on by the committee. None of this is possible without the hard work and commitment of the parish hall committee. The hall improvements have been as result of the hard work of many people combined with fundraising, grants and support from the parish council. I look forward to seeing the hall used for many more events in the future.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the Armistice in 1918 that signaled the end of World War One, the parish council purchased a 'Tommy' for our village. Our 'Tommy' is an act of remembrance as well as supporting the valuable wok of the Royal British Legion. 'Tommy' was originally put outside the parish hall on the green, but he will now be found on the wall of the foyer of the parish hall.

I would like to thank all Parish Councillors past and present for their support over the years. Not forgetting our hard working parish clerk, Katie who keeps us all in check. I look forwards to continuing my role as a Councillor and working closely with fellow parishioners.

Regards

Dan Shutler

Sopley Parish Chairman

All events are held at the Parish Hall unless otherwise stated and are subject to change.

Please keep an eye on the Parish Boards and website. www.Sopley.gov.uk.

Any queries please email parish.clerk@sopley.gov.uk.

Upcoming Events:

Barn Dance 26th April 2019

Sopley Village WI Plant and Cake Sale 27th April 2019

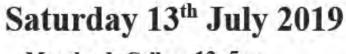
Vintage Tea Party Saturday 1st June 2019

Car Treasure Hunt 2nd June 2019

Sopley Village Festival 13th July 2019

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SOPLEY FESTIVAL



Moorlands College 12-5pm followed by live music outdoors at the Woolpack





Is it a country show?





Is it a craft fair?



A music festival?



Or a family fun day ...?

YES! Sopley Festival is all of these – and more! Plus fun dog show, live entertainment, activities and refreshments

throughout the afternoon

It's organised by Sopley Parish Hall Management Committee to raise funds to maintain and improve the Parish Hall as a valuable community resource. We think it's a great event but don't take our word for it -

here are a few comments from last year's visitors and exhibitors:

"we had a great time"

"entertainment was top class"

"the music was fantastic"

"we had a lovely day"

great atmosphere"

"it was my first visit and I absolutely loved it"

For more information

Sopley Festival

Stallholder enquiries 2019SopleyFestival@gmail.com

www.sopley.gov.uk/sopley-parish-hall Organised by Sopley Parish Hall Committee Charity No. 1130934 All monies raised go towards the upkeep of Sopley Parish Hall



Parish Clerk's Report 2019

Parish.clerk@sopley.gov.uk Tel: 01425 674833 www.sopley.gov.uk

Hi All,

Firstly I would like to express my sadness at Chairman Shutler's decision to stand down from his position. He has always been most approachable and helpful in all Council matters, I am pleased that he will remain a Council Member. Also that Cllr Hill and Cllr Rawstron will not stand for re-election for 2019, they have always been most useful and a great resource when matters have arisen.

So if any Parishioners would like to be considered for a Council position from May 2019 please do not hesitate to email me or call. Parish.clerk@sopley.gov.uk.

Its been an eventful year with the refurbishment of the Village hall which is great and available to hire at a "local rate" for parishioners. Again do not hesitate to contact me. Ongoing is the transfer of Allotments to Sopley Parish Council on the Heatherstone Grange development. I have a waiting list (which is currently full but there may be cancellations).

I am so looking forward to all the upcoming events which can be found in this Newsletter or on our website www.sopley.gov.uk. We always need volunteers for these events so again please contact me. I would like to take this opportunity to say that the "speedwatch" forms are still available on our website also.

Finally and most importantly to congratulate the lovely Lizzie and Dan Shutler, not forgetting Maddie his big sister on the birth of Rupert their beautiful new baby boy.

I look forward to another successful year in Sopley with my various hats on and seeing you all soon.



Best wishes,

Katie x





Annual Sopley/Ripley Spring Clean 13th April 2019

Many thanks to all of the Parishioners who helped with the Annual Litter Pick on Saturday 14th April last year.

It was a great turnout again and a lovely dry sunny day for it, thanks also to the lovely people who helped in the background and ensured the rubbish collections were appropriately placed and then collected by NFDC.

Thanks also to the Woolpack for letting us congregate in their lovely pubgarden after the litter pick.

Next year's Litter Pick date is pencilled in for 18th April 2020 so please make a note in your Diary.

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SOPLEY VILLAGE WI

Sopley Village WI has enjoyed a fun packed year, we meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, usually at the Sopley Village Hall, Priest Lane.

Monthly meetings have been enthusiastically attended by an increasing membership this year who have made new friends, socialised, drunk tea, coffee, wine and ate sumptuous cakes.

We have been entertained by Alice May and her lovely story called Accidental Damage, Bransgore Community Responders, Sharyn Oliver and her beekeeping stories, talks by "the Gardening Lady", a lovely summer BBQ at the lovely Barbara Popes gorgeous home, Fish and chips on the beach and talks by Carole Smedley and her lovely award winning Crufts dogs.

So its been a fun fuelled year again.......

Members were encouraged to show off their skills, even find talents they didn't know they had in the New Forest Show in the WI Tent, 2018 with the "Girls Can" theme.

We continue to support village events as a WI, we again had a very successful bottle tombola at the Summer Festival which was held at Moorlands College again. WI member's with friends and members supplied many cups of tea and cakes to members of the public.

This year promises to be as interesting and busy, with this years programme available (on the next page) and plans for the Sopley Festival to be held on 13th July 2019, 12 until 5pm.

Our social summer BBO in July and a Christmas Fayre at Sopley Parish Hall with craft stalls, afternoon tea and entertainment being planned to which you are all invited.

DO PLEASE LOOK AT THE PARISH NOTICBOARDS FOR OUR MEETING TOPICS OR WEBSITE WWW.SOPLEY.GOV.UK

All local ladies are welcome find out more and come along for a "taster" evening, which a £4.00 charge is payable.

The Annual Membership is £41.00, for more information contact Katie.

Chairman Charlotte Dunnill cmdunnill@hotmail.com
Secretary Katie Hughes: 01425 674833— parish.clerk@sopley.gov.uk
Find out more about the Women's Institute go here: www.thewi.org.uk

2019 DIARY	Jan 15 th	Bake a cake competition and Meeting including our vote on 2019 Resolutions								
SOPLEY VILLAGE WOMEN'S	Feb 19th	<u>Dr Alexander Crooke – Poultry Keeping</u>								
INSTITUTE	<u>Mar 19th</u>	<u> Marie – Wine tasting</u>								
theW	Apr 16 th	<u>Brownsea talk</u>								
INSPIRING WOMEN Meetings held	May 21st	<u>AGM 2019 –</u> <u>Cocktail making</u>								
in Sopley Village Hall,	Jun 18 th	<u> Upskirt lady – Lorna Rees</u>								
Priest Lane, Sopley BH23 7BA	Jul 16 th	Summer BBQ - Charlotte								
3 rd Tuesday each month	Aug 20th	<u>Fish n Chips on the beach!</u>								
7.00	<u>Sep 17th</u>	<u> Andrina – Macmillan Event</u>								
7.00pm-9.00pm Visitors are	Oct 15 th	<u>Mike Wildeman</u> Bader's Bus Co								
asked to										
donate approximately	<u>Nov 19th</u>	<u>Christmas Decorations Craft evening</u>								
£4.00 per meeting (3 visits allowed)	<u>Dec 17th</u>	<u>Christmas party</u>								

Committee may change at the Annual Meeting in May 2019

President:

Mrs Charlotte Dunnill 01425 673716 cmdunnill@hotmail.com

Secretary:

Mrs Katie Hughes 01425 674833 Parish.clerk@sopley.gov.uk



Derritt Lane, Sopley, BH23 7AZ 4th Sunday of the Month, April to October 2018 10am to 1pm

Sellers from 8.30am and STRICTLY NOT BEFORE PLEASE

Cars £5/Vans £8

(NO CATERERS PLEASE) - Homemade Refreshments Available

Further information: 07812 555516



Upcoming Sopley Parish Council meetings, please note these are Council Meetings held in Public.

MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2019/20

7.30pm Thursday, 24 th January 2019	SPC Meeting
7.30pm Thursday, 21 st March 2019	SPC Meeting
7.30pm Thursday, 16 th May 2019	AGM & Annual Assembly
7.30pm Thursday, 20 th June 2019	Finance Audit Approval Meeting
7.30pm Thursday, 18 th July 2019	SPC Meeting
7.30pm Thursday, 19 th September 2019	SPC Meeting
7.30pm Thursday, 21 nd November 2019	Finance followed by SPC Meeting
7.30pm Thursday, 16 th January 2020	SPC Meeting
7.30pm Thursday, 19 th March 2020	SPC Meeting
7.30pm Thursday, 21 st May 2020	AGM & Annual Assembly

Agendas and Minutes are available at www.sopley.gov.uk



Your local Sparky!

- *Rewires, full or partial, no job too small (or too big!)
- *Regularly work on farms, stables, barns, outbuildings etc.
- *External wiring to gardens, ponds, outbuildings, gazebos, etc.
- *Thatched, listed and period properties a speciality
- *Full inspection and testing to City & Guilds 2391 for property pre-sales and pre-purchase
- *Inspection & testing reports for insurance company requirements
- *Fault-finding
- *Security lighting
- *New supplies installed, underground & catenary (overhead)
- *Full £2M public liability and public indemnity insurance
- *Part P registered all work guaranteed
- *Many years experience working for leading aerospace and defence companies worldwide
- *References available, mostly from local households and businesses









Telephone Zaz on 0794 1220201.

Email: avon-power@sendemailhere.co.uk



Sopley Parish Hall Annual Report 2019

Hi All,

We have had lots of Events since the last Newsletter, a Private Function for St Peters School, Car Treasure Hunt, Christchurch Bicycle Club, Sopley Festival, private Christening, Blue Stockings, Christmas party and Grand Opening, Bingo Night, local Caravan Club AGM, Quiz Night, St Patrick's Night with local entertainment along with all our regular customers and new for this year is yoga, Pilates and short mat bowls on a Thursday afternoon.

Sopley Festival raised over £5500 profit. There were 43 stalls. Thanks to all and for the support of locals and Committee Members.

The refurbishment and build of new hall funds raised in excess of £70000.00 including donations and monies raised from locally run Social events and hall hire etc.

Huge thanks to all involved in this project and especially to Ian Pinder as project manager.

We have had very generous donations from local parishioners towards this ongoing project and the updating of the heating to include hall 2, yet to be named.

We are still needing donations so this project can be finalised including the heating/ alarm system and finishing off of the bar and kitchen areas, both halls can be used at present but any monies will be gratefully received to finish the project.

We have now to good size halls. The Bar can be run for both. There is a fully functioning kitchen and an office for the Parish Clerk and also a new and improved store room.

We have a regular caretaker and cleaner to keep it in good repair and to a high standard of cleanliness. So thanks to Mr & Mrs Pinder for this.

Thanks to the Hallraisers, Kits Cats Chorus, all local musicians, John, Chas, Phil, Ron, Sam, Teela for all their musical contributions to events held.

The Parish Council who we could not have done this without their support. Also to Katie the Parish Clerk who has done so much paperwork, phone calls and Public Work loan applications.

Big thanks also to Dee and Teela at the Woolpack for the festival evening party and their ongoing support and catering excellence.

Caroline Paul - Chair

Sopley Parish Hall Management Committee.



SOPLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FETE



Saturday 29th June 2019 12pm - 3pm



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL







Offers of help or donations should be directed to The Friends of Sopley School.

If you would like to book a stall at the Fete, please contact Helen (Chair of FSS) or Yvonne (Secretary of FSS)

> Helen - helen-whalley#2般hotmail.co.uk Yvonne - mikeyvonnechtld@yahoo.co.uk

BBQ - ICE CREAM - TEA and CAKES - BOUNCY CASTLE FACE PAINTING - RAFFLE - CHILDRENS GAMES - TOMBOLA STALLS - MUSIC - ARENA EVENTS



£1:00 per adult Children are free!



This event is organised by THE FRIENDS OF SOPLEY SCHOOL' and all funds will directly benefit the children of Sopley Primary School SOPLEY
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ASSEMBLY 2019



THURSDAY 16th May 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

After the conclusion of a brief session of formal business, the Annual Assembly provides an opportunity for Parishioners to raise for general discussion, any matters or suggestions that may be of concern or interest to the wider community.

The meeting will then be addressed by our guest speaker.

Refreshments will be Cheese and wine.



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FRIENDS OF SOPLEY CHURCH

The Friends of Sopley Church is a charity which was set up in 1977 for the purpose of raising funds to help maintain our beautiful church. We have a small committee and at present about 90 members. We hold social events



throughout the year to raise funds and everyone is welcome at these you don't have to be a member. All the events are displayed on the Parish notice boards as well as online. We feel it's so important to preserve our lovely old church but we need your help, becoming a member of the Friends costs just £5 annually so if you would like to join us please get in touch with Rosi our Treasurer on 01425 614560 or e-mail rosemarymoynihan6@talktalk.com

The following events have been arranged for the coming year and we would love to see you so please come along and support us.

Sunday 23rd June 12 Noon – Barbeque at Middle Ripley Farm.

Friday 13th September 7pm – Harvest Supper at Sopley Church.

Saturday 23rd November 10.30am – Coffee Morning followed by Annual General Meeting at Sopley Village Hall.

Saturday 14th December 10.30am Sherry & Mince Pies at The Old Vicarage Sopley.

Jackie Gibson (Secretary)

Message from "Bransgore Twinners"

Bransgore village is twinned with the Normandy village called St Georges Montcocq. We have established links with their community over many years and our members are twinned with french families of similar background. We alternate twinning visits - they come to us one year and we visit them the next year so we see our french twins at least once per year. We have members from Burley and New Milton as well as Bransgore so if you would like more details about joining the Association please contact our Chair Lesley Perkins on 01425 672160 or by email on lesleyannperkins@gmail.com.



Recipe from the Woolpack Chicken, leek and bacon pie

One of the Woolpacks best selling products is the humble pie. We sell so many pies that we have purchased an oven and dedicated it for the creation of the beautiful pie.

The Woolpack produces the pie on a large scale, making the pastry case in advance and then the filling and finishing the top with puff pastry. I have scaled down the recipe to produce a batch of 6 individual pies.

Short crust pastry:125g butter
250g plain flour
Pinch of salt and pepper
Warm water
Grease proof paper and baking beans

The pie filling:3 x chicken breast diced
4 x rashers of bacon
One leek
56g butter
56g plain flour
Approx. 500ml of milk
Splash of double cream
Pinch of salt and pepper

Puff pastry top:-

As you know from my sausage roll recipe this is a long drawn out process that we do but I recommend you buying this from the local supermarket.

Method:-

Place the flour and butter for the pastry into a large bowl and start rubbing together until it becomes a crumb consistency. Season with the salt and pepper and slowly add warm water until you reach a smooth dough, wrap in cling film and rest in the fridge until slightly chilled. Dust your work surface with plain flour and roll out the pastry to approximately 3mm thick. Cut out circles, brush your pie dish with melted butter and sprinkle flour over the butter, making sure that you tip out any excess flour from the tin as this can change the recipe. This process stops the pastry from sticking. Place the pastry into the mould and trimming of the excess. Cut circles from your grease proof paper and place onto the pastry; put the baking beans into the moulds. Place in a hot oven 180°c and bake for 15mins, then remove the beans and paper and continue to cook for another 15mins. Put to one side and cool.

Whilst your pastry is baking you can start to make the filling for the pie. In a thick bottomed pan place your butter, chicken and bacon, then put the pan on the heat. The chicken will start off translucent and will go white in colour when cooked. Stirring and being careful not to burn the butter. When the chicken and bacon are fully cooked add the flour and mix, making sure the flour is fully mixed and cooked through you can slowly add the milk. You will be looking for a smooth consistency not too thick but enough to put into the cases without it being too runny to hold. Peel a leek by taking off the two outer leaves, cut the dark green part of the leek off and slice the rest into little circles, discarding the root, place in a colander and wash. Add leeks into the mix and finish with a splash of double cream and season to taste then cool.

Roll out the puff pastry and cut out circles large enough to cover the top of the pie. You should now have pie cases, filling and the puff pastry top. Place the pie cases onto a baking tray and fill the cases up until they are over full, lay the puff pastry over the top of the mix and egg wash. Place into a pre heated oven at 180°c for 30mins ensuring the puff pastry is well risen and fully cooked by being flaky and golden brown, the core temperature should be 70°C for 2mins. Then serve.





St Michaels & All Angels Church, Sopley



The church of St. Michael and All Angels is a lovely and well cared for church. Sitting on a mound above Sopley Mill and the River Avon is a building which is at the heart of a thriving community. It is open each day and many do call in and sit quietly or admire the atmospheric interior. All churches have a particular feel about them and St. Michael's is a place which, somehow, seems to retain a holiness about it, almost as if the centuries of prayers that have been said there stick to the walls and hallow them. The comments left in our visitors book echo this (and are interesting to read).

Like most churches some is ancient and some parts less so. The striking mural on the chancel arch only dates back just over a century ago and is a real treasure. Much of the fittings in the chancel are from just before the First World War. Each generation has left its mark on this remarkable building. The Purbeck Marble coffin slabs which now stand each side of the door date from the thirteenth century. Visitors are very welcome and we have a votive stand at which candles can be lit and this has become a focus for prayer.

A major feature of life here is the presence of the Mill next door. This excellent wedding venue attracts couples from far and wide, many of whom would like a church wedding. This results in a steady stream of couples who find a worshipping home and a church which will always be 'theirs' in a very special way. We become a part of their story, as they become a part of ours too.

St. Michaels is a welcoming and accepting church where all manner of people find a home. All are welcome, all are loved, and all of us need God in one way or another. We have a range of services on a Sunday. With a Book of Common Prayer 8am Holy Communion, and a 11am Matins on the first Sunday of each month. On the third Sunday we have a 11am Family Eucharist which welcomes all ages to worship. The other Sundays we have a Eucharist. Everyone is welcome.

Whether it be a place to call into and find some peace, or to join for a special service, or Sunday by Sunday,

I do hope that St. Michael's will be 'your' church also.

See www.burtonsopley.com for details of services and what else is happening, as well as contact details.

With every blessing. Revd Nigel Lacey Priest in Charge







BRANSGORE COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS Registered Charity No. 1049778

Bransgore, in the New Forest, Hampshire England

2018 was a busy year for the team. Our unpaid volunteers gave over 6000 hours of their time being on -call. That's about 70% of every day. Very often they were not called out and carried on with their lives. But when they were, they were able to reach the patient quickly, and provided the immediate care needed until the arrival of the ambulance. Their interventions saved lives.

We are always looking for more volunteers both in Sopley, Bransgore and Burley areas. Why? Because in cases of cardiac arrest minutes really do matter. If we can get a defibrillator onto a patient and start vital CPR within the first few minutes, the patient's chances of surviving the cardiac arrest go up greatly. Without intervention there will only be one result! For every minute that passes, without CPR a patient's chances of survival decrease by 10-14%.

As a team we work together to help raise funds for the Charity under which we sit. We attended the 3 day Bransgore Beer Festival and raised about £900 running the competition draw. The prizes were donated via local people and business and we could not run it without them. Some members were able to provide the first aid cover for a few local events and the resulting agreed donations went into the funds. Sadly, we cannot do them all, as we are limited on the time we have given our main reason for being is to have a Responder on call for the benefit of the community.



We were also able to provide CPR training to young people during the International Restart a Heart Day in October, and our Heartstart team hope to provide it to at least one local primary school in this area this year as well as some others locally who specifically requested it. We also provide defibrillator awareness sessions for those who want to know how basic hands only CPR works and how to use one of the publicly available defibrillators in Bransgore, Burley, and other areas.



The team's achievements were recognised in 2018 by HM The Queen and the National Ambulance Service Chief Executives Association.

If you are interested in joining our award winning team or just finding out more, please contact Mike on 0844 500 9699 and we will call you back. Full training and required uniform is provided. We ask that you provide at least 20 hours a month being available if needed. You need no previous experience but must be over 18, physically fit, have access to a vehicle and be of good character.

Go on- do think about it. Sopley (and Bransgore) NEED YOU!

Mike Jukes BEM

E: bransgorecfr@sca-charity.org.uk or www.bransgorecommunityresponders.org.uk.



John F. Kennedy said 'Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.' For Moorlands College, we have experienced plenty of change this past year and although we reflect on this with mixed emotions, remembering those that are no longer with us, we certainly look forward to an exciting future.

Starting in the Autumn of 2018 we launched our festivities celebrating 70 years of applied theology training at Moorlands College. In October we welcomed guests to our Sopley campus to enjoy the first of our Platinum Roadshows, which was an evening of learning more about our history, hearing from students past and present and focusing on the new season ahead. This also acted as a special occasion for local friends to say goodbye to our Principal, Revd Dr Steve Brady. After 21 years of faithful service, Steve accepted an invitation to become the Senior Minister at First Baptist Church, Grand Cayman, West Indies.

At the end of November, we had a number of events to wave goodbye to Steve, offering our gratitude for the number of lives he has influenced during his two decades at Moorlands College. The next change we experienced was to welcome our new Principal.

Revd Dr David Hilborn joins Moorlands College as our fourth Principal in seventy years of theological training. For the past seven years, he has served as Principal of St John's College, Nottingham and has previous experience at the Evangelical Alliance and St Mellitus College. David is deeply committed to a well-grounded, evangelical and orthodox faith, and is an excellent fit for the college. At David's installation service our former Principal, Steve Brady, shared his greetings and encouragement stating

"I believe David brings just the right mix of gifting and experience to lead Moorlands through the exciting, challenging and necessary changes before it. Under his wise leadership, I pray that the very best, most useful and fruitful period in the college's history will unfold, to the glory of God."

With the first signs of spring warming our hearts we eagerly look forward to this new season we enter as a college under the gracious leadership of David. We are so grateful for the community we are in and are just as committed to impacting lives with the gospel. Since 1948, Moorlands College has given people passionate about Jesus Christ the knowledge and skills they need to impact the Church and wider world. We're not just about education, but transformation and as we look to the exciting changes ahead, we are grateful for this legacy that helps us embrace change.

Karen Todd

Marketing Consultant, Moorlands College



The Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy

Registered Charity Number 1045352

Telephone: 01425 673297 ~ www.fortunecentre.org

The Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy (FCRT) thank everyone who came to their first Quiz Night at Thorney Hill Community Hall, it was a huge success. It was all made possible through the hard work and culinary skills of the 'Quiz Night Committee' ~ thank you.

The next FCRT event is the FCRT Fun Day, which is being held on Sunday 12th May at Avon Tyrrell and will have Clear Round Jumping, Fun Dog Show, Car boot tack sale and lots of other lovely stalls, including a barbeque and refreshments. This fundraising day is being organised by the FCRT third year students and such a valuable opportunity for them to practice their literacy, numeracy, communication and social skills.

If anyone is interested in having a stall, or space for the tack sale at the event, please contact Paola King on – 01425 673297 pi.king@fcrt.ac.uk (donations for the cake stall will always be gratefully received).

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ALL WELCOME

ENTRY £4.50 TO INCLUDE TEA AND HOME MADE CAKE.

TICKETS IN ADVANCE FROM

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KATRINA WEST 07749 622070

RAFFLE

If wet we will be holding this event in Sopley Parish Hall



Have a Go Days

Our 'Have a Go' day means exactly that, have a go! Never tried archery? Have a go! Fancy some climbing? Have a go! It's a great opportunity to try out different activities as a family, and you never know you may find a new passion or hobby to get everyone outdoors!

Sunday 27th January Sunday 24th February Sunday 31st March Sunday 1st September

Easter Activity Trail

Come to Avon Tyrrell and take part in our Easter Activity Trail! The Easter bunny has hidden all of the eggs and needs your help in finding them. Take part as a family where you will answer clues, take on challenges and have a go at some activities.

Sunday 21st April

Fairy Trail

Magical fairies have escaped the New Forest Fairy Festival and are descending upon Avon Tyrrell causing chaos. We need you to solve the clues to find them and stop the madness. Fancy dress encouraged!

Sunday 26th May

Halloween Activity Trail

Beware! The Halloween Trail is lurking and ready to scare the 27th October fangs off Dracula, the spook out of the Ghosts and the Evil from the Witch. Join us for some creepy challenges and gruesome activities if you dare! Fancy dress is encouraged!

Sunday

Christmas Activity Trail & Santa's Colour Dash

Sunday 1st December

Ho ho ho.....Santa's helpers are busy preparing cracking challenges and jolly activities for the whole family to enjoy. Explore the magic of Christmas and get into the festive spirit! Join us after the activity trail and run/walk your way around our 3k route where you will be drenched in a storm of Christmas colours but Santa's naughty elves!

All family events are £6pp

Booking in advance is essential. Book online or call us on 01425 672347 https://avontyrrell.cinolla.com/avontyrrell/courses/family-events-2019

Sopley Primary School

Sopley Primary School is a friendly place where children are happy and parents are welcomed. Our small size means we get to know our children – and their parents – well, and can care for their unique needs.

As always, it has been a busy year so far! We thought we would share just a few of the highlights...

A School to be Proud of...

We were delighted with the comments made by a visitor during his recent visit to our school:

"I was absolutely blown away at how good Sopley School looks, both inside and out. The playground / field is a great space with loads of fun equipment for the children to use (not least the new mud kitchen which looks brilliant!). Inside, the corridors and classrooms are really well decorated, colourful, fun, etc. It struck me that all of the children I saw looked really engaged and there was a general sense of calm around the school."

Fantastic Fundraising!

A for multi-day and colouring competition for Thildren in Need" raised just over £101 and two amazing Year 5 pupils raised another £55.17 selling their poin points, book marks and bracelets! In total, we raised £156.38!

Our first MacMillan coffee morning was a huge success and raised a staggering £186.69!

£133.50 was also raised by the children for Sports Relief this year!









Maypole Dancing

Lots of our wonderful children took part in maypole dancing at various local events. There were several dances around the maypole which were complicated and required a huge amount of concentration and team work. The children worked incredibly hard in school to practise their routines and the final dance was amazing! Here's a photo of the maypole plait!

Sopley School Fete

The Sopley School Fete is in its 45 year! Many school families, past and present, and members of our lovely community, some with tales of Sopley in years gone by, came to enjoy a successful Fete. This highly well organised event, which boasted its tradition flare, was organised by the school's wonderful and dedicated team of parents; Friends of Sopley School (FSS).

The Fete included a tug of war, won by the children for a second year running we believe (well done), delightful country maypole dancing, whole school performances as well as demonstrations of street dance and karate.

NSPCC Workshops

At Sopley, safeguarding is our top priority and, consequently, our children were involved in the NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' programme.

Following the NSPCC visit, we received the following message from the Schools Service Area Co-Ordinator of the NSPCC:

'I just wanted to send you an email to say how incredible your pupils were at Sopley Primary during our speak out stay safe delivery on Wednesday 23rd May. I really enjoyed working with all the classes.

The year 5/6 class that received the workshop particularly impressed me, not only with their behaviour but also with their critical thinking. They coped with a sensitive subject in a very mature way and really gave some thoughtful answers and empathetic responses.

The children were actively engaged during the group work and everyone in the class was keen to participate whilst also being respectful of others.

Well done to your school, we look forward to working with you all again in a couple of years.'



Forest Schools

What a wonderful few days we had, enjoying a wide variety of Forest Schools' activities. It was a joy to see our children thoroughly engaged in weaving, whittling, toasting marshmallows on the campfire, bottle art and much more! We captured a few of the many, many comments children enthusiastically shared with each other and adults during

forest schools this week. These included; it
was "their best day ever", "We are really
grateful forest schools happened" and "I've loved forest schools this
week and am certain all my friends have too".

What is Forest School and why is it important: Forest School is a process that offers all learners opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a natural environment. Activities offered provide different experiences that help foster traits such as resilience, confidence and emotional intelligence to support the learner throughout their lives. At forest school, children get their

hands dirty and are exposed to manageable risk (essential for healthy development) as part of skill-building fun. Children can fully embed learning and develop a sense of community.

We are continuing to develop our outdoor learning spaces at Sopley and have exciting plans for the future!

Vision and Values



Earlier this year, we announced our "Vision"...

A Federation of Schools where children know that they are at the heart of the Forest Community. Children are nurtured, and their successes are celebrated, within a safe, fun and welcoming environment. Together we grow inspired, wholesome, happy individuals with enquiring minds and a thirst for learning.

The children were also given the task of designing a logo which embodies and showcases our values. We were thrilled to announce the winning design shown here.

After School Clubs

We have worked extremely hard to enhance our after school provision and now have a wide variety of clubs on offer for our pupils.

These include: 'Mad Science', choir, computer coding, cookery (the first one of its kind in Hampshire we believe) and football. With a creative writing club coming soon, we have something to offer for everyone!



Our Wonderful Choir

Our fantastic Sopley Choir made us all incredibly proud when they sang at Silverways Nursing Home and the Care Together Christmas party one December afternoon.

The residents and partygoers thoroughly enjoyed their renditions of contemporary Christmas songs, traditional carols, Christmas poems and cracker jokes. They sang beautifully and many people commented on their excellent manners and behaviour.

World Book Week

What a wonderful week we had celebrating the fabulous world of books! The children looked fabulous in their holiday clothes as they jetted off to France, Pakistan, Antarctica and Mexico each morning on board our Sopley Boeing 747! We said a huge 'WELL DONE' to all our wonderful pupils for working so well in their mixed age classes; they supported each other beautifully and it was a joy to see.



Comic Relief

The children have just raised over £210 today for Red Nose Day!

Thank you everyone for your kind donations.



Prickly Hay Nativity

The Infants brought the barn down with a fabulous nativity production for 2018. The children and families all enjoyed an action-packed story, filled with upbeat singing and dancing. We sent a big thank you to all the various helpers and families for assistance with costumes, learning of lines and practising songs.





Children in Key Stage 2 had a special visitor in assembly: Jayne Godden from the Minstead Study Centre made us think about our waste. With over-use of plastics being firmly in our news, Jayne discussed why reducing our use of these is important for our planet. She then gave us all tips on how to reduce plastics in our everyday lives e.g. putting our sandwiches in a reusable box rather than in cling film or a plastic bag, using refillable water bottles rather than buying bottles of water, using bars of soap rather than liquid soap in plastic bottles and many more!

Perform Drama4All Workshop

'Perform for School' provided a 'Drama4All' workshop for our Key Stage 1 children. They thoroughly enjoyed perfecting and performing their drama skills with a trained coach! Great fun was had by all involved!



And Finally, OFSTED 2018 said:

"Leaders have maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection....swiftly identified priorities for improvement."

"You and your staff have created a welcoming and nurturing environment. As a result, pupils enjoy learning and are happy in school. They behave well and are polite and respectful towards adults, classmates and visitors. When talking to pupils, they described their experiences in school as 'fun and exciting', where 'everyone is kind, caring and looks after each other"

"The parents I spoke to described the many positive changes that have occurred this year due to the continuity of the new leadership team. Parents reported how you and your heads of school have improved communication and consistency, which has reassured them that the school is

moving in a positive direction."

"Leaders routinely track and monitor the progress of these pupils and teachers deploy their additional adults effectively so that pupils make good progress from their starting points."

"The leadership team has ensured that all safeguarding arrangements are fit for purpose and records are detailed and thorough."



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WHAT'S IN A NAME

When researching local history it is an advantage to understand the terminology used in old documents, which will give an insight into how records were drawn up and their purpose. I will explore some in this article.

Names of plots of land form a large part of the 1839 Tithe Award for the Parish of Sopley, which is held at the Hampshire Record Office in Winchester. It is at first glance a maze of names and information.

The Tithe Award book lists in table format 1) the Landowner, 2) the occupier of the land, 3) the plan number relating to the Tithe map, 4) the description of the land, 5) the state of cultivation, 6) quantities in statute measure, ie, A / R / P (Acres, Roods, and Poles/Perch), followed by 7) the amount of rent-charge apportioned upon the lands and to whom this was payable. This would have been the Vicar of the Parish or the Impropriator. (Which the dictionary defines as a layman in possession of church lands or an ecclesiastical living.)

Some of the interesting names of land descriptions in the Award are:- Colonels Close, Gold Willows, (both pasture), Burn Beat, Juglers, Great and Little Winters, (arable) and some meadow land called Arrowsmiths Bushey Ham. Some names have more of a descriptive nature such as:- Rushey Plot, (meadow), Above Brook, Great Bridge and Corner Plot, all arable. Whilst others seem to have a more personal connection, ie, Betty Millards Piece, Moll Jacobs, Watermans and Deans, which are all arable.

In those days the landowners were quite numerous totalling ninety in the Parish, with various amounts of acreage to their names. Some had many hundreds of acres but others as little as seven or eight poles/perch each, although the Blacksmiths Shop at Ripley was listed at only two poles/perch as was the Smiths Shop at Avon.

Also included in the Awards book are the figures for the gross rent-charge payable to the Tithe owners in lieu of Tithes which was the grand sum of Eight Hundred and Eighty Two Pounds Ten Shillings. This was £330 10s 0d to the Vicar and £552 0s 0d to the Impropriator.

Finally there was a table showing the value in Imperial Bushels and Decimal parts of an Imperial Bushel of Wheat, Barley and Oats. The price per Bushel was:-Wheat = seven shillings and a farthing, Barley = three shillings, eleven and a half pence, with Oats being two shillings and nine pence. Other instances where names play an interesting part are the titles given to woodlands and roads. In Sopley Parish, many woods and copses appear to have been named after individuals, most likely estate workers, who had helped plant them. Whitcher's Plantation, Salways Plantation and Peckham Firs come to mind, with those names appearing in the Censuses of the mid 1800's.

Road names are prone to being "localised" such as School Lane, Ripley, (running from the school to Shirley) and Lamb Lane, Sopley, (taking you from Sopley Cross to the Lamb Public House), whereas old maps show that Thatchers Lane and Harpway Lane are the original names. Mill Lane, Sopley and Fish Street, Ripley have a factual name as had Watery Lane, Ripley but this latter one has been lost from popular use.

In fact tracing the origins of Sopley, Ripley and Avon village names, one can be assisted greatly by the use of the World Wide Web. The site of British History online tells us that several spellings over the centuries has led to their current form. In the eleventh century "Sopelie", was in use, then through to the sixteenth century it was spelt in various ways, ie, "Shoppele", "Soppelee" and "Shopley". Ripley also has had several changes, ranging from "Riple" in the eleventh century to "Rupple" and "Ruple." whereas Avon seems to just have had one, "Avene" which is listed as from the thirteenth to the sixteenth century.

To conclude, with some other oddities of names in the Parish, one could ask,

- 1) Why is it called SOPLEY Primary School when it is in Ripley.?
- 2) How did Blackberry Bottom get its name.?
- 3) Why does Primrose Wood not have any primroses growing there.?
- 4) Where and what, was the Hallelujah Tree in Ripley.?

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All events are held at the Parish Hall unless otherwise stated and are subject to change.

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Any queries please contact one of the Parish Hall committee members or email parish.clerk@sopley.gov.uk



All Saints Thorney Hill

Asbestos removal work has been completed at the church and now works will commence on replacing lead on the roof following the theft last summer.

The church will be open during summer months every Saturday between 2-4pm from May to the middle of September. Come along and take a look around this church which is full of important Arts and Crafts features.

Look out for 3 special Saturdays on 8th June, 13th July and 17th August where the graveyard mapping project will be continued. This project started last year when a small group of local volunteers began work with the National Park Authority's Community Archaeologist on a project to record all of the graves within the New Forest National park. Students from Bournemouth University had previously scanned the graveyard and plotted all of the graves with GPS locations on a map. We have managed to match these with the church's own records.

Once we had recorded details for all of the graves in our database, we asked volunteers to come to some of our regular open days to record details of their family graves on paper survey forms. Volunteers included families who had moved away as well as regular members of the congregation. These surveys were entered into the NFNP's website and we have collected and uploaded details of 58 graves - out of a plotted total of 327.

Some of the families had turned up with photographs and other family mementos and bits of local history connected to the graves and the NPA are keen to attach these to the individual grave records. These will eventually be available for the public to view, so as well as encouraging participation in our open day survey sessions we would appreciate family photos and memories that we can add to this important record of Thorney Hill's social history. Please come along to one or more of the volunteer Saturdays, whether or not you have family connections with the church – refreshments will be available.

On the music front we are looking forward to welcoming back Jigfoot – the popular folk music and dance group –to the church on our first open day 4th May at 7.30pm. This is an open event where we are inviting donations on the night rather than selling tickets in advance. Please come and enjoy some lively singing and dancing.

The Poole Music Therapy Group will also be returning this year.

Look out for dates on the Facebook page "All Saints Thorney Hill"

Bonfire Etiquette

Spring arrives. A beautiful clear sky, spring flowers are at their best, the birds were singing, a few butterflies emerged and the first bumblebees. Perfect. But then a neighbour lights a bonfire. The languid moment turned into a quick dash to grab the washing before it adopted a smoky bonfire odour.

There aren't any laws about bonfires, but there are laws for the nuisance they may cause but noone wants that. A community adopting bonfire etiquette, or a chat over a cup of tea to reach a friendly agreement is much better.

The following guidelines should help to prevent any chance of bonfire rage:

Dry materials burn quickly and produce little smoke

Check the wind to make sure it is light and not blowing towards a road, a thatch or a neighbour's property or pub beer garden.

Ideally you want the smoke to disperse upwards, quickly

Keep the fire small, adding material often rather than all at once

Only burn for a short period of time

Consider shredding and composting as an alternative

Light a fire after sunset, or on a damp day, when people don't have their washing out and tend to be inside

And finally – please avoid lighting a bonfire on a rare sunny weekend or Bank Holiday when people want to enjoy their gardens!

An Overview on Hedges

Councils are often asked about responsibilities relating to hedges and the like. There are two main areas of interest; hedges that run along roads and public places, and the height of neighbouring hedges. The conclusion in both cases is that owners have a responsibility to maintain their hedges and should not allow them to grow unchecked.

Hedges and Public Areas—Owners of hedges that lie next to public areas are responsible to ensure their hedges stay within their boundaries. Where they do not, and become a hindrance to traffic and/or pedestrians, the highways authority (Hampshire Highways in our Parish) can demand the owner to take action through a letter. Failure to do so can result in a number of actions, but most commonly the authority will roughly clear the excess with a tractor mounted flail, and may charge the owner for the cost of doing so.

High Hedges—Part 8 of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003, which gives local authorities powers to deal with complaints about high hedges, came into operation in England on 1 June 2005.

Provided they have tried and exhausted all other avenues for resolving their hedge dispute, people can take their complaint about a neighbour's evergreen hedge to their local authority - your district or borough Council.

The role of the local authority is not to mediate or negotiate between the complainant and the hedge owner but to adjudicate on whether - in the words of the Act - the hedge is adversely affecting the complainant's reasonable enjoyment of their property. In doing so, the authority must take account of all relevant factors and must strike a balance between the competing interests of the complainant and hedge owner, as well as the interests of the wider community.

If they consider the circumstances justify it, the local authority will issue a formal notice to the hedge owner which will set out what they must do to the hedge to remedy the problem, and when by. Failure to carry out the works required by the authority is an offence which, on prosecution, could lead to a fine of up to £1,000.

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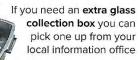
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- Light bulbs











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The Woolpack Inn

Many thanks to you all for your continued support.

The woolpack has had many successful events over the past year, it was lovely to see in the new year with so many of you.

The Woolpack inn was voted by Echo readers as one of the top 8 places for the Sunday roast so booking is now essential on Sundays.

Ouiz night has proved very popular and Tuesday nights have a great community turn out, it is really good to see all of the locals joining together and having fun. If you're interested in coming along and taking part it's on a Tuesday at 8.30pm it's only £1 per person to play and teams no more than 6.

For those budding musicians or those of you that like to listen to some up and coming talent we have open mic here the last Monday of the month starting at 8.pm.

The Christchurch and Highcliffe brass band will be playing in the garden again this August and the beautiful sounds can be heard across the village, they also come along to play Christmas carols on the evening of our grand Xmas draw.



We have been attending the Sopley village fair with our stall selling our homemade bar snacks, pork pies, sausage rolls, crackling and scotch eggs, do pop by and see us and try some.



The new Spring/summer menu is out now with plenty of seasonal delights, we have an exciting breakfast menu and an additional nibbles section. The nibbles selection has a very Mediterranean theme, allowing you to sit back with your glass of tipple and enjoy a sample of either Hummus & crostini's, Olives & Sundried tomatoes, Halloumi fries, Gambas al pil pil (Prawns in a garlic & chilli sauce), white bait and southern fried chicken or if you can't decide try them all on the new grazing board.

Did you know the Woolpack Inn is your one stop event caterers, if you are looking to hold an event we can provide either buffets or tailor made menus at the Woolpack or if we are unable to accommodate you due to clashes in our diary we will endeavour to accommodate you at the newly refurbished village hall.

With the local people of Sopley as our focus you play your part in giving us the encouragement to continue to provide great food, drink and entertainment.

Please keep an eye out for future events.

Anyone wishing to hold an event at the pub, please pop in and discuss your ideas. Tel: 01425 672252

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Where can you find out more about the Parish Council?

Parish Noticeboards are located in Sopley Village at the Parish Hall and in the layby adjacent to Sopley Forge, in Ripley next to the phone box/post box, in Avon by the old forge at the entrance to London Lane.

Parish Council Meetings are held every 2 months - usually on the third Thursday of the month - and are open to all Parishioners and interested parties.

Meeting dates, venues and agenda details are posted on the notice boards and the parish website (www.sopley.gov.uk). The website also contains lots of useful local links to businesses, local authorities and community groups and organisations.