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## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

7.30pm, Thursday 13th October  
in Waterlooville Community Centre

All welcome

(No meetings in August or September)

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The Windmill Players  
Clanfield annual charity concert  
for The Rowans Hospice returns  
to The Memorial Hall in  
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"A Concert for The Rowans" is  
on Saturday 20th August at 8pm and those who have been  
to our charity shows in the past will know that this will be a  
lively evening of music and fun. Taking part, as usual, is  
some of the best talent from the Portsmouth area, singing  
and making fools of themselves for you. Please come along  
and support our area's most important charity. Tickets are  
£6, including free refreshments; available on the door, or  
phone ☎ 01730 231474.

### HAMPSHIRE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

If you are interested in researching your family history,  
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Hampshire Genealogical Society (HGS) can help. You can  
join the Society for £10 per year. You will receive four copies/  
year of 'The Hampshire Family Historian' (the Society's  
publication). You can access the Society's Research Centre  
and their Hampshire publications and CDs containing all  
Hampshire baptisms, marriages and burials transcribed  
from the original parish registers.

Help is available from volunteers at the Research Centre  
and you have the chance to link up with others researching  
the same surname as yourself, who could be anywhere in  
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Local groups meet monthly, giving you the opportunity to  
meet others who share your interest and listen to speakers  
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The Society's own 'Open Day' on Sunday 25th September,  
at Horndean Technology College, Barton Cross, Horndean.  
Entrance is FREE and all are welcome.

You can find out more by visiting the website [www.hgs-online.org.uk](http://www.hgs-online.org.uk) or phoning ☎ 9238 7000.



### WALK ROUND A HAMPSHIRE VILLAGE IN 1846

Hampshire Record Office has the opportunity to  
purchase a rare piece of local history: an album containing  
over 100 mid-19th century drawings of Wellow, depicting  
local landscapes, named cottages, people and details of  
everyday life.

The drawings, which are largely done in pencil, show  
people farm labourers; women and children; a woman  
feeding chickens; children on their way to school; pigs in a  
farmyard and labourers in a hayfield. It is the modern-day  
equivalent of a photograph album or DVD of a walk round  
the village.

It is particularly interesting for the snapshot of local history  
at a moment in time and will link to other records of the  
period, such as the census.

Hampshire Archives Trust, which supports the County's  
archive heritage, is raising funds with the help of local people  
to help Hampshire Record Office, Winchester, to secure a  
future for it in the County. If you are interested in supporting  
the Trust's fundraising, please get in touch via email:  
[archives.trust@hants.gov.uk](mailto:archives.trust@hants.gov.uk) or telephone ☎ 01962 846154.  
For more information about Hampshire Record Office visit:  
[www.hants.gov.uk/archives](http://www.hants.gov.uk/archives).

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# PORTSDOWN SEMAPHORE TELEGRAPH

## PART 2

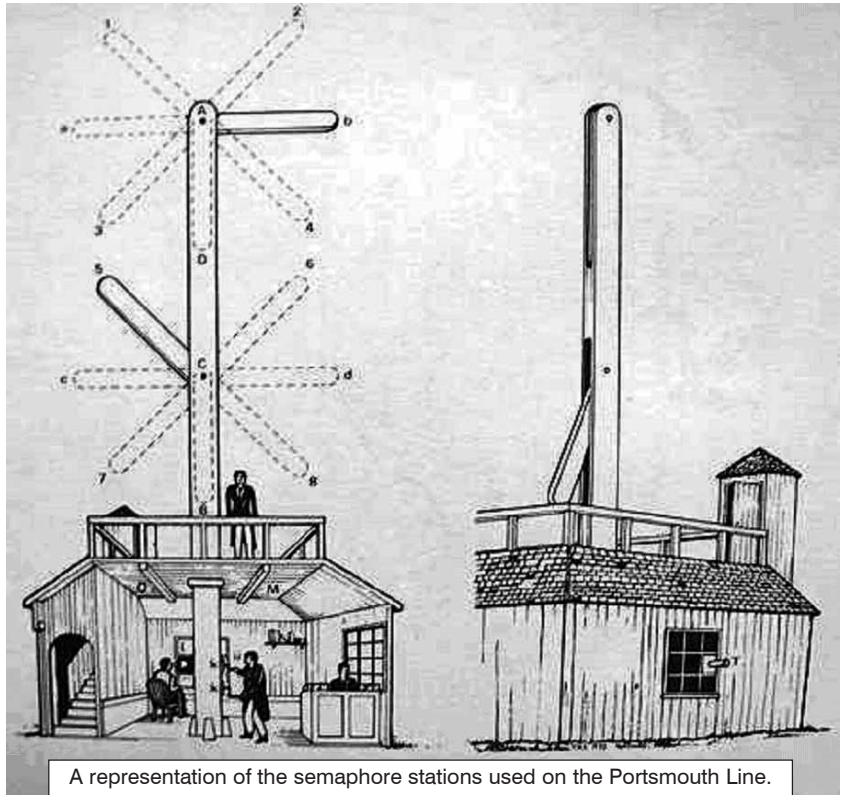
My last contribution to the Ratepayer was way back in December 2009 when I wrote about the Portsdown Shutter Telegraph. I'd like to continue now with the system that replaced it: The Portsdown Semaphore Telegraph.

On 29th June 1815 an act of Parliament was passed enabling the Government to acquire land for the new Semaphore Telegraph Stations that were to be a permanent replacement for the shutter telegraph stations.

From March 1816, when the shutter line was closed, until the end of June 1822 when the semaphore opened, Portsmouth was without a telegraph communication. In most cases the locations of the new semaphore stations were not the same as those of the old shutter stations. There were various designs submitted for the new semaphore telegraph, but the Admiralty chose a design by Rear-Admiral Sir Home Riggs Popham. His idea was to use two signalling arms, instead of the three used by the French, at different heights on a mast 30 feet high. By July 1816 an experimental line had been constructed between the Admiralty and Chatham and was in working order. The semaphores were made by Messrs Maudslay and the telescopes were supplied by Dolland.

On 19th February 1818 Mr Thomas Goddard, a Purser from the Royal Yacht - Royal George - was instructed to carry out a survey of the route of the old Portsmouth Shutter line with a view to working it with Popham's semaphore. After much delay in acquiring land and with building work, the stations began working at the end of June 1822. The cost of maintaining the stations was £3,000 per annum.

There were 15 stations including No. 1 Admiralty - London SW1, No.6 Chatley Heath - Cobham (see footnotes below), No.13 Camp Down - Portsdown Hill, No.14 Lumps Fort - Southsea (needed to avoid the smog of Portsmouth) and No. 15 Portsmouth Dockyard - Portsmouth.



A representation of the semaphore stations used on the Portsmouth Line. The masts were 30 feet high with two arms 8 feet long and 1 foot 4 inches wide. When at rest the arms folded inside the mast.

### Portsdown Semaphore Station

The new semaphore stations were more substantial constructions than the shutter stations they replaced. There were four different designs to suit the different geographical locations. The one at Portsdown was an ordinary looking country bungalow of five rooms each about 13 feet by 11 feet. The roof was slated and the walls were rendered brick. The semaphore room was 8 feet by 7 feet 9 inches and sat on top of the building, which was unique to this station. The telescopes were located in tubes set in holes cut through the walls. There was no well and all water had to be transported by the station's own water cart for which a horse had to be hired. The station crew consisted of an RN Lieutenant and a Handyman - or Signalman - who was often a retired sailor.

The mechanical semaphore was finally overtaken by modern technology in 1847 with the coming of the railways and the electric telegraph. Wires were laid alongside the LSWR line into the Royal Clarence Yard at Gosport and then by submarine cable under Portsmouth Harbour to HM Dockyard Portsmouth. On the 13th September 1847 the stations' crews received their redundancy notices and were finally stood down on 31st December 1847.

Bob Hunt - June 2011

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### Footnotes:

1. Bob's first book The Portsdown Fuel Bunkers is finished and once published we'll let you know.
2. Built in 1822, the Chatley Heath semaphore tower is open to the public once a month between March and September. Car parks off Old Lane, Ockham and Wisley Lane, Wisley. Visit [www.surreywildlifetrust.org](http://www.surreywildlifetrust.org) for details.

## EDITORIAL NOTICES

### WILL YOU TAKE A CHEQUE?

To the dismay of many the cheque is a rapidly disappearing part of our financial world. Recently two news items regarding the subject has caught my eye.

The first deals with a charity that was set up by Enid Blyton's daughter, Imogen. On her mother's death she wanted to carry on the generosity her mother had shown by establishing a children's charity. Now 75, Imogen believes she is too old but, more worryingly, the banks want her charity to use more automation and phase out the use of cheques, and this is the one method the Enid Blyton Trust for Children has always employed to dispense grants. It is reassuring to report that although the Trust is to wound up, Enid Blyton's name and the residue of funds from the Trust will still be used to support children.

The second news item is that cheques will not be abolished until a method of payment that satisfies the needs of older people and charities can be found and, according to the report, we can carry on using cheques, to pay people who will accept them, until at least 2016.

Geoff Lynch

### A SHORT HISTORY OF THE CHEQUE

*From a press release published by  
The Cheque and Credit Clearing Company*

In 2009 the cheque celebrated its 350th birthday. Early cheques were all handwritten but in the early 1700s printed cheques were introduced for the first time and by the late 19th century cheques were widely used, being the only real alternative to cash.

Cheque usage hit its peak in 1990 when an average of 11 million of them was issued each day. Since then, cheque volumes have increasingly declined as consumers and businesses continue to embrace alternative payment methods, including the debit card, and automated payments such as the Direct Debit and standing order.

One of the earliest cheques known to be in existence in the UK is dated 16th February 1659. It is made out for £400, signed by Nicholas Vanacker, payable to a Mr Delboe and drawn on Messrs Morris and Clayton.

If all the cheques that went through the clearing system in 1990 (the peak year for cheque usage) were laid end-to-end, they would stretch 12 times around the world.

Since 1985, when the Cheque & Credit Clearing Company was established, it has cleared more than 44.8 billion cheques, with a value of £26,850 billion.

Although cheque clearing volumes are now decreasing at the rate of over 10 per cent every year there are still around 4 million items cleared every working day."

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### HAMPSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

All new stops will be public stops even if they are located at a school, playgroup or sheltered accommodation.

#### **Cowplain Herriott House, Padnell Ave**

Thursday 2.30pm - 3pm: 4th Aug, 1st Sep, 29th Sep, 27th Oct, 1st Dec.

#### **Waterlooville Eagle Avenue:**

Thursday 3.15pm - 4.15pm: 4th Aug, 1st Sep, 29th Sep, 27th Oct, 1st Dec.

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**Old photos and news cuttings** - I am always willing to give a good home to any of these and can promise they will be well looked after. ☎ 9224 0653.

**St George's Church Hall, Waterlooville**, holds **Coffee Mornings** every Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 12 noon in St George's Hall. All proceeds to charity. Also a **Market** every Thursday from 9.30am to 11.30am. Home made cakes, produce, cards, crafts, eggs, plants, etc. Refreshments also available.

**Gospel Hall, Mill Road, Waterlooville**, holds **Coffee Mornings** each Friday, from 10am to 12 noon. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes.

**Waterlooville Town Market** - each Friday in the Precinct.

**Angel Radio - 101.1 FM** - the nostalgia radio station serving the local community. For information: ☎ 9248 1988, website: [www.angelradio.co.uk](http://www.angelradio.co.uk), email: [studio101.1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:studio101.1@hotmail.co.uk)  
**Waterlooville and District Philatelic Society** - No meetings in August. ☎ 9259 3987 for details.

**Age Concern H5O** hold **Coffee Mornings with advice for the over 50's** at The Beacon in The Meridian Shopping Centre, Havant, from 10am to 12 noon, on the first Tuesday of the month.

**The Havant 50+ Forum** meet from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, 1st Monday of month, at the Beacon (Upstairs) Meridian Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

**HAVANT FREEGLE** - offer unwanted household items for reuse by others, rather than dumping them? Visit [www.iloveFreegle.org](http://www.iloveFreegle.org).

**Coffee & Co** - Do you need a listening ear; have you suffered a loss, redundancy, divorce, bereavement? Come along to St Wilfrid's upper hall, Padnell Road, Cowplain, for an opportunity to chat with others. 10.30am - 12noon, first Saturday each month. Phone Shirley on ☎ 075 3202 1498 for more information.

**Group support for the bereaved** every third Thursday at the Borrow Centre Cowplain, 10am to 12 noon. Meet other people who are experiencing the pain of bereavement. For further details call Ingrid on ☎ 07885 843 863.

**Havant Borough Talking Newspaper**, 19 East Street, Havant. Information, guidance and comfort for the blind and visually impaired. ☎ 9248 0101 or visit [www.hbtn.org.uk](http://www.hbtn.org.uk)

**Chat to a Friend In Hampshire** Are you an older person living alone or with someone else in Hampshire? If you need information about services and facilities or help then ☎ 08000 323 456. The call is free, confidential and supportive. Available 9am - 11pm, 365 days per year!

**Lovedean Village Hall** - Jumble Sales finished for the season. Contact details - Cynthia Harris on ☎ 9259 3904.

**Hampshire Walkers** walk every Friday morning. If you are interested in walking 5 miles and more then please phone Anne Lee ☎ 9225 0149 for more information.

**Coin Club** - Meet on second Friday of month at the Langstone Conservative Club, at Havant, at 7.30pm. All welcome. Contact ☎ 9238 9419 or email to [crsf3639gg10@talktalk.net](mailto:crsf3639gg10@talktalk.net).

**Waterlooville Folk Dance Group** meet at Waterlooville Community Centre every Monday from 8pm to 10pm. Cost is £3. Dancing to CDs with a caller. All ages welcome. Not necessary to have a partner. We are looking for new members.

**Sue Ryder - Cowplain** - There is a Sue Ryder 'superstore' open in Leigh Park - please pop in. In the Cowplain shop we need your winter donations and please do not forget Gift Aid - All your support is turned into care.

## WATERLOOVILLE AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

(Covering the Wards of Cowplain, Stakes, Waterlooville and Hart Plain including part of Lovedean)

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### ADVERTISING AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES

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### NEXT BLOOD DONATION SESSIONS

Tue 23rd August, 12.45pm to 3pm and 4pm to 6.45pm at Waterlooville Community Centre (Behind ASDA).  
Thu 11th August, 1.30pm to 3.25pm and 4.30pm to 7.30pm. St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Cowplain.

National Blood Service Website - [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk)  
You can pre book appointments via ☎ 0845 7 711 711

### USEFUL INFORMATION

**Waterlooville Police Station:** Swiss Road, Waterlooville, Hants. PO7 7FX. ☎ 999 in emergencies, 101 for non-emergency calls or leave information-only messages, in strict confidence, on **Crimestoppers** ☎ 0800 555 111.

**Registrar of Births and Deaths:** Havant Library. Visit: Mon 9.15am - 12.15pm and 1pm - 4.30pm. Tue and Fri 9.15am - 12.15pm and 1pm - 4.15pm. Wed 9.15am - 12.30pm. Thu 9.45am - 12.45pm and 1.30pm - 5pm. Telephone ☎ 01329 225 397 Mon - Fri 8am - 8pm, Sat 9.30am - 4pm.

**Citizens' Advice Bureau,** Swiss Cottage, 9 St. Georges Walk (Hambledon Road) Waterlooville. 'Drop-in' hours Mon/Thu/Fri 10am to 1pm. Telephone advice Mon to Thu, 10am to 2pm ☎ 0844 856 3407. Online Advice: [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk).

**Disabled Information and Advice Line (DIAL)** ☎ 9282 4853 (answer phone when closed).

**Good Neighbours Schemes:** Cowplain ☎ 9225 4090. Waterlooville ☎ 9226 6005. Help line 9am - 6pm, Mon to Fri. Website [www.stgeorgesnews.org/goodneighbours](http://www.stgeorgesnews.org/goodneighbours). For shopping, transport to medical appointments, home visits.

### Community Centres and Halls:

**Westbrook Hall** email treasurer.wha@talktalk.net

**The Acorn Centre, Wecock** ☎ 9225 8423

**Waterlooville** ☎ 9225 6823

**Cowplain** ☎ 9226 7029

**Merchistoun Hall** ☎ 9259 7114

**Lovedean Village Hall** ☎ 9259 3904

**Deverell Hall Purbrook** ☎ 9243 0217

**Havant and District MENCAP,** Anders Hall, Milton

Road. Available for hire. ☎ 9278 7302

**Springwood Community Blding** ☎ 9223 0330

**Faulty street lighting, traffic lights or road defects?** Report to ☎ 0800 506 060 or visit [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) and follow link to 'report highway defect'. (Quote lamp post no)

## EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES

**Area Education Officer (Area 3),** Havant Local Education Office, River Way, Havant, ☎ 9249 8200.

### PRE-SCHOOL

#### Early Years Education and Family Services

For further information please contact reception staff at **Mill Hill Early Years Centre**, Mill Road. ☎ 9224 0077.

**Cowplain Community Pre-School**, Hart Plain Avenue, Waterlooville, PO8 8RY ☎ 9226 1822.

### INFANT, PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS

**Hart Plain Infant School**, Hart Plain Ave. ☎ 9226 2511

**Hart Plain Junior School**, Hart Plain Ave ☎ 9226 3200

**Horndean C.E. (Cont.) Junior School**, Five Heads

Road. ☎ 9259 2236.

**Horndean Infant School**, Merchistoun Road. ☎ 9259 3453

**Hulbert Junior School**, Springwood Avenue. ☎ 9225 8011

**Woodcroft Primary School**, Woodcroft Lane, Lovedean. ☎ 9259 1616

**Padnell Infant School**, Padnell Avenue. ☎ 9226 3784

Padnell Junior School, Padnell Road. ☎ 9225 2752

**Purbrook Infant School**, Alder Moor Road East,

Purbrook. ☎ 9261 0761

**Purbrook Junior School**, Address as above. ☎ 9225 4577

**Queens Inclosure Primary School**, Corneilius Drive, Cowplain. ☎ 9226 8067

**St. Peter's Catholic Primary School**, Stakes Hill Rd, Waterlooville. ☎ 9226 2599

**Stakes Hill Infant School**, Springwood Avenue. ☎ 9226 2078

**Waite End Primary School**, Mill Road. ☎ 9225 6955

### SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND POST 16 COLLEGES

\* **Cowplain Community School**, Hart Plain Avenue. ☎ 9261 2020.

**Crookhorn College of Technology**, Stakes Hill Rd. ☎ 9225 1120.

**Horndean Technical College**, Barton Cross,

Horndean. ☎ 9259 4325.

† **Oaklands R.C. School**, Stakes Hill Rd. ☎ 9225 9214.

**Purbrook Park**, Park Avenue, Purbrook. ☎ 9237 0351

**Havant College**, New Road, Havant. ☎ 9248 3856.

**The Southdowns College**, College Road, Havant. ☎ 9279 7979.

### ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

All enquiries ☎ 9279 7988.

### SPECIAL SCHOOLS

**Havant Education Support Centre (PRU)**, Hart Plain Avenue, Cowplain. ☎ 9226 5386.

**Waterloo Special School**, Warfield Avenue,

Waterlooville. ☎ 9225 5956.

**Rachel Madocks School**, Eagle Avenue, Cowplain. ☎ 9224 1818.

**Woodlands Education Centre**, 18 Hemlock Road, Cowplain. ☎ 9226 5042.

### YOUTH PROVISION AND COUNSELLING

**T.A.S.K. After School Club** is open to anyone in the

Waterlooville/Cowplain Area. ☎ 9249 8377 for details.

**Cowplain Youth Centre**, Cowplain School, Hart Plain

Avenue, Cowplain. ☎ 9223 1042.

**Off The Record**, Youth Counselling and Advice. ☎ 9247 4724.

### KUMON MATHS AND ENGLISH

An after school club takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays, 3.30pm to 5.30pm at Waterlooville Community Centre. ☎ 01730 231287 for details.

\* Main Stream Schools with special provision.

† Schools with Post 16 provision.

## WHAT'S IN A BRAND'S NAME OR ITS INITIAL(S)?

Following the previous article in July, we again go in search of the origins and history of brand names or initials.

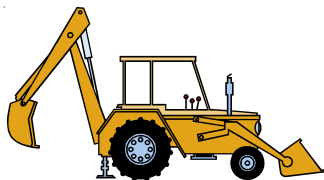
**TESCO** - In 1919 Jack Cohen was selling groceries from a stall in the East End of London. The brand term TESCO came into use the following year when Jack brought a large shipment of tea from the wholesaler T E Stockwell. Jack used these initials and then added the first two letters of his own surname to form the ubiquitous brand name. The first TESCO store was opened in 1929 in Burnt Oak, Edgware, Middlesex.

**Marmite** - It was in 1902 that the Marmite Food Company was established to make the 'Love it or Hate it' (I love it!) product made from used brewer's yeast, a by-product of beer making. On the front of your jar of Marmite is pictured a small earthenware cooking pot, that is quite similar to a kind of French casserole dish called a 'Marmite' (which is pronounced Mar-Meat). The product was originally sold in this form but in the 1920s the company started using glass jars and the shape and colouring of the label have remained much the same since then. Something like 25% of us holiday makers going abroad take Marmite with us and it is exported to over 25 countries worldwide. Unfortunately, the Danes may ban the product in the near future.

**Waitrose** - The store was founded in 1904 by Wallace Waite, Arthur Rose and David Taylor. Waitrose began as a small grocery store, Waite, Rose & Taylor, in Acton, West London. In 1908, two years after David Taylor had left the business, the name "Waitrose" (a combination of the remaining founders' names) was adopted. In 1937, the company, consisting of 10 stores and 160 employees, was taken over by the John Lewis Partnership.

**Persil** - The name comes from two of its original ingredients, sodium perborate, which is a bleaching agent, and silicate, which is a washing agent. Invented in 1907 in Germany, it was the first 'self-activated' laundry product.

**JCB** - It all started in 1945 in a 12 feet by 15 feet lock up garage in Utttoxeter, Staffordshire. The founder of the



company was Joseph Cyril Bamford (1916 - 2001) who brought a second hand welding system for £1 and used war surplus steel from air-raid shelters to produce his first vehicle, a tipping trailer. By the early 1950s

he had moved to larger premises and started to paint his products the distinctive bright yellow we see today. Exploiting the principles of hydraulics, the front loader tractor was also introduced in this decade and in 1953 Bamford launched his pioneering backhoe loader.

**HSBC** - The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited was established in the two cities mentioned to provide finance facilities for the growing trade between China and Europe. A Scot, Thomas Sutherland, who at the time was working as the Hong Kong Superintendent of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company (P&O), was the inspiration behind the founding of the bank. All along the Chinese coast and in Hong Kong it became obvious to Sutherland that there was a need for locally based banking facilities and so he helped create the bank in 1865. Now a financial giant in the world of banking HSBC likes to markets itself as 'The world's local bank'.

(To be continued at a later date) Geoff Lynch

## WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY?

Yes it is early, but St. Wilfrid's Church at Padnell Road, Cowplain is looking into the feasibility of providing hospitality on Christmas Day and trying to discover the amount of interest.

It could involve Christmas Day lunch or maybe a tea and maybe entertainment.

We need YOU to let us know if this is something you would like and if so, what is your preference. Please ring Val at the parish office ☎ 9226 2295 (Tues to Friday 10am - 12noon) or email valstrutt@hotmail.co.uk if you or anyone you know would be interested. It would be open to anyone who would like to join us at the church on Christmas Day.

## DELIVERERS WANTED

We have a small army of goodhearted volunteers who give up a few hours to deliver this magazine every month.

Unfortunately now and again we lose some of these foot soldiers for various reasons and we now need volunteers to deliver in the following areas: Hazelton Way 1-23; Fairmead Walk; Roundway; Greenfield Crescent; Cowplain and Riversdale Estate; Waterlooville covering Riverdale Avenue; Danesbrook Lane and Tamar Down.

Would you be able to deliver the magazine in one of these areas? If the answer is 'yes', then please contact Maureen Walker, our Distribution Manager, on ☎ 9225 7305. Walking is very good for you! And, it takes just one hour to deliver 100 magazines!

## AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Horndean & District Amateur Radio Club has moved to a new venue for its meetings, and meets on a different day too. We now meet on the First and Third Thursday each month at Anders Hall, off Milton Road, PO7 6AW.

Meetings start at 7.30pm, and visitors are always welcome. Membership is available. Contact remains as myself, Stuart Swain, ☎ 9247 2846, e-mail stuart.swain@hotmail.co.uk

'Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully,' the divorce court Judge said, 'And I've decided to give your wife £800 a week.'

'That's very fair, your honour,' the husband said. 'And every now and then I'll try to send her a few pounds myself.'

Three old guys are out walking.  
First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'  
Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'  
Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer.'

## FUNDING BOOST FOR HAMPSHIRE'S UNDERWATER HISTORY



Hampshire County Council awarded a £2,100 grant to the Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology to develop exhibits to engage and educate visitors and school pupils throughout Hampshire.

From finding shipwrecks and their treasures to submerged landscapes beneath the Solent, the Trust carries out a range of maritime archaeological investigations, surveys and research in the Solent, around the Isle of Wight and other South Coast areas.

For more information about the work of the Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology visit [www.hwtma.org.uk](http://www.hwtma.org.uk)

**Lobster Pot Wine Circle** meets 3rd Tuesday each month at the Acorn Centre, Eagle Avenue, Cowplain at 7.30pm. Please 'phone. ☎ 9226 4161 for details.