

# RATEPAYER

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# SLEEPING BEAUTY



## CLANFIELD MEMORIAL HALL

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30pm**

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2.00pm & 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £6, £5 concessions (including refreshments)**

**From The Magic Box, Clanfield,**

**on the door, or phone 01730 231474**

**It's Panto Time! Oh yes it is!**

The Windmill Players Clanfield will be performing Sleeping Beauty - a traditional show of music and fun with lots of audience interaction.

Suitable for children from 4 to 94 plus; performances in the Memorial Hall, Clanfield are on Friday 27th January at 7.30pm and Saturday 28th January at 2pm and 7.30pm.

Tickets remain at £6 and £5 concessions [incl. refreshments]. Available from The Magic Box, Clanfield, on the door or by calling ☎ 01730 231474. The Matinee was sold out last year so reserving or purchase in advance is recommended.

This year has been designated the Alan Turing Year commemorating the mathematician, computer pioneer, and code-breaker on the centennial of his birth. Visit [www.bletchlypark.org](http://www.bletchlypark.org)

**WELCOME TO 2012 (MMXII)  
A LEAP YEAR!  
UNMARRIED MEN BEWARE!**

**NEXT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
MEETING**

**7.30pm, Thursday 12th January  
in Watlooville Community Centre**

**All welcome**

**TWO VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

120 volunteers are associated with the composition, editing and distribution of the Ratepayer magazine. We need two more volunteers:

A driver to deliver 9 bundles of the magazine to addresses in Lovedean Lane, Woodbury Grove, Woodcroft Lane, Merchistoun Hall, Thistledown and Prochurch Road.

A deliverer for Celandine Avenue, which is off Greenfield Crescent, Cowplain.

If you can help then please contact Maureen, our Distribution Manager, on ☎ 9225 7305.

**The Acorn Centre, Wecock Farm, Waterloooville. Table Top Sale** Thur.19th Jan at 9.30am to 12.30pm. Free Entry. Table can be booked in advance at £3.50 each on ☎ 9225 8423.

**[www.theratepayer.co.uk](http://www.theratepayer.co.uk)**

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## Durley Avenue in January 2010



### SALT AND CIVILIZATION

When the first person used the tiny white grains found in dried out rock pools to help preserve meat or fish, their discovery helped the human race take a huge step forward. Before then, man needed to hunt every day as unused meat rotted quickly. Even in winter, hunters were forced out of their shelters to pit their wits against the weather as well as their prey.

But once food could be kept fresh for longer there was no necessity to hunt every day. The men, now idling around the encampment looked for ways to use their time. They developed the idea of cultivating plants and grains in nearby areas instead of making long journeys to collect food. The encampment became more settled, permanent houses were built and a small village developed, and then a town - all because of a small white grain.

Salt, or to use its correct name, sodium chloride, is a chemical compound. Every gramme of salt comprises 40% sodium and 60% chlorine. Meat is cured by salt leaching out the water. It retards the growth of micro-organisms and in slows the oxidation process, preventing the meat from going rotten.

Those first men and women would have known nothing of the chemical process; they knew only that it worked and archaeological evidence shows that salted food was eaten as long ago as the Bronze Age.

Salt is found naturally dried on the rocks at the edge of the sea or tidal rivers. It was easy to find, easy to gather and was an inexhaustible supply.

Inland, salt was not so easy to obtain. Vast beds of rock salt lie under the ground where enclosed lakes or inland seas had dried up. Access to this salt required digging and the surface scrapings gradually extended into deep underground mines reaching for miles. The output in Cheshire was so large that the nearest harbour, a small unimportant village called Liverpool, gradually grew into a vast bustling port that shipped the salt to many other countries.

Salt has caused whole empires to rise and fall. Poland rose to prominence in the late 1500's when natural salt mines were opened and the produce distributed across the continent. Fortunes were made until the Germans began to flood the country and its customers with the then, vastly superior sea salt. As Poland declined in importance, Germany rose to continental superiority.

Vast salt routes began to spread across Europe, Asia and Africa with everyone anxious to take their profit from the small white grain. Countries imposed taxes at the borders and the small villages along the route gradually grew in size and importance as the salt caravans passed through, paying more and more for food and shelter along the route.

More than just salt was transported along the routes. Ideas spread, knowledge was exchanged, rigid cultures and traditions became merged. Salt had become truly 'worth its salt'.

(To be continued)  
Hazel Matthews

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### HAVE YOUR SAY!

What do you want from your town, district and local centres? The council wants the views of local residents, businesses and developers.

The feedback will go into a formal consultation next year on allocating sites for a range of uses including housing, retail and industry. The consultation document is available at [www.havant.gov.uk/havant-12049](http://www.havant.gov.uk/havant-12049) and paper copies are available from the Public Service Plaza. The deadline for comments is 16th January.

### WOODCROFT FARM DEVELOPMENT

Grainger and Savilles who are in the process of applying for permission to build at Woodcroft Farm in Hart Plain are going to present their plans at a public meeting to be held at the Acorn Centre in Wecock on **Wednesday 18th January at 7pm.**

This meeting is open to any member of the public or any group with an interest in the development and will be used to obtain feedback in preparation for the Development Consultation Forum to be held later in January.

## EDITORIAL NOTICES

### *Sue Ryder* Cowplain

We need your donations to help us provide expert care - whilst you're in the shop why not sign up for Gift Aid?

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#### WATERLOOVILLE U3A

On Wednesday 25th January, David Allport MBE will be giving a talk entitled "Forecastle to Footlight". The talk is about his life as an events manager/performer for major events promoted by the Royal Navy, including Trafalgar 2000 and the International Festival of the Sea.

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#### NEED TO CONTACT YOUR MP?

You can contact George Hollingbery MP by . . .  
Writing to: George Hollingbery MP,  
House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA  
Emailing: george.hollingbery.mp@parliament.uk  
Telephoning: ☎ 0207 219 7109  
or Constituency Office ☎ 01962 734 076

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#### HAVANT HORNETS BADMINTON CLUB

Havant Borough Council is supporting the Havant Hornets Badminton Club with its quest for new members.

This expanding friendly club are keen to hear from 8 – 16 year olds who are interested in playing badminton and having fun! The club meets on a Monday evening (term time only) at Havant Leisure Centre at two sessions, 4pm – 5pm and 5pm – 6pm.

Richard Wood, sports and development officer at Havant Borough Council, said; "It's a great club with a good reputation for its coaching and value for money. Youngsters of all abilities whether you are just starting out or have played before can come along and join in the fun".

For more information contact Maggie Phillips on ☎ 07748 570 560 or visit the club's website [www.havant-junior-badminton-club.com](http://www.havant-junior-badminton-club.com).

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A man was sitting reading his papers when his wife hit him round the head with a frying pan.

'What was that for?' the man asked.

The wife replied 'That was for the piece of paper with the name Jenny on it that I found in your jacket pocket.'

The man said 'When I was at the races last week Jenny was the name of the horse I bet on.'

The wife apologised and went on with the housework.

Three days later the man was watching TV when his wife bashed him on the head with an even bigger frying pan, knocking him unconscious.

Upon re-gaining consciousness the man asked why she had hit him again.

His wife replied. 'Your horse phoned.'

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**A Big 'Thank you!'** from the Denmead Bowling Club. In November 2011 the Club Bazaar raised £535 for good causes.

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#### COMMUNITY CHALLENGE FUND 2011-12

The fund is a small grant scheme, which provides match funding for sustainable projects that benefit rural communities in a variety of ways.

Due to the success of the programme an extra £10,000 has been added to the fund. Details are available online at [www3.hants.gov.uk/grants/communitychallengefundgrant](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/grants/communitychallengefundgrant) or by contacting Linzi Gow, Service Development Officer on ☎ 01962 847265.

**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** - meets on Thursday 19th January, from 7.30pm, at Westbrook Hall, Tempest Avenue. Subject: Club members presentation - Mike Bolt. ☎ 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 the 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 – 12 noon, 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** holds a Jumble Sale on Saturday 14th January, from 1.30pm. Contact Cynthia Harris on ☎ 9259 3904 for details.

**The Community Innovations Team** can help older people who are at risk of losing their independence but who currently do not meet the criteria for support. Do you have concerns regarding your health and wellbeing or find everyday activities increasingly difficult? Call ☎ 9248 4687 or email [cit.havant@hants.gov.uk](mailto:cit.havant@hants.gov.uk).

**St George's Ladies Group** - meet socially 2nd and 4th Thu, 8pm, St George's Church Hall, Waterlooville.

**Southdowns Ladies Harmony Chorus** meet every Wed from 7.30pm to 10pm at All Saints Church Hall, Catherington Lane, ☎ 9259 6312 for details.

## 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

**Waterlooville Community Centre** (Behind ASDA): Tue 17th January, 11am to 1.30pm and 3pm to 5.30pm.

**St Wilfrid's Church Hall**, Cowplain: Thu 12th January, 1.30pm to 3.25pm and 4.30pm to 7.30pm.

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

#### Community Centres and Halls:

**Westbrook Hall** ☎ 9224 1080  
**The Acorn Centre, Wecock Waterlooville** ☎ 9225 8423  
**Cowplain** ☎ 9225 6823  
**Merchistoun Hall** ☎ 9226 7029  
**Lovedean Village Hall** ☎ 9259 7114  
**Deverell Hall Purbrook** ☎ 9259 3904  
**Havant and District MENCAP**, Anders Hall, Milton Road. Available for hire. ☎ 9278 7302  
**Springwood Community Bldg** ☎ 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**, Aldermoor 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.

## THE DOG - A FEW THOUGHTS

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue. (Anonymous)

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face. (Ben Williams)

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself. (Josh Billings)

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise. (Unknown)

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person. (Andy Rooney)

Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like has never washed a dog. (Franklin P. Jones)

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man. (Mark Twain)

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole. (Roger Caras)

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them. (Phil Pastoret)



## DOGGY FACTS

Sometime between 10,000 to 15,000 years ago, some say longer, man domesticated the dog *Canis lupus familiaris* (canis, "dog"; lupus, "wolf"; familiaris, "of a household" or "domestic") from the grey wolf.

Wolves, like man, are social animals and enjoy being a member of a group, or in the case of the wolf/dog, a pack.

The dog is a member of the family of animals that include coyotes, foxes, jackals and wild hunting dogs. All these animals share common characteristics; they bear their young live, have similar dental structures and walk on their toes, rather than the soles or pads of their feet.

There are over 400 breeds of dog.

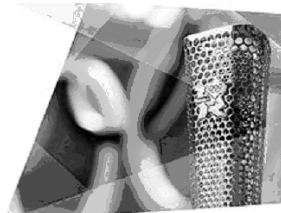
Dogs, like us humans, are homoeothermic, which means they are able to maintain their body temperature at a constant level.

The first dog show took place in Newcastle in 1859 and the first Crufts Dog Show took place in 1886 but only Terriers were allowed.

Like most mammals, dogs are dichromatic and have colour vision equivalent to red-green colour blindness in humans. Research has shown that without even seeing each other, dogs can tell how big another dog is purely by listening to its growl – unlike some humans, smaller dogs do not try and lie about their size by growling in a different way!

Dogs sleep on average 10.1 hours per day and like us they have two main types of sleep: slow-wave sleep and rapid eye movement - the state of sleep when dreams take place.

## LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY ROUTE COMES TO HAMPSHIRE



The Olympic Torch will travel around the UK for 70 days and will be passing through Basingstoke, Andover, Winchester, New Forest, Southampton, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth and Petersfield between Wednesday 11th and Monday 16th July.

On the evening of Sunday 15th July, the Olympic Torch will be paraded in Portsmouth and on Monday the 16th July, the Torch will be carried through Petersfield on its way to West Sussex.

Information on the route, road closures, diversions, a map of the route, events and activities will be available on [www.hants.gov.uk/2012](http://www.hants.gov.uk/2012).

The 70-day Olympic Torch Relay, will start at Land's End, Cornwall on the 19th May and travel an estimated 8,000 miles around the UK, carried by 8,000 Torchbearers, each of whom will have a story of personal achievement and/or contribution to the local community.

People are invited to view the interactive map at: [www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelaymap](http://www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelaymap) to find their nearest community through which the Olympic Flame will be carried.

On the final day of the Olympic Torch Relay, the Olympic Flame will travel down the River Thames to the Olympic Stadium, on the 27th July, for the lighting of the cauldron at the Opening Ceremony, signifying the official start of the London 2012 Olympic Games.

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## DIGITAL SWITCHOVER HELP SCHEME MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Project Team covering our area is still looking for Communities Outreach Work Volunteers to help with the 'Switchover to Digital' that takes place in March 2012.

Rowridge transmitter Stage 1 switchover takes place on 7th March and Stage 2 on the 21st March.

There are many people who will struggle when the switchover takes place. The volunteers will help to inform and provide support to members of the community who need help at the switchover. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please pass on this message. For more information contact Angela ☎ 078422 06698 or email [aluke@actionfareham.org.uk](mailto:aluke@actionfareham.org.uk).

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## ACCESS GUIDE TO HAMPSHIRE GOES LIVE!

Hampshire County Council and online access guide [www.disabledgo.com](http://www.disabledgo.com) have provided a resource for anyone who wants to know about disabled access in the area.

The guide covers over 1,000 Hampshire venues, including cinemas, hotels, parks, leisure centres, council offices, high street stores, restaurants and tourist attractions, etc.

It enables people to find out whether venues have adapted toilets or parking close by and specific details, such as if there are tactile or Braille markings in lifts or on doors, the dimensions of toilets, the positioning of fixtures and fittings and whether they can request information in large print or Braille.

If you would like more information please contact Tom Felton, via email to [tom.felton@disabledgo.com](mailto:tom.felton@disabledgo.com) or ☎ 01438 842710. The information is also available on the 'Looking Local' service on the red button of your TV.