

# ST PETER'S, SHORWELL

ISSUE 2: SUMMER 2015

## Restoration Of The Spire

The fantastic stonemasons of Wight Stonemasonry have done a wonderful job in restoring the top of the church spire which was struck and damaged by lightning in December 2014. In addition to stone repairs the cockerel was also re-gilded. This will enable it to once again brave the elements for many years to come. The impressive work has immediately become a talking point in Shorwell.



Expert specialist restoration work such as this is expensive. The total cost was just short of £14,000. £9000 of this was covered by insurance. However that left a balance of almost £5000. A huge “thank you” to everyone who has contributed towards the outstanding balance. If you would like to make a donation, no matter how large or small, towards the cost of this project, please speak to Steve Sutcliffe (contact details on the back page).

## Friday Night Youth Group



Friday night youth group has been running for six months now. It offers a fun evening for young people in our community, for ages 13 - 16. It's led by our parish youth workers, Andy & Anouska running from 7pm until 9pm at 5, Northcourt Close, Shorwell.

We currently have a dozen young people attending, if your son or daughter is interested we would love to see them. So far this year we have enjoyed various sports activities, geo-caching, bonfire night, art and craft, trip to the cinema and bowling.

Andy and Anouska are looking to start various groups from youth clubs to cover schools years 5 & 6 as well as the usual Friday night group. There will also be a group looking at faith development, we will keep you posted with future plans.

Throughout the summer there will be lots of activities such as geo-caching, crabbing, a trip to Thorpe Park and so much more for the young people. For information on this please phone Andy on 07552 236067 for booking forms and more information.

## The Moot

The Moot continues in popularity within our community. Increasing numbers of people have joined us and have enjoyed the time spent together. We've made our food choice more varied with less cake and biscuits so we don't spoil lunch.

Please come and join us at The Moot held at Shorwell Parish Hall, on the third Sunday of each month, 10:30 to 11:30am, for half an hour of fun, food and chat followed by informal and relaxed worship.

At our next Moot however we will be holding a BBQ to which everybody is invited. It will be held at Steve Sutcliffe's home, 5 Northcourt Close, Shorwell on Sunday 19th July starting at 12:30pm.

We will be supplying the rolls, sausages and burgers please can you bring either a dessert or something savoury. Thank you!

## Other summer events

- Kingston Church Patronal Evensong - July 26th at 6pm.
- August Bank Holiday Flower Festival - August 28th - 31st.

## We need your support

Keeping St Peter's Church in good condition and supporting our local community costs a lot of money. Last year nearly £26,000 was needed to maintain our outreach work in the community (Youth and Schools work, AgeUK, Vicar and Local Minister) as well as our building, utility and insurance costs.

In these difficult times it is impossible for the small worshipping community to cover these costs without your support. We hope that you value the work St Peter's is engaged in (and hope that if you don't, you will let us know so we can improve).

You can support the work of St Peter's and help keep the building in good order by donating in the following ways;

- By setting up a regular standing order to be paid from your Bank / Building Society direct to the church (forms available on line and through the office).
- By donating a one-off gift to support the church now. No amount is too small.
- Or you may want to consider leaving the church a legacy in your will so future generations will benefit from your estate (please speak to Steve).

## Table Tennis Club

A new table tennis club has been set up with the support of Judith Stratton, our Age UK coordinator in the parishes. With considerable help from others, this group will help all of us keep that little bit more mobile and flexible! Meeting up every week on a Wednesday evening from 7pm in the Parish Hall all for £1.50.



Come along and join the group, there's no upper or lower age limit or previous experience required. It's a good opportunity for game and a natter.

## ***"Pitch Up At The Pub!"***

A weekly coffee morning at the Crown Inn in Shorwell, which was started earlier this year in conjunction with AgeUK, is going from strength to strength.

Meeting every Friday from 10.30am, people from across the local parishes get together for an informal chat and companionship. For just £2 come and enjoy delicious cake and tea or coffee, and the company of friends old and new.

Judith is always interested in fresh ideas that will help keep those in later life independent and involved with the local community.

You can catch Judith at the coffee morning, or at drop in to the Island Cottages Office off New Barn Lane at the bottom of Shorwell Shute on Monday morning between 10:00 and 11:00. Alternatively you can contact Judith on 525282 or email:



**"Delicious  
coffee and cake -  
with  
great company  
too!"**

## Age UK (IOW)

Judith Stratton's role is funded by the Five Churches.

This is just one of the many ways that your parish church works within the community.

## Isle of Wight Foodbank

The Island's Foodbank is always grateful for the donations they receive. You will find collection points inside the churches of Shorwell and Brighstone where you can support the Food bank with donations of;

Long life milk, Pasta sauce, Coffee, Tinned fruit, Tinned potatoes, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned tomatoes, Squash, Custard and Sponge puddings.

You can contact the Island Foodbank on 01983 292040 or by email at; [info@iowfoodbank.com](mailto:info@iowfoodbank.com)



**Do you have two hours a month to spare and could you help us to manage our resources more effectively?**

**St Peter's PCC needs a Treasurer**

**You certainly don't need a degree in Mathematics or even an 'A' level, it is no more complicated than managing your own households accounts. No banking or money handling involved.**

**Just compiling simple summary reports of income and expenditure every quarter for the PCC.**

**If you feel that you could help out the church by undertaking this role then please speak to Helen or Steve. Thank you !**

**If you ever need to get hold of Helen or Steve and can't catch them in at home, you can always contact them through the Parish Administrator, Anna on 07474 987683 or you can email her at [bbmskparishes@gmail.com](mailto:bbmskparishes@gmail.com).**

**If you would like a home visit or know someone who would then contact Steve on 01983 741341 or at [llmsutcliffe@gmail.com](mailto:llmsutcliffe@gmail.com)**