



Meon Tidings No. 78 September 2017

Previous meetings and events.

2nd August. Speaker was Amanda Bowens a marine archaeologist with The Maritime Archaeology Trust. Her subject was forgotten wrecks of World War One.

Her field covers certain undersea wrecks and also some above water but usually in damp places such as rivers and estuaries. Of course many such wrecks cannot be disturbed as they are classified as war graves. She started this work with the Trust in 2011 and tries to give the maritime tragedies more publicity in face of the land based battles and destruction.

The German navy was very successful in W.W.1 and accounted for 6,800 sinkings with submarines being most successful. W.W.2 had 4,800 recorded. The worst year was towards the end of the war in 1917.

The aim of the trust is to identify the sunk vessels and record their condition using underwater photography. One wreck which can be seen on the east bank of the River Hamble was a sea plane lighter. This vessel would have a platform with an early aircraft on top and would speed through the water at 30knots towards the wind to enable the plane to fly off! Some small planes used it that were not even adapted to land on the sea and crash landed on the water!



Off to a watery grave!

Future Meetings and Events.

September 6th. Crispy breaded mushrooms with garlic mayo. Hot vegetable Quiche & potatoes - Speaker -Chris Wood –Subject -Turning Woods-Host Paul Jones

Ladies meet at Jenny Billing's home.

13th Fillet of Salmon with white wine sauce & new potatoes & vegetables **6pm** Club Council Meeting followed by business meeting at **7p.m.**

20th Minced beef & onion pie with chips & peas, Apple crumble & custard

Speaker- Richard Pereira-Subject-The work of the National Statistics Office, Why do we count? Host Bill Lane or the other Bill Manuel

27thTurkey escalope with Champ mash & vegetables. Fellowship evening unless someone looking for support pops in.

As due to holidays I am short of copy I thought the male members might like the following.

I have a little Satnav, it sits there in my car

A Satnav is a driver's friend it tells you where you are.

I have had a little Satav, I've had all my life.

Its better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.

It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive. "It's sixty miles an hour", it says "you're doing sixty five".

It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake,

And tells me that it's never ever, safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green.

It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene.

It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear. And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.

I am sure no other driver, has so helpful a device.

For when we leave and lock the car it still gives its advice.

It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught

So why don't I exchange it, and get a quieter sort?

Ah well you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed.

It irons all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!

Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff,

I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off

23rd August

We had a pleasant surprise as in contrast to the meeting on 16th when the speaker failed to arrive we had the unexpected pleasure of our resident speaker Rtn. Harvey Griffiths who gave an outline of a talk he is formulating on Fareham Town. He told us the idea started when the pub Restaurant “Cams Mill” Was built a few years ago. Although not exactly on the original site of the old tidal mill it is fairly close. He even had a picture of the original mill. He touched on other old buildings some of which are still standing and showed old maps where existing roads can still be seen today.

His objective is to ask members, most of whom have been in the town for the whole of their years so far, for information about old Fareham. Quite a lot of members were able to make suggestions most of which Harvey will research and use in his script.



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Based upon the 60s TV panel show
to celebrate
The Centenary of The Rotary Foundation

Friday 20th October
7pm for 7.30pm
Southwick Village Hall

Supper of Spanish Tapas & Salad

Bring your own drink

Raffle

£18 per person

Organised jointly by Rotary Club of Fareham & Fareham Meon.
Proceeds in aid of Rotary Foundation.

Ask Derrick Oswald for tickets.

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