

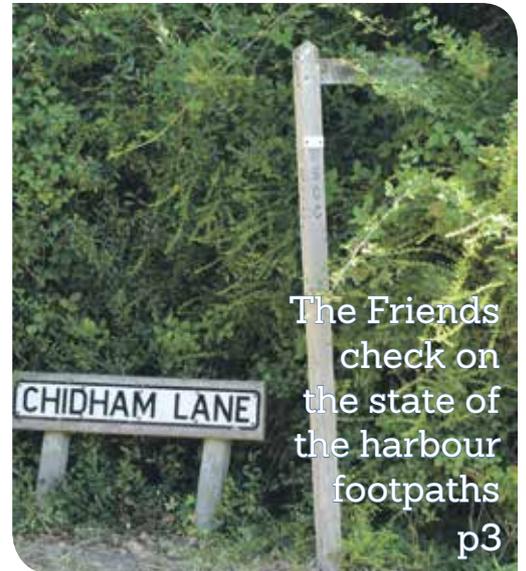
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# Newsletter

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## Dear Friends

Welcome to our spring edition of the newsletter. In the newsletter you will find a precis of my report at the AGM and a rather more comprehensive resumé of the fascinating talk by David Jones.

There are a couple of membership issues I need to raise with you. The first is that subscriptions will rise in April across all membership categories. The current £10 per annum per person hardly covers the cost of printing and postage for the 2 newsletters - let alone all the other costs that are incurred - auditing our accounts, IT software and maintenance, materials, work party uniforms, AGM costs and so on. We regularly dip into the extra donations which account for nearly 60% of our income.

This is not sustainable as we are fundamentally a members organisation, and that membership fee should be our main source of income. At present we are spending nearly

double our subscription income. Looking forward, and with pressures growing on the AONB, the Trustees are anxious to ensure that the charity can respond positively to new and ongoing projects across the harbour. Even after the increase to £20 for an annual single membership it will still be significantly lower than many other local and national organisations.



Secondly we need you all to check your gift aid status on our membership record. Could you please look at your personal details on the website, and let the membership secretary know if this is incorrect. We can claim Gift Aid if you are a UK tax payer and this adds greatly to our income.

I thank you for your continued membership of The Friends of Chichester Harbour.  
*Oliver Chipperfield*

# Chairman's Annual Report 2018

## Membership

We currently have around 2,500 active memberships which represents around 2,900 people allowing for joint and family memberships. Our numbers are fairly static and we will be considering ways to gain new members.

## Volunteers

The Friends is a volunteer-led organisation. We are indebted to the members who are able to give of their time and expertise to keep us going. However we need more volunteers to help in various roles. Contact me if you would like to be more involved.

## Finances

Our total income for the last financial year was almost £60,000, up from £52,000 in the prior year due to an increase in donations - most importantly a sizeable donation from the West Wittering Flood Defences Group. We make grants of around £40,000 per annum and keep a reserve for the inevitable rainy or windy day.



## Project Support

Last year we supported projects including the Cobnor ramp; Thornham Point bridge rebuild; Tern rafts at Stakes Island; minibus sponsorship and a footpath survey (p3).

## Events

The Friends continue to enjoy a wide range of events organised by Ginny Kidd and her team. One of the most popular is the tour of Apuldram sewage works (see p4). Chris Clode and his team have delivered an impressive programme on the oyster boat *Terror* with over 300 passengers in 2018.

## Work Parties

Around 40 sessions were held. We regularly get 20 - 30 volunteers at each event which provides the equivalent of several full-time rangers. Find out more on p8.

## Volunteer Rangers and Harbour Watch

Eleven Volunteer Rangers have been helping the Conservancy with additional tasks such as maintenance at Eames Farm; management of Beaky's Education site at Dell Quay and the launch - and recent recovery - of a 'tern raft' at Thorney Deeps. Our Harbour Watch team are also doing sterling work keeping an eye on the footpaths around the harbour.

## All Change

In 2018 we sadly said goodbye to three of our trustees - Chris Dalby, Catherine Jones and Chris Williams, all of whom have given many years of service to the Friends. We welcome two new trustees - Heather Baker and Andrea Steer. Heather joins us as Vice Chairman, she currently sits on the South Downs National Park Authority. Andrea, a qualified accountant, who lives in Itchenor, is our new treasurer.

# Friends and the Footpaths

In May 2018 it was time to reinspect the footpaths within the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This inspection had last been carried out over the two winter periods of 2010/11 and the Conservancy enlisted the help of the Friends of Chichester Harbour.



Friends of Chichester Harbour inspecting footpath 56

'A light touch' only report was required with the proviso that it should be ready by October 2018, it seemed that all should proceed swimmingly. WRONG! This was the first time I'd undertaken a project like this and although my role was only to administer the inspection, a combination of getting a new job,

and the sizzling summer, meant that Oliver Chipperfield, in his role as Chairman of the Friends, was on my speed dial!

The whole process was saved by the Friends themselves. As the project administrator, I got in touch with the people who were already on the Harbour Watch team, or individuals who had inspected before. These very kind people agreed which footpaths they would inspect and the timeframe. And my goodness, they are a very organised, generous (and hardy!) group of people. And while the prolonged hot summer may have been a boon to many, to the footpath inspectors it was perhaps just slightly cooler than the Gobi desert as they set forth upon their inspections.

The brief was to score the footpaths on a scale of 1 - 5, one being good and 5 being severely damaged. Amongst other things, the inspectors were looking at structures, signage, vegetation and surface condition. On the whole, our footpaths are in good condition. There were one or two signs that

very helpfully directed people into large thorny bushes or a place or two where the vegetation seemed intent on keeping the direction of a footpath secret but these were the exceptions rather than the rule. Josette and Adrian Fox inspected the length of footpath 56 that runs between Emsworth and Langstone during one of the hottest hot spells and found that there was some ambiguity in the use of cycles along this route.



Fortunately there were some footpaths left for me to inspect and quite a lot of family and friends suddenly found themselves in great demand as walking companions. Most were absolutely delighted to be walking locally on footpaths that they never knew existed. Jack Addison deserves a mention as he was the youngest inspector aged just 7 years old. Along with his grandparents he walked from Chidham to Southbourne and back again and he reports that the blackberry harvest was excellent!

In the end the report was successfully compiled and our Chairman, Oliver Chipperfield handed it over to Richard Austin in October. Richard has professed himself to be delighted with the very important and useful work that the Friends have undertaken and this report will, in time, form the basis of another footpath database that the Conservancy is creating.

As always, an enormous thank you to every single person who took part in this exercise. It would not have happened without you.

*Jane Weller*

"We were very impressed with Jane's work on the footpath survey - over 60 miles of footpaths were assessed. The findings are being inputted as baseline data into a new online management tool, which will record all future footpath inspections in Chichester Harbour. At any given time, we will be able to see the latest report - when the path was inspected, who did it, any feedback and the actions arising from the inspection. The database will also enable us to prioritise work that needs doing, since for the first time we will have an overview of the entire network of footpaths."  
Richard Austin

# The best view in town!

**The Friends of Chichester Harbour organise regular visits to Southern Water's Apuldram Wastewater Treatment Works (WTW). The tours are very popular, providing fascinating insights into the activities of the plant. And, as an added bonus, there are superb views over the city and Dell Quay from the higher sections of the site. *Iain Pulley reports.***

How the wastewater generated by local households and businesses is handled and treated, before it ends up in Chichester Harbour, is a fascinating story. At Apuldram, Southern Water has a multi-million pound treatment plant to serve just 45,000 properties in and around Chichester. The wastewater arriving at the works is typically a deep dark brown but leaves the site as clear water, with solids (faecal matter) and various chemicals, such as ammonia and nitrates, extracted.

The fact that the treated water is released into Chichester Harbour, makes it of special interest to us. It is important to note that the way the WTW operates is governed by a permit granted and overseen by the Environment Agency (EA).

Originally equipped with a single stage treatment process to separate solids from water, the last twenty years has seen Apuldram WTW grow enormously in its complexity. All to improve the degree of wastewater treatment it can provide. After non-biodegradable materials are screened out, wastewater flows through four treatment areas in total, including extracting solids, biological treatment processes, harnessing the power of 'good' bacteria, and disinfection via powerful ultra-violet (UV) lights. Treated wastewater is then released through an outfall pipe to the middle of the harbour.

The solids separated out are used as soil conditioner on agricultural land, following further processing.

Wastewater arrives at Apuldram WTW in varying large quantities – from about 160 litres a second in dry spells, to 300 litres a second in a wet period. Severe storm conditions can increase this inflow significantly to around 900 litres a second, with groundwater infiltration of sewers adding to incoming flows, when prolonged wet conditions cause the water table to rise above pipes buried underground. Groundwater is a particular issue in the Chichester area.

To cope with such high flow levels, there is a 2.5 million litre tank on site to store excess storm-water. In normal conditions, the stored water can be put through full treatment once the rain has stopped.

During exceptionally bad weather, the excess storm-water has to be released directly from the tank into the harbour. It is still screened before it reaches the tank and while in the tank, any solids start to settle out and it will still undergo UV disinfection.

Such emergency releases are allowed to prevent flooding of the works and local properties. The instances are relatively rare and totally dependent on the weather. Southern Water has recently launched an online service so you can sign up for 'live' alerts when there has been a storm-water release from its wastewater system into Chichester Harbour. See [www.southernwater.co.uk/beachbuoy](http://www.southernwater.co.uk/beachbuoy).

Southern Water has made significant investment to help it play its part in the ongoing efforts to protect and improve Chichester Harbour's water quality.

**The next visit to Apuldram WTW is on 4 April**



# Walk around the Witterings

A 5 mile circular walk, across level coastal land and farmland. Allow around 2 hours. Use Ordnance Survey Explorer map no. 120 (Chichester).

Buses from Chichester stop near the start of the walk and there is limited on street car parking. If using the West Wittering car park (charges apply), start the walk at the point marked \*\* below, and on reaching the end of the route notes, follow the first paragraphs to return to the entrance to East Head. Refreshments are available during the walk at a range of cafes in East Wittering or on returning to West Wittering.

Opposite the Old House at Home pub follow Pound Road, signed to West Wittering beach and Parish Church. Pass the toilets on your left and continue straight ahead, ignoring the road to the car park.

*As with many places across the country, the name Wittering has evolved over time. It was recorded in 683 as Wihtringes, having become Westringes by 1086 (in the Norman Domesday Book), meaning the settlement of the family or followers of a man called Wihthere.*

Pass the turning into Ella Nore Lane and then in a further 100m as the lane swings left, turn right into Roman Landing and immediately left following a footpath sign.

*The New Lipchis Way is a 39 mile waymarked walk from Liphook to East Head. It cuts north / south crossing all the main geologies in the county – ‘exploring West Sussex from head to toe in all its natural beauty’.*

Pass through a kissing gate to walk between paddocks. Towards the end is a good view back to West Wittering church. Continue straight ahead to reach the shoreline.

*Parts of the Church of St Peter and St Paul date back to the 11th century. Much of the land here was once under water and it is said that iron rings were embedded in the walls of the church so that fishermen could moor their boats.*

The open grassland narrows to a track. Follow round to the entrance to East Head.

*Chichester Harbour is not a static landscape and East Head is a good example of this. In 1786, the spit pointed across the entrance of*

*the harbour, and its position has moved radically since then – a previous National Trust warden described it as the ‘fastest moving spit in the UK’.*

**\*\* Here you have the option to walk round this fascinating sand spit (taking an extra 35 minutes) or turn half left to follow the stony, southern coastal path east.**

*In the 1950s, the Church Commissioners, who owned the foreshore, were in discussion with Butlins and the National Union of Mineworkers about selling the land for a holiday complex. Luckily, a group of local people managed to raise the £20,546 14s 9d to buy the land. It continues to be protected from development and is an important area for wildfowl.*

After passing the main bathing beaches, the coastal path becomes a clear track running in front of the shoreline houses. In less than half an hour there is a broad bridleway heading back towards West Wittering. There is an option here to cut the walk short (to less than three miles) by walking up this bridleway along Berrybarn Lane to reach the main road, turn left to return to the starting point.

For the full walk continue ahead along the coastal path. There are soon views of Cakeham Manor to the left.

*Cakeham Manor was one of the palaces of the Bishops of Chichester. Richard de Wych, now better remembered as Saint Richard, Patron Saint of Sussex, was made a saint in 1262, only a few years after his death. Several of his miracles are associated with Cakeham. The bailiff who worked here was very troubled by gout and at times could hardly walk. On hearing of this, Bishop Richard sent him a pair of boots he used to use himself. Wearing these completely cured the bailiff – ‘miraculous power could pass even from the skins of a dead animal from contact with the holy feet of the blessed Richard’.*

*The clearly visible tower is attributed to Robert Sherborne, Bishop during the reign of Henry VIII – it is an uneven pentagon, meaning that its look varies depending from where it is viewed.*

Continue following the coastal path to reach the Fisherman’s Hut (closed in winter) and turn left to walk past



Shore Inn and into East Wittering. At the T-junction at the top of Shore Road turn left to reach the B2179.

*Nikolaus Pevsner was not very complimentary about East Wittering, describing it in the 1960s as a collection of bungalows, chalets and caravans ‘in an untidy half-grown-up state’. However, walking up Shore Road there are some attractive old cottages.*

Continue straight ahead past the West Wittering sign. Crossing the road carefully, shortly reach a sign on the right for a camping and caravan park. Follow the public footpath marker up this drive, heading north. Keep on the footpath past the holiday site to reach an open field. In around 200m the path reaches a crossing footpath. Turn left and follow the path as it narrows and twists between trees to finally reach a public road.

*On the right side of this road, Elms Lane, is Elmstead House once of the home of Sir Henry Royce. He provided the technical expertise, with Charles Rolls providing the financial backing and business acumen, for the establishment of Rolls-Royce Ltd in 1906. Royce moved to West Wittering in 1917 and much of his later design work was conducted here. He apparently sketched ideas in the sand as he walked along the beach.*

Turn left and follow this quiet lane back to West Wittering. On reaching the B2179 once more turn left to return to the village green and The Old House at Home.

*Walk and map by Sally Dench*

# The big, little plastic survey

In 2009 not many people were aware that plastic pollution was going to become one of the biggest environmental issues facing the planet in the 21st century. I only found out as a result of a chance meeting at a BBC launch event. Appalled that this wonder product was getting out of hand I joined some colleagues in forming the Plastic Ocean Foundation. What followed was a nine year adventure that took us around the world presenting, persuading and engaging with everyone and anyone to raise awareness, raise funds and, ultimately, release the award winning documentary, 'A Plastic Ocean'.

Turn the clock forward to 2017 and plastic pollution had become big news. The film was doing well and having achieved what I set out to with Plastic Oceans I decided it was time to move on. Early on in the year I gave a presentation to an MSc Coastal and Marine Resource Management course at the University of Portsmouth and having found out what the course involved decided to sign up. By September I was eagerly looking forward to the first field trip – to Chichester Harbour.

Embarrassingly it was the first time I had ever been, but whilst the visit was designed as a practical introduction to coastal erosion and flood protection measures, it was impossible to ignore the beauty of the surroundings. I found it quite stunning, a pristine environment for wildlife and a wonderful amenity for people to enjoy. However, as I crossed the dunes at East Head something in the sediment caught my eye. It was the unmistakable colours and shapes of nurdles and microplastics, almost invisible and easy to ignore.

Through my time with Plastic Oceans I had learned that the coastal environment is very much at the 'front-line' of the marine plastic issue. With so many international and national designations, just how serious was it and what was the impact on this wonderful place that I had only just discovered? Suddenly a research project was born.

The project had a number of objectives but most importantly it would evaluate the scale and distribution of microplastics in the harbour and aim to understand their impact.

The main source of data was obtained by taking sediment samples from eight coastal locations over four days between March and July 2018. These areas were selected for predominantly logistical reasons such as ease of access and suitability of sediment but also to provide data from areas subjected to different physical and human processes.

Getting lots of data in a short space of time was never going to be easy

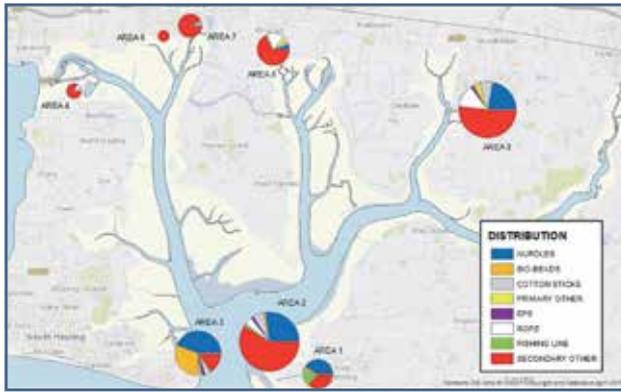
and so I decided to enlist the help of volunteers. There was a massive response from Friends of Chichester Harbour (FriendsCH) and support from Chichester Harbour Conservancy which resulted in over 70 people turning up on a cold and windy day in March to help out. Further surveys in June and July also attracted volunteers. The Friends also supported the project with funding by means of a bursary for which I am very grateful.

Over the course of several days all of the samples were cleaned, sorted, weighed and categorised before the details put into a Geographical Information System database. Using the database I was able to analyse various aspects of scale and distribution. This enabled me to examine different types and sources of plastics and then begin identifying patterns as well as anomalies.



**Based on the Chichester Harbour Model, 'The Big Microplastic Survey' has already reached 40 countries around the world**





Not surprisingly the results demonstrated that the spatial and temporal distribution of microplastics is a complex issue. Accumulation rates of microplastics in the coastal environment are non-linear and dependent on a range of environmental and human factors. Unseasonal storms, strong winds, or an increase in visitors can suddenly change the data set.



For example there was an abundance of plastic in the northern areas, possibly the result of variable tidal streams. Light, floating plastics, were found to behave in similar way to suspended sediments, a link that could potentially be used to identify sources and pathways in the future.

Concentrations of plastics also matched previous research in coastal erosion and accretion around East Head again providing information about its movement whilst a statistical analysis showed a significant variation across the intertidal zone.

The research also highlighted the impact of coastal features on scale and distribution. One sample had a much higher incidence of microplastic than anywhere else on East Head and was totally anomalous. However when examined from an aerial image it was

possible to see why as this particular area is relatively protected from physical coastal process. The image clearly shows slightly higher ground to the south, offering some protection from the prevailing winds, as well as the presence of groynes and sea

defences giving some protection from wave action.

A summary of the results was written and sent to seven key stakeholders. These stakeholders represented various interest groups, from local communities, such as FriendsCH to area management organisations and government agencies. These stakeholders then submitted to being interviewed to try and provide me with an understanding of their views and perceptions. The results were interesting, but importantly nearly all of the stakeholders believed that there is a need for more scientific evidence and more awareness. The relative 'invisibility' of microplastics was also a major concern. All of these results were presented at the Friends AGM.

Having read this you may be asking ... so what? Have the efforts of FriendsCH and the other volunteers made a difference? The answer is yes, definitely.

As well as answering questions, the research highlighted a number of unanswered questions all of which need further study and I am raising funds within my Just One Ocean charity to support this. In addition, although there is much media attention on plastic pollution in general we still know relatively little about the impact of microplastics on our ecosystems and the environment. This research like any other, adds to our existing pool of scientific knowledge.

*David Jones was selected as the first student to benefit from a bursary funded by the Friends. The funds helped provide equipment for his studies and we were also able to provide volunteer support. The Friends are helping to drive further research and action on this subject in an attempt to protect our precious AONB.*

The relative 'invisibility' of microplastics highlighted during the stakeholder interviews remains an issue because it is unlikely to be a key item on any government agenda in the foreseeable future because its impact on the environment and on the socio-economic elements of the community are not seen as significant. However, research like this is a good first step to changing perceptions.

Whilst the scientific results were important, one of the main things to come out of this research was the use of volunteers. Citizen science on this scale had never been used to gather data about microplastics and the response from the Friends and others was ground breaking.

As a result of the work done by the volunteers, the University of Portsmouth and Just One Ocean have now launched a global collaborative study into coastal microplastics based on the 'Chichester Harbour model'. 'The Big Microplastic Survey' has already reached 400 organisations and individuals in 40 countries around the world, including other universities in the UK, South Africa, India and Australia and the number is growing on a daily basis. This project is likely to make a significant contribution to science in the future and have a positive impact on the protection of oceans and coastlines. Without the efforts and support of FOCH that would never have happened and I am eternally grateful to you all.

David Jones

# Seasonal work parties

**The Winter/Spring programme for the Friends' Working Parties continue to prove popular, with most tasks attracting over 20 volunteers in support of the Conservancy's Rangers.**

In November/December the focus was on beach cleaning, bramble-bashing, habitat maintenance and tree weeding. As Spring approaches, there are additional opportunities for hedgerow and tree planting – including new sites at Apuldram Church and in West Wittering.

The Working Party programme covers the whole of the AONB, from the Witterings to Hayling Island via Thorney and is posted on the Friends' website ([www.friendsch.org](http://www.friendsch.org)). All tools are provided – just turn up on the day suitably attired for an enjoyable “work out” in our beautiful harbour!

If you have any queries contact the secretary at [secretary@friendsch.org](mailto:secretary@friendsch.org)



# Furniture inspired by nature

If you drive up the avenue of trees at Old Park Farm you will shortly come to an unassuming workshop that houses one of Britain's finest makers of contemporary furniture. On a bright January day *Ali Beckett* went to visit Edward Johnson to find out more about his business.

## How would you describe your work?

We make luxury bespoke, freestanding furniture using various materials but especially solid wood.

## What is your background?

I was brought up near Arundel and did a degree in Furniture Design at University. I graduated with a first and went to work as a cabinet maker. I set up my own business in Brighton in 2009. Then about 5 years ago I won a 'Be the Business' award from Chichester District Council which enabled me to expand and get these premises.

## Why did you choose Bosham?

I always knew I didn't want to work on an industrial estate, so this workshop is just perfect. The sun streams through the windows and we are surrounded by trees. It is a very calm environment for our work. The proximity to Chichester College was also a factor. I work closely with the College as they provide a pool of local talent.

## How many people work for you?

At present we have six people who are all from the local area. Some have been here for a number of years. Our most recent recruit has been with us for 6 months and trained at Chichester College. They are all extremely talented craftsmen but humble about their abilities. The workshop is at the heart of the business and I really value the skills of my staff.



## Who buys your furniture?

It is mainly private customers, some know exactly what they want, and others just have an idea and we work through the design process together. Other orders come from interior designers and recently I have been making pieces for Super Yachts but I'm not allowed to give any names or details!

## How are you influenced by the environment?

I love being out in nature whether that's walking around the harbour or in my garden on the South Downs and I know that it has a sub-conscious influence on my designs. Ripples and curves are a regular theme in my work. I look at how nature slowly builds its designs and often take that as a start point by cutting timbers right down to small pieces and then gradually reforming them to the shapes I want.

## What is your favourite part of Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty?

I especially like the walk from Itchenor to West Wittering with its outstanding views and gnarled, windswept trees. This year I plan to walk around Thorney Island and hopefully get a glimpse of the seals.

*Ali Beckett*

The Edward Johnson Studio will be open on the following dates in May as part of the Chichester Arts Trail:

Saturday 4th May,  
10.30am – 5.30pm  
Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th  
May, 10.30am – 5.30pm

## The Final Straw!

Plastic is the new sewerage in the water, endangering wildlife and our food chain through tiny bits of microplastic eaten by animals. Plus, we are all too aware of the widespread plastic litter on our harbour shore and in the water. Some of this will only decompose after we are dead – and perhaps our children and grandchildren too!

The year-old Final Straw Solent, launched by Bianca Carr in Emsworth, is trying to help change this horrific landscape. One of its efforts is installing 2 Minute Clean Stations around the coast. Chichester Harbour Conservancy has sponsored six; now local firms are starting to sponsor the £300 cost of additional Stations.

The aim is for walkers and children to use the red-handled grabs-sticks to put rubbish in the fabric bags provided and to separate the pickings of recyclable material and plastic waste. It is working. I was at Prinsted when two families joked that they might have to spill some rubbish as their children couldn't find any!

In their first year they have talked to over 6,000 school-children and persuaded 300 local businesses to reduce their use of plastic. [www.finalstrawsolent.org](http://www.finalstrawsolent.org).

Iain Pulley



## West Wittering Remembers

Hundreds of local people gathered on West Wittering beach on Sunday 11th November to commemorate the Centenary of the end of World War One. The event was organised by Anna Hardy from West Wittering Estates.



Local sculptor Alexandra Beale created an image of Corporal Charles Kewell of the Royal Sussex Regiment, one of four brothers from West Wittering killed in the war. In total 19 sons of West Wittering were killed in the fighting from 1914-18. Interestingly, East Wittering is one of 53 'Thankful Villages' in England and Wales, where all those from the village who served in the armed forces in Great War survived. It is the only 'Thankful Village' in the whole of Sussex. There are none in the whole of Ireland and Scotland.

Alexandra also helped the many people particularly children to create their own memorials and tributes including flags and giant inscriptions. The final act of the art event was to create a giant '100' out of all the people present.

Thereafter followed a brief but moving tribute by the Royal British Legion with the Last Post played by a bugler as the honour guard lowered their colours. A haunting poem by the poet laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, written especially for the day was read called A Wound in Time. The reader, Captain Henry Simpson, followed the poem with a personal epilogue about his grandfather who served for two years on the Western Front before being hospitalised with severe shell shock.

The event was a moving tribute to the sacrifices of 100 years ago and as the tide came in and erased the art, many people left with thoughts of the war's impact on their own families and communities.

Henry Simpson

N.B. For anyone interested in finding out more about those local men and women who served in World War 1, please visit the Men of the Manhood community (<https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/community/748>), which covers those who were born, lived, worked, or had a family link to the parishes of Birdham, Earnley, East Wittering, Selsey, Sidlesham, West Itchenor, and West Wittering.

## The Wound in Time

*It is the wound in Time. The century's tides,  
chanting their bitter psalms, cannot heal it.  
Not the war to end all wars; death's birthing  
place;  
the earth nursing its ticking metal eggs,  
hatching  
new carnage. But how could you know, brave  
as belief as you boarded the boats, singing?  
The end of God in the poisonous, shrapneled air.  
Poetry gargling its own blood. We sense it was  
love  
you gave your world for; the town squares  
silent,  
awaiting their cenotaphs. What happened  
next?  
War. And after that? War. And now? War. War.  
History might as well be water, chastising this  
shore;  
for we learn nothing from your endless sacrifice.  
Your faces drowning in the pages of the sea.*



# Upcoming Events

<b>Friday 15th March</b> <b>7:30pm</b> <b>Eames Farm</b>	<b>Talk by Kathryn Nelson, Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority</b> You may have spotted a low sleek grey vessel sliding quietly through the waters of Chichester Harbour with the words <i>Fisheries Patrol</i> prominently displayed on the side. This is <i>FPV Watchful</i> and she is operated by the Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority. What is Sussex IFCA and what does it do in addition to fisheries patrols? Their vision is broad and seeks to achieve a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries industry. How is this being achieved? You may be surprised by the wide range of activities carried out by Sussex IFCA, both along the coast and in the more enclosed waters of Chichester Harbour.	Code: E2  Tickets: FoCH members £10 Guests £15
<b>Wednesday 3rd April (C1)</b> <b>11am</b> <b>Cobnor</b> <b>also Tuesday 11th June (C2)</b>	<b>Cobnor Estate Tour</b> There are two tours this year of the Cobnor Estate in which the owner, Diana Beale, or her colleague Mike Bulpett, shows a group of 12 Friends around her land explaining how the farm, set in the heart of the Harbour, is run and the way in which the environment is managed. So far these tours have always been oversubscribed and so Friends are requested not to apply if they have been before so as to let others enjoy one.	 Code: C1 / C2  Tickets: Free for members only
<b>Thursday 4th April (V1)</b> <b>10am</b> <b>Apuldram</b> <b>also Tuesday 21st May (V2)</b>	<b>Waste Water Treatment Works Tour</b> Back by popular demand, one of four similar visits planned in 2019. We meet at the treatment plant and are shown around by several very knowledgeable members of the team who operate the works that serve a population of 45,000, protecting and enhancing water quality in the River Lavant and Chichester Harbour. This is a 'must see' for anybody who cares about water quality in the harbour. Please note that there are high steel grating walkways. Lunch overlooking the water at the Crown and Anchor in Dell Quay follows with a choice of items from the pub's regular menu.	 Code: V1 / V2  Tickets: FoCH members £15 Guests £25
<b>Sunday 14th April</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Hayling Island</b>	<b>Launch of the inshore lifeboat followed by a tour</b> By kind invitation of the Chairman, Nigel Roper, we are able to visit the Hayling Island RNLI Lifeboat Station. We begin with the weekly Sunday morning launch of the inshore lifeboat. Arrive in good time and dress warmly for this part of the morning! Then we will look round the building. On the ground floor, there is a small historical / information room, boat hall with a D Class and a B Class, Atlantic 85 lifeboats, changing/first aid room. The kit will be on display and explained. On the first floor, there is a large training room, an operations room, and large crew area with galley and superb views across the harbour. We have facilities for making teas and coffees. A tour of the building takes about one hour. Regrettably, there is disabled access to the ground floor only.	Code: RNLI  Tickets: £10
<b>Thursday 25th April</b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>for coffee</b> <b>10:30am ride starts</b> <b>Dell Quay</b>	<b>Chichester Harbour Circular bike ride and lunch</b> This circular bike ride is virtually flat. It is the basis for a great day out for cyclists of all ages. We will take time to stop and explore the ancient village of Bosham and enjoy the harbour views over lunch at the Anchor Bleu pub. Lunch is included and you may buy drinks at the bar. With coffee to start with, then a ferry ride and lunch en route this will be a pleasant ride to remember. The 21km/13 miles will take 3-4 hours plus time for lunch. Allow enough time for a return to Dell Quay by 3 p.m. Further details can be found by following this link: <a href="https://bit.ly/2WK8A8x">https://bit.ly/2WK8A8x</a>	Code: B1  Tickets: FoCH members £20 Guests £25
<b>Saturday 27th April</b> <b>All day</b> <b>Itchenor</b>	<b>Chichester Harbour Conservancy Open Day</b> The Friends of Chichester Harbour will have a stand at the Chichester Harbour Conservancy open day. Please drop by to find out about all our activities, including the projects run by the Chichester Harbour Conservancy that are funded by the Friends and the activities of our working parties that provide an important resource for conservation and improvements in the harbour. Oyster boat Terror will be on the jetty for you to climb aboard and meet the crew.	No booking required - free entry
<b>Wednesday 1st May</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Northney Farm Tea Rooms</b>	<b>Fresh from the Boat</b> Chantelle, with her husband Pete, runs Fresh from the Boat. They are a local fishing family, based in Northney Marina. All fish is caught using sustainable fishing methods with full traceability. They are passionate about the harbour and its protection. We will enjoy an introduction by Chantelle about their methods and what it is like being a fishing family. Then a 45 min award winning video about their fishing followed by a demonstration on fish preparation and recipe ideas. You will receive a portion of fresh fish to take home. We will then enjoy lunch in the barn with a fish/veg dish and pudding. Drinks and tea or coffee may be purchased.	Code: F1  Tickets: FoCH members £20 Guests £25
<b>Friday 10th May</b> <b>7:30pm</b> <b>Eames Farm</b>	<b>Terror and Wine Tasting</b> Find out why the Conservancy's restored Victorian Emsworth oysterboat is called <i>Terror</i> and how she is now run by volunteers from the Friends of Chichester Harbour, offering sailing trips from Emsworth Yacht Harbour throughout the summer. Afterwards, enjoy a wine tasting led by Jonathan Rogers from Emsworth wine shop <i>Vin</i> and Harbour inspired drinks such as Chichester Harbour Gin and Mainsail Ale.	 Code: T1  Tickets: FoCH members £10 Guests £15

## Reservation and Booking Information

All places must be booked in advance because events are often oversubscribed.

Events Administrator: Jennie Hallett. To book places please contact Jennie by email: [eventsadmin@friendsch.org](mailto:eventsadmin@friendsch.org).

When booking, please provide your membership number, full name, email address, phone number (mobile if possible), the number of places you wish to book and the Event Code(s). If you do not know your membership number,

you can find this out by signing in with your email address to the website [www.friendsch.org](http://www.friendsch.org).

Once your place is booked you will be given instructions on how to pay by bank transfer or by cheque. If possible, please pay three weeks before the Event. Places will be confirmed once payment has been received.

Joining instructions will be sent by your host in advance of the event.

# News from Chichester Harbour Trust

Working in close partnership with the Friends and Conservancy, the Chichester Harbour Trust is a registered charity, formed in 2002 to protect permanently land within the AONB through ownership or secure leases – after all the best way to protect land is through long-term control. We now have 13 sites and over 250 acres in our care, at locations all around the AONB – from Ellanore Spit in the east to Sandy Point Lagoon in the west.

Some of these sites are actively cared for by volunteers from the Friends of Chichester Harbour, for which we are hugely grateful, including Fishbourne Meadows, Maybush Copse and the Dell at Chidham.

We had a successful year in 2018, with two new land purchases in the AONB, made possible thanks to the support of local communities. We are able to provide an efficient “crowd funding” model, where local people can join together to save sites that are at risk or under threat in some way, for example the 3.5 acres of grazing at Itchenor we purchased

The remains of a post-medieval oyster wharf at Warblington



recently. We are exempt from stamp duty on land purchases, and we claim gift aid on donations.

The first of our new sites is a 25-acre arable field at Prinsted, which lies 100m from the shoreline and is framed by mature trees and hedgerows, crossed by two public footpaths linking it to the coastal path. It is greatly enjoyed by local people and forms a key part in maintaining



The newly purchased field at Prinsted

the rural character of the land south of the A259. Funds were raised by the Chichester Harbour Trust, with generous contributions from the local community, Southbourne Parish Council, and two charitable trusts. The land will continue to be farmed by a tenant and will be protected permanently from inappropriate use.

The second purchase completed recently is a historically important area of intertidal land at Pook Lane, Warblington. This site holds the remains of a post-medieval oyster wharf and we hope to carry out research to find out more about its local historical importance.

We are grateful to the Friends, Conservancy and harbour community for their support in helping us to achieve our mission of protecting this nationally important and unique protected landscape for future generations to enjoy. We are now working hard to raise funds to increase our reserves – enabling us to continue to achieve this goal. If you would like to support the Trust, please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you. We have a brand new website at [www.chichesterharbourtrust.org.uk](http://www.chichesterharbourtrust.org.uk) and we are on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook – so do follow us for updates!

*Nicky Horter*

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## New Members Welcome

Membership rates from 1 April:  
Single: £20  
Couple: £30  
Family: £40

Members receive regular newsletters, invites to special events, discount on Conservancy events and the opportunity to join environmental work parties.

To join please email: [membership@friendsch.org](mailto:membership@friendsch.org)