



COMMUNITY NEWS

Chairman's report

Following our plea for more committee members I am delighted to tell you that we have now 11 new members. The following roles have now been agreed.

I will continue as Chair until April 2020, Bob Pugh will take the post of Vice Chair at the AGM this April and then as Chair in 2020. Ros Alderton has accepted the position of Treasurer and Viv is already handing the reins to Ros.

Pat Sullivan is being aided with the minutes and other secretarial duties by Wendy Gulliver. Viv is continuing to produce the newsletter, Wendy, Tony Alderton and Pat Tester are packing and distributing them. Marie and Wendy are taking on arranging social events.

Marie will be producing the Traders List from 2020, taking over from Elaine. Keith is continuing as Membership Secretary and also Social Media Editor. Norman Walters will continue to look after the signs.

Tony is also looking at marketing and is seeing what can be done, along with others, to encourage new membership on the new Victory Oak estate and Oaktree sites. The police will be helping with this.

We would like to thank Elaine and Pat Tester, who are retiring, for all their hard work which has kept the watch going.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM on Saturday 27 April, see page 4 for full details.

Brian Frecknall

**Home Watch
Barn Dance and
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24 August 2019 6 to 9pm
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Featuring Old Pull and Push Barn Dance Band
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Community matters

St Ives swimming pool update

Work has now started on the swimming pool tiling and heating projects with the anticipated completion date of 19 April 2019. There will be an event to 'officially open' the refurbished pool and to properly thank people and companies who have contributed to raising funds, reducing costs and helping with this project and the changing room refurbishment. Special thanks to Councillor Goringe and his team for assisting in securing the EDDC grant which has made this possible.

I would very much like to find 'stories/history/photos' of the St Ives pool over the years. I am aware that many of you in the community have been involved in one way or another through either initial fund raising, running it or learning to swim in it. I hope to do a talk at the Wednesday morning Community Café some time in March/April to give you first hand updates and also to hear your stories so that I may share them with current and future parents of the school who are so lucky to have this facility to provide this life skill for our children.

Please keep ideas coming in of what activities you might like to attend at the pool; some ideas include: Senior Open swims, Senior Aqua Aerobics, Synchronized Swimming, Rookie Lifeguard Courses, children's swimming lessons. If there is sufficient demand we can look to establish regular sessions while the pool is open for the community to use. Please email me with more ideas or stories/photos to sisainfo@stivespta.com FAO Samara Stewart.

We would also like to thank the Via Lucis Masonic Lodge No 8228 and the Tom Langton Fund in the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight for their very generous donation of £750 towards equipment at the pool. Below is the cheque being presented by the Worshipful Master Mike Chappell to the School Councillors, Mrs Wanless (teacher) and Mrs Samara Stewart, Chair of the St Ives School Association.



Village Hall news

Hello everyone

The hall is now looking great thanks to all the hard work put in by staff and committee members. Clem is very busy getting bookings as we seem to be ever popular, which of course is good for business.

We have an ongoing list of jobs to be done, most of them are minor. We recently replaced the tables and chairs for the main hall and everybody seems to be happy with them. We are hoping to put up a new sign at the entrance to the driveway into the site and indeed one on the hall itself so that we are easier to find.

I'm pleased to say that we've also welcomed some new committee members recently—Keith Gawler and Karen Stidston, both of whom are already tackling some of our admin jobs that we've fallen behind on.

However we still really want a fundraising person. It's not as onerous as it may sound, it's literally a case of organising two or three fundraising events over the course of a year, but with the help of many of the committee and with the experience that I can pass on as the outgoing fundraiser. So I hope you will give that some thought, it won't take a huge amount of your time and we will all be helping you.

Ann Warman 01425 476319

Community Café

Come along and join us on Wednesday mornings, to meet up with friends, old and new, for a good old natter!

There's also a range of cakes and pies on sale. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available from 10 until noon

You'll find us in the Annexe of the Village Hall in Braeside Road

You are all very welcome



Ringwood Good Neighbours

Co-ordinators for Ringwood Good Neighbours are urgently required. All of our existing co-ordinators have resigned for various reasons; this means we will no longer be able to continue operating the service of taking the clients to medical appointments.

Our co-ordinators work one week at a time, 10 am to midday Monday to Friday. Obviously, the more co-ordinators we have the less onerous the task will be. They will be required to take calls from clients, input the details onto a computer, and then find one of our volunteer drivers who is available to carry out the task.

We are covered until the end of April, so this is quite urgent. After 13 years of volunteering in the BH24 area it would be a shame to close the service.

If anyone feels they could help (full training would be given) will they please contact Mike O'Brien on:

01425 474395 or email vandmobrien@lineone.net

At this moment in time we also need more drivers and befrienders!



Shred it

At our March committee meeting Steve Knight our Neighbourhood Policing Team Constable explained how they are seeing increasing incidences of identity fraud in this area.

This time it's not sophisticated on-line or telephone scams but simply people rummaging through our wheelie bins.

Over a period of time such criminals can gather a lot of information about you. Your name and address is just the tip of the iceberg. Stop and have a quick think about what goes in your bin, 'hidden in plain sight'. Perhaps Monday's post included a leaflet from your bank giving you their new interest rates, on Tuesday you threw away the delivery note included in your latest Amazon purchase, a mankini! On Wednesday you booked your latest cruise and chucked out the unused holiday brochures, complete with a few annotations, such as possible holidays dates, then Thursday See how quickly a picture can be formed!

So please make 'shred it' your mantra—you don't have to shred those holiday brochures—just any pages you annotated!

Disconnected ramblings!

Warm sunshine in February—whatever next? But things change soon enough, and at least it keeps the fuel bills down, the days are getting longer so, however briefly, spring is in the air!

Not so when I walk my dog in the mornings through the trees on Ashley Heath—my mood darkens when I see all the rubbish that people carelessly and needlessly leave lying around. Some of it is youngsters thoughtlessly dropping their sweet wrappers or MacDonalds cartons, and I would urge parents and teachers to impress upon them the need for a Tidy Britain. It helps to keep Council Tax down and improves the environment. But I am most disappointed with fellow dog walkers—much of it is doggy poo in plastic bags just left on the ground in the woods. This is both unsightly and dangerous to wildlife, and is unnecessary. If you have a pet, you have a responsibility to clear up after it and dispose of the rubbish safely. Our local council accepts dog waste in the black bins, so just take it home with you! OK, perhaps there should be more waste bins, both for dog poo and other waste, but that is another argument—you still have a responsibility to tidy up after you and your pet.

Having said that, things are infinitely better than the times my ancient brain remembers as a youngster in London, when it was normal to kick the dog out of the front door and let him do whatever he wanted wherever he wanted. However, we can still do better!

We shall soon all be receiving our new Council Tax bills from our new council. I don't suppose they will be less than last year—so-called efficiencies never seem to mean less money. Never mind, the weather is good!

Bob Pugh janetbbpgh@btinternet.com

Your Village Hall urgently needs you

If you have between 12 and 30 hours a YEAR free please think about joining our hall committee.

Due to age and health we really need some newer blood to help us continue.

Take a look at our website stleonardshall.org.uk to learn about our role in the community and use the Contact Us page to get in touch



Volunteering is fun and rewarding

Home Watch AGM and Keep Safe afternoon

The committee are delighted to announce that the 19th Annual General Meeting will be taking place on **Saturday 27 April 2019** in the Village Hall, Braeside Road, BH24 2PH.

We will be featuring a **Keep Safe** seminar and exhibition before and after the AGM and finishing the day off with a high tea, including sandwiches and cakes! Admission is free to members, but will be limited to 100. We would particularly ask coordinators to attend as it will be the last chance to hand over the 2019 subs to Keith, our Membership Secretary.

The event opens at 2pm when guests can view the various exhibitions and talk to the participating agencies.

The AGM will talk place at 3pm and last about 20 minutes. This will be followed by a series of short, sharp presentations on topics generally aimed at keeping you and yours safe and well.

Afternoon tea will be available from 4pm and the meeting will close around 5pm.

Please email vivshw@outlook.com or call **01425 476558** to secure your afternoon tea tickets.



Here's the timetable:

- * 2pm: doors open—members can review the various displays allied to our Keep Safe theme and talk to the key agencies attending:
 - ◆ Dorset Police cybercrime and fraud units
 - ◆ Trading standards
 - ◆ Dorset Fire and Rescue
 - ◆ Dorset mediation services
 - ◆ Our neighbourhood policing team
 - ◆ Sheducation
 - ◆ Silverline
 - ◆ Speedwatch
 - ◆ St Ives School
- * 3 pm: AGM duration about 15-20 minutes
- * 4pm the complimentary afternoon tea will be available for everybody. It will be served in the committee rooms, but you are welcome to wander around with a plate of sandwiches and a cup of tea if you want to continue to view the exhibits. You will be home by 5:30!

St Leonards & St Ives Home Watch

NOTICE OF NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 27 April 2019 at 3pm at the Village Hall, Braeside Road

Contact Pat Sullivan (Secretary) on 01425 478162

by Saturday 20 April if you have a matter to raise in the Open Forum

AGENDA

1. Welcome from Chairman
2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 28 April 2018
3. Chairman's report
4. Treasurer's report
5. Editor's report
6. Membership Secretary's report
7. Traders List Secretary
8. Election of committee members and Accounts Examiner
9. Any other business and Open Forum
10. Close of meeting

Ferndown Police Community Office

Please note that our telephone number has reverted to the original: 01202 876219

The Ferndown Police Community Office is located in the Barrington Centre in Penny's Walk. It is operated by police volunteers and is open daily (except Sunday) from 10 until 12. Please come in and see the wide variety of security devices and leaflets that we have available.



Waterproof padlock

As well as the alarmed padlock we now have a weatherproof padlock which has a steel laminated body, double locking, and has a chrome-plated shackle.

Signal blocker

This is a storage pouch which takes keyless car fobs or a mobile phone, the cost is £3. This item has two uses:

Firstly, for storing keyless motor vehicle key fobs. Criminals have discovered ways to steal cars by intercepting the signal, the signal blocker pouch blocks key fobs from transmitting a signal when not in use.

Secondly, it is ideal for storing your mobile phone, once in the pouch the phone cannot receive a signal so you will not be distracted by it (and prevented from breaking the law). Within 30 seconds of removing the phone from the pouch any missed messages will be received.



Card defenders

We also have card defenders that protect your contactless credit and debit cards from skimmers stealing the card data. These are 50p each.



Key safes

We now stock key safes. These are fixed to the wall and you can put a house key inside. Ideal for people who are expecting visitors, carers, etc, and do not want to issue keys to several persons, you simply give them the code (which you can change). As featured on Radio Solent in December 2018.



We have several free items, while stocks last including: UV marker pens, hand warmers, key rings with £1 trolley tokens, purse chains and magnifiers.

During office hours we can be contacted on [01202 876219](tel:01202876219), but please be aware that this number should not be used instead of 999 (when a crime is being committed or life is in danger) or 101 for other incidents.

Or you can contact us by email:

ferndowncommunityoffice@btconnect.com

The Community Office has a website which has details of all the services and products:

ferndowncommunityoffice.org.uk

We are often asked how to report incidents to the police, the best way to do this is to go to the Dorset Police website dorset.police.uk and click 'do it online' then fill in the form. Your message will be sent to the local Neighbourhood Police Team for action

If you are seeking general advice you can't go far wrong by looking at the AskNED website:

dorset.police.uk/contact-us/ask-ned-how-can-we-help/

The comprehensive directory lists plenty of options in alphabetically order, drawn from questions that members of the public have asked, along with contact details for support.



Neighbourhood Policing Team report

General:

Welcome to our spring report. With spring comes longer days and better weather (fingers crossed). Trips out to local beauty spots and getting the garden in shape for the summer are activities that many of us will be involved in. But as always be **crime aware**; when you drive out and park please ensure that before going for a walk that you check your vehicle is secure and that valuables are out of view. Better still, ask the question do I need to take these valuables with me? If you are looking at sprucing up the garden be sure to use reputable tradespersons and avoid becoming a victim of a rogue trader.

Darker evenings (be seen)



With dark evenings thinking about being seen is becoming ever more important. Whether you walk/run or cycle/scooter, being seen on pavements and roads is important so as to reduce the risk of being injured by colliding with a vehicle, pedestrian or another bike/scooter.

- Wear bright clothing or a reflective top
- Ensure you have lights on your bike, scooter. Runners and walkers often place a red light on their bag or clipped to the back of their jacket.
- Remember overhanging trees and foliage can make areas darker than in the ambient light.

Recent notable crimes:

Thefts from unattended motor vehicles

We have seen an increase in thefts from unattended motor vehicles in the Ferndown area. Please ensure your vehicles are secured when parked even when at home behind locked gates. Remove all valuables from your vehicle, **out of sight is no longer enough**, so this means no valuables in the boot, glove box or centre console storage.

Modern vehicles with keyless entry technology:

Keyless theft sounds almost like the perfect crime—but by following the advice below you can stop it happening to you.

- Always ensure that your car is **properly locked and keep your key/fob away from doors and windows**. This will minimise the chances of a thief finding and amplifying the key's signal.
- **Can you switch off your key?** Check your manual or speak to your dealer to find out if your key has this function.
- Consider fitting a **tracking device** to your vehicle if you do not have one already installed.

- Consider using a **steering wheel lock** or if you park your car on the driveway **install a retractable parking post**. Even if the thief is still able to access and start your vehicle these additional measures should prevent them from driving away.
- Keep your key/fob in a **Defender Signal Blocker Vehicle Fob Pouch (police approved)**. These pouches contain signal blocking materials that



stop your key transmitting its code, preventing thieves from being able to detect and amplify the signal. The key/fob, however, needs to be placed inside the bag from the moment you blip the locks.

You could even **keep the key/fob in a metal container** as the relay device signal cannot penetrate metal.

Scams

Scams via the phone and computer are becoming more and more sophisticated in an attempt to con people out of money. Persons claim to be from statutory organisations including HMRC, DVLA, the police and many more. Their goal is to acquire information or payment, they may start or follow up with a threat of legal action, in an attempt to scare a person into releasing information or paying them off.

Please remember to never give out your bank or credit card details over the telephone, and do not engage with scams. There are plenty of resources on the Dorset Police website and Action Fraud website which explain the different types of scams and how to protect yourselves from them.

If you are unsure if the person who has called you is legitimate, politely end the call and call back the company using a number from a bill or other source you know. Wait several minutes before returning the call to ensure the line is clear.

If you believe you have been a victim of a scam please call **Action Fraud** on **0300 123 2040** and **Dorset Police** on **101**.

Rogue traders

We have seen a number of rogue traders in the area over the past few months, with one victim losing over £13,000 to a roofing scam where a 'moss removal spray' was applied to their roof. Victims are generally being targeted by unannounced visits, but there have been some scams initiated by telephone and followed up by a visit to the victim's home.

Neighbourhood Policing Team report continues ...

The pressure tactics used by these traders often forces vulnerable people into paying several thousands of pounds for unnecessary work, which is usually carried out to a very poor standard, if completed at all.

Please also remember NEVER to engage with anyone who cold calls at your doorstep, even local large firms. NPT and Trading Standards are currently dealing with several rogue trader incidents in the West Moors area. All of which were from cold calling companies.

If you would like a Trading Standards 'No Door Step Traders' sticker for your door please call in to the Community Office at the Barrington Theatre, Penny's Walk, Ferndown or ask your Home Watch coordinator.



Crime Prevention:

Cold calling/scams – If you receive telephone calls or emails from persons you don't know do not pass on personal details:

- If the person claims to be from a service company (water, gas, and electricity) politely say you will call them back. Hang up and then call the company using a number from a bill or other correspondence.
- If you believe you have been a victim of a scam please call **Action Fraud** on **0300 123 2040** and **Dorset Police** on **101**
- Remember the **golden rules**
 1. You wouldn't tell a stranger on the street your personal/bank details, so don't do it on the phone or email.
 2. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Many scams will say you have won the 'World Cup/Global' lottery and require you to pay a fee to release the winnings.
- Many scams via email say you have inherited money or offer an 'unbelievable' business opportunity, both require you to send money to secure the opportunity.

Crime Stats:

For the past 6 months from www.police.uk (Ferndown areas inc Ferndown, West Moors, St Leonards & St Ives)

Category	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	Aug	July
Anti-social behaviour	15	30	30	35	40	35
Bicycle theft	2	0	9	1	2	2
Burglary	11	10	14	9	13	7
Criminal damage and arson	21	11	8	13	9	23
Drugs	1	0	1	0	2	1
Other crime	1	1	0	1	0	2
Other theft	14	22	16	5	22	11
Possession of weapons	1	1	1	1	0	1
Public order	6	2	4	7	8	10
Robbery	0	1	0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	4	10	0	3	3	5
Theft from the person	0	1	0	0	0	0
Vehicle crime	31	15	14	11	8	27
Violence and sexual offences	56	66	42	49	35	57

Please note some occurrences are still under investigation and may change category

As always we are promoting the **Dorset Alert** messaging service, the two way community messaging system operated by Dorset Police, which allows us to exchange information with local residents.

Sign up for free at dorsetalert.co.uk

Neighbourhood Policing Team personnel changes



Early in March Simon Perry was appointed as the Neighbourhood Inspector for East Dorset, here's his perspective on his latest role.

"I am responsible for ensuring we build relationships with the community we serve and

ensure we're tackling the issues you care about. I wanted to give you a bit of background on my career to date with Dorset Police.

I have served in Dorset for 19 years, with the last two as a Critical Incident Inspector covering Bournemouth and Poole. I have completed a number of roles, including CID, proactive working on a unit targeting persistent offenders and three years as the Rossmore Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant. My career has been predominately at Poole but also two years at East Dorset as section Deputy Inspector.

My experience means I can bring great skills around solving issues and targeting acquisitive crime such as burglary as well as drugs and anti-social behaviour which has a massive impact on our community.

Please let us know what your key issues are across East Dorset in the comments below and I look forward to working with you".

Inspector Simon Perry 1656

follow Simon on Twitter @NDorsetNPTInsp
#DorsetPolice #InspPerry #EastDorset
#KeepingDorsetSafe

The second new recruit is PCSO Chloe Mizen. So our team, which covers Ferndown, West Moors and St Leonards and St Ives now consists of:

Inspector: Simon Perry

Sergeant: Tim Travers

Constable: Steve Knight

PCSO's: James Marsh, Adam Fitzwalter, Chloe Mizen

Simon's report

Hello and firstly can I pass on my personal thanks for the work and support you provide as members of Home Watch.

I would like to pass three key messages of reoccurring issues that we start to see as spring approaches.

1. Theft from vehicles parked at beauty spot locations. Please if you are out enjoying our beautiful countryside do not get your day ruined by leaving valuables in your vehicle - that includes hiding items under the seat!!
2. At this time of year we see an increase in rogue traders and doorstep sellers. Often our more elderly and vulnerable residents are targeted and pressured over claims of dangerous trees leaking or collapsing drains or roofs. Our advice is simple never buy from the doorstep. You can help by looking out for vulnerable neighbours noting the registration of any vehicles casing an area. Also by contacting the local NPT team with any details of leaflets left these assist in identifying who is in the area.
3. Phone scam re Courier Fraud—Dorset Police asks people to remember that their bank or building society will NEVER call them to tell them they need to replace their debit card. This is the opening to a scam. If you receive a call like this, hang up immediately and do not call back.

If you do want to check, call your bank on a completely different phone. Report the call to Action Fraud on actionfraud.police.uk.

Nor will your bank send a courier to collect your card. If someone claiming to be a courier for your bank turns up at your door, call the police. If you have handed over your card, call the police and inform your bank immediately.

This type of fraud often targets elderly or vulnerable people. If you have family, friends or neighbours who may be at risk and who are not online, please talk to them and share this advice.

In just my first week here there were two dwelling break-ins in West Moors. I know that a male has been charged for some of the offences and remanded to court.

I look forward to working with you all in my new role. In my introduction above I have included a link to my Twitter page so you can keep up to date with key messages as they happen.

Simon Perry 1656

Remember to have your say on St Ives Pool—see the article on page 2 or talk to Samara Stewart at our AGM on 27 April

Keep looking if you're cooking—

Fire safety warning from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

DWFRS are reminding the public to take care when cooking, after more than half of all accidental fires in the home last year started in the kitchen.

During 2017/18 DWFRS attended 787 accidental dwelling fires throughout Dorset and Wiltshire, with over 60% of fires occurring in the kitchen area. Over half of those kitchen fires were caused by unsafe cooking practices; this includes leaving cooking unattended, leaving items too close to the cooker, chip pan fires and poor use/maintenance of cooking equipment.

Safe and Well Manager Vikki Thomas said “Cooking takes place in almost every home, every day. We want to remind members of the public that this every day activity can be really dangerous. Cookers should be left clear and turned off when you're not cooking and if you have to leave the kitchen for any reason whilst cooking please take pans off the heat or turn them down. Finally, if you are unlucky enough to experience a fire, please get out of the house, stay out and call 999. Please remember to check your appliances regularly thereby ensuring they are clean and fit for purpose.”

Vikki added: “We recommend every home has a working smoke alarm on each level and this is tested once a week. DWFRS also suggest that heat alarms are fitted in areas like the kitchen to alert you to a fire and we will be fitting these as part of our Safe and Well visits going forward.”

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue provide free Safe and Well visits with aim of making you safer in your own home. These visits involve a member of DWFRS staff visiting the home and providing you with bespoke home safety advice on the use of candles, cooking, electric blankets, overloading sockets, chimneys, low energy light bulbs and much more. They even fit or replace smoke alarms, if appropriate. This is all free of charge with the aim of encouraging you to think about fire safety in the home. To request a free Safe & Well visit, or to find out more information about being safe at home, visit dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-at-home.

More cooking safety information:

- ◆ Take care if you need to leave the kitchen whilst cooking. Take pans off the heat or turn them down to avoid risk.
- ◆ If a pan catches fire, don't take any risks—get out, stay out, and call 999

- ◆ Double check the hob is off when you've finished cooking.
- ◆ Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob.
- ◆ Take care if you're wearing loose clothing—this can easily catch fire.
- ◆ Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking. Keep matches and saucepan handles out of their reach to keep them safe.
- ◆ Take care with electrics ensure leads and appliances are kept away from water and place grills away from curtains and kitchen rolls.
- ◆ Keep your equipment clean and in good working order. A build-up of fat and grease can ignite a fire.
- ◆ Don't cook after drinking alcohol.
- ◆ Hot oil can catch fire easily—be careful that it doesn't overheat.
- ◆ Never throw water on a chip pan fire.
- ◆ In the event of a fire, have an escape plan in place.
- ◆ Don't take risks by tackling a fire. Get out, stay out and call 999.
- ◆ Get a smoke alarm and test it weekly.

St Ives Primary & Nursery School

Summer Fair 2019

Saturday 15th June
12 - 3pm

Fun activities • BBQ
Stagecoach performance
Stalls • Kids games • Bar
Tea, Coffee & Cakes

Everyone welcome!

If you wish to have a table at the Fair please contact the school or SISInfo@stivespta.com

sis PTA
St Ives School Association

Computer Café

Fridays 9 until 12:30 in the Committee rooms, Braeside Road Village Hall

I am very pleased to tell you that as a result of recent requests for new mentors we now have three new members of 'staff', or rather unpaid volunteers, working alongside Graham, Roger, Derek and Viv. Sadly we have lost one of our mentors, Gino, who is unwell and unlikely to be coming back to us. However, we have added Keith, Margaret and George to our line-up. Keith is very experienced in all things Apple and also Windows, Margaret has similar experience along with a background of software training, George is an occasional visitor at the moment but hopefully will be joining the team more often as time goes by, and has a strong Windows background.

So what's the bad news? The first bit of bad news is for those of you who use a password manager program. These programs are highly recommended as a secure way of not only generating your passwords, but remembering them and inserting them wherever you need when browsing on the web, for example when buying from Amazon.

However the top four password manager programs (1password, Dashlane, KeePass and LastPass) have all been found to be vulnerable to attacks from hackers. Whilst not saying 'don't use them' the advice if you're using a password manager program is to sign out immediately you finish using it. In other words don't leave the program running once you have finished with it. If not, it continues to run in the background and in that situation such programs are still vulnerable to hacking.

For those of you using Windows 10 and wondering when the next big update will be happening, the April 2019 update is due to be launched in April! At the time of writing (mid-March) there's still no published date available. However keep your eyes open on the mainstream press, as they are bound to cover it. If in any doubt come into us on a Friday morning and we will give you the latest news and advice.

Keeping safe online takes quite a lot of imagination and practice, but one of the easiest things you can do is to delete data that you didn't realise was being stored about you. Remember that we use web browser programs/apps (Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Firefox, Vivaldi, Opera—there are lots of different ones) and on those websites we use search engines (Google, Bing, Yahoo, again there are many different ones) to search out what we are looking for.

Some of the main web browsers feature a 'safe browsing mode', in particular Chrome (Incognito mode), Firefox (Private browsing) or Edge (Private).

Although they give you a little more privacy, they still collect a lot of data about you during use. Essentially these private modes basically just stop websites from saving cookies or images on your hard drive.

Rather than using Google as your search engine, consider using DuckDuckGo which doesn't store your search history. The downside is that your searches will not be personalized because DuckDuckGo doesn't hold any information about you. This means the searches may be slightly less relevant than those that would be provided by Google, but perhaps that inconvenience is worth suffering to keep your data secure.

Simply go to duckduckgo.com for more information or pop in and see us.



Having said that Google are one of the bigger data collectors, they do have a very good privacy check-up tool which you can run. It will display all of the different data Google has collected about you. Information such as your location, where you've physically been recently (tracking through your smartphone) and the photos that you're sharing with people. There may be other information you'd rather not have banded around! So go to myactivity.google.com to see everything Google knows about you including your web browsing history. Your data is not made publicly available by Google, but it's still your data and could be hacked. If you prefer Google not to be so nosy you can delete the items individually or entirely.

Facebook is also a known hoarder of your data. Many of you may remember the Cambridge Analytica scandal last year, but Facebook also suffered a major data leak in September that affected approximately 50 million accounts so if you are a Facebook user consider reviewing everything that Facebook knows about you. If you're really fed up with Facebook you should deactivate your account at fb.com/deactivate. Also remind your friends and family not to post those lovely photos of them on the beach in Marbella, see the Shred it article on page 3.

You can carry out similar exercises on other key players that hold your data. Perhaps you have an Amazon account, Microsoft account, Apple account etc. They all have ways of allowing you to review your privacy settings and adjust them according to your taste.

Whatever you do, stay safe!



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NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES:

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Home Watch signs

Every road with Home Watch members has one or more of these signs on display. Normally they are sited on lampposts, telegraph poles or a member's property such as a fence with their permission.

If you notice your sign is missing or damaged please let your street coordinator know next time he or she delivers your newsletter. The coordinators can then contact me so that action is taken. Typically this could be cutting back of foliage or undergrowth, cleaning, re-fixing or even repositioning signs in a more suitable place where circumstances have changed.

I would therefore be grateful for your co-operation and can be contacted by telephone at the number below—thank you.

Norman Walters 01425 480731

Keep in touch with Home Watch!

If you have a Facebook account, from any internet browser type:

facebook.com/groups/920724138090781/

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St Leonards & St Ives Home Watch



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Or keep up to date via our website
2saints.org.uk

Keep the date free!

St Ives School Summer Fair

15th June 12 - 3pm

This year is going to be a MUCH bigger Fair with lots of food, games and entertainment. It's FREE ENTRY so please tell your friends, family and neighbours to join us. You can look forward to seeing...

- 'Bake Off' competition for the best cake, judged by The New Forest Bakery – open to all.
- A marching band, Stagecoach and singers performing.
- Tea cup rides, bouncy castles and a football dart board.
- BBQ, pizza oven and refreshments.
- Outdoor bar with benches, a Slush machine, candyfloss and popcorn.
- Games include: Coconut Shy, Top Gear Challenge, Lucky Dip, Hoopla, Beat the Goalie, Hook a Duck, Tombola, Play your cards right, are just to name a few.
- Over 20 external stalls from: Sand Art, The Body Shop, Animal Mad House, Crazy Face art, The Healthy Cake Company, pocket money toys and much, much more...
- Auction – this will be open for bidding from 29th April and will be closed at the fair.
- Raffle (50+ prizes) tickets will be in book bags and for sale just before May half term (cash prize for the class selling the most tickets).

Volunteers for running an activity/stall—we need help from everyone to make this day a success, so please start finding helpers in your year group, with a stall you might like to cover.

Every penny raised from the fair goes to resources for the school so we hope you can support it!

STOP PRESS: Verges – please be considerate If you have a grass verge outside your property and please remember you do not own it and it is not an extension to your drive for parking on. They are there for all of the parish not just you. A number of you are lucky enough to have wild orchids growing on them. Other residents have put in some bulbs for all to enjoy. By the time you have parked on it and worn out the grass it looks a mess. There really is no need to park on them, use your driveway. It makes it difficult to get verges looked after when they are obstructed. Thank you on behalf of all of the rest of the residents and many thanks to those of you who try and keep the verge outside your property tidy!

STOP PRESS: Cornerways Patient Participation Group urgently needs more committee members.

If you feel you could help out with this valuable organisation and have your say on NHS issues then please contact:

Patricia Sullivan on 01425 478162
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