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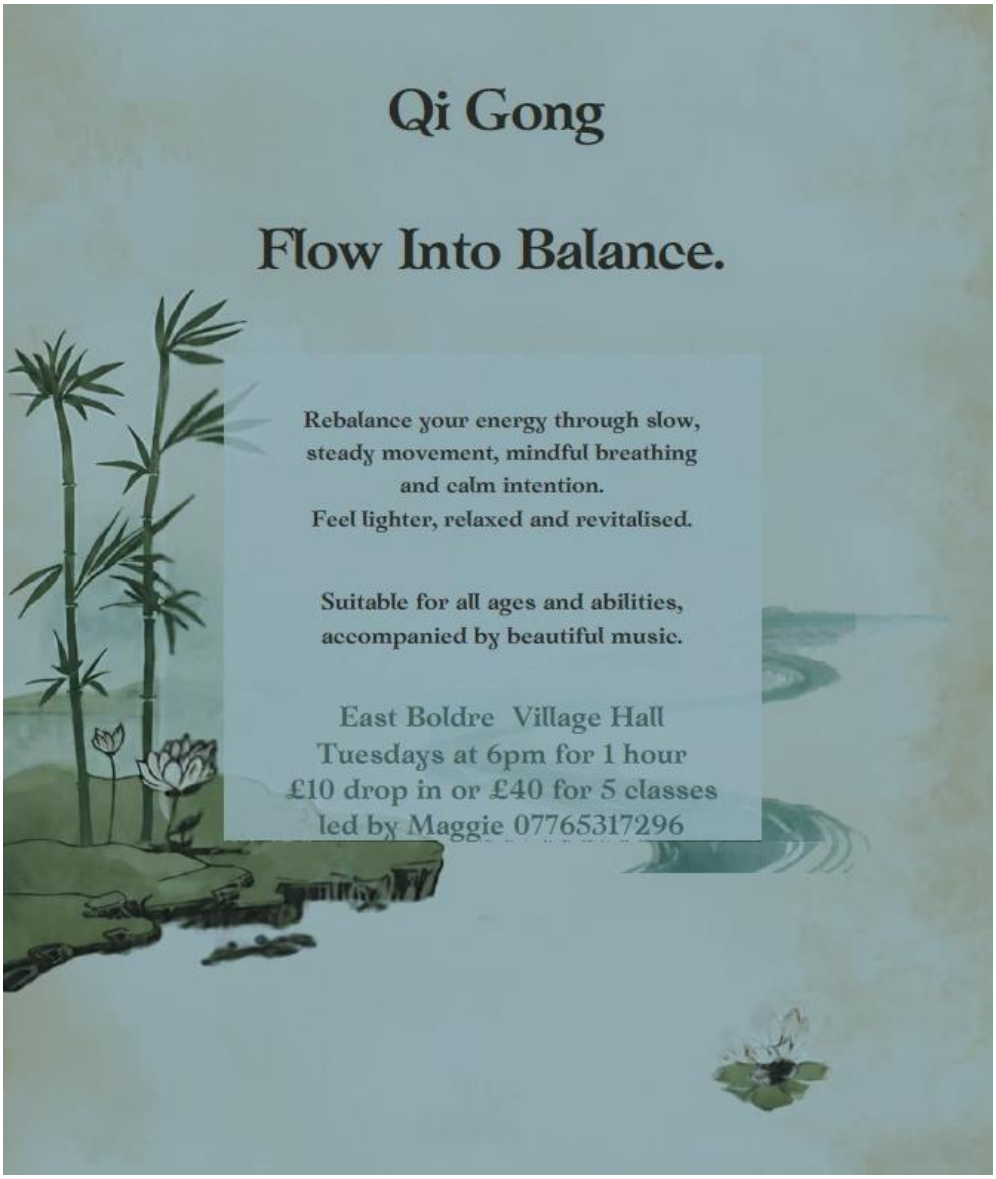
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Hello Everyone

There are a couple of new events and a few reminders for this month, as well as the usual monthly police report in our Neighbourhood Watch section. Please don't forget to send in your notices and advertise your events in this free newsletter (submission deadline, a few days before the end of each month please). And please tell your friends about it or forward a copy to them. They can request a copy on the village website using the link above.

Two New Exercise Classes Come to East Boldre Village Hall

Qi Gong - Tuesday 6:00-7:00 pm. £10 per session or £40 for five classes. Just drop in or contact Maggie on 07765 317 296.



Yoga with Katy Williams – Thursdays 9:00-10:00 am. £75 for six classes or drop in for £15.

This class for women of all ages explores creative variations of traditional yoga, poses to build strength, flexibility and balance. You will find new ways to look within and increase interoception (the ability to perceive sensation), leading to a pool of calm energy to start your day. Suitable for beginners and more experienced practitioners alike.

You can contact Katy via her website.

The Waterside Health Bus comes to East Boldre Village Hall

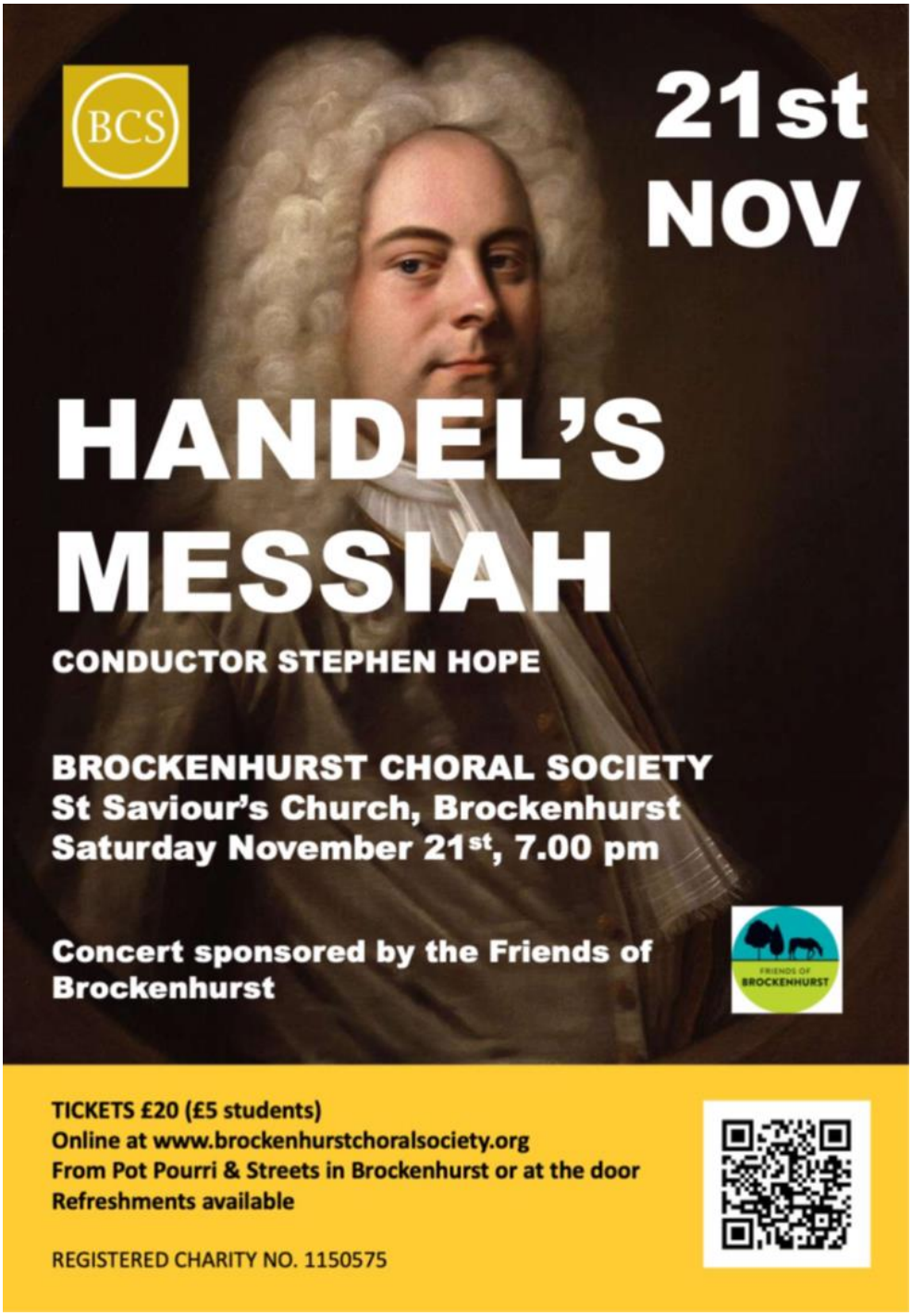
The Waterside Health Bus comes to East Boldre Village Hall fortnightly for those registered with a Waterside GP Surgery.

The bus will be in the car park from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The next visit will be on 3 November, then 17 November.

Please help to raise awareness by sharing this with those you know. The bus also makes other visits in the Waterside area as shown on the poster below.



Brockenhurst Choral Society Presents:



Bicycle and Property Marking

The Police will be providing a free marking service for bicycles and property (tools etc) outside Chapel Stores, Chapel Lane between 10am to 12 noon on Saturday 5th December 2026

Recently the Police have recovered stolen tools but have been unable to find their owners so this is a great opportunity to have your belongings marked and improve your chances of being reunited should they be stolen.



Remembrance Service

There will be a Remembrance Service at St Paul's Church, East Boldre on Sunday November 8th at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to the short service which will be held by the war memorial at St Paul's Church East Boldre to commemorate the fallen in both world wars.

Reminder - Invitation to Sing

Are you an aspiring singer? If so, you are invited to the rehearsal at 2:00 pm on Saturday & November at Beaulieu Abbey Church, for a 6:00 pm performance.



Services at Beaulieu, Exbury and East Boldre Churches

November 2026

Sun 1st Nov	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Holy Communion	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 4th Nov	Holy Communion	9.30am Abbey Church
Sun 8th Nov	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Remembrance Service	10am, Abbey Church
	Act of Remembrance	3pm, St Paul's, East Boldre
Wed 11th Nov	Act of Remembrance	10.45am, St Katharine's, Exbury
Sat 14th Nov	Music at Beaulieu	7pm, Emma Johnson MBE (clarinet)
Sun 15th Nov	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Holy Communion	9.30am Abbey Church
Sun 22nd Nov	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Holy Communion	9.30am Abbey Church
Sun 29th Nov	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Holy Communion	9.30am Abbey Church

For full details of Church Services at Beaulieu, Exbury and East Boldre, go to the Beaulieu Churches website.

Neighbourhood Watch

Gift Voucher Fraud

It is very common for gift vouchers to be used by criminals to steal your hard-earned cash to fund organised crime groups or facilitate money laundering, often through online fraud.

One department store had a sign at the till which read:

"Gift cards should never be used to pay bills or send money to someone. These demands are scams. Don't share the code on the back of the card with anyone."

If someone asks you to pay for something in gift vouchers or send a voucher code to them or someone else, Stop! Think Fraud.

Vouchers are only redeemable for products and services with the business named on the card e.g., Apple gift vouchers can only be used to pay for Apple products, they can't be used to pay for hospital treatment, flights, to buy food, pay utility bills, HMRC bills, council tax etc.

Criminals are impersonating Police forces in scam calls using 'spoofed' phone numbers

Report Fraud, run by the City of London Police, is urging the public to be sure of who they are talking to following a spike in reports of calls from 'spoofed' police force phone numbers.

Analysis of data from Report Fraud, the national cyber crime and fraud reporting service, shows that there has been an increase in reports made where the caller has purported to be from a police force from a variety of areas across the country. The City of London Police itself, the National Lead Force for fraud, has also taken thousands of crime reports of a similar nature.

But in reality, it is a criminal contacting a member of the public, using a 'spoofed' phone number to try and obtain sensitive personal or financial details so that fraud can then go on to be committed. Often, the criminals will claim that the victim will be helping with an investigation by providing the personal or financial information they are asking for.

While a number of calls about this type of fraud has been made to Report Fraud, this is likely to be the tip of the iceberg and a far bigger problem that is not reported, so the full scale is unknown.

Criminals use 'spoofing' software to intentionally cover up their real caller ID and instead, mirror the phone number of a legitimate organisation. They do this to make it appear that calls or text messages are coming from a trusted organisation like the police, banks or government agencies.

These scam calls may use AI technology, be automated or from a real person. Their main goal is to trick you into sharing personal information or to transfer money.

How to protect yourself

- Remember that genuine service providers, banks and the police will NEVER call asking you to transfer money, share personal financial details or hand over remote control of your computer.
- If you are in any way suspicious, or feel pressured into anything, hang up and take time to check if the call is genuine. Call back on a number you know to be

genuine, for example as shown on your utility bills or the back of your card. You can also call 159 to get through to your bank, or 101 for the police.
- Don’t trust the Caller ID display on your phone – it’s not proof of ID,

More than £86,000 stolen by fraudsters posing as Amazon

Criminals are impersonating Amazon and contacting customers out of the blue claiming suspicious activity has occurred on their account. Over a nine-day period, between 5-14 October 2026, criminals stole £86,837 from victims, a daily average of over £9,600 while purporting to be representatives from Amazon.

Within the nine-day period, Report Fraud received 110 reports where Amazon impersonation had been identified, with people aged between 50 to 79 most impacted, accounting for 60 per cent of reports.

Analysis of Report Fraud data identified an emerging trend in reporting which involves a victim being contacted by the criminal claiming to be from Amazon who informs them of alleged suspicious activity on their Amazon account. The criminals then claim that unauthorised items have been added to the victim’s Amazon basket. To make the fraud appear genuine, they provide delivery addresses that do not belong to the victim and claim that someone is attempting to purchase the items using the victim’s bank details. The criminal then tells the victim that the transactions can be stopped and their account secured, but only if they follow specific instructions including:

- Victims asked to share their screen through messaging platforms as part of a resolution process and download money transfer apps. Criminals then use these apps to move money into accounts they control.
- Victims told to provide legitimate documents, such as a passport or driving licence, for "verification" purposes. Criminals use this information to facilitate the fraud and transfer money.
- Victims persuaded to download remote access software, allowing criminals to take control of the device and carry out transactions on the victim's behalf to steal funds without their knowledge.
- Victims are told that gift cards have been added to their Amazon basket without permission. Criminals then claim urgent action is needed to stop the purchases and trick victims into authorising payments, which are instead sent to accounts under the criminals' control.

How to protect yourself:

Remember that genuine service providers, banks and the police will never call asking you to transfer money, share personal financial details or hand over remote control of your computer, phone or other device. If you’ve received a call that doesn’t feel right, STOP!

- Hang up.
- Check if it’s genuine by contacting the organisation directly using contact details you know are correct, such as those on an official website or app, or by calling 159 if you need to contact your bank.
- Don’t trust the Caller ID display on your phone – it’s not proof of ID.
- Report it by sending a text to 7726 with the word ‘Call’ followed by the scam caller’s number.
- If you believe you are a victim of fraud, you should tell Report Fraud online or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Local Beat Report

Hello and welcome to the October 2026 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS, PC 27901 Stuart READHEAD and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

In November, join us at one of our Beat Surgeries across the area – On Tuesday 3rd November at 11am we will be at the Happy Cheese Pub in Ashurst with the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood watch team and then we will be on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst from midday.

On Wednesday 4th November at 11am we will be at the Lyndhurst Parish Council Office in the Community Centre in the village and on Monday 30th November join us at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am and then at the Bartley Post Office at 9am. Remember our Beat Surgeries last for 30 minutes or more if necessary.

This month's Walking in Partnership Beat Surgery is at 11am on Saturday 14th November – BUT THE LOCATION IS YET TO BE DECIDED. As you can see from the list above, we hold several Beat Surgeries every month and our Walking in Partnership events are another opportunity to ask us about Policing in your area, enjoy a guided walk in the New Forest, and receive the latest safety and crime prevention advice. For each walk we are joined by our colleagues at Forestry England and the National Park Authority, and they explain what you can see at each location we visit. If you think this is something you would like, to join us at one of these Beat Surgeries please email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk and as soon as the venue is decided we will let you know

A house on the Sway Road in Brockenhurst was burgled between the 5th and 10th October and a large amount of property stolen. The house is close to the school so if you saw or heard anything suspicious during that time frame or have CCTV or Dashcam footage, can you please contract us on 101 and quote the incident number 44260501843 – thank you

Another burglary happened at the Beau Chic hairdressers on the High Street in Lyndhurst. The crime number for that incident is 44260528095 and again if you have any information that might help us identify those who are responsible, please let us know.

Tack and farm machinery were also taken overnight from a farm on Deerleap lane.

Three vehicles were stolen in November – one was a moped from a driveway in Brook, one was a Quad bike from Bramshaw and the other was a car from a driveway in Bartley. Power cabling and other electrical items have been stolen from the building works taking place at Ashurst Hospital, 150 rubber mats have been taken from Cadnams Pool car park and two electric bicycles have been stolen overnight from the car park of a block of flats in Brockenhurst. Money was also stolen from a fruit machine in a pub in Brockenhurst.

There have been four shopliftings in November, two at the Tesco in Brockenhurst, one at the petrol station also in the village and the other at Dobbies Garden Centre in Cadnam.

There have been ten thefts from motor vehicles with cars parked in the Knightwood Oak, on Cadnam Common and the Kings Hat car parks broken into while their owners were walking in the Forest. Tools were stolen from cars parked on driveways in Winsor and in the car park at the Travelodge at Stoney Cross, and a catalytic converter was also stolen from the same car park but on a different night.

Golf clubs were taken from a car in Copythorne but were later recovered and returned to the owners, drone batteries were stolen from a car parked in a pub in Lyndhurst and two bass guitars were taken from the pub car park in Emery Down. Number plates were stolen from a car parked on Romsey Road in Copythorne and an attempt was also made to break into another vehicle, again overnight, in Cadnam.

Criminal damage has also been caused to gates in Ashurst and Lyndhurst and eggs have been thrown at houses in Lyndhurst.

Stay safe everyone

Your local Police team are:

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mark.roberts.24091@hampshire.police.uk 07392 314340

Dates for your Diary

Music at Beaulieu
Tickets for all concerts except Glyndebourne can be bought online.

It is possible to buy tickets directly from the Ticket Office by calling 07770 859900 and on the day at the door, if the concerts are not sold out and subject to availability.

Beaulieu and District Gardening Club
Membership is £12 per annum. Membership secretary Lynne Hubbard 01590 612408. Visitors to talks £4.

Boldre Parish History Society
Annual subscription: £15 single/£25 joint. Non-members: £5 per lecture.
For further information please phone the Programme Secretary: 01590 626654
www.boldrehistory.co.uk.

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November 12 Thursday
Beaulieu and District Gardening Club. 6.30pm, Beaulieu Village Hall. Annual General Meeting followed by refreshments.

13 November:
Boldre Parish History Society AGM - Robert Amis "The Monks of Beaulieu"

14 November
Music at Beaulieu presents Emma Johnson MBE: Clarinet in Recital. Beaulieu Abbey Church, 7:00-9:00 pm. £25.

November 26 Thursday
Beaulieu and District Gardening Club. 2.30, East Boldre Village Hall. Demonstration of Christmas wreath making by Fin of Belle and Blossom.

5 December
Music at Beaulieu presents a Festive Joy: A Seasonal Piano Recital. Beaulieu Abbey Church, 4:00-6:00 pm. £15.

11 December
Boldre Parish History Society - Rob Humphries: "50 years of Lymington's Yacht Industry"

8 January
Boldre Parish History Society - 7.00 pm: An Archive Evening

12 February
Boldre Parish History Society - 7.00 pm: Speaker: Roy Jones 'Sex, Murder & Mayhem'

12 March
Boldre Parish History Society - 7.00 pm: Speaker: Sonia Aarons-Green on 'The Godshill Pottery'

9 April
Boldre Parish History Society - 7.00 pm: Speaker: New Forest Association

14 May
Boldre Parish History Society - 7.00 pm: Speaker: Tony Johnson 'Snake Catchers of the New Forest'

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