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For the Lord your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.



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PURBROOK: Members of the Waterlooville’s Men’s Shed created brand new doors for the church hall belonging to St John’s in Purbrook.

The original doors were in a poor state by this summer, so shed members hand-crafted new doors over several months at their workshops in Cowplain.

The work involved precise cutting and shaping of the wood, made more difficult as the doors weren’t symmetrical.

The Waterlooville Men’s Shed was launched in 2013, and is based in the old pavilion in Cowplain, which members refurbished. It was founded by Chris Davage, who sadly died suddenly in October.

There are now over 30 members, who undertake community and individual projects.

HAYLING ISLAND: Worshippers from St Mary’s Church in Hayling are raising money to preserve a yew tree in their churchyard.

The tree is thought to be 2,000 years old, but is leaning heavily. The church needs around £10,000 to pay for supports to prop it up.

They have decided to fundraise for this online, as the tree has



Creating the new door for Purbrook church hall

news from the pews

significance beyond Hayling due to its age. People already visit it from some distance away.

If you would like to donate, please see www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/stmarys-haylingisland/saveourancientyewtree

IDSWORTH: The inaugural fundraising event of the Friends of St Hubert’s Church, Idsworth, took place last month.

The church hosted an atmospheric evening of musical harmony with performances by

Cantores Episcopi of Winchester College, and the Free Radicals, a close harmony group from Petersfield.

Among the highlights were two audience pieces and a finale of *Bohemian Rhapsody*. The evening ended with mulled wine, mince pies and a collection.

The Friends group is helping to raise £100,000 for phase 1 of work to repair the church’s roof and walls. Full details are available on www.idsworthchurchfriends.org.

MOTTISTONE: The

Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight was presented with a detailed record of artefacts in St Peter and St Paul’s Church in Mottistone.

The Ven Peter Sutton received it from the National and Decorative Fine Arts Association (NAFDAS), who meticulously noted details of memorials, fixtures and fittings in the 12th century church. Volunteers describe the items, note their condition and take photographs,

In this case, that included cedar salvaged from a shipwreck off the coast of Brighthelm in 1862 which was used to line the chancel roof.

Copies of the record were given to the church and the county archives.

HOOK-with-WARSASH: Pupils from Hook-with-Warsash C of E Academy got the chance to see Warsash from a whole new angle as they enjoyed the views from the top of the Warsash clock tower.

They were invited by the owners, Simon and Kerry Woodham, as part of an annual competition to design a new flag to fly from the top of the tower.

All the academy’s pupils were invited to take part and the winners and runners-up visited the tower to see the new flag being flown.

The winner of the competition was Francesca Nice, who was presented with an engraved clock of her own and flowers from



Pupils with Simon and Kerry Woodham and Kerry’s mother in the tower church, the sea, the school, the clock tower, the strawberry fields and even the lobsters’ cages are represented.”

the school report

local florist Warsash Bloom.

Kerry’s mother, who judged the designs, said: “Francesca’s design was

chosen because everything about Warsash is included in the flag: the pink ferry, the Harbour Master’s office, the

Francesca said: “I am really going to enjoy seeing my flag every time I walk by the clock tower. I might even be able to see it from my bedroom window.”