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"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them nor the years condemn, at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them"



**EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW with Portchester's Feline Celebrity—See Page 9**

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**Bigger and Better! Port Solent Festival of Christmas**

**7th-8th December** This year's Festival of Christmas is planned to have more than 90 stalls selling a selection of special, handcrafted gifts including things like chocolates, chutney, decorations, & personalised jewellery. Live entertainment and music is also being hosted across the weekend, including such acts as The Pompey Pluckers, Purbrook Community Choir and the Portsmouth City Band, in addition balloon modellers, festive street theatre acts and much more will also be entertaining the crowds.

\*Port Solent's Lisa Fowler, said: "We love how much the Festival of Christmas has grown over the last few years and people are returning year after year and making it a tradition to pay us a visit and pick up some great homemade and unique gifts for loved ones which can't be found on the high street"

\*Source [portsolent.com](http://portsolent.com)



## Naughty Elf Invasion Plot!!!

MyPortchester has heard from it's sources that a gang of extremely naughty elves are planning a mass invasion of Portchester this Christmas, see Page 3 for further information.



**Save the Date**  
**Portchester Christmas Lights Switch-On**  
**Friday 6th December 2019**

# The Portchester Hub

## HELLO FROM THE 'HUB' AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

Hello from all the team at **The Community Hub** and a warm welcome to readers of the November edition of MyPortchester. It's great to be a part of this new publication for Portchester residents and this month we are delighted to have the opportunity to tell you a little more about the work that we do and clubs and activities that we offer.

Located in the middle of the precinct we are here to help, proud to have been serving the local community for over fifty years for everyone from, toddlers to retirees and all the age groups in between. The Hub is a space where you can be assured of a friendly face and a listening ear, we are always happy to help. We run a busy second hand bookshop and are also home to the Andy Pandy Pre School and a host of weekly activities run by the combined efforts of our hard working manager, volunteers and trustees.

The preschool is run by manager Sophie and her dedicated team, and we are delighted to say that in our most recent OFSTED inspection the preschool has been rated as "GOOD", in all areas, a fantastic achievement and a testament to all their hard work. Working with 2 – 4 year olds in dedicated rooms with play equipment and outdoor space, the preschool is open Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm for 49 weeks of the year. We currently have childcare spaces available and at a daily rate of just £26.25, we are one of the most affordable providers of childcare in the area. With a busy learning programme covering all areas of the early year's foundation stage, regular planned outings to the library, local shops and parks, we also accept vouchers for early years childcare and 30 hours funding .

Tuesday is PIP Club, for the over 50's with a variety of activities, from crafts to trips out, bingo and social afternoons. Wednesday's bring Toddler Group, a fun stay and play session with our qualified Boogie Mites Instructor run from 9:30am to 11:00am (during term-time) with a healthy snack provided for only £2.00 per session. Also every Wednesday from 11:00am is our Fit and Fun Lunch Club which includes a weekly activity and a delicious home cooked 2 course lunch. This year we have taken over the running of the Darby and Joan Club, this very sociable group has been in existence in Portchester since the 1930's and is run on alternate Wednesday afternoons over at the Portchester Parish Hall. Whilst on Thursdays, we are home to the Southern Health Clinic. Fridays and Saturdays bring art classes with Jess and Gerry. We also run community learning courses, and the Borrowers toy library, & our quarterly craft fairs, with the next one on 23rd November, raises much needed funds for the Association. Currently we are fundraising to resurface the preschool outdoor play area.

As we have limited space onsite our sporting activities take place in the Community Centre in Westlands Grove and include Petanque, New Age Kurling and Badminton.

Preparing for the upcoming Remembrance Parade on Saturday 9th November and the village Christmas Light Event on the 6th December is certainly keeping us busy. Keep an eye open for our posters with the full details and also check out our website and Facebook pages. We really can help with almost everything from photocopying to general advice, finding details of support services or even applying for things online, we have free internet access which everyone can use.

So why not come and have a browse through our book store or simply just come in and say hello. Our slogan is, "Where volunteers make it happen", and we are always looking for new members to join our team, so if you can spare some time, or would like to join one of the group's just call in and see us.

Our week is pretty busy to say the least, but we all love working here and helping to give something back to the community. Even now we are already thinking ahead to next year's Gala, which will be on the 20th June 2020, so make sure you save the date for your diary.



## Naughty Elf Invasion Plot!!! (Continued)

The **Wicor Mill Public House** in White Hart Lane, has told us that a particularly naughty gang of Elves are planning a full scale invasion of the Shops and Businesses in and around Portchester this December.

It is rumoured that they are planning on staging a series of naughty activities in order to cause lots of embarrassment to Father Christmas. These particular Elves were banished from Santa's Grotto at the North Pole several years ago, and ever since they have been seeking naughtier and naughtier ways to embarrass poor Father Christmas.



It is believed that the **Wicor Mill** will be recruiting a crack team of children to help track down the whereabouts of all these naughty Elves, and any children wishing to join the fun can become a member of the team by paying an entry fee of £2 per Child at the **Wicor Mill** (Any Profits to be donated to the Ickle Pickles Charity).

**HEROISM IN WAR - WORKING THROUGH THE AIR RAID** In November 1940, three women of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) were awarded 50% of all the Military Medals (MM) received by members of that service during the Second World War. They were stationed at RAF Biggin Hill in Kent, which suffered some of the worst air raids during the Battle of Britain. In a devastating attack on 30 August, 39 people were killed. The next morning, those who had survived reported for duty as usual, at the start of a day that would see further air raids.

Sergeant Joan Mortimer, Flight Officer Elspeth Henderson and Sergeant Helen Turner (pictured here) were all WAAF teleprinter operators who stayed at their posts during the heavy Luftwaffe (German Air Force) attacks on 1 September. Elspeth Henderson continued her work keeping in contact with Fighter Command Headquarters, Uxbridge while the raid was on. She carried on even after she was knocked to the ground as the operations room where she was working took a direct hit. Helen Turner was the switchboard operator and also kept working as the building was hit and bombs fell nearby. It was only when a fire broke out and they were ordered to leave that the two women finally abandoned their posts.

Sergeant Joan Mortimer was in the armoury when the air raid started. Although surrounded by several tons of high explosive, she remained at her telephone switchboard relaying messages to the defence posts around the airfield. Mortimer then picked up a bundle of red flags and hurried out to mark the numerous unexploded bombs scattered around the area. Even when one went off close by, she carried on. For the bravery all three WAAFs displayed in their determination to carry out their duties during such danger, each was awarded a Military Medal in November 1940.

# What's On... Watson?



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We organise outings, theatre trips, lunches as well as having monthly speakers on a variety of topics. Please contact Angela Parker on 07887 780227 for further details.



### Waterside Market

Sunday 10th Nov, 11am-5pm

### Festival of Christmas

Sat/Sun 7th/8th December



### Sunday Car Meets

10th Nov, 24th Nov & 8th Dec, 10am-12pm

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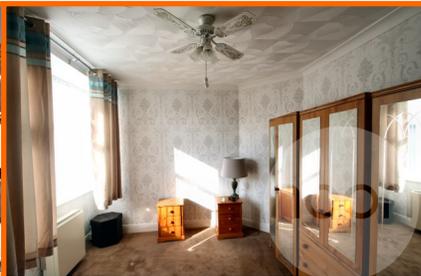
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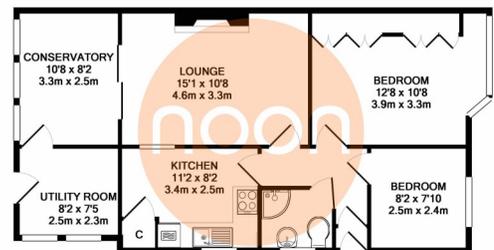
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## £265,000 Guide Price

Lovely 2 Bedroom Bungalow, with a detached garage and beautiful south facing garden.

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**Seafeld  
Westlands Grove  
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## £500,000 Guide Price

Very large 5 bedroom detached house.

Seafeld, West Street, Portchester PO16

Formerly used as a school/nursery school, could be used for the same or returned to an amazingly spacious family home. This property has accommodation spread out over 3 stories.

Early viewing highly recommended, large Portchester properties are rare on the market.



**Chatsworth  
Avenue,  
Cosham.**

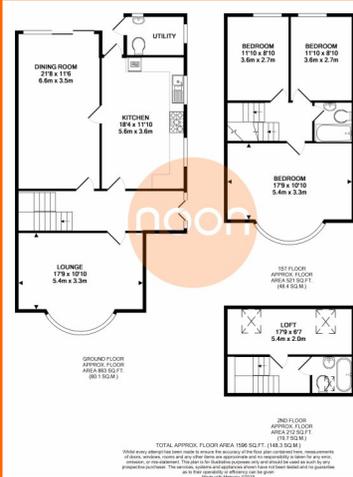


## £400,000 Guide Price

Ideal large family home with the added bonus of a two-bedroom coach home attached that could prove to be an income stream.

The property also has scope to convert what I think was an old shop or office premises at the rear for

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### GREG'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

#### Moist Banana Muffin's

##### Ingredients

3 or 4 Large Bananas, mashed (the more bananas, the moister the muffins, so I use 4)

1/2 cup white sugar (original recipe calls for 1 cup, but I don't like them too sweet)

1 slightly beaten egg

1/3 cup melted margarine or butter

1 teaspoon of baking soda

1 teaspoon of baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 & 1/2 cups of flour

##### Instructions

Mix the mashed bananas, sugar, egg and margarine/butter together, then set aside. In a separate bowl, mix together the baking soda, baking powder, salt and flour. Now combine the wet and dry ingredients together, being careful not to over-stir!. Pour into greased muffin tins, bake at 350 degrees for approximately 20 minutes. **Enjoy!**

#### This Month's Top 5 Books you can't buy in Waterstones

**Cashing-In on the Collection** by Reverend Boor O'Ring

**50 Years in the Saddle** by Major Bumsore

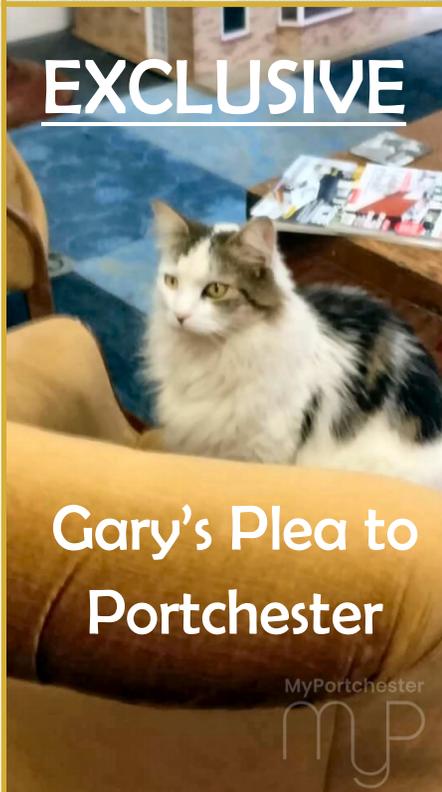
**My Battle with Incontinence** by Mrs I.P. Freely

**Gone in a Heartbeat** by Dr Steph O'Scope

**Karma Sutra for Birds** by Ran Dee Budgie

Book List compiled by the Ministry for Silly Twits & Harmless Fun

## EXCLUSIVE



### Gary's Plea to Portchester

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Picture Left:- Gary the Cat being interviewed at the Office.



MyPortchester has been lucky enough to gain an exclusive interview with Portchester's most iconic cat, a very handsome chap called Gary.

"I'm not a stray" says Gary, "I have a very loving, safe home with a family that love and care for me" Gary, who is 6 and lives in Portchester told us that "I don't like being stuck indoors all the time, being out and about is a lot more fun because I get to meet lots of lovely people who give me lots of attention as I do like to flirt."

He went on to talk about his lovely Mum and how she is getting very worried about him, Gary said "My mummy is getting worried about me though as people, who out of kindness keep feeding me and it keeps making my tummy poorly and it also keeps me away from home for too long. She is worried that with winter coming, my staying away from home for days will not do me any good. She is also concerned that because I am getting so much attention, I may accidentally get hurt"

When asked if he had anything else to say, he stated "Love me, but please please please don't feed me".

Everybody in Portchester seems to be getting to know Gary, and I am sure that they will all help to keep Gary safe and sound by not feeding him, which will encourage him to go home to the love of his family.

# Children's

## Across

1. This animal has a very long nose to suck up water with
3. Adults follow the ..... Code when lighting these on the 5th November
4. A cuddly companion at bedtime
6. You need to start writing your letters to this person this month to let him know that you have been good this year. (6,9)
8. What sweet food is made by bees using nectar from flowers?
9. There is one in the middle of Portchester Precinct
10. You burn a Dummy of Guy Fawkes made of old clothes and stuffed with newspapers on one of these

## Down

2. The name of the village
5. This evil queen doesn't want Aurora to get married
7. You should always look Left & ..... when crossing the road

# Puzzle

# Pages

### October Answers

**Across:** 2, Market 3, COOP 4, Brexit 7, Wicor 9, Charity 10, Queen 11, SolentShoes 12, Motorway 13, Moon 15, RedLion 17, Marina 18, Lake 19, Way

**Down:** 1, Heritage 3, Castle 5, Pubs 6, Nelson 8, Crematorium 14, Noon 16, Cinema

## Across

2. Latin name for Portchester (6,6)
3. Tea Room in Port Solent (6,4)
7. Fort Nelson forms part of the Gosport .....
8. This man had a unique solution for making a point in Parliament! (3,6)
10. Church in the Castle

## Down

1. Annual National Charity event that takes place every November (8,2,4)
4. Portchester's Famous 21st Century Author (4,6)
5. Steel Rails run through Portchester ..... (5,7)
6. Portchester is lucky to have free ones
9. This place has alot of Balls! (3,3)

# Adult's

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BOARDWALK  
 CARPET  
 CHEMIST  
 COMMUNITY CENTRE  
 CORMORANT  
 FRIENDLY PHILS  
 ICELAND  
 LA CASA FLAMENCA  
 MYPORTCHESTER  
 POUNDLAND  
 REDLION  
 SCANDALS  
 SOLENT SHOES  
 SUPERDRUG  
 WICOR MILL

BOW WOWS  
 CASA BRASIL  
 CITY GRILL  
 COOP  
 DARCY'S  
 GOLDEN BOAT  
 INDIAN  
 MARINA  
 NOON ESTATE AGENTS  
 QUAY  
 RIVER SPICE  
 SEAGULL  
 STAPLEFORDS  
 WATERS  
 WINK

BRANDT  
 CASTLE  
 COFFEE CUP  
 CORAL  
 FORT  
 HARVESTER  
 JEFFERIES ESTATE AGENTS  
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