

# Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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## October 2023

It's October already! There is a lot to look forward to again this month. Including coffee mornings, history talks, and film showings. Test your knowledge and get competitive at the upcoming village quizzes - don't miss out. Dust off your Halloween decorations and enjoy the spooky season!

*Mia Cousins*

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### Church Matters

The Downs Benefice is currently awaiting the appointment of a new Rector. However, our services and Church Life continue as normal.



### Benefice Administrators - Caroline McAulay

'The Downs Benefice' Office, The Rectory, Church Lane, Littleton,  
Winchester SO22 6QY

### From The Church Records

Service	Date	Name (s)
<b>Chilbolton</b>		
Wedding	12/8/23	Paul Savage & Jade Lawrence
<b>Wherwell</b>		
Funeral & Burial	3/8/23	Sandra Brown
Baptism	13/8/23	Rose and Ave Toland
Wedding	1/9/23	Aaron Black & Jemma Harrop
Wedding	2/9/23	Edward Hills & Olivia Gander

Dear Friends,

***'I pray that God, the source of all hope will fill you completely with joy and peace because you believe in Him, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.'*** Romans 15: 13

In the regular canon of my reflections, this one is (perhaps mercifully to some), short! Yet, it is amongst the hardest for me to write, as it is my last as your rector before I leave for my new ministry in Devon.

In recent days, I have had occasion at funerals to read the poem, '*A Ship Sails*' attributed to many including Bishop Brent and Victor Hugo, the former slightly less complex than the latter, yet both using the same analogy of a ship leaving one harbour and sailing across the ocean to reach its destination upon another shore.

***'A ship sails and I stand watching till she fades on the horizon, and someone at my side says, 'She is gone!' ... And just at the moment ... there are others who are watching her coming over their horizon, and other voices take up the glad shout 'Here she comes!'***

From '*A Ship Sails*' by Bishop Brent

Beautifully written in each version, the poem offers an evocative description of what it means for Christians to die – moving from our earthly lives to our eternal flourishing with Christ. It brings with it a sense of comfort to the bereaved as well as a source of anticipation and hope, both to the dying and those grieving. There is an active understanding of the individual participating in a profound journey heavenward. Those who remain on the first shore are blessed with an assurance of their loved one beginning a new life in heaven. The inverse is also true, in that the person who is on this divine adventure is guiding those they leave behind to follow their example of faithful living so they too might be saved. Death, therefore, is not the end. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are saved by grace, unearned and undeserved, yet freely given in God's limitless love.

So, my dear and faithful friends, it is indescribably hard to say farewell. Yet, as I face a new horizon, I have the reassurance in Jesus Christ that all shall be well for you and I entrust you all into His safekeeping. These past almost ten years, you have blessed me and my family with your fellowship and hospitality. We have all grown together and have flourished in the love and grace of Christ. And now I am literally en route to a new shoreline on the Kingsbridge Estuary. And you look forward to the next chapter in the faith journey of The Downs Benefice as you welcome the next, as yet unknown, incumbent and their family to your hearts.

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In this acceptance of change, difficult though it might now feel to many of us, we have a new opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to Christ and to our relationships with other believers in the body of Christ of which we are active members in faith.

I leave you with these words of St Paul: *'I pray that God, the source of all hope will fill you completely with joy and peace because you believe in Him, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.'* You will each go with me in my heart, and I pray some of me will remain in yours. Together we will continue to grow as the body of Christ; His church here on earth being refined and renewed by His Holy Spirit, ever one body, ever one heart. May our adventure to new shores bring us all closer to God and closer to each other in the assurance of His eternal love.

*Yours, journeying with you in the love of  
Christ,*

*Jax*

# QUIZ

**... SAVE THE DATE...**

**Wherwell's Annual Quiz**

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> November

7:45pm Start in Wherwell Village Hall

*featuring popular*

Quiz Master, Simon Roberts

A likely 'Sell-Out', So PLEASE BOOK NOW!!!

- Teams up to 8, come along and join a team, or pull together your own team !
- Entry £15 per person includes a Two Course Supper
- Dining Out 'Bundle' & Prize Raffle
- Bring Your Own Drinks, Nibbles and Glasses, please

Ticket Booking: John Conte

e: wherwellbiz@aol.com m: 07836 271089

<b>Services October 2023</b>	<b>St Mary the Less, Chilbolton</b>	<b>St Mary's, Crawley</b>	<b>St Catherine's Littleton</b>	<b>St Stephen's Sparsholt</b>	<b>St Peter &amp; Holy Cross, Wherwell</b>
<b><i>This information is correct at the time of going to press but please check on the website (<a href="http://www.downsbenefice.org">www.downsbenefice.org</a>) for up-to-date information.</i></b>					
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October – The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>					
Holy Communion		10am			
Harvest Festival	10am				
Café Church in Church Room			4pm		
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>					
Family Communion			10am		
Harvest Festival					10am
Meditations					6pm
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>					
REME Holy Communion	10am				
Morning Worship		10am			
Harvest Festival			10am		
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> – The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>					
Holy Communion (BCP)					8am
Morning Worship			10am	10am	
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>					
Mid-Week Holy Communion			10am		
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Last Sunday after Trinity</b>					
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Benefice Family Communion (All Saints)			10am		
All Souls' Service				6pm	

## **Report from the meeting held on 12th Sept 2023**

**The Parish Council met in the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall, with County & Borough Councillor Drew, and one members of the public attended.**

The minutes of the April meeting were agreed & signed.

Finances were presented by the Responsible Finance Officer. They showed a surplus remains pending work on the War memorial restoration. The PC confirmed details on opening an online banking account, and discussed options for insurance quotes, which are one of the largest items of annual expense.

Regarding planning the PC were informed of planning applications that have been approved by TVBC including the sub-division of existing residential plot at Lytchet and erection of a two storey detached dwelling.

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The PC had previously objected to this on the grounds that the housing needs survey had identified a need in the village for more smaller houses rather than another large dwelling.

Reporting on Special projects and Cllrs portfolios:

War Memorial – Cllr Bryant reported progress the War Memorial restoration, with a quote for a granite plaque to record the names of those on the memorial that are crumbling. He is seeking further quotes; & options before a decision is made.

Purvers Patch - Cllr Newell reported that although work has been done on Purvers Patch it is still overgrown. Without any volunteers to keep up the maintenance the lengthsmen will be asked to help.

Wherwell Playing Fields – Cllr Hutton reported on the good work done by Shooters Football Club on grounds maintenance, but also the problems with trying to get the tennis court fencing replaced.

Wherwell Primary School has had a a lot of refurb ; decoration over the summer ready for the new term, including all new desks for the children donated by a private School.

HCC & Borough Cllr Drew presented his reports to the PC,

The new Queen Elizabeth Memorial Copse has been planted and opened at Upper Clatford.

Only one school in Hampshire (in Basingstoke) is impacted by RAAC concrete issues.

HCC is partnering for a group-buying scheme for green energy called Solar Together 2023.

[www.hants.gov.uk/solartogether](http://www.hants.gov.uk/solartogether)

HCC are consulting on the future of care homes in Hampshire

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/care-homes>

Regarding other matters, Cllrs discussed an update on community benefit discussions with Wherwell Solar Farm by a residents group who met with the potential developers.

An offer has been proposed for a cash-based community fund equivalent to £10k pa to Wherwell PC and £5k pa to Chilbolton PC for a period of up to 40 years of operation. There may be an option for a single up front payment rather than annual payments. Cllrs discussed the options, and supported an up-front payment, but queried the split between the two Parish Councils, and queried how to calculate an amount and how to decide if it was best value.

The next scheduled meeting will be the Parish Assembly which will take place on Tuesday 14th November at 7:00 pm, to which local residents are welcome to attend and bring any comments or concerns.

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*Sean Hutton, Chair*

## Farewell to Revd Jax

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September the Reverend Jax Machin took her last service, here in the Down Benefice at Wherwell church. The service was well attended from all five parishes. At the end of the service Jax was presented with generous gifts from the parishioners to wish her well in her new role in Devon and to celebrate her marriage to Darren later in September.



The Gift included a locally created wooden bowl using Sycamore wood from West Down in Chilbolton. Due to the generous donations from her parishioners Jax and Darren will be able to choose some other lovely items for their new home.



We all wish Jax and Darren every happiness as they start their new life together.

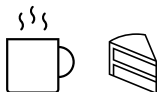
# **MACMILLAN COFFEE** **MORNING**

To be held at

ST MARY- THE -LESS CHURCH  
CHILBOLTON

**Wednesday 4th October 10.30 -  
12.30**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE OR  
TEA AND A SLICE OF HOMEMADE  
CAKE**



For further information and any  
offers of help to bake a cake,  
please contact Mary Gilbert

01264 861142

## **LOOKING AFTER THE COMMON – A place for water to go.**

The Common, as well as being a lovely place to walk is very important for another reason - it helps with flooding. Water has to have places to go and when it is very wet and the ground water levels rise the Common gets good and soggy as we know. It's meant to! It's part of the water budget of our area; it sops up the excess, stopping it from going down stream and flooding other places. It also copes with runoff from the village streets. A little stream called the Abbotts stream rises in the Village in Frog Lane collecting all the surface water from Martins lane and Winchester street. It flows under the sleeper bridge on the Common and takes it down to the Purleygig Leader. Another drain takes water from Drove Road down Joys Lane and to the Test beyond the Old Cottage. One further drain takes water from the greens opposite the shop, under the road and down another ditch to the Common. The Chilbolton Flood Advisory Group makes sure that Chilbolton Parish Council is fully aware of the health of all these essential water courses and that they and the culverts are flowing well. We have the help of Southern Water, Hampshire Highways, the lengthsman and George Whitefield and George Marits to do this, but we need more!!

The Abbotts stream gets choked with river vegetation. To make sure that it is doing its job preventing flooding in the village it is cleared every October. This is where the CPC Open Spaces Committee comes in. The Common is a Site of Special Scientific Interest so we are not supposed to use machinery. Over the years we have been indebted to Mervyn Sheldrake, Ian Daubney and our lengthsman for doing this, BUT it's too much for one person. This year we have been promised the help of Sparsholt College second year Countryside Management students on Mondays 25th Sept and October 2nd AND the wonderful Hampshire Conservation Volunteers will be there on Saturday 7th October.

**All sorts of wriggly river creatures will turn up and if you and your family are around at lunchtime on the Mondays or on the Saturday morning please come and see what is happening and (wearing wellies of course!) join in!!**

*Moya Grove*



## Wherwell History Group – Talks in 2023

**October 20<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm**

**John Roberts-West**

**A history of the West / De la Warr family**

After the dissolution of the Monasteries in 1539, the Wherwell Manor lands were sold to Sir Thomas West.

John's talk will give an overview of the West family including:

- \*\* The De La Warr and Wherwell connections
- \*\* Reinstatement of the West Baronetcy
- \*\* Links to America

John's talk also includes his own family heritage, his relationship to the famous Wests' and some family myths and legends

**November 17<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm**

**Medieval Wall Paintings in Hampshire Churches**

**Online (Zoom) talk by Dr. Ellie Pridgeon**

Ellie has been teaching history of art and architecture to mature students since 2002. She has worked for several universities, including Bristol, Cambridge, Oxford, and Sarum College (University of Winchester). Ellie is a professional archivist who has written numerous articles about *Medieval and Monastic Studies*

History Group events are free to members.

Guests are welcome (£5 per event)

To make a booking, enquire about membership or download our programmes for 2023 & 2024, please visit our new website at [www.wherwellhistory.com](http://www.wherwellhistory.com)

*Andrew Fl*

# Would you like to join a local reading group this Autumn?



I'd like to invite you to join a new informal reading group, not only for something to do as the evenings close in, but also to encourage us to read a bit more. If you've been in book clubs before then you'll know the score; you read a different book every month or so, and then, if you like, come along and join in a conversation about it. Everyone is welcome regardless of age, gender or reading-appetite.

At the beginning, in order to keep the costs down, I don't envisage us reading new releases; the first books I propose are widely available in libraries, online as e-books and on charity book stalls:

In October '*A Year in Provence*' by Peter Mayle, and

In November '*Treasure Island*' by Robert Louis Stevenson

As the group grows and finds its feet, I would hope that others will propose books to read in future months.

The plan for monthly meetings is to alternate between both village pubs and the tea-room, so please note there will never be any expectation on readers to host the group in their own homes. I've optimistically set up an email group for us, so if you think this is something you might be interested in, please do get in touch at [TheReaders.SO20@gmail.com](mailto:TheReaders.SO20@gmail.com) or just call on 860387.

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*Deirdre Freegarde*

# What Happened in 1979?

## NOTICE OF POLL

ELECTION OF  
**PARISH COUNCILLORS**  
FOR THE PARISH OF  
**CHILBOLTON**  
IN THE BOROUGH OF TEST VALLEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:-

- A Poll for the Election of Parish Councillors for the above-named Parish will be held on **THURSDAY** the 30th day of **MAY**, 1979 between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.
- The number of Parish Councillors to be elected for the Parish is **SIXTY**.
- The particulars of the Candidates nominating validly themselves for Election, and the names of the Proposer and Secunder who signed the Nominations Paper of each Candidate, are as follows:-

Surname	Name of Candidate (Other Names in full)	Description (if any)	Home Address	Name of Proposer	Name of Secunder
ALCHIN	Karen Catherine		5 Edge Cottage, Chilbolton, Southampton, Hants.	London, Street Works	Ward, Rosalind M.
BATTYE	Nigel Antony		151st, 14th Green Road, Chilbolton, Southampton, SO22 6JG	Marley, H.C.	Marley, W.A.
BOXALL	Arthur Cyril		14 Avenue, Chilbolton, Southampton, SO22 6BA	Marley, H.C.	Marley, W.A.
DATE	Brian George		"Redlands", 24th Green, Chilbolton, Southampton, Hants.	Marley, W.A.	Marley, H.C.
FOSTER	David Franklin		The Elm, Station Road, Chilbolton, Southampton, Hants.	Womers, John J.	Womers, E.C.
GOULDER	Peter William		17 Tree Hill, Chilbolton.	Stokes, John G.W.	W.M., J.W.
GOULDER	David Laurence	Scientist	Poplar Cottage, Chilbolton, Southampton, Hants. SO22 6BA	Wags, Terry	Parson, G.A.
HUBBARD	Rosemary	Housewife	The Rectory, Southampton, Southampton, Hants.	Marley, H.C.	Marley, W.A.
MANLEY	Honor Joy	Housewife	The Elm Cottage, Chilbolton, Southampton, Hants.	Arnold, R.E.	Goodell, J.H.
MILLS	Jeanne		1, Tree Hill, Chilbolton.	Womers, John J.	Womers, E.C.
NEWMAN	Josephine Sylvia		Maple House, Chilbolton, Southampton, Hants. SO22 6BA	Marley, H.C.	Goodell, J.H.
PAINTER	Geoffrey Alfred	Farmer	Major Farm, Chilbolton.	Goodman, G.W.	Wags, F.C.
RILEY	Michael Arthur Stanley		11 Sunfield Close, Chilbolton, Southampton, Hants. SO22 6AP	Beeble, R.H.	Hales, A.P.
TRUBRIDGE	Benjamin Bruce		18 Tree Hill, Chilbolton, Southampton, Hants.	Womers, John J.	Womers, E.C.
WESTON GOODMAN	Gerald Sydney	Chartered Surveyor	Tree Cottage, Chilbolton.	Parson, G.A.	Wags, V.E.
WHATSLEY	Anthony Ronald		26 Tree Hill, Chilbolton, Southampton, Hants.	Arnold, H.C.	Marley, W.A.

6. The situation of the Polling Stations and the description of the persons entitled to vote at each Polling Station are as follows:-

Polling Station	Persons entitled to vote thereat
Chilbolton Village Hall, Chilbolton.	House owners whose names appear on the Register of Electors for the Parish of Chilbolton Polling District SA.

DATED the 17th day of May, 1979

**J.T. TAYLOR**  
Returning Officer

Printed by Parish Press Ltd., Lyndell Street, Southampton, Hampshire, and published by the Returning Officer.

Does this poster from the archives of Eleanor Lockyer describe a local Parish Council record – 16 candidates for 8 councillors?

- ALCHIN Karen Catherine
- BATTYE Nigel Antony
- BOXALL Arthur Cyril
- DATE Brian George
- FOSTER David Franklin
- GOULDER Peter William
- GRIFFITHS David Laurence
- HUBBARD Rosemary
- MANLEY Honor Joy
- MILLS Jeanne
- NEWMAN Josephine Sylvia
- PAINTER Geoffrey Alfred
- RILEY Michael Arthur Stanley
- TRUBRIDGE Benjamin Bruce
- WESTON GOODMAN Gerald Sydney
- WHATSLEY Anthony Ronald

There are a few well-known names in the poll who can hopefully answer the question: **What was the burning issue in 1979?**

Any contributions of memorabilia from the 70s and 80s (news cuttings, photos, etc.) or memories about the candidates and their link with Chilbolton will be gratefully received. Please email: [wherwellhistory@gmail.com](mailto:wherwellhistory@gmail.com)

# Wherwell Home Guard Club



**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bazaar**  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**11 am – 2 pm**

**Christmas Gifts ~ Craft Stalls**  
**Charity Christmas Cards ~ Notecards**  
**Jams & Pickles ~ Handicrafts**  
**Jewellery ~ Crystals**  
**Xmas stockings ~ Bags & Pouches**

**FREE admission**

**Save the Date**

3 out of 12 stalls are waiting to be filled.  
Please contact Andrew Flanagan (01264 860 560)  
if you know anyone who may like to book a table  
(free of charge)



## Stockbridge Practice Patient News

We will be offering joint covid and flu vaccination appointments to patients aged 65 and over or in at-risk groups from 7 October 2023. Patients will also be able to book just the flu vaccination if they choose. If you receive a text invitation, please book online if using the link if you are able- this will keep the phone lines free for patients who do not have online access.

Children aged 2 and 3 years on 31 August are entitled to receive the nasal flu. You can contact the surgery to book this appointment or wait to receive an invitation.

### **Physiotherapy appointments**

We are making some of our physiotherapy appointments available to patients to book online. These are for new joint problems in adults.

### **Shingles vaccination**

There have been some changes to the national shingles programme. We will now be inviting patients as they turn 65 and 70 years of age. Unfortunately, if you are aged between 66-69 years of age you will have to wait until you turn 70 before becoming eligible.

If you are aged between 70-80 years of age and have not received the shingles vaccination, please contact the surgery to book an appointment.

### **NHS App**

If you have the NHS App with notifications turned on you will start to see text messages sent by the surgery appear as notifications. If notifications are not read the message will revert to a text. This is a national change which has not been instigated by the surgery.

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## **Are your contact details up to date?**

It is very important we have your correct contact details. Please inform us if you change your telephone number (particularly if you no longer use your landline) or if you move address. This can be done by coming into the surgery or using the online form on our website – type **change of details** form in the search box on the home page.

## **Medication for covid infection**

If you are in a high-risk group and test positive for covid you can self-refer to obtain anti-viral medication (as long as you are eligible). This can be done by using this web address: <https://phlgroup.co.uk/cmdu> or telephoning 03300 587080.

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## *October* A Poem by Robert Frost (1874–1963)

O hushed October morning mild,  
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;  
To-morrow's wind, if it be wild,  
Should waste them all.  
The crows above the forest call;  
To-morrow they may form and go.  
O hushed October morning mild,  
Begin the hours of this day slow,  
Make the day seem to us less brief.  
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,  
Beguile us in the way you know;  
Release one leaf at break of day;  
At noon release another leaf;  
One from our trees, one far away;  
Retard the sun with gentle mist;  
Enchant the land with amethyst.  
Slow, slow!  
For the grapes' sake, if they were all,  
Whose leaves already are burnt with frost,  
Whose clustered fruit must else be lost—  
For the grapes' sake along the wall.

## Chilbolton Village Hall Quiz Night

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October – 7pm**

After a long interval, the Village Hall is once again to host a Quiz Night. It is an opportunity to spend an evening with friends, family and others who you may not know and impress them with your general knowledge. The winners get to provide temporary residence to the coveted Chilbolton Village Hall Quiz Challenge Trophy.

The quiz will comprise 8 rounds, including the big screen, music and sport. There will be a break in the middle for a one course meal supplied by Chilbolton Village Shop which is included in the **£12 per person ticket price**. So we know numbers for catering, the cut-off date for bookings will be 21<sup>st</sup> October. It will not be possible to turn up without a booking. All profits will help support the Village Hall.

We can make tables of 6 or 8, but it would be so much better if you make up your own table in advance.

There will be some wine, beer and other drinks available for sale on the night, but please bring their own drinks and glasses.

To book please email [chilboltonhallbookings@outlook.com](mailto:chilboltonhallbookings@outlook.com) or phone Howard Barrie (01264) 860264 or book in person at the Village Shop. Having booked, you will be directed to make a bank transfer to the Village Hall's bank account or you can pay by cash at the Shop (you can get cash using a card at its post office).

While both will have been long in the planning, we hope by choosing a different month and a different menu set-up it will ensure both our and Wherwell's quiz nights are a huge success.

Do come and help make ours an excellent village occasion and don't forget to bring some change for the raffle.

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### Autumn Meditations at Wherwell Church

We are delighted to bring you another series of meditations on the lives of three well-known characters: two saints, and one who may well deserve to be known as such. Do come along and be entertained by the stories of their lives. The meditations will be held at 6 pm in the church, lasting for around thirty minutes, and will be followed by refreshments.

8 October 2023	St Ambrose: theologian, statesman, Bishop of Milan. Died 397 AD
5 November 2023	Mother Teresa: Catholic nun, founder of the Missionaries of Charity. 1910 – 1997 AD
10 December 2023	Leonard Cheshire: decorated RAF pilot, philanthropist. 1917-1992 AD

**Save the Date**  
**Friday 17th November 9.30am - 4.00pm**



# Christmas Fair

at Black Chalk Winery  
Fullerton, SP11 7JX

♥ Knight  
♥ Frank

10% of all purchases go to Hampshire Medical Fund

## Wherwell Home Guard Club

**Save the Date for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Bazaar**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**11 am – 2 pm**

**Christmas Gifts ~ Craft Stalls ~ Handicrafts**

**Charity Christmas Cards ~ Cakes ~ Raffle**



## DIARY DATES

Monday Movers	Every Monday	1.45pm
Wherwell Fit Step	Every Monday	6-7pm
Weekly Bingo WHG club	Every Monday	7.30pm
Wherwell Keep Fit Class	Every Tuesday	9.15-10am
Short Mat Bowls at CVH	Every Tuesday	2-4pm
West Down working party	Every Tuesday	2-4pm
Badminton at CVH	Every Thursday	7.30pm
Puppy/Dog training WVH	Wed & Thurs	6-8pm

### OCTOBER

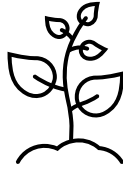
1 Harvest Lunch	CVH	12.30pm
2 Chilbolton PC and planning	CVH	6pm
2/7 Water Management	Cow Common	am See Ad:
5 U3A See Ad:	CVH	1.30pm
6 Chilbolton Film	CVH See add:	6.30 for 7.30pm
<b>6 adhoc advert deadline</b>		
4 Macmillan Coffee Morning	St Mary the Less	10.30 -12.30pm
7 Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30 – 12 noon
8 Autumn Meditations	WVH	6pm
13/18 Stockbridge Cinema	STH	See ad:
<b>10 Ocotber copy deadline</b>		
Chilbolton Quiz	CVH	
17 Gardening Club	CVH	7.30pm
20 Wherwell History Group	WVH	8pm
21 Chilbolton Coffee Morning	CVH	10.30 – 12 noon
28 Chilbolton Quiz	CVH See ad:	7pm
29 Simon's Quiz (see ad: other events) WHGC		7.30 for 8pm

### NOVEMBER

3 Chilbolton Cinema	CVH See ad:	6.30 for 7.30pm
3- 5 Art & Craft Weekend	Goodworth Clatford	See ad:
5 Autumn Meditations (also Dec 10)	WVC	6pm
14 Wherwell PC	WVH	7pm
17 Black Chalk Christmas Fair	Fullerton See ad:	9.30 – 4pm
17 Wherwell History Group	WVH	8pm
18 Chilbolton Coffee Morning	CVH	10.30 – 12 noon
18 Wherwell Quiz	WVH	7.45pm

## WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA – October

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> 01962 840440	<b>Rev. Richard Coles</b> - Borderline National Trinket 7:30pm at the Theatre Royal in Winchester (Sunday Times bestselling author, Twitter phenomenon and enormously loved broadcaster)
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> 01962 857275	<b>Join crime author, Diane Jones</b> , for an immersive experience where you'll form a 12-strong Jury and begin a captivating debate - guilty, or not guilty? Join for a day, or more! at Winchester Cathedral
Wed 4th 01962 840440	<b>Choir! Choir! Choir!</b> - Equal parts singing, comedy, and community-building, the night unfolds like a dream: you get a lyric sheet at the door, DaBu teach you the vocal arrangement, and a video is recorded. Everyone has a ball and goes home feeling great! Theatre Royal in Winchester 7:30pm
Fri 6th 01794 523054	The <b>Elton John Show</b> – with a never-ending back catalogue of incredible songs! From Rocket Man to Tiny Dancer, The Elton John Show brings “Young Elton” back to the stage at his energetic best, at The Plaza Theatre, Romsey 7:30pm
Sat 7th 01962 857200	<b>Festival Evensong</b> at Winchester Cathedral 1:30 – 6:30 Join forces with singers from across the diocese and the Cathedral Choir to sing Evensong in the magnificent setting.
Sun 8th 01264 368000	<b>Second Sundays</b> brings together seasonal food and drink producers, designer-makers and artists alongside street food, craft drinks, workshops, and music on the second Sunday of every month in Andover town centre. 10am to 3pm
Sun, Mon, Tue 8/9/10 01264 368368	<b>David Baddiel - Fame: Not the Musical (WIP)</b> David presents work-in-progress revivals of his smash-hit stand-up trilogy (you can even watch all three, even cheaper tickets at the Lights in Andover)
Sat 28th 01962 840440	Phil Wang – <b>Stand-up comedian</b> at the Theatre Royal in Winchester (Phil appeared on Live at the Apollo (BBC2), Have I Got News for You, Would I Lie to You? On BBC1 & much more)
<b>Future What's On</b>	<b>Requests welcome</b> , just because I think something is a possibility, does not mean other readers do. Any <b>suggestions welcomed</b> – (e.g., more visits to Gardens, more Winchester Cathedral Events, more Comedy, or fewer Concerts/Tribute bands) <b>Email thoughts</b> to <a href="mailto:tim.whiteside@gmail.com">tim.whiteside@gmail.com</a> 😊 thanks
<b>Farmers' Markets</b>	
Romsey - First Sunday of every month 10am - 3pm	
Winchester - Second and last Sunday of every month 9am -2pm	
Andover - Third Sunday of every month (March to December)	
Plus... Andover Market for All Seasons – every Friday 8:30am - 1pm	



**Chilbolton and Wherwell Gardening club**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

a talk by

**Winchester based “Direct  
Bulbs”**

**See their website [Https://DirectBulbs.co.uk](https://DirectBulbs.co.uk)**

**Direct Bulbs are bringing Bulbs for  
Purchase.**

**Chilbolton Village hall**

**Meeting starts 7:30pm**

**Members free, Non Members £3:00**

**Tea/coffee and biscuits included**

**Raffle**

**Further details *Sheila Evans: 01264 860 697***

**Email: [Sheilalillian@hotmail.com](mailto:Sheilalillian@hotmail.com)**

## Test Valley Devons - Beef Cattle and Climate Change



Earlier this year we heard how, in the Winter months, Max Childs' herd of Red Devons grow thick coats and munch their way through hundreds of bales of straw to protect against the colder weather. The Devons are a reassuringly familiar feature of our local landscape, whether 'at home' on the farm in the Wallops, or grazing the pastures that line the Test. In fact, it is hard

to imagine how one could not welcome their presence.

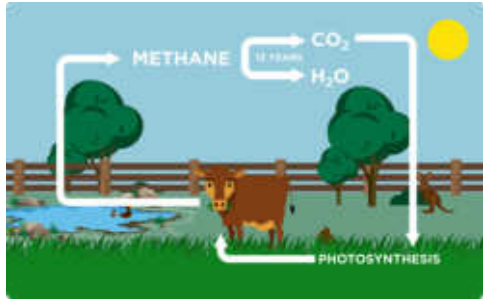
And yet, it is widely reported in the media that the cattle farming industry at large contributes unnecessarily to climate change, partly through the expulsion by cattle of methane, a greenhouse gas that over time converts into CO<sub>2</sub>, and partly because of the amount of carbon that goes into the production of feed and the fuel used to transport both feed and animals around the countryside. Is this a fair criticism of cattle farming, or is there another side to the story? The answer lies firstly in an important natural process, known as the biogenic carbon cycle and, secondly, in the critical difference between high and low intensity farming.

### **What is the biogenic carbon cycle?**

The biogenic carbon cycle centres on the ability of plants to absorb and sequester carbon. Through the process of photosynthesis, plants absorb CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere and deposit that carbon into plant leaves, roots, and stems, while oxygen is released back into the atmosphere. When plants perform photosynthesis, carbon is primarily converted to cellulose, a form of carbohydrate that is one of the main building blocks for growing plants. Cellulose content is particularly high in grasses and shrubs found on marginal lands, which are places where grains and other human edible crops cannot grow. Over 40% of all agricultural land in the UK is permanent grassland, full of cellulose dense grasses that are indigestible to humans – but not cattle. Cattle use the cellulose for growth, milk production, and other metabolic processes. As a by-product of consuming cellulose, cattle belch out methane, thereby returning that carbon sequestered by plants back into the atmosphere. After about ten years, that methane is broken down and converted back to CO<sub>2</sub>.

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Once converted to CO<sub>2</sub>, plants can again perform photosynthesis and fix that carbon back into cellulose. From here, cattle can eat the plants and the cycle begins once again. In essence, the methane belched from cattle is not, therefore, adding new carbon to the atmosphere. Rather it is part of the natural cycling of carbon through the biogenic carbon cycle.



### **Keeping carbon inputs and outputs in balance**

With *intensive* cattle farming common in some parts of the world, for example, the USA, the area of grazing land is so small compared to the large number of cattle that the quantity of CO<sub>2</sub> absorbed by the land can never hope to balance out CO<sub>2</sub> from methane expulsion, feed production and transport. By contrast, in *extensive* farming, where a smaller number of cattle graze a wide area, there is ample scope for CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration from the soil, hedgerows, organic matter and woodland to offset the methane, as well as any CO<sub>2</sub> emitted through the use of fuel, or in the production of cattle feed.

When we understand the biogenic carbon cycle, it is easy, therefore, to see how Test Valley Devons extensive farming methods of low input, conservation grazing, enables the organisation to achieve a carbon balance calculation that is environmentally positive – currently 8.52 tonnes per annum of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted, countered by 10.93 tonnes of carbon absorbed through sequestration. Not only do a small number of animals graze a large expanse of land, but the cattle feed purely on grass, meaning there is virtually no carbon used in food production and transport, other than in making sure hay bales are in the right place at the right time to provide Winter feed.

*Stephen MacDonald*

**Don't forget, this lovely beef is for sale locally with orders open for November delivery, either at Chilbolton Stores, through Chilbolton's sustainable food seller Local Zero [www.local-zero.co.uk](http://www.local-zero.co.uk), or via the Test valley Devons website [www.testvalleydevons.com](http://www.testvalleydevons.com) where there are full details of pack sizes and contents. The price is the same whichever method you use to purchase.**

**GOODWORTH CLATFORD VILLAGE CLUB**  
**ART AND CRAFT WEEKEND**  
3rd to 5th NOVEMBER 2023



**FREE ENTRY**

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE. PRIZE DRAW.**

GOODWORTH CLATFORD VILLAGE CLUB, VILLAGE STREET, GOODWORTH CLATFORD SP11 7RE

# Stockbridge Community Cinema



**Friday 13 October**

**7.30 pm**

**Saint Omer (15)**

Acclaimed filmmaker Alice Diop delivers a riveting and utterly unmissable courtroom drama. The film follows novelist Rama who attends the trial of Laurence Coly, a young woman accused of killing her 15-month-old daughter. As the legal proceedings move forward, the words of the accused along with witness testimonies begin to shake Rama's convictions and call into question both her judgement and that of the viewer.

**Wednesday 18 October 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm**

**The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (PG)**

Recently retired, Harold Fry (Jim Broadbent) is well into his 60s and content to fade quietly into the background of life. Harold's life with his wife Maureen (Penelope Wilton) is uneventful and their marriage frozen, due to an unspeakable conflict relating to the absence of their son, until one day, Harold learns his old friend Queenie is dying. He sets off to the post office to send her a letter and decides to keep walking: all the way to her hospice, 450 miles away.

*Information common to both films:*

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE. Tickets can be purchased online (£6.00 incl £0.50p booking fee per ticket) via [www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk](http://www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk) or by telephone from TicketSource 0333 666 3366 (£2.00 charge per telephone *booking* in addition to the online ticket price). Please visit our website for more details about all of our autumn season films.

**Stockbridge Community Cinema**

Paul Kidd 01264 811179/ 07732 580721

The Sofa

10 November 2023

# CALL MY WINE BLUFF

£17.50 per head

**Wine tasting with a difference**

**Taste 6 wines. A panel of three will tell you what they are but only one will be telling the truth**

**Guess which one!**

**Ploughman's Included**

**PROCEEDS TO TEST VALLEY MAYOR'S APPEAL 2023**





## TEST VILLAGES U3A

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in Chilbolton Village Hall

**Richard Murphy presents**

**“ Climate change – a beginner’s guide”**

With extreme weather events occurring more and more frequently we are being bombarded with information about climate change. However, even for those who try to follow it closely, it is hard to make sense of it all. In this talk, Richard, addresses the basic question “what is going on?”. He then explores the trickier questions of what might happen next and what we can all do about it. His talk covers this very topical issue in a lively and interactive way, shedding light on what may be the biggest challenge of the 21st century.

Test Villages u3a meets on the first Thursday of every month in Chilbolton Village Hall. Doors open at 1.40pm for the presentation, followed by refreshments.

New members are very welcome, and we look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings.

u3a is a UK-wide network of groups that provides the opportunity to socialise and learn for fun. Find out more at [u3a.org.uk](http://u3a.org.uk), or see the latest on our Test Villages group at [u3asites.org.uk/test-villages](http://u3asites.org.uk/test-villages)

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### ANDOVER FOOD BANK UPDATE

I recently met Chloe Roberts who is the newly appointed manager of Andover Food Bank. She told me that currently the Food Bank is giving out 40% more food than at the same time last year. So far from their professional partners 1443 referrals have been received and they are feeding 3457 people of which nearly a third of this number are children. She said that this year the squeeze on everyone’s finances is now affecting donations. The Food Bank has received some generous cash donations which have enabled them to buy in food and essential toiletries but they are really concerned about the number of empty shelves that they now have in their warehouse.

You could help replenish the Food Bank stocks if, when you next shop, you could buy or order at least one item for the food bank from the list below. Tinned meat, vegetables and fruit, pasta sauces, baked beans, long life milk, personal hygiene, household cleaning items, toilet rolls and bin bags.

Please help in you can. Donations can be dropped of at Chilbolton Shop.

*Jane Andrews:*

Tel: 07730 412393 email: [flyjohnndrews@aol.com](mailto:flyjohnndrews@aol.com)

# Andover Rotary Cyclethon 23

24 September Thruxton Circuit– 12 Noon until 4.30pm

## FAMILY CYCLE DAY

**BOOK IN NOW**

### WHAT'S ON?

First bring the family and cycle around the circuit 2.4 MJiles per lap

Second let the children try the various games of golf, stocks etc from The Men's Shed for Free. However a donation if you wish will go to help them!

Thirdly we have food and drink available this year

Buzzin Coffee– Hot and cold drinks

Ethel's pies– Sausage rolls, pasties, savoury and sweet pastries– everything the Kids Love

South African speciality– Boerewors rolls– Sausage with various suces a delicious meal in itself.

**And TEST RIDE AN E BIKE FOR FREE**



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## GOODWORTH CLATFORD ART & CRAFT WEEKEND – Friday 3rd. – Sunday 5th. November 2023

The Goodworth Clatford Art & Craft Weekend makes a welcome return to the Village Club in Goodworth Clatford from Friday 3rd. – Sunday 5th. November.

Many of the most popular exhibitors from last year’s hugely successful show will be returning, along with a number of artists new to the event.

The weekend will showcase the works of professional artists and artisans alongside pieces from an array of talented amateur exhibitors, including the ever-popular Goodworth Clatford Art Group, making the show a truly rich and varied affair.

Works on display will include:-

- Paintings in various styles and media
- Jewellery
- Pottery and ceramics
- Sculpture
- Woodwork
- Hand-made leather goods
- And much, much more

Prices start from just a few pounds, with something for every taste and every pocket. There’s a Prize Draw, too, with prizes donated by some of the talented artists at the event.

Entrance is free, and tea, coffee and home-baked refreshments will be available.

So put the dates in your diary now and visit the Goodworth Clatford Art & Craft Weekend.

The event is supported by a Councillor Community Grant towards marketing costs from Test Valley Borough Council.



# Chilbolton Parish Council

A short letter this month.

Cow Common continues to be our greatest asset and concern and some people with disabilities have asked for more information about access and parking. In view of the high volume of visitors over the hot weekend forecast for 9 and 10 September the gates were again closed by COSC to control unlimited vehicle access. Although there were many visitors to the common and many cars parked in Village Street (that is perfectly legal provided access to properties is not affected) in general behaviour was good and children had a great time splashing about near the bridge.

Evidently some drivers could not read the large signs placed at the top of Joys Lane and consequently there were a few traffic jams and turning problems in Joys lane. One wonders whether drivers with such poor eyesight should be permitted to drive!

It is pleasing to record that the overwhelming response to the closures over summer has been very positive and that only two formal complaints were received by the parish council.

**Please make a date to attend the quiz at the Village Hall on October 28<sup>th</sup> and to buy your tickets in good time. Make up a group of 6 or 8 for a fun evening. See notice elsewhere on this magazine.**

That's about all for now.

*Tony Ewer*

Chairman Chilbolton Parish Council. October 2023

## **Wherwell Parish Council - Public Meeting**

**Friday 13th October at 7.00pm**

**Wherwell Playing Fields Pavilion**

**TVBC Planning Application 23/02225/FULLN**

Solar farm with ancillary infrastructure, security fence, access, and landscaping on land to the west of Winchester Road, Wherwell.

A public meeting is arranged to discuss the Solar Farm application and to gauge villagers' opinions. WPC have been granted an extension of time to submit their comments - new deadline is 27th October.

*NB: individual comments still need to be submitted by 4th October*

*Don't forget - it's the*



*Coffee Morning  
at Chilbolton Village Hall.*

*A Cup of Cheer and a biscuit...  
Bring family & friends to support your Village Hall  
all for £1.50 each on*

*Saturday 21st October  
10.30 to 12.00a.m.*

*Including 100 Club Draw, Raffle, & Secondhand Books*

**Come to the Movies!**

**CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Proudly Present**

**'The Lost King' (PG13)**

Starring Sally Hawkins, Phillippa Langley,  
Harry Lloyd, Steve Coogan, James Fleet  
and Mark Addy

Guided by instinct and spectral visions, an ambitious  
writer and amateur historian defies the academic establishment to unearth a  
King's long-missing remains .....

On Friday, 6th October, 2023

Doors open 6.30 pm

Film commences 7.30 pm

Tickets £6.00 - In advance

Or £7.00 - On the door (subject to availability)  
Tea/coffee and biscuits available in the Interval

Wine, beer, orange juice and choc ices  
will be on sale

To book your ticket, please ring **Beryl Lawrence**  
**on 01264 860618**  
or E-mail [dlaw@davidlawrenceassociates.co.uk](mailto:dlaw@davidlawrenceassociates.co.uk)

## **Greener Villages Local Recycling**

### **BLISTER PACKS NO LONGER ACCEPTED**

Due to Health and Safety, our bulk collection of blister packs  
can no longer be accepted for recycling.

However, individuals are encouraged to recycle them at any  
**SUPERDRUG** store that has a pharmacy; this includes the **ANDOVER**  
Store.

Thank you.

*Janet Gray*

**Come to the Movies!**

**CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Proudly Present**

**'Allelujah' (12A)**

Starring Jennifer Saunders, Julia McKenzie,  
David Bradley, Russell Tovey, Bally Gill,  
Judi Dench and Derek Jacobi

When the geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, it fights back by galvanizing the local community and inviting a news crew to film preparations for a concert to honour its most distinguished nurse .....

Friday, 3rd November, 2023

Doors open 6.30 pm

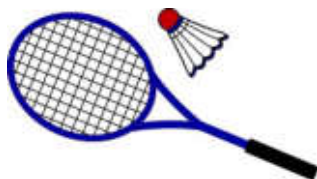
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**Chilbolton Badminton Club**

Every Thursday 7:30 PM at Chilbolton Village Hall  
All levels of play welcome. £4 per person per session

## News cutting about Mr Edwin Wallis – 45 Years a Gamekeeper



(1982) Mr. Edwin Wallis, of Wyfield, Chilbolton, died suddenly in Winchester Hospital on August 19th, two months after his 80th birthday. For 45 years, Mr. Wallis was well known as head gamekeeper of Manor Farm Estate.

Born at Kenner Farm, Dummer, near Basingstoke, he came to Chilbolton at six months old when his father became bailiff to Manor Farm.

Affectionately known, as “Eddie” by all who knew him, he was educated at Chilbolton and Andover Grammar Schools, leaving at 15 to help his father.

Then, with his brother- in-law he went into

a greengrocery business at New Malden, Surrey, but a few years later returned as head Keeper to the estate.

He was very fond of wildlife and the estate at Manor Farm had one of the biggest and best partridge shoots in the country. Over 1500 birds were bagged in 1927, his first season, but due to the increase in mechanisation and pesticides, when he retired in 1972 the figure was as low as 30 brace a year. Eddie had held 436 shoots at Manor Farm.

Since 1930, Wyfield Cottage in Village Street, opposite the Village Hall, had been his home. For a time, Eddie was both water and gamekeeper, and in the late fifties found the World War II bomb in the River Test, at the foot of the downs in the place where children had paddled and swam for many years in a favourite village picnic and beauty spot.

Eddie was the last member of the Abbot’s Mitre Evergreen Club, and seven years ago 77-year-old Mr. Vincent Reiss, of May Cottage, Wherwell, Mr. Percy Trodd, 88, of Mountainview, Wherwell (who helped build the pub in 1921) and Mr. Cecil Tiller, 75, of Windmill Cottage, Gravel Hill Crossroads, met Eddie at the pub bar and swapped twice weekly reminiscences of by-gone Chilbolton days, to the hilarious entertainment of all their friends.

At Manor Farm, he never had a day off through ill health and his long service was rewarded by the Country Land Owners’ Association with a silver medal displaying a shooting dog and gun. He was also active in the community, serving nine years as Chairman of the Parish Council. For 17 years he was Treasurer and Secretary of the Village Hall Committee and for many years he served on the committee of Wherwell Home Guard Club. Until 1971 he was a Special with the Hampshire Constabulary with 33 years’ service. He was one of the three bell ringers, who with Mr. Fred Eastman and Mr. Ted Smith, rang the church bells at many weddings over the years.

*Andrew Flanagan (Wherwell History Group)*



# Simon's Sunday Quiz

with Ali – our Guest Quiz Master

29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

7.30 for 8.00pm ~ ~ ~ Admission £2.50



## Cash Prizes

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Teams of up to 6

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Light Buffet included

Tables **MUST** be reserved IN  
ADVANCE -- phone Jo (07515 384  
915)

## Janet's Bingo – everyone welcome

every Monday -&- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October

8pm start – doors open from 7.30pm

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP



Facilities include Snooker, Pool,  
Bar Billiards & Darts.  
Free Wi-Fi  
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Monthly Quiz

Relaxing environment and  
reasonably priced licensed bar.

**Annual Subscription £15.00**

Enquiries at the bar or call  
Sandle on 07584 673 993

## Coming Events

Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**'Let There Be Gin'**  
**(& Rum cocktails)**

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Christmas  
Bazaar**

at **Wherwell Home Guard Club**

The Old Hill, Wherwell, SP11 7JB, 01264 860 314

**Newly decorated Meeting Room & Kitchen available for hire.**  
Seats 60, Licensed Bar optional. Enquires to Sue on 07557 051 041.