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We're on the cusp of restrictions easing and inching towards a new version of normality. Not long now.. Alfresco drinks will be served at the Home Guard Club from 16th – cheers! There's even a 'save the date' for our diaries; no trains, but if planes and automobiles are your bag, check out the Wallop Wings & Wheels in July. Herewith article concerning hedgerows and concerning article about hedgehogs. Interesting History Group talk on clock making - donations please to get their archives online. Recipe this month is chocolate brownies – just nuts!

Lucia Foster-Found

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Benefice Morning Prayer comes into your home

Tuesdays at 9:30am on Zoom.

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If you would like to join us for this short service please call on 01962 880 845 or send an email to the

Benefice Office

We can then get in touch with you, sending you a copy of the service and the link to Zoom.

Dear Friends,

Love the Lord, all you godly ones!
For the Lord protects those who are loyal to him,
but He harshly punishes the arrogant.
So be strong and courageous,
all you who put your hope in the Lord!
Alleluia!

***‘You are my rock and my fortress, for I find protection in you alone.
I entrust my spirit into your hand.’*** (Psalm 31: 3-5)

Amongst the spiritual material I have been reading throughout Lent has been former Archbishop Rowan William’s powerful book, *‘Candles in the Dark.’* It is a series of short reflections written by him last year during the first Lockdown for his local parish church congregation; offering them hope and encouragement as our world began to navigate the unfolding Coronavirus pandemic.

Quoting from Psalm 31 in his entry for 16th April 2020, he writes:

One of the things that Easter declares is that our world of time and change has been transformed by the event of Jesus’ resurrection. When we say that Jesus is risen, we mean that there is no sense in which He belongs to the past; His life is never over. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we don’t put flowers on a memorial slab; we meet a living and active presence. And if His life is not over in time, neither is it confined in space. The Easter stories in the New Testament suggest that, again and again, the disciples are startled to meet Jesus; He turns up in unexpected places.

What Rowan Williams is saying here, is that Jesus is with us now just as much as He was with the disciples in the garden that first Easter Morning: in the agonies and joys of our lives, as we traverse month after month of Covid restrictions. Jesus turns up, often unexpectedly, in the messiness of our anxieties, in the trauma of illness, in the isolation of shielding and the exasperation of waiting for it all to be over. Whether He comes in a vision or a thought, a piece of music that lifts our soul, or His smile in the kindness of a neighbour collecting a prescription, our rock and our fortress will not fail us, even in the darkest moments of our lives. Like the Psalmist, as your parish priest with His flock in my care, I depend on the Lord for your salvation.

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The way this comes to pass might be unexpected, but I entrust my own life into the assurance that the sanctuary and protection of His loving presence will not fail you.

Psalm 31, a prayer of lament and devotion, is thought to have been written around the time the beleaguered David was being persecuted by the first king of the unified Israelites, Saul. (1 Samuel 23: 12) Luke's gospel (Ch. 23:46) tells us these are the last words spoken by Jesus as He hung from the Cross: *'Lord, into thy hands I commend my spirit.'* So powerfully encapsulating the Christian reliance upon God at the centre of our lives, these words were also spoken by Jonah from the depths of the whale's innards, and have been repeated by many faithful martyrs across time, including St Stephen, and rather romantically to my teenage mind, by Lady Jane Grey, the nine days Queen, as she stood courageously before the executioner at Tower Hill on 12 February 1554.

Many have gone before us into a bleak unknown, yet one common thread prevails among them all - they have recognised their risen Lord and Saviour with them through the times and trials through which they have lived. As Rowan Williams puts it, 'Our times are in His hands and all our history is pervaded by the light of Easter.'

Wishing you all the joy and assurance of the risen Christ this Easter!

Jax

Rev'd Jax Machin, Rector of The Downs Benefice

Prayer – using excerpts from Psalm 31

Into Your hand I commend my spirit;
I will be glad and rejoice in Your unfailing love,
for You have seen my troubles,
and You care about the anguish of my soul.
You have not handed me over to my enemies
but have set me in a safe place.
I am trusting You, O Lord, saying, 'You are my God!'
My future is in your hands.
Praise the Lord,
for He has shown me the wonders of His unfailing love.
In panic I cried out, 'I am cut off from the Lord!'
But You heard my cry for mercy, and answered my call for help.

Church closure

Owing to Coronavirus restrictions, we are not able to safely open our churches at the moment. This is being reviewed on a weekly basis so for the most up-to-date information please check our website:

www.downsbenefice.org.uk

or contact the Benefice Office on 01962 880 845

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This handsome chap is Charlie. He has come to us as a stray and, understandably, has been a little grumpy since he arrived. He will need a home that will allow him plenty of time to settle as he is not used to living inside. Charlie is only young, vets estimate him to be between 1-2.

Bronte has been lucky enough to go off to her forever home during the lockdown and is settling in nicely.

We are still offering help with the cost of neutering. With a voucher from the branch it could cost as little as £10. We see litters of unwanted kittens every year and this could easily be prevented so please get in touch if you would like more information or would like a voucher.





Recipe of the month



Gluten Free Chocolate Brownies

4 Eggs
290g Caster Sugar
300g Salted Butter
1tsp Vanilla Essence
200g Ground Almonds
120g Chopped Walnuts
300g 70% Dark Chocolate



Grease and line a dish roughly 25cm x 25cm
In a saucepan gently melt the butter and chocolate
Remove from the heat and whisk in the sugar and vanilla.
Allow to cool slightly and beat in eggs, almonds and walnuts
Transfer to dish and bake on 165-170 degrees C fan assisted
for 30 – 40 minutes
Once cool, slice
Delicious served warm with cream

Sue Larcombe

Note from editor:

Please send in your recipes to cw.magazine@hotmail.co.uk. If not published in the same month as submitted, they will appear in later issues ☺

Chilbolton Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 1 March by Zoom and we were joined as always by our local County and District Councillors.

A fair portion of the meeting was taken up with preparation for the Cow Common Public Consultation Webinar which was held on the 3 March including agreeing the format for the night and the survey questions for getting feedback. Thank you to everyone who attended the Webinar. The technology seemed to work OK and we had a lot of useful feedback from participants which we have taken note of. Anyone wishing to see the presentation can do so by following the link below:

<https://youtu.be/DsAU3jwXMb8>

We are keen to get feedback from anyone who has an interest in the Common and have put together a brief survey which only takes a couple of minutes to complete:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LL3MJS9>

Paper copies of the survey are also available from the village shop. We have agreed to allow Wherwell Football Club to use the War Memorial Playing Fields to complete this seasons' matches in the spring. If this goes well without any major problems we hope that this might be extended into future seasons.

Cllr David Hall provided the PC with an update on the funding strategy group that has been formed following a positive response from local residents. We have asked David to bring back a report on the pros and cons of establishing a local charity to both raise funds and allocate to projects on behalf of the local community.

Finally we received updates on the proposed village gateway scheme and a pedestrian footbridge from the Test Way to the Mayfly.

David Neudegg, Chair

SPITFIRE SQUADRON 501

The days wore on, another year,
by this time squadron leader,
Of Spitfire squadron five-o-one
with pilots young and eager
To shepherd bombers on their way,
to strike at German dump
This was their task as once more asked,
a flock of fighters flew
Just on the wave tops dirty-grey
the battle to renew.



Pull on the stick and lift her up
to clear the chalk cliff's barrier
And down again to hug the ground
like predatory harrier.
Before the target was achieved,
a wall of fog closed tight
To clamp him like a spider's web
cocooned and blind with fright
He found himself in steep left bank
his eyes could not discern
The instruments of climb and dive,
of level, bank and turn,
They made no sense to brain so tense
that imminence of death
Made all his actions seem quite sane
as with a bated breath
He took his feet off rudder bar,
his hand off stick as well
Folded his arms across his chest
and waited for the knell.

The end was magic ne'er forgot
as suddenly he found
Himself in sunshine - clear and safe,
a few feet off the ground
He climbed away and headed home,
his sweating flesh to dry
And landed back on English soil,
another day gone by



Anon. (1941)

This poem was found in the archives of the late Eleanor Lockyer

Wherwell Parish Council

Report from meeting held on 9th March 2021 (virtually)

The Parish Council met via zoom and was joined by HCC Councillor Gibson, District Councillor Drew, and two members of public.

The minutes of the January meeting & planning meeting in February were agreed & signed.

During her financial report, the clerk presented the accounts spreadsheet & the expenditure was agreed. It was noted that the VAT refund on relevant Parish Council & WPF expenditure for 2020 had been submitted to HMRC. The likely financial position at the end of the year was also noted. The PC will be carrying forward more money than usual as a result of two projects not coming to fruition this year as planned. The donations that were received together with the money set aside by the PC are ring fenced for the repairs to the war memorial.

Progress on the three special projects within the parish was discussed.

Cllr Bryant reported that, after 12th April the stonemason will re-visit the war memorial & an application for repairs will be resubmitted to TVBC planning department incorporating the suggestions made by the war memorial trust.

Now that the caravan has been removed from the land at the junction of Beech Grove with the Old Hill work is continuing to improve the site. The Parish lengthsman will do some strimming & pruning sometime this month, a stock fence & hedge are to be put in on the railway cutting side of the site. The area will be known as “Purvers Patch”, in recognition of the landowner. The PC was introduced to resident/ Sparsholt college student who is willing to take this project forward as part of their course. This was supported by the PC.

No further progress on the permissive footpath running alongside the B3240, Winchester Rd.

Cllr Hasselmann reported that due to Covid-19 not much progress had happened with regard to the greener villages project. It is hoped that once restrictions have been eased that the groups’ plan will be reviewed, the walking group will be able to re-start & projects on food & food waste, electricity & cycle routes will be on the agenda. Councillor Hasselmann added that thanks to Councillor Gibson she is now in contact with someone at HCC with regard to greener energy.

Cllr Blazdell reported that she is in contact with another parish council regarding traffic calming measures.

Cllr Broadbent reported that Hampshire Homes Hub would be interested to know other areas in the village that could be developed if the housing project already identified doesn’t come to fruition. The PC will investigate other potential sites.

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Cllr Hutton reported that he & the Vice Chair were planning to step aside from organising fundraising for the WPF and encourage the users of the facilities to take on this role. Last year WPF capital reserves were reduced by over £7,000 but they still hold reserves to cover the next year or two depending on repairs.

Cllr Newell reported that she has been working with the residents to try & get faster broadband to their section of the Longparish Rd. Cllr Gibson will put Cllr Newell in contact with someone at HCC to try & move this forward.

HCC Councillor Gibson reported that HCC will be increasing the council tax by 5%, of which 3% is for adults' social care – a government request. HCC's four-year capital programme of £744 million is one of the largest in the country. Hampshire County Council is asking residents to focus on two activities that will help reduce the activity of criminal gangs fly-tipping in the county:

1. Always report fly-tipping
2. Ensure you use a licensed company to take away your waste, if you cannot take it to an HWRC yourself.

HCC works with partner authorities to increase prosecutions. Since 2018, local authorities across Hampshire have successfully prosecuted over 100 people and issued 116 fixed penalty notices. Unfortunately increases in fly tipping are down to organised criminal activity, unrelated to waste and recycling services in Hampshire.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/26022021FlyTipping>

Hampshire County Council has announced that Chief Executive, John Coughlan CBE will retire this year. As Head of the Paid Service, the Chief Executive is responsible for managing the Authority's annual budget of £2.1 billion, a workforce of around 37,000 (including staff in over 500 Hampshire schools) and for delivering services to 1.4 million people across the county.

District Councillor Drew reported that parking charges in Andover town centre car parks will remain suspended for the period of the third lockdown. The waste collection team are continuing to work although this has been challenging at times. With regard to fly tipping Cllr Drew was able to report that TVBC had great success recently with a fine for someone flytipping a large amount in the Andover area. He also reported that talks are still ongoing with regard to the proposed asylum seekers camp at Barton Stacey. He added that electors should be encouraged to seek postal votes for the election on 6th May.

Three new planning applications were considered by the PC; there was no objection to the proposed tree works at Harewood Barn & New House, and the proposed internal work at Gavel Acre was supported. On earlier applications it was noted that TVBC had no objection to the tree works at Springfield.

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Amendments to the terms of reference of the finance subcommittee were agreed as was the members' code of conduct.

Current guidelines are such that PC's cannot hold actual meetings until after 7th May. With this in mind it was decided to change the date of the parish assembly and annual parish council meeting to 25th May. It was noted that there will a small increase in the hourly rate charged by the Parish Lengthsman, who does excellent work around the parish on tasks allocated by the Parish Council.

Three items of correspondence were considered:

An email had been received regarding the possibility of receiving trees for woodland creation. Further information on the project will be sought & possible sites for the trees to be planted identified.

The PC had been notified, by HCC, of proposed changes to two rights of way within the parish. The PC agreed that it is happy for HCC to take the lead on this project provided that the landowners are in agreement with the proposals.

A member of the Wherwell history group had contacted the PC regarding help with the cost of archiving of its information. It was agreed that a meeting should be set up with representatives from both parties to discuss the matter further.

The next scheduled meeting will take place in Tuesday 13th April.

Sean Hutton, Chair



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Hedgerows – our reservoirs of life



Ten years ago, Devon ecologist Rob Wolton spent a couple of days each week, studying an 85-metre-long countryside hedge and recording a list of every plant, animal and fungus that used it. After two years of observations, he had found 2,000 species – far more than he imagined! The hedge is 20 metres from a pond, 130 metres from a native broadleaf wood, and surrounded by nature-friendly farmland, which means it is probably particularly good for wildlife.

Species recorded had to be seen within two metres of the hedge and be big enough to see with the naked eye. Unsurprisingly, the vast majority of species found (83%) were insects. He found 17% of all true flies, butterflies and moths recorded in the British Isles in his 85-metre-long study site. Thrush, dunnock and bullfinch were found nesting inside, as well as a dormouse bringing up its youngsters in the brambles. Common toads, lizards, grass snakes, long-eared bats, pipistrelles and hedgehogs were also among its inhabitants.

Most hedges were originally planted to enclose livestock or define boundaries and have existed as long as man has cleared woodland for agriculture. The Old English word for field is *feld*, literally an area of felled trees. Some of the earliest records in England date from 547AD in the west country, whilst some parish boundaries are still marked today with hedges over 1,000 years old. The process of enclosure transformed the landscape throughout the Middle Ages. From the year 1603 over 7 million acres of open fields or common land were enclosed, and Oliver Rackham estimates that over 200,000 miles of hedge were planted between the years 1750 and 1850.

In 1946 there were an estimated 500,000 miles of hedgerow in England.

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Their original purpose in marking boundaries and keeping in livestock became less important with the arrival of modern fencing materials. Post-war many hedges were grubbed up to make way for new housing and motorways, while the push to produce more food for the nation saw fields merged and enlarged. By 1993, those miles of hedgerow had more than halved to 236,000.

The Hedgerow Regulations (1997) were designed to protect exceptionally species rich hedgerows and those of landscape, archaeological and historical importance. Species rich hedgerows contain 5 or more native shrub species within a 30m length and ancient hedgerows have been in existence since the Enclosures. All hedgerows which contain more than 80% native species are now classified as Priority Habitats in the UK and have their own Habitat Action Plan.

A study in 2007 concluded that only about one in three hedgerows in England are in good condition. Neglect and incorrect management are responsible for more hedgerow loss than outright removal. Rob Wolton is of the opinion that hedges are being cut too severely and too frequently, which leads to loss of wildlife and gaps. Gaps mean habitats are cut off from one another – for example, a dormouse will turn around if there is a gap of five metres. Plus, planting new hedges with single species, instead of many, will diminish the wildlife they can support.

Within the UK, claimed to be one of the most hedge-dense countries in the world, the tide may soon turn with some strong ‘policy drivers’ coming through for potentially expanding hedgerows. The European Commission’s Joint Research Centre recently argued that planting new hedgerows was one of the best ways to combat ecosystem fragmentation.

Hedgerows are not only havens for wildlife; their deep roots also help sequester carbon and they’re great for a whole lot of other public benefits too. In 2019, the UK Committee on Climate Change Report (theccc.org.uk) suggested the hedgerow network be extended by 40% as part of the UK’s 2050 net zero target. More old-fashioned, flower-filled hedgerows and grasslands would help boost declining populations of honeybees and other pollinators. They would make them less reliant on crops such as oilseed rape (which are can be treated with honeybee-harming neonicotinoid insecticides) and the invasive Himalayan balsam flower. Hedges also reduce the likelihood of flooding downstream, suck nutrients and pollutants out of water, and prevent soil erosion. Wildlife will also use the protection of a hedge as a corridor to move across the countryside.

In November 2020, the Government unveiled a “Roadmap to a better, fairer farming system” as part of post-EU reforms of the Common

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Agriculture Policy. One of the key changes is the introduction of an Environmental Land Management scheme to “incentivise sustainable farming practices, create habitats for nature recovery and establish new woodland to help tackle climate change”. It is hoped that hedgerows will not be overlooked!

References:

[Life in a hedge by Rob Wolton](http://britishwildlife.com) (britishwildlife.com)

[Hedgerows - a guide to wildlife and management](http://ptes.org) (ptes.org)

[Net Zero UK – stopping global warming](http://theccc.org.uk) (theccc.org.uk)

[Path to sustainable farming from 2021](http://gov.uk) (gov.uk)

[Shifts in honeybee foraging](http://nature.com) (nature.com)

The History of the Countryside by Dr Oliver Rackham (1986)

EASTER LILIES IN WHERWELL CHURCH

Unless the Covid 19 guidelines change, there will be a display of lilies, albeit smaller than usual, in the Church for the Easter service. This is thanks to the generous donations received last year. A card with the names of the loved ones being remembered at this time will be placed near the lilies.



We look forward to the possibility of being able to put flowers in the Church again regularly & being able to use the refurbished flower pedestals.



Chilbolton Pre-School – Learning Through Play

As I write this article – the sun is shining, the birds are singing, and Spring is literally just around the corner, and as always, we have been busy. We are pleased to say that we have welcomed lots of new children and their families into our wonderful Pre-School community.

We have been enjoying so many lovely days outside – and the children enjoy watching their natural environment change, flowers beginning to grow – birds beginning to gather twigs for their nests, and the sun shining down on us all. We are very much looking forward to our magical Forest School opening again very soon where we know our Forest School Leader, Babs will lead some wonderful activities for us all.

Our role play area has most recently been magically transformed into a spaceship and travelling through the planets. Lots of sparkly silver stars, spacecraft, aliens, space equipment and counting games as our rockets blasted off. The children also balanced on the ‘moon rocks’ as they walked across the ‘bubble wrap moon’.

We have had our own ‘farm shop’ filled with exciting items for the children to put into their shopping trolleys. They have been writing their own shopping lists, weighing their items on the scales, paying at the ‘cash desk’ and packing their own bags. Fantastic imaginary play, which is so important for a child’s development.

Our sensory tray is always a firm favourite with all the children – it gets changed daily and is filled with lots of messy textures for the children to feel and explore. This week a train track was set up in the tray and the train stopped at lots of different ‘stations’ for the children to stop and explore – rice, oats, spaghetti, containers, tractors and farm animals to name but a few.

Humpty Dumpty made a special appearance this week, and the children had fun learning this nursery rhyme, playing their musical instruments, and learning all about positional language at the same time.

Our craft activities have included fork painting, threading pasta, colour mixing, star dot-to-dots and lots of activities to help with hand strengthening in readiness for developing the correct scissor action needed for snipping.

Our younger children attend small groups – Language Group – Sparkle Time – both of which help to build confidence and turn taking – and recent activities have included sensory treasure baskets, name games and short stories, such as Dear Zoo.

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The older children have enjoyed little science experiments, number games, an assault course, story baskets and learning about weights by seeing if their items could float or sink.

The current restrictions mean that we are not able to use many of our soft play items and resources, including dressing up – but this has not stopped our wonderful Team from preparing activities for the children to experience the wonderment of learning through play.

If you would like to book a place for your child for September 2021 please give us a call – we would love to hear from you.

On behalf of us all at Chilbolton Pre-School, thank you for reading and stay safe until next time.

Supported by:



*Clarey Gibson
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Our World is Dying

Our world is dying are you doing your part?
What are you adding to your shopping cart?
Can it be recycled? Will it biodegrade?
Does it come from a distant faraway trade?

Are you polluting the oceans just for a drink?
Next time you buy something, stop and think.
Will this product be thrown into the sea?
Will this get caught on the top of a tree?

One hundred million marine animals die every year,
And that's just from plastic, will you volunteer?
To clean up our beaches, our roadsides, our parks.
So horrible things aren't swallowed by sharks.

So please do you bit and save our earth,
What do you think our planet is worth??

*Francesca Hall
Wherwell Primary School – March 2021*

HEDGEHOGS need your help



It is estimated that the number of rural Hedgehogs has decreased by over 50% since 2000

Main threats

- Agricultural intensification since WWII, removal of hedges, woods and small fields.
- Insect numbers have crashed due to pesticide use, depriving hedgehogs of food.
- Modern tidy gardens with decking, patios and generally too tidy,
- Roadkill, it is estimated that over 300,000 hedgehogs die on UK roads every year.

How can you help

- Allow your lawn to grow longer, less work for you and the lawn will be more resilient to drought.
- Fallen leaves to be left on your flower beds until spring. Birds and hedgehogs will feed on the invertebrates hiding there.
- Leave compost heaps uncovered.
- Avoid using **lawn feed, weed killers and slug pellets**. Hedgehogs love to eat slugs.
- If you have a pond, add some stones at the edge so hedgehogs can drink safely.

Have a CD sized hole in the bottom of your fence, to enable Hedgehogs to move between gardens.

Sheila Evans

Chilbolton Parish Meetings

April

Thursday	8 COSC	18:30
Monday	12 Planning	18:00-18:30
	CPC	18:30-20:30
Monday	26 Planning	18:00-18:30
	Annual Parish Assembly	18:30 - 20:30

May

Monday	10 Planning	18:00-18:30
	CPC - Annual Parish Meeting	18:30-20:30
Thursday	13 COSC	18:30
Monday	17 Planning	18:00

A complete timetable of meetings is published on the Chilbolton and Wherwell website at:

<http://www.chilboltonandwherwell.info/index.php/parish-council>

Mandy Denyer (Clerk)

Diary Dates

A reminder of deadlines for the May mag:
April 10th for copy and April 6th for ad hoc ads.

*April See articles in magazine for further information

Wherwell Easter Lilies

Parish Council Meetings:

Chilbolton	April 8 th at 6.30
Annual Assembly	April 26 th 6.30
Wherwell	April 13 th 7.00

Parish of St Mary –the- Less

Election of Church Wardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
April 15th 5.00

Wherwell History Group April 16th 8.00pm

Wherwell Home Guard Club Alfresco Drinks April 16th from 7.30pm

Save the Date!

Wallop wheels and Wings July 3rd from 9.30am

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA – April

Hopefully by the time you're reading this, many of the restrictions will have lifted. But many of the sites we usually get information from are saying things like "On sale dates and times are yet to be announced..." Consequently this "What's On" is mainly links (for entering manually) with possible ideas that might warrant further investigation.

Fri 2 nd Mon 5 th	Visit a garden - Crawley Gardens SO21 2PR 2pm to 5.30 Pre book: https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/17567/
Sat 3 rd	The Darker my Horizon – Live at the Rockhouse, Andover, 41 London St, music genre - hard rock 8pm
Fri 9 th 7:30 – 23:30	Al Murray - Landlord of Hope and Glory Fri, 19:30–23:30bThe Anvil, Churchill Way Basingstoke
Join a Club	https://forumpublications.co.uk/local-information/test-valley-area/
BBC Bitesize	Use BBC Bitesize to help with your homework, revision and learning. Find free videos, step-by-step guides, activities and quizzes
Online Church Services	https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/plough-sunday
New Art Centre	Roche Court, Salisbury, Wiltshire https://sculpture.uk.com/
Sun 18 th	Visit a garden – Terstan in Stockbridge SO20 6DW Pre book: https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/22660
Downloadable Walks	https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/downloadable-walks-in-hampshire
Fri 30 th Apr to Mon 3 rd May	Mid Hants Railway - look forward to welcoming you to their 'steam' packed FOUR-day event, recreating the atmosphere of a rural branch line railway. Further information 01962 733810
Farmers' Markets	
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	

Stonehenge – aMyth or aMazing



According to the 12th century chronicler Geoffrey of Monmouth, Stonehenge stood in Ireland until the wizard Merlin captured the magic circle, and brought it to Wiltshire. That is clearly a myth - but it now seems it contains a grain of truth. Archaeologists have not only pinpointed the ancient quarry from which the stones were extracted, in the Preseli Hills of Pembrokeshire; they have also uncovered evidence that the circle stood in Wales for centuries before it was dragged to Salisbury Plain.

Researchers were puzzled when carbon dating of items in the quarry indicated that the stones had been dug up 400 years before they were erected in Wiltshire. But then, excavating the remains of a nearby stone circle, at Waun Mawn, they found that its diameter was identical to that of the enclosing ditch at Stonehenge; they also found that a stone in Wiltshire has a cross section on its bottom that matches an imprint in one of the holes left in Wales. The speculation is that ancient people erected the circle in Wales, then when they migrated, they dismantled it, and took their venerated stones with them.

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Postscript:

This story is also featured on BBC iPlayer here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000s5xm/stonehenge-the-lost-circle-revealed>

**Save the
Date!**



Saturday 3rd July, 9.30am to 7pm

at the Army Flying Museum

A brand-new outdoor event, **Wallop Wheels and Wings**, will take place this summer. This Museum fundraiser will showcase some of the finest classic aircraft and vehicles in the UK, bringing in 40 classic aircraft and 300 super and classic cars and bikes. The military and civilian sites will also feature a whole range of other attractions including a Kid's Zone, Military Area, Corporate Village, Live Music, Beer Tent, Wine Bar, a Pimm's Corner and Food Court. MAFF are looking forward to welcoming, amongst others, Hampshire Fare and Hop Back Brewery.

Photographers can gain exclusive up-close access to the arriving aircraft in a special airfield side area. **Enthusiasts**, who'd like to see the aircraft coming in from a great vantage point, can purchase an Early Bird pass, which gives access to the site from 8am. (Details of both these extras will be available when purchasing standard tickets).

For more details and booking tickets, please visit:

<https://www.armyflying.com/events/family-events/wallop-wheels-and-wings-2021>

Please note, this event will be fully Covid compliant and therefore have **limited capacity**.

If the event is cancelled full refunds will be given.

PARISH OF ST MARY-THE-LESS, CHILBOLTON

A meeting for the Election of Churchwardens will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, 14 April 2021 at 5.00 pm

To be attended by:

- (i) all persons whose names are entered on the church Electoral Roll of the parish; and
- (ii) all persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, 14 April 2021 at 5.10 pm

For the election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows:

- (i) to the Parochial Church Council - up to 9 representatives
- (ii) to the Deanery Synod - 2 representatives

For the appointment of Sidesmen and the Independent Examiner or Auditor

For the consideration of:

- (i) a report on changes to the electoral roll since the last annual parochial church meeting
- (ii) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and the activities of the parish generally
- (iii) the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending 31 December 2020 immediately preceding the meeting audited or independently examined
- (iv) a report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church
- (v) a report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod, and other matters of parochial or general church interest

All persons whose names are entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and such persons only) are entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.

Should you wish to attend these Zoom meetings please either contact Wendy on 860237 or email her at wendyandrews875@btinternet.com by 7 April 2021.

Alfresco drinks



at the

Home Guard Club

In line with the government's proposed reduction in lock down rules we are proposing to open the club from

Friday 16th April 2021

7.00pm to 10.30pm

(Friday & Saturday evenings only)

Come along, catch up with friends for a drink and a chat, all under the cover of a marquee with supplementary heating.

As per the guideline we can only serve drinks outdoors.

The club will be closed for all other activities.

Table service only during the evening.

This is all subject to the restrictions being lifted on the 12th April.

Hope you see you all soon

Sandie & the Home Guard Club Committee.

Venetian Beads – Part II

I was lucky enough to go to Leptis Magna and the thing which impressed me most was not the vast avenues and grand buildings but the harbour that could host several hundred ships, ocean going ships. The harbour was lined with granite blocks which had holes cut through each corner about the size of a tea plate where ships could put their ropes through to moor themselves. The Romans also diverted a river and brought it to the harbour to sweep clean all the sand that was blowing into it. The harbour dates from 200 BC. By the harbour is the market place where there were granite measuring bowls which controlled the precise quantities of goods being sold, no scales were used just bowls with brass stoppers at the bottom, amazing. Now you do not build such a fine harbour unless you were going to trade goods over large distances.

Trade of common, low-value goods remained a largely local affair because of the costs of transportation. Merchants had to pay tolls at certain points along the road and at key points like bridges or mountain passes so that only luxury goods were worth transportation over long distances. Moving goods by boat or ship was cheaper and safer than by land but then there were potential losses to bad weather and pirates to consider. Consequently, local markets were supplied by the farmed estates that surrounded them and those who wanted non-everyday items like clothing, cloth, or wine had to be prepared to walk half a day or more to the nearest town.

In towns, the consumer had, besides markets, the additional option of shops. Tradespeople usually lived above their shop which presented a large window onto the street with a stall projecting out from under a wooden canopy. In cities, shops selling the same type of goods were often clustered together in the same neighbourhoods, again to increase competition and make the life of city and guild inspectors easier. Sometimes location was directly related to the goods on sale such as horse sellers typically being near the city gates so as to tempt the passing traveller or booksellers near a cathedral and its associated schools of learning. Those trades which involved goods whose quality was absolutely vital such as goldsmiths and armourers were usually located near a town council's administration buildings where they could be kept a close eye on by regulators. Towns also had banks and money-lenders, many of which were Jews as usury was forbidden to Christians by the Church. As a consequence of this clustering of trades, many streets acquired a name which described the trade most represented in them, names which in many cases still survive today.

Into the 9th century, a clearer picture of international trade begins to

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emerge. The Italian city-states, particularly Venice and Amalfi who would later be joined by Pisa and Genoa and suitable ports in southern Italy took over the trade networks of the Mediterranean. Goods traded between the Arab world and Europe included slaves, spices, perfumes, gold, jewels, leather goods, animal skins, and luxury textiles, especially silk. Italian cities specialised in the exports of cloths like linen, unspun cotton, and salt (goods which originally came from Spain, Germany, northern Italy, and the Adriatic). There developed important inland trading centres like Milan which then passed on goods to the coastal cities for further export or more northern cities. The trade connections across the Mediterranean are evidenced in descriptions of European ports in the works of Arab geographers and the high numbers of Arab gold coinage found in, for example, parts of southern Italy.

International business was now booming as many city-ports established international trading posts where foreign merchants were allowed to live temporarily and trade their goods. In the early 13th century Genoa, for example, had 198 resident merchants of which 95 were Flemish and 51 French. There were German traders on the famous (and still standing) Rialto bridge of Venice, in the Steelyard area of London, and the **Tyske brygge** quarter of Bergen in Norway. Traders from Marseille and Barcelona permanently camped in the ports of North Africa. Economic migration reached such numbers that these ports developed their own consulates to protect the rights of their nationals and shops and services sprang up to meet their particular tastes in food, clothing, and religion.

With this growth, trade relations became more complex between states and rulers, with middlemen and agents added to the mix. Trading expeditions were financed by rich investors who, if they put up all the initial capital, often got 75% of the profits, the rest going to the merchants who amassed the goods and then shipped them to wherever they were in demand. There were more and more financial instruments to tempt investors and extend credit such as credit notes, bills of exchange, maritime insurance, and shares in companies.

Trade was now assuming the guise we would recognise today with well-established businesses run by generations of merchants from the same family (for example, the Medici of Florence). There were increased efforts at standardisation in product quality and helpful treatises on how to compare weights, measurements, and coins across different cultures. State control increased with a codification of customary trade laws and regulations and, so too, the now all-too-familiar imposition of taxes, duties, and protectionist quotas.

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While walking was the most common form of land travel during the Iron Age, carriage transport also became increasingly popular during this period. People of higher social status used more expensive carriages, and historical research indicates that only a few individuals travelled by horse. As more roads were created, wagon use became more popular. Oxen pulled the heavier wagons that were variations of those created during the Bronze Age.

While traveling on rivers, people of the Iron Age used dugouts. The dugouts were made from either lime trees or oak trees and the logs were hollowed out. The builders would spread out the wood so the dugouts could accommodate more people for travel. While the dugouts were primarily used to travel small distances on rivers, they were also sometimes used for longer sea travel. There was a programme on BBC 4 this weekend which showed and proved that the stones used to form Stonehenge were pulled from the wester end of Wales to Wiltshire. If 5,000 years ago men could pull such mighty stones 130 miles, they were capable of conducting trade over long distances so my Venetian beads might well have been common articles in the Test Valley oh so many years ago.

Alan Crisp



**For those who missed this item in the electronic mag last month.
Community News.....**

Mayfly Bridge Project

Chilbolton Parish Council is starting a fund raising project to reinstate the old bridge across The River Test that was in place 100 years ago at the time of the old Sprat and Winkle line. The plan, if approved, will be to connect The Test Way with a footpath leading to a new bridge following the line of the old barrage and sluice gates and then another short footpath across the island to connect to the existing footbridge adjacent to the grounds of The Mayfly pub.

It has been recognised for a long time that the junction of Coley Lane with the A3057 Andover to Stockbridge road including the narrow bridge crossing The River Test is an extremely hazardous one for pedestrians, children and dogs, cyclists and horse riders. There is no direct access to The Mayfly pub, other than by negotiating the narrow bridge and the often very heavy traffic.

We are requesting quotes from local companies who could build the bridge and we need your help! The Parish Council are committed to using some of its reserves towards the project and grants from various sources will be available. We will need to fund raise and look to other local companies and organisations for possible donations. By registering a 'like' on our Facebook page you will be furthering the cause! These responses will all add weight to our planning application and help to bring the project to the public's attention.

To register your 'like' now, search for our 'Mayfly Bridge Project 2021' page on Facebook.

Chilbolton Parish Council



FEED THE ANDOVER FOOD BANKS UPDATE

We started the Feed the Food Banks initiative last April. Since then, we have received very generous support from both villages, and it would be very much appreciated if you can continue donating. If each household could give one or two items it would enable the Food Bank to continue to give more support to the ever-increasing number of local families who are now unfortunately having to rely on them for food and basic supplies as listed below.

The items listed below are essentials, but other items are welcomed.



Easter Eggs for families with children.

Long life fruit juice

Tinned fruit

Dried mashed potatoes

Tinned vegetables - particularly potatoes, sweet corn and tomatoes

Tinned meat and fish

Household cleaning items particularly anti-bacterial sprays, toilet cleaner

Shower gel, soap, anti-bacterial hand wash

Shampoo and conditioner

Toothpaste and brushes for adults and children

Toilet rolls

Biscuits, cakes, rice pudding, custard, jelly, crisps and sweets are always very much appreciated by families.

Donations can be dropped off in the boxes outside Chilbolton Village Shop and at the bus shelter in Wherwell. Your support will be very much appreciated.

Please contact us if you have any queries or you would like to make a cash donation or set up a standing order to help the Andover Food Banks. Gift Aid Forms are available.

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Sue Filmer : 860599 or Tessa Youell: 860368

The Ian Purver Memorial Football Cup

Ian Joseph Purver lived in Chapel Court, Wherwell and died in 1981 at the young age of 30. The Purver Cup was set up by his brother Jonathan and a friend.

It was a football match between the Abbots Mitre 'old boys' and the team

Jonathan was playing for at that time. The Cup match was a charity match, played on New Year's Day, with proceeds going to Chilbolton playground and Wherwell Primary School for sports equipment and books.

Jonathan's nickname was 'Trump' given to him by his father at the age of 3. Jonathan and Ian have two sisters, Rachael and Cheryl, and all four attended Wherwell School. Jonathan writes "My grandparents, John and Elizabeth, lived in 1 Beech Grove and then 32 High Street, Wherwell. Grandad grew up in a big family of five brothers and a sister, who all moved to different parts of Hampshire, apart from one brother William, who worked on the railways and moved to London. Grandmother Elizabeth came from Chilbolton and worked as a cook for Lady Brecknock."

Jonathan recalls "32 High Street was an Estate cottage, one of sixty-four across Wherwell. Dublin farm, Cowdown farm, Windwhistle and of course the Priory. The Estate used to have 2 pedigree Jersey herds. The main one was at the Priory where, as a young lad, I used to walk my dog down to the dairy every day to collect my grandparents' milk quota. Opposite the White Lion, there was a stage where the chap on the farm used to put the milk churns collected from both dairies. He used to have a big white horse and cart - the horse's name was Nelly. Grandfather was also in the Home Guard and helped build the original Club meeting place."

Jonathan also recalls "photos of both teams competing for the Memorial Cup were taken every year and for a long time were displayed on the wall inside the Abbots Mitre" Steve from the Mitre adds "We did inherit a few pictures when we took over but sadly, I cannot remember who we gave them to! It was in our first year; somebody noticed they weren't up and asked about them so we just gave them away!"

If any reader has memories of Ian Purver and the Cup football matches, or knows the location of any photos, please contact Wherwell History Group at wherwellhistory@gmail.com. Thank you.



Andrew Flanagan (01264 860560)

Nightingale Lodge - Extra Care scheme in Romsey

New homes for older people in Romsey are nearing completion following a partnership between Hampshire County Council (HCC), Test Valley Borough Council TVBC and Places for People.

Nightingale Lodge includes 54 new homes, including 34 for affordable rent and 17 for shared ownership, and available for persons over 55 who have eligible care and support needs.

Anyone interested in the **affordable rented homes** can make enquiries to Test Valley Borough Council on 01264 368000 or via the website <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/news/2021/feb/new-extra-care-homes-to-open-this-summer> Applicants will need to be registered on Hampshire Home Choice <https://www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk/>

For interest in the **shared ownership homes**, please contact Places for People via <https://www.livingplus.co.uk/find-a-home/nightingale-lodge/>

Further information about extra care in Hampshire, eligibility criteria and how to apply can be found here www.hants.gov.uk/extracarehousing

Coronavirus Support Group - Wherwell

Just a reminder to all residents in Wherwell that our volunteers are still active and would love to help if you need anything including pick-ups (prescriptions or shopping), dog walking, a lift to a vaccination centre or anything else that will make lockdown easier for you. Please call us on **01264 860060**.



An Excerpt from an English Spring *(continued)*

April by Laurie Lee



April is the lamb of spring...

White is the colour now, with honeyed pyramids in the orchards and drifts of thorn-flowers like snow in the hedges, where the first slow bees, still aching with cold, come fumbling to unlock the petals.

The splendour of English April is its blinding shock and light, with everything suddenly fresh-peeled and shining with the vaporous brilliance of the newly born. The enlarged blue skies pulse with showers and sunshine, clouds are lively as kicking babes, while the tender new radiance washes down from the heavens purging the world of the wastes of winter.

Between the showers of April even the sunlight is wet, a moist gold like transparent honey, mistily dripping across the hills and the valleys and filtering into the damp warm depths of the woods. The fatty gold of this sun seems to cover the ground so that all the flowers become pieces of it, the yellow crocus and celandine, the first marigold in the marsh, the butterpat primrose and daffodil. Later the mysterious bluebells collect in pools, deep and still in the forest shadows, fringed by opening ferns and the bitter ivy, blank as the eyes of witches.

The first skylark runs his song up the sky. All the birds are nesting, crouching on jewelled little eggs and packing the bushes with feathers; the swallow returns, swooping from Africa; the cuckoo gives his first warm shout of the year; windows are thrown open, new hats bloom on housewives, and lovers at last are reacquainted with grass.



Laurie Lees beloved Cotswolds

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April Rise

If ever I saw blessing in the air
I see it now in this still early day
Where lemon-green the vaporous morning drips
Wet sunlight on the powder of my eye.

Blown bubble-film of blue, the sky wraps round
Weeds of warm light whose every root and rod
Splutters with soapy green, and all the world
Sweats with the bead of summer in its bud.

If ever I heard blessing it is there
Where birds in trees that shoals and shadows are
Splash with their hidden wings and drops of sound
Break on my ears their crests of throbbing air.

Pure in the haze the emerald sun dilates,
The lips of sparrows milk the mossy stones,
While white as water by the lake a girl
Swims her green hand among the gathered swans.

Now, as the almond burns its smoking wick,
Dropping small flames to light the candled grass;
Now, as my low blood scales its second chance,
If ever world were blessed, now it is.



Wherwell History Group – Programme of Talks



April 16th

David Poole

Clock Making Past and Present

A photo from the golden age of clockmaking. Despite its history, this common household object, is easily overlooked.

With examples of antique clocks and modern timepieces made today, this talk gives a fascinating insight into repair, restoration and renewal.

AGM - May 21st (provisional)



June 18th

John Smith

Roman Life around Wherwell

Whilst Lockdown-3 continues into April and beyond, talks will be illustrated presentations using Zoom video conferencing.

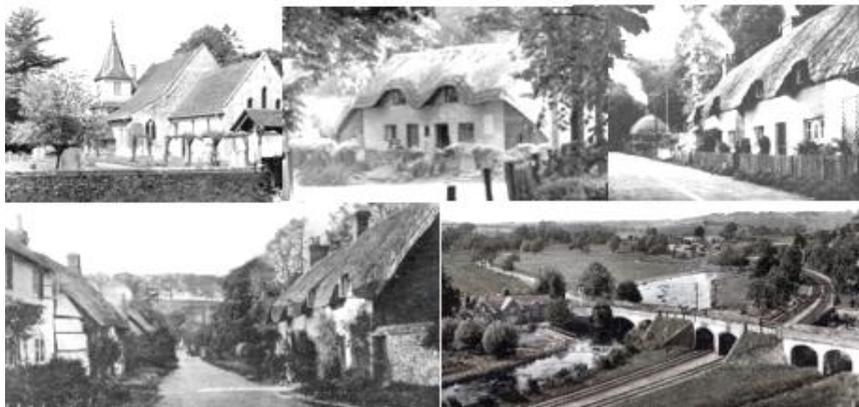
Talks will start at 8pm

To make a booking, please email wherwellhistory@gmail.com

For 2021, an annual membership fee of £15 gives free admission to all talks.
For non-members, the admission fee is £4 per event.

Andrew Flanagan

Wherwell History Group – Putting Archives Online



Since our formation in 2008, we have built up an extensive archive of photos, posters, programmes, village directories, parish magazines, church service sheets, parish registers, census data, tithe maps, house history notes and family history notes (both oral and written). In this collection, photos number over 2700 and PDF documents over 750.

The WHG archive covers both Chilbolton and Wherwell villages. Whilst it is vital to capture such material before it is forever lost in the 'mists of time', it is equally important to share it with everybody who 'needs to know'. In the old days, people had to write letters of enquiry or visit local churches and record offices spread across the UK. Today, the Internet combined with modern catalogue search capabilities, is a golden opportunity to share this information world-wide; such as the descendants of John & Sarah Osgood, who emigrated from Wherwell to America in 1638.

Putting our archives online will cost £5000 – a large sum of money to be funded from donations, grants and our own reserves.

Please visit:



St Margaret's Village History to experience an online archives catalogue: <https://www.stmargarethistory.org.uk>



Wherwell History Group Crowdfunding page to make a donation: <https://www.wherwellhistory.com/crowd-funding>

For any other queries, please email: wherwellhistory@gmail.com

Thank you,

Andrew Flanagan (01264 860 560)

To All Magazine Contributors

We are eternally grateful for the regular contributions provided by villagers for the magazine each month. However, we would be even more grateful if the submissions were all provided in the A5 Template format.

If you are a contributor and already doing this – thank you! If not, please ask the magazine Content Manager to email you the template next month before you copy and paste your submission into it. Many thanks.

Stephen MacDonald, Mag Chairman

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