

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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December 2021

Yule is upon us – hurrah! This year it feels much-needed and there are some welcome festive treats in store. The Harmonium Singers return with a carol concert at St Mary’s Andover, in aid of the Andover Crisis & Support Centre. There are films in both Stockbridge and Chilbolton if you fancy a little escapism. Coffee mornings are back as usual and as ever, chances to volunteer your time to the community. Please give a thought to the food bank if you are able to give a little to spread some cheer. And check out the chocolate Christmas cake recipe... YUM!

Lucia Foster-Found

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From the Church Records – October 2021

Service	Date	Name (s)
Chilbolton		
Baptism	10 th October	Layla Savage
Wherwell		
Wedding	9 th October	Kritsana Lamphun & Harriet Maxted-Pettman

Dear Friends,

‘Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people’

Noddy Holder and his band, Slade, have been greeting us in supermarkets, stirring us up to join the yuletide fray, belting out their Christmas anthem, since the 1970’s – and with each passing year, it seems to be in the shops earlier and earlier. *‘So here it is, Merry Christmas, everybody’s having fun. Look to the future now, it’s only just begun ..!’* Sadly, we are being stirred up to welcome Christmas for all the wrong reasons. Not so much *‘All Hail the Infant Christ,’* as *‘Stock up thy shelves, Great Aunt Bertha will descend upon us on Boxing Day!’*

As Christians, we could moan about the consumer-led ignorance of the true focus of Christmas, or we can make a determined effort to renew and restore the real value of this holy feast. Traditionally, the Sunday before Advent, known as *‘Stir Up Sunday’* as a result of the Collect Prayer in which we pray to the Lord to *‘Stir up the wills’* of His faithful people, has become the time when families stir-up the fruits of Christmas puddings and mincemeat in anticipation of the great Christmas feast to come. In 1925, this Sunday was also designated by Pope Pius XI as the feast of *‘Christ the King’* to counter an increasing inter-war spread of secularism, nationalism and cynicism– encouraging the world away from consumerism back into a spiritual pattern of Christ-shaped gentleness, mercy, justice and compassion.

This year, as we continue in cautious observance of COVID-19 regulations, rightly designed to protect us from this potentially deadly virus, perhaps we could be stirred up from introspective preoccupations for our own welfare, to focus on the reasons Christ the King came to dwell among us in human form. The reign of Christ embraces ALL people. What a timely reminder for us as we confront world-wide realities of violence, uncertainty, and the responsibility of rich nations to those who are the victims of terror, oppression, disease and climate-induced disasters.

Christ is indeed King! He was crucified in atonement for our sins. Rising from the dead, as the Collect Prayer for Christ the King exhorts, *‘He ascended to the throne of heaven that He might rule over all things as Lord and King.’* In faithful adoration of our Lord and Saviour, however, it is all too easy for us to compartmentalise our own place in His Kingdom. Jesus came that we might learn to emulate Him; to love all people as He loves us. This isn’t some far-off theory. It is the reality of our Baptism, as we are washed clean and welcomed as members of God’s family. As theologian, Silas Henderson, SDS, reminds us:

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'It is only by imitating our thorn-crowned King that we can help bring relief to those who suffer, helping to proclaim the Good News of the Reign of Christ in the world today.'

We have men and women sleeping rough on our streets. Millions of people across the globe have yet to be vaccinated against Coronavirus. Refugees of war face freezing temperatures in makeshift camps. Afghanistan is on the brink of starvation. Are these realities enough to stir us up this Advent to bring forth the fruits of Christ-shaped good works?

May our Father God bless you all this Christmas, in the Good News of Jesus Christ

Jax , Revd Jax Machin, Rector of The Downs Benefice

Prayer

Collect for the Last Sunday Before Advent

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord,
the wills of thy faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may of thee be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Flowers in Wherwell Church

We are lucky enough to have a great group of flower arrangers in Wherwell, and anyone who has visited the Church since it re-opened will have noticed the lovely display of flowers by the pulpit each week. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far, your support has been much appreciated.

Leading up to Christmas, the tree will be decorated in time for advent & the "festival group" will be filling the windows and pedestals with flowers in readiness for the carol service, all in a "golden" theme.

There is always room for more people in the team so if you are reading this & think that you may be interested please do get in touch.

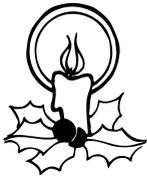
Many thanks.

Jo Baughen (860319)

December 2021	<i>St Mary the Less, Chilbolton</i>	<i>St Mary's, Crawley</i>	<i>St Catherine's Littleton</i>	<i>St Stephen's Sparsholt</i>	<i>St Peter & Holy Cross, Wherwell</i>
Thursday 2nd December					
Sparsholt School Christingle Service				9.15am	
Sunday 5th December – The Second Sunday of Advent					
Holy Communion		10am			
Morning Prayer	10am				
Posada			4pm		
Autumn Meditation Series – Maximillian Kolbe					6pm
Friday 10th December					
Sparsholt School Nativity				9.30am	
Sunday 12th December – The Third Sunday of Advent					
Holy Communion			10am		
Carol Service		6pm		6pm	10am
Thursday 16th December					
Wherwell School Christmas Service					6pm
Sunday 19th December – The Fourth Sunday of Advent					
Holy Communion		10am			
Carol Service	4pm		6pm		
Wednesday 22nd December					
Mid-week Holy Communion			10am		
Friday 24th December – Christmas Eve					
Crib Service	4pm	4pm	4pm	4pm	3pm
Midnight Holy Communion				11.30pm	
Saturday 25th December – Christmas Day					
Christmas Holy Communion			10am		
Christmas Family Service	10am	10am		10am	10am
Sunday 26th December – St Stephen					
NO SERVICES					

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Sunday 2nd January – Epiphany					
Sung BCP Eucharist				10am	
Morning Prayer	10am				
Café Church in Church Room			4pm		
Sunday 9th January – The Baptism of Christ					
Holy Communion			10am		
Morning Prayer					10am
Sunday 16th January – The Second Sunday of Epiphany					

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Holy Communion	10am				
Morning Prayer		10am			
Peace & Wholeness (tbc)			6pm		
Sunday 23rd January – The Third Sunday of Epiphany					
Holy Communion (BCP)					8am
Morning Prayer			10am	10am	
Wednesday 26th January					
Mid-Week Holy Communion			10am		
Sunday 30th January -					
5 th Sunday Benefice Holy Communion		10am			



Christmas at Chilbolton Church



Chilbolton Church would love to welcome you to the Christmas services. To avoid overcrowding and to keep us all safe during this difficult time, we ask you to book your place through the Benefice Office:

Tel: 01962 880845 or email: office@downsbenefice.org.uk

Christmas Services:

Sunday 19th December **Carol Service** at 4pm

Christmas Eve **Crib Service** at 4pm

Christmas Day Family Christmas Celebration 10am

Sunday 2nd January Morning Prayer to welcome in the New Year



Merry Christmas!



Chilbolton Christmas Carol Service Calling all Villagers!

Following the Carol Service on **Sunday 19th December** please stay on afterwards and enjoy a yummy festive treat and hot beverage, safely outside the church by the Christmas tree. Hopefully the weather will hold enabling one and all to gather, in a socially conscientious way. Please feel free to bring family and friends even if you are unable to make the carol service.



PLUS Christmas Posada - Every December Mary and Joseph and their donkey travel around Chilbolton and Wherwell having lots of adventures. Sadly once again this year, due to Covid they're unable to make their travels. But the **GOOD NEWS** is they will be in the church porch from **Thursday 23rd December** until **Monday 27th December** and they would love to see you!

Please come and help decorate the porch by leaving Christmas cards, colouring in pictures or crafts. There will be tags to write on and leave messages hanging in the porch. Please leave your lovely Christmas wishes of hope, gratefulness or good will. All contributions welcome. *(There is a wedding on the 22nd so we are unable to decorate the porch until the following day.)*

Let's make this Christmas special for one and all!



Stockbridge Cinema

Wednesday 8 December 2021

4.30pm and 7.30pm

The Courier (12A)

The true story of a British businessman unwittingly recruited into one of the greatest international conflicts in history. Forming an unlikely partnership with a Soviet officer hoping to prevent a nuclear confrontation, the two men work together to provide the crucial intelligence used to defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis. A Q&A session with Director Dominic Cooke follows the 7.30pm screening (Approx. 9.30pm)

Friday 14 January 2022

Annual Report 7.30pm followed by film at 8.00pm.

Faces Places (12)

Iconic French director Agnès Varda forges an unexpected collaboration with photographer JR as they embark on a road trip like no other. They set out in JR's photo booth truck, exploring the villages of rural France, meeting its humble residents while creating large-scale portraits plastered across unconventional locations. (*In French with English subtitles*)

Wednesday 19 January 2022

5.00pm and 7.30pm

Supernova (15)

A bittersweet modern love story starring Colin Firth and Stanley Tucci as Sam and Tusker, long-term partners who are revisiting their past and coming to terms with Tusker's illness on a road trip across England. Supernova is a deeply moving portrait of a couple navigating difficult circumstances with wry humour and affection

Information common to all 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 or by telephone from

TicketSource: 0333 666 3366 (£1.80 charge per telephone *booking* in addition to the online ticket price). Visit our website for more details.

Drinks and Ices will be on sale with payment by debit or credit card. Please wear face masks when not in your allocated seat (optional at other times).

Wherwell Parish Council

Report from the meeting held on 9th November 2021

The Parish Council met in the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall. The recent resignation of Cllr Steve Shean has led to a “Casual Vacancy”. If no election is called for then the Council will be able to co-opt a new Councillor at the next meeting.

The minutes of the July meeting were agreed & signed, and it was noted that the bus shelter could now be used properly since the recycling and books had been removed

The finance report was presented highlighting a revised quotation for the works to the War Memorial has been received which is £2,900 more than previously planned. Whilst this could be partially covered by other budget underspends, additional funding will need to be found and the PC will be seeking support from Test Valley Borough Council.

Regarding planning the PC discussed and supported several planning applications received since the last meeting including the Construction of treehouses for tourism accommodation at Fullerton Farm, a new timber frame extension at the Mayfly, and a new extension at River Mead, Fullerton Road. They objected to the application to fell a mature Walnut tree with a TPO at White Eaves, Longparish Road.

Progress on the special projects within the parish was discussed: -

The War Memorial restoration is being hampered by additional costs and also by considerable questions about process from TVBC.

Topsoil is due to be delivered **for Purvers Patch** in January, which will enable work to continue on planting of hedging and fruit trees after the winter, when volunteers will be very welcome.

A new **Defibrillator** is due to be installed at “Black Chalk” premises in Fullerton.

Councillors reported on their various portfolios: -

Cllr Hasselmann gave an update on the greener villages group, who have had their first meeting. The PC is looking to source trees and a suitable site for a planting to mark the Queen’s upcoming Jubilee

Cllr Blazdell has been investigating a movable Speed Activated Sign (SID) to alert drivers of their speed as a deterrent to excessive speeding through the village. If there was support for this initiative, then funds may need to be raised from local residents.

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HCC & TVBC Cllr Drew reported:

For Test Valley

- There has been a cabinet reshuffle he is now looking after Communities, Leisure and Tourism. TVBC now had a councillor with a dedicated climate change portfolio.
- More Fly tipping prosecutions have been successful in the courts.
- A 38-acre land purchase has been made at Upper Clatford which will be made an open space for the public to enjoy later in 2022.

For Hampshire CC

- Parish and Town Councils and Community Organisations invited to apply for grants to tackle climate change
- HCC to look again at options for a 20-mph speed limit on residential streets
- HCC is calling for everyone to get the COVID-19 booster and 'flu vaccine.
- They have agreed steps to improve bus services in Hampshire

Under correspondence, The PC supported the initiative by Twyford Parish Council to seek a default speed limit throughout Hampshire of 20mph in all residential areas.

The next scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th January 2022

Cllr Steve Shean

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Wherwell Parish Council to thank Steve for his dedicated service over many years. His wise contribution to meetings and willingness to help whenever required will be sorely missed.

Sean Hutton, Chair

Joyrides Minibus RIP

Sad to say, the Joyrides minibus service in the form that we knew it for 30 years is no more.

At the start of the pandemic over 18 months ago the weekly service stopped and Unity Andover, who own the bus that was kept behind the Grosvenor in Stockbridge, withdrew it and it has never come back. Unity themselves have been reviewing their routes with what can be achieved with their fleet and their volunteer drivers and they can no longer afford to retain a full-time bus in Stockbridge.

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Having said that, Unity do still operate a minibus out of Andover that collects in Longstock and Wherwell on Wednesdays, as some of you know who have been using it. That will continue for the foreseeable future.

However, and this is important, the subsidised fares that the former Joyrides passengers have enjoyed for the past two years will cease on 30th November. From December, all passengers will have to pay full fare, £3.75 for bus pass holders, or £5 without a pass.

I have to say on behalf of all volunteers who kept Joyrides running for three decades that nobody is sadder than we are that the service has come to an end. We hope very much that all our passengers, whose company we enjoyed and whose generosity each Christmas was very much appreciated, will still feel able to use the Dial-a-Ride service as it is now.

All enquiries should be directed to Unity Transport on 01264 356808

Regards

Mary Dunne – Chair

Gilly Clark – Secretary

John Musters – Treasurer

Gardeners!

Come and join us for 2022

Tuesday 18th January at 7.30pm

Chilbolton Village Hall

We shall be holding a brief AGM from 19:30 to 19:45

- To change the society's name to "Chilbolton and Wherwell Gardening Club"
- To agree the annual membership subscription for 2022. If possible, please pay your subscription after the speaker has finished.
- Chairman's outline of meetings for 2022 and our Annual Flower Show

Suffering from the 'After Christmas blues' or just fed up with the long dark nights that January brings, come and join us at Chilbolton village hall and be transported to a land of scented plants!

Illustrated Talk at 19:45 to 21:00

Speaker: Horticulturalist - Anthony Powell

"Scented Plants"



Local Zero checks in to the Priory!

Local Zero, Hampshire's sustainable shopping service, has now moved into new premises within the beautiful grounds of Wherwell Priory. Perhaps "new" is not the right word as buildings on this site date from the 13th century

but the Local Zero team now runs its delivery, marketing and customer service operations from the "Very Little House" - with plenty of room to expand into adjacent units as the business grows. New neighbours include Simplex, a marine components supplier, and a thriving livery stable but, despite thorough searches, no traces of the cockatrice have been discovered! The Priory is home to James & Clare Hogg whose daughter Domini runs Tried & Supplied, one of Local Zero's key partners in sourcing sustainably produced food. Domini met David Hall and Graeme Henry, founding partners of Local Zero, through the Chilbolton & Wherwell Business Group which was set up to help small businesses survive and thrive during lockdown. Now both businesses are playing their part in driving the green recovery and helping to change shopping and purchasing behaviours for good. "We have set up a number of start-ups over the years and know how hard it can be" says Clare. "We think Local Zero is an innovative and exciting idea and are delighted to be able to help in the next phase of its growth."

Local Zero makes it easy for Hampshire communities to reduce plastic waste, support local businesses and protect the environment. Simply browse and order online at www.local-zero.co.uk and everything is delivered in an emission free electric van - free of charge within a 20-mile radius of Stockbridge. New products are being added every week. Current partners include Love & Joy (Weyhill), Lemon and Jinja (Romsey), Test Valley Devons (Chilbolton), Featherstone English Flowers (Nether Wallop), Moon Roast Coffee (Chilton Candover) and Lusso Leaf Microgreens (Stockbridge). Having launched in July, the team received an extra boost this month when Hampshire County Council awarded Local Zero its maximum Waste Prevention Grant. This will enable the business to grow, create local jobs, take thousands of pieces of plastic out of our waste and help reduce the

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£100m paid by Hampshire residents for waste handling each year.
To find out more, get involved and help shape the Local Zero you would like to see simply visit:

Website: www.local-zero.co.uk

Facebook/Instagram: @shoplocalzero

Wherwell School News



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The last couple of months have been a very busy time in school. We have enjoyed making the most of opportunities that had not been possible for us in the last year and a half. Whole school assemblies have been a real highlight of our week and we have been concentrating on our value of resilience and what that looks like in school. It was particularly lovely in one assembly for the children to see and celebrate how some of their teachers had shown such resilience by taking part in the Clarendon Marathon.

This half term we have moved on to thinking about Responsibility. The children have already shown that they have a very positive understanding of what it is to be responsible. They demonstrated this really well on 11th November when we walked to the War Memorial. It seems like a long time since we felt able to take the children into the village to take part in Remembrance Day and for many of our children, this was their first time.

The children walked calmly and sensibly through the village, listened carefully to Mr Kent as he explained why the Poppy is so symbolic and kept a perfect 2-minute silence after Mrs Shaw played The Last Post and the Reveille. We are so grateful to the 20 parents who came to walk with us and particularly to the uniformed parents who directed traffic around us as we walked - the children were very much more sensible than some of the vehicle drivers that passed us! Particularly moving was the moment when our Year 6 children planted wooden crosses at the base of the war memorial. Each child approached, with their Year R buddy, and called out the name of a soldier who once lived in the village but did not return from battle. We don't have enough year 6 children however, so some of the year 5 children stepped up to help too.

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We love to take every possible opportunity to value one another and celebrate diversity. October is Black History month and the children enjoyed learning about Rosa Parks in our assemblies. Some children were chosen to sit on the benches whilst others had to remain on the floor as Ms Copping had given preference to the children with blonde hair. There was a tangible sense of injustice in the hall which led to some wonderful discussions.

I was lucky enough to accompany the children in Puffins and Starlings on a village walk as part of their Geography topic. All too often, we are unaware of what lies beyond the immediate school environment and this was a great opportunity to deepen our knowledge. The children were fantastic and they asked some very interesting questions and hopefully learnt something new about their surroundings.

We are always trying to think of new initiatives to encourage our children to develop a love of books and reading. One of the highlights of the week is our new whole school reading session. I love nothing more than to see the children with their head buried in a book as they find themselves transported to a different world or for them to share with me an interesting fact that they may have learnt from their reading. Reading is an essential skill for our children and we know that it changes life chances. It is for this reason that we have introduced our Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) sessions on a Monday afternoon. It is really important that the children see us reading too so the adults take a moment to stop what they are doing and read.



This is just a flavour of what has been happening at Wherwell Primary School. Our website and fortnightly newsletters also give a flavour of what we are up to. www.wherwellprimary.co.uk

Mrs Mary Collins, Headteacher

Wherwell Coffee Morning is Back!
Saturday, 4th December
Everyone Welcome



10:30 till 12 noon at Wherwell's Village Hall
The Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall, Church Street
Coffee, Tea and Biscuits

Free Raffle Entry with Admission

All for £1.50 per person

No Coffee Morning in January, as 'First Saturday' is New Year's Day!

Our first Coffee Morning in 2022 will be Saturday, 5th February

Test Villages U3A is holding its Annual General Meeting and social gathering on Thursday 2nd December in Chilbolton Village Hall at 2.00 pm.

University of the Third Age is open to everyone no longer in full time employment and our members are learning, staying active and having fun in later life!

New members and existing members are very welcome so come along and see what activities we have to offer as well as enjoy a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine!



Chris Backwell,
Acting Chair, Test Villages U3A
tvu3achair@gmail.com



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 18th December And Saturday 15th January
10.30 to 12.00a.m.

Including 100 Club Draw, Raffle & Secondhand Books

That Dog

skulks away and cowers
in his corner. Trembling, there is nothing
we can do to coax him out.
For some reason he's scared.

He's scared and we don't know why.
There's nothing we can do to tell him
that there's nothing to be scared of.
We don't speak his language.

What if we all are dogs like him,
huddled up in the corners of our lives?
What if the things we shrink from are akin
to whatever it is the dog fears?

So let us turn upwards, to the still
space above that holds us tight, tickles
behind our ears and if it could would tell
us we're good, we're loved, that everything

is all right.

National Poetry Day is a UK-wide celebration of poetry, which took place on 7th October 2021, which each year produces a short-list of published poems at <https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk>



Joshua Seigal is an award-winning poet, performer and educator who uses poetry to develop literacy skills and inspire confidence and creativity in communication. He has worked in hundreds of schools, nurseries, libraries, theatres and festivals countrywide and has poems published in numerous anthologies. His latest book is *Yapping Away* (Bloomsbury, August 2021).

Chilbolton Parish Council – November 2021

This month the Parish Council meeting covered a variety of subjects ranging from discussing a village initiative for the Queen's Green Canopy to the refurbishment of the telephone kiosks.

The crossing at Coronation Green is still awaited and the white indents there will be corrected when that work is done. We were informed that work was due to start on 4th November but inexplicably after more than a year of waiting for this project to start, Highways then told us that their contractor needed full road closure for which various permits are required and that they were aiming for a date around 22nd November. We wait to see if that actually happens. Hopefully by the time this is published, work will have started. We continue to press for a start date. At the same time, Highways will black out the white edge markings along Coley Lane that were wrongly put in place.

The Parish Council have now agreed the text of two new information boards for Cow Common and this is being sent to the designer. The boards will be placed on the Wherwell side and by the gravel area at the Chilbolton entrance. Following the well-attended Public Meeting in October, the Parish Council is now drawing up a list of possible more permanent options for the gravel area and will discuss these at the next meeting on 6th December. Over the winter, repair work will be undertaken by Sparsholt College to the riverbank to the left of the Purlygigg bridge. This may necessitate some temporary fencing to protect the vegetation.

It is pleasing to know that the Village Hall is almost working normally again and is getting fairly busy with bookings. Equipment has been purchased to make it possible to conduct combined zoom and in- person meetings using the public address system and the projection equipment. This was to satisfy the requirements of U3A but will be available to all hirers. The VH AGM will take place at the VH on November 22nd at 6:30pm. The Village Hall Committee is keen to recruit additional members for the management committee. Volunteers please!!!

As you will know the Queen has launched her Queen's Green Canopy initiative to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The aim is to plant as many new trees as possible. The Parish Council are keen to involve the village in this initiative and particularly the younger generation and their parents. Cllr Kate Bradley has kindly offered to lead this and will investigate ways to get the younger generation involved. It could involve planting trees on CPC owned land and in private gardens. If you would like to be involved, please contact Kate.

The two Telephone Kiosks are to be refurbished and work has started on the Branksome Avenue Kiosk but unfortunately the wet weather and ill health has delayed progress. The better weather will now hopefully mean work can continue.

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Finally, the PC discussed holding another first aid training session or refresher course next year on a date yet to be agreed. It is some time since the last course, and it is felt this would be beneficial although, for obvious reasons, care needs to be taken given the current levels of Covid. A provider is being approached and we will update you once any details are available.

Fiona Barrie

Optical Dispenser eyes successful future in new shared shop!

Carol Miller's CJM Eyewear in Andover is the latest business to scoop a £250 Independent Retailer Grant from Test Valley Borough Council after taking the opportunity to launch her business in Andover BID's new shared shop in the Chantry Centre.

Carol set up CJM Eyewear in the premises after being furloughed from her current position managing a separate business, Solent Spectacles in Southampton where she works two days a week. The shared shop has given her the opportunity to try and grow her Andover business and hopes to acquire her own unit in the future.

The financial boost has helped Carol towards investing in an extensive range of spectacles, display units, drawers as well as lighting, a printer and till software.

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She said: "The shared shop is a great launch pad for CJM Eyewear in a prime position in Andover town centre with lower overheads. It is a great boost to be awarded the Independent Retailer Grant from Test Valley Borough Council to help get up and running."

Local ward member, councillor Victoria Harber, who presented the cheque to Carol, said: "I wish Carol every success with her opticians business, the grants are a real opportunity to help with launching new businesses onto our high street and the shared shop offers an affordable solution."

The council's Independent Retailer Grant is available to anyone looking to set up their own full-time business in Test Valley, occupiers of the shared shop can apply at a reduced rate of £250 (it is usually £1200) in view of the in-kind contribution the council is making by not charging rent or a service charge. In May the council's cabinet approved a report granting occupiers of the shared shop eligibility for a one of £250 Independent Retailer Grant after the third month of occupancy.

These funds have become available to the community as a consequence of the council's prudent investments, financial management and the use of the New Homes Bonus. For more information about the council's grant schemes, visit www.testvalley.gov.uk

STOP PRESS!

Please see advertisement elsewhere in the magazine, but please note that following the necessary cancellation in November, by popular demand, we have decided to reschedule the showing of **The Good Liar** to December. We do hope that you will all come to see this film – especially as this will be the 3rd time we have tried to show it!

Let's make it 3rd Time Lucky with a bumper turnout too!

Chilbolton Parish Council

Volunteers required

for the

War Memorial Playing Field (WMPF) Play Area Inspections

In order to meet the requirements of the Parish Council's insurance, the WMPF play area equipment needs to be visually checked weekly (and twice weekly during school holidays).

If you can spare 10-15 minutes approx. once a month to help, please contact the Parish Council Clerk by emailing: Chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk. The more volunteers there are, the less you will be asked to carry out an inspection.

At the same time as the play area inspections, we ask volunteers to check the sites defibrillator. Both tasks are very easy to carry out and training will be given.

The 2022 schedule will be draw-up soon so please do not delay in contacting the Clerk if you can help, thank you.

Mandy Denyer (Parish Council Clerk)



Recipe of the month:

**Christmas – Spiced
Chocolate Cake**
10-12 slices



Ingredients

150g chopped dark chocolate
150g soft butter
6 large eggs
250g sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
100g ground almonds
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 pinch of ground cloves
zest of 1 clementine (or satsuma)
4 tsp instant espresso powder

Topping

Juice of 1 clementine (or satsuma)
15g butter
1 tbsp caster sugar
½ tsp ground cinnamon
50g flaked almonds

Preheat oven :180°C/160°C Fan/gas mark 4/350°F

Butter sides and line the bottom of 23cm/9in tin

1. Melt the chocolate and butter in a bowl over simmering water.
2. Beat the eggs, sugar and butter until thick and creamy
3. Gently fold in ground almonds, spices, clementine zest and espresso powder then pour in the melted chocolate and butter
4. Pour into prepared tin and bake in the oven for 35 – 40 mins.
5. For topping, put clementine juice into a pan with the butter, sugar and cinnamon and melt and sizzle to caramelize before adding the almonds.
6. Stir until the liquid disappears and the nuts are coated thinly in a fragrant, orange scented toffee – then cool
7. Scatter cooled cake with the almonds and serve with Cointreau cream

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 ☺

FEED THE ANDOVER FOOD BANKS UPDATE

Last year the Andover Food Banks distributed over 1000 children's Christmas gift boxes and 700 food hampers. Sadly this year, more families than ever will struggle to afford to celebrate Christmas. Unfortunately we were not aware that the official closing date for gift boxes for children was the 5th November. However as requests for support continue to increase, donations of suitable children's gifts, food treats for Christmas as well as essential household items will be very much appreciated.

SOME SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS TO DONATE FOR CHRISTMAS:

Tinned ham and vegetables

Pickle, chutney, stuffing, gravy, bread sauce mix

Crisps, cheese biscuits

Christmas pudding, cake, mince pies, custard

Selection boxes

Soft drinks, low sugar fruit juice, squash

Hot chocolate and marshmallows

ESSENTIAL ITEMS:

Pasta sauce, gravy granules, stock cubes, sauce mixes, ketchup, brown sauce, mixed herbs.

Tinned fish, meat and vegetables.

Tinned fruit, custard, instant whip, jellies, long life milk.

Washing up liquid, detergent or washing liquid

Dishcloths, scourers, dusters, kitchen roll

Bin bags,, cling film, tin foil.

Disinfectant, anti- bacterial cleaning products.

Toilet paper, tissues, soap, deodorant, children and adult tooth brushes and toothpaste.

Shampoo, conditioner,

Pet food and poop bags

Please do check the dates of best before on all packs of food and sweets.

Financial donations can be made by texting 70085 to GIFTBOX. and adding the amount you wish to donate e.g. GIFTBOX 20 to donate £20.

Cost will be the donation amount plus one standard rate message.

Further details of how to donate and on Gift Aid can be found at office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk.

It is disappointing that recently there have been very few donations from Wherwell - no doubt because the collection box was twice stolen from the bus shelter. We are therefore very grateful that donations can continue to be left at Chilbolton Village Shop. In future please do consider bringing donations to the monthly coffee morning in the either of the village halls.

Jane Andrews: Tel: 860635 email: flyjohnandrews@aol.com

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

December and January

Sat 4th Dec 18:00 - Late	Andover Rocks presents "Christmas" Rocks style - phenomenal line-up including Lizzie Cullen, Topsy Gypsies, Jake Ward and The Lowriders! At the Swallow, Pilgrims Way, Andover SP10 5HY
Sat 4th Dec 14:00 – 17:00	A special screening of family favourite The Snowman accompanied by a magnificent live orchestra in Winchester Cathedral www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk
Mon 13th Dec 19:30 – 22:00	Bye Bye Baby are a jaw-dropping tribute to the musical phenomenon Jersey Boys and the timeless, iconic music of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. Theatre Royal Winchester
14th/15th Dec 19:30	Ho, Ho, Ho... it's the Scummy Mummies Christmas Show! Comedians Helen Thorn and Ellie Gibson are bringing their Christmas Show to Winchester. Recommended age 18+ Theatre Royal Winchester
4th Dec – 2nd Jan	Traditional Family Pantomime - Aladdin - Can our hero find the magic lamp and marry the girl... 01962 840 440 Theatre Royal Winchester
9th Dec – 2nd Jan	Beauty and the Beast - Join Anvil Arts in Basingstoke for a real 'Beauty' of a pantomime. One of the most popular fairy stories, Beauty and The Beast makes its Anvil Christmas debut to tell a tale as old as time.
1st – 24th Dec	Finkley Down Farm Magical Christmas Join us this December and the elves will take you on an adventure including yummy festive treats, creating magic reindeer food
Sat 22nd Jan 20:00	Before And Laughter - Stephen K Amos has charmed and entertained audiences all over the world with his natural, assured delivery and his honest, original material. Theatre Royal Winchester 01962 840 440
Wed 26th Jan	John Bishop: Right Here, Right Now. This will be John's eighth stand up show and it is shaping up to be his best yet Basingstoke Anvil 8pm https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/
Mon 31st Jan	Lecture about Stonehenge - Upper Clatford Village Hall SP11 7QS (7 – 10pm), 07730304290 / 01264 352530
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	

Diary Dates			
	Weekly Bingo WHG Club	Every Monday	7.30 pm
	Monday Movers	Every Monday	1.45 pm
	Short Mat Bowls at CVH	Every Tuesday	2.00 - 4.00 pm
	West Down working party	Every Tuesday	2.00 - 4.00 pm
December 2021			
2	U3A Annual General Meeting	CVH	2.00 pm
3	Movie: The Good Liar	CVH	6.45 for 7.00 pm
4	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30 am
4	Handel's Messiah	St. Mary's Andover	7.30 pm
5	December Meditation	Wherwell Church	6.30 pm
6	Chilbolton Planning & CPC	CVH	6.00 + 6.30 pm
8	Stockbridge Film - The Courier	Stockbridge Town Hall	4.30 and 7.30 pm
9	Chilbolton Open Spaces Committee	CVH	6.30 pm
11	Janet's Quiz	WHGC	7.30 for 8.00 pm
12	Simon's Sunday Quiz	WHGC	7.30 for 8.00 pm
18	Chilbolton Coffee Morning	CVH	10.30 am
18	Harmonia - Traditional Carols	St. Mary's Andover	7.00 pm
19	Carol Service	Chilbolton Church	4.00 pm
20	Chilbolton Planning Meeting	CVH	6.00 pm
24	Crib Service	Chilbolton Church	4.00 pm
31	Winter lecture - Stonehenge	Up. Clatford Village Hall	7.00 pm
January 2022			
6	<i>Ad Hoc adverts for February</i>		
7	Winter Lecture - Service to Queen	Up. Clatford Village Hall	7.00 pm
10	<i>Copy Deadline for February</i>		
10	Chilbolton Planning and CPC	CVH	6.00 + 6.30 pm
11	Wherwell Parish Council	WVH	7.00 pm
13	Chilbolton Open Spaces Committee	CVH	6.30 pm
14	Stockbridge Film - Faces Places	Stockbridge Town Hall	8.00 pm
15	Chilbolton Coffee Morning	CVH	10.30 am
18	Horticultural talk - Scented Plants	CVH	7.45 pm
19	Stockbridge Film - Supernova	Stockbridge Town Hall	5.00 + 7.30 pm
21	History Zoom Presentation		8.00 pm
24	Chilbolton Planning	CVH	6.00 pm
February 2022			
5	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30 am
7	Chilbolton Planning and CPC	CVH	6.00 + 6.30 pm

The 2022 All Saints' Winter Lectures

Blick Mead: The first permanent settlement in the Stonehenge



Landscape by Dr David Jacques

Stonehenge is one of the most famous prehistoric sites in the world and recent archaeological investigations have revealed stunning details of the monuments that sprang up during the 4th and 3rd millennia BC. The discovery of a permanent settlement at Blick Mead about 2.5 km from Stonehenge with well preserved and substantial archaeological evidence, potentially transforms our understanding of what we know about the pre-Stonehenge landscape 12,000 years ago. David Jacques,

Fellow of the Society of the Antiquaries, has led a dig exploring this site 1 mile from Stonehenge beside a spring called Blick Mead.

7 February 2022



A life of Service to Queen, comrades and country by Lt Gen Sir Freddie Viggers

Lieutenant General Sir Freddie Viggers had a professional career in Germany, Northern Ireland, Bosnia-Herzegovina and was deployed as the most senior British Officer to Baghdad in 2003. His evidence at the Chilcott enquiry in 2009 was highly critical of the Government's strategic handling of the situation. Freddie was Adjutant General (2005-8) and

often locked horns with the Ministry of Defence over resources to improve the lot of the Soldier and their families. Having retired in 2009, Freddie was appointed Black Rod. Freddie was forced to retire one year later after a life-changing stroke and his talk will draw out how his life's lessons prepared him for both the anticipated and unanticipated events in his life.

14 February 2022



Re-shaping the future of UK Farming by Dr Alison Field

Emerging post Brexit UK agricultural support aims to link objectives across the environment, the climate crisis, biodiversity, water quality and community wellbeing. How does the farming community adapt to the loss of European markets, changes in home food consumption and increasingly unpredictable weather patterns, whilst at the same time

playing his part in restoring the health of our soils, the wildlife and our

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countryside and local landscapes that we cherish? Alison, Facilitator to a farm Cluster Group of 40 farms on 15,000 hectares on Hampshire downs between Winchester Andover and Stockbridge, will draw out how such contradictory objectives are shaping word future farming could be like.

Buying your tickets – all funds raised will go to All Saints' Roof Restoration.

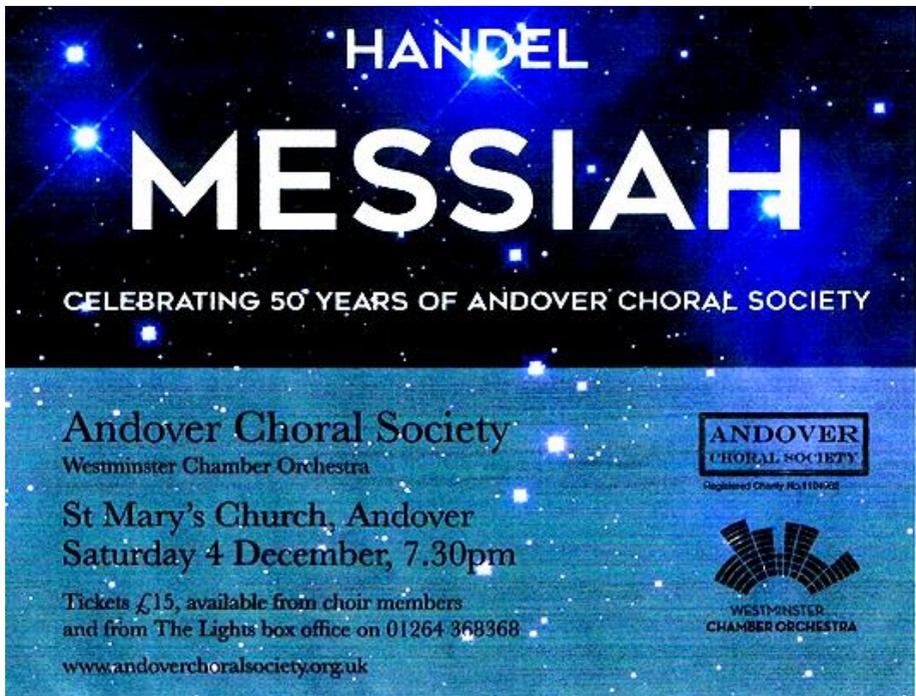


Tickets are £12.00 each. **Please book ONLINE if you can**, by using the QR code or typing this link <https://forms.office.com/r/QYYcksFvj3> into a browser. You will find details of all the Lectures along with payment instructions for bank transfer or payment by cheque.

Tickets can also be purchased at the **Clatford Village Store, Greenfields Farm Shop** or **Abbotts Anne Village Shop**.

Enquiries

Please contact Charles or Nicki Crosthwaite Eyre on 01264 352530 / charles.c.eyre@btinternet.com if you have any questions on the Lectures or problems in making and paying for bookings.



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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY

Andover Choral Society
Westminster Chamber Orchestra

St Mary's Church, Andover
Saturday 4 December, 7.30pm

Tickets £15, available from choir members
and from The Lights box office on 01264 368368

www.andoverchoralsociety.org.uk

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WESTMINSTER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Gesualdo Six Choir enthralled Stockbridge Music Audience on Friday 22nd October 2021!

When you go to a concert you may hope for moments of delight but you do not expect the hairs to stand up on the back of your neck. Yet this is what happened to many of us in this concert by The Gesualdo Six when the voice of the counter-tenor, Guy James, thrilled from the back of the church. For those who do not know them, the Gesualdo Six are a group with voices which are like instruments of superb quality, sometimes blending, sometimes contrasting but always in touch with each other, even when at opposite ends of the church. Their rapport, like the beauty of their voices, is effortless.

The majority of the concert was from the Renaissance and particularly from the composers who flourished at the time of Josquin des Prez, the pre-eminent French composer of the time, whose 500th anniversary is this year. This was a period when melodic interweaving or counterpoint was replacing the austere plainsong heard earlier in churches and chapels. The essence of the counterpoint was that the separate melodies, sung together, sound more beautiful as a whole. And this is what we heard again and again. Their familiarity with this period, already profound, must have deepened during lockdown, when it seems, Owain Park – their director – began to learn Renaissance French! The majority of the pieces were those expressing devotion to the Virgin Mary followed by some based on the Song of Songs.

Then they moved to early English composers – Cornysh, Fayrfax and Sherynghan – and the flavour was more ‘domestic’ with love complaints, and a call to Jesus for mercy. This was English music of the period with composers less familiar than such as Dowland or Tallis but still vibrant with the slightly plaintive spirit of much music of the time

Finally, to the present day and some huge contrasts. ‘Car auprès de toi’ by the Edinburgh based composer Ninfea Crutwell-Read could hardly have been more different from Owain Park’s version of ‘Phos hilaron (‘Hail Gladdening Light’). And ‘Grandmother moon’, set to music by Eleanor Daley, is a mystical text by a Mi’kmaq poet living on a British Columbian island. Very different again.

The enthusiastic applause as they ended demanded an encore. And in some ways this was, to me, as touching as any of their pieces. ‘Glory to thee My God this night’ begins Tallis’s canon. Familiar, moving, comforting as a lullaby - who could have rendered it more beautifully? This was their second visit and there is little doubt that they’ll be back.

Hugh Saxton

Note to Editors:

Stockbridge Music is a non-profit organisation based in Stockbridge, Hampshire. Our mission is to bring high quality live classical music to the

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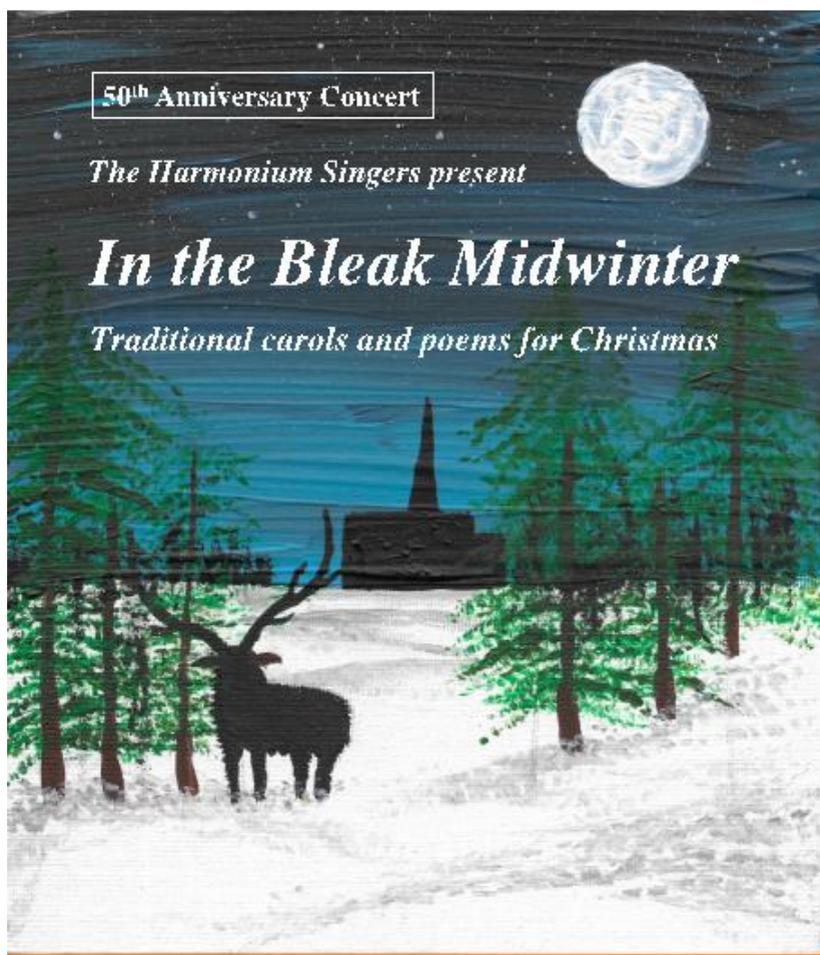
heart of the Test Valley at affordable prices, whether performed by professional musicians, top quality students seeking opportunities to perform in public, or local musicians keen on furthering their careers.

<https://www.stockbridgemusic.uk/>

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Contact: Tim Lowden, Director of Music 01264 810601

timlowden@gmail.com



St Mary's Church, Andover
Saturday, 18 December 2021 at 7.00 pm
Proceeds to Andover Crisis & Support Centre
Tickets £10 required for entry (under-14s free) from
Newbury Building Society, The Lights and choir members

www.harmoniumsingers.org.uk



CHILBOLTON WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD UPDATE!

This summer has seen many villagers and visitors enjoying the equipment and open space. Elsewhere in this magazine is an update on the Development Group's work to increase the range of equipment, and details of how you can easily give your support for that.

Special thanks must go to those dog owners who considerately respect the request to keep dogs on a lead whilst on the playing field. They set a much-appreciated example.

We have been pleased to welcome the Wherwell Royals Football Club who completed their last season's matches before weekly training sessions during the summer. The teams are now into their 2121/22 season with reserve team home matches kicking off at 10.30 on Sundays.

Our contractors, Grass & Grounds have ensured the grass areas have been well maintained and are ready for winter.

Steve Picco of Peak Electrics has worked on improved lighting for the pavilion, and we are very grateful to Councillor David Drew for the generous grant towards that cost from the TVBC Councillor Community Grant Scheme.

During the summer the security barrier at the main gate was subjected to extreme force, possibly an attempt to break in. We are very grateful to Paul Lawton-Bryant of LTL Group Limited for his extremely community-spirited and voluntary work to undertake speedy repairs for us.

Unfortunately, over-exuberant use of the basketball hoops, or vandalism, means that both hoops and backboards have been removed for extensive work to correct the damage and strengthen them for future appropriate use. The Parish Council is aware that the basketball court is well used and popular and every effort will be made to get it back into use as soon as possible.

Please continue to enjoy the playing field and its facilities; we welcome any feedback, via the Parish Clerk, at: chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

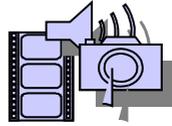
Nick Horne

ADVANCE WARNING

Chilbolton Village Hall Committee are planning to hold a **Jumble Sale** on **Saturday, 12th March, 2022.**

Please start sorting out your drawers and cupboards and clear away all those unwanted, unloved and forgotten items which are taking up so much space.

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*FOLLOWING THE UNFORTUNATE CANCELLATION IN
NOVEMBER AND BY POPULAR DEMAND*

CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Proudly present

‘The Good Liar’ (15)

**Starring Helen Mirren, Ian McKellen, Russell Tovey and
Jim Carter**

**An aging con-artist can hardly believe his luck when he meets
a wealthy widow online, but he then discovers his plan to
steal her fortune has unexpected consequences**

Friday 3rd December, 2021

Doors open 6.45 pm

Tickets £5.00 - In advance

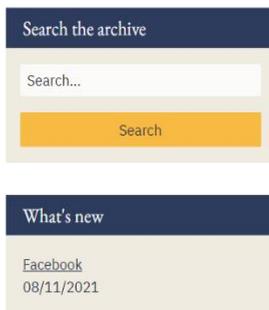
Or £6.00 - On the door (subject to availability)

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

Wherwell History Group – Putting Archives Online



Our new website and integrated archives catalogue at

www.wherwellhistory.com

went live on 22nd November 2021

Our new website has been funded with donations from three sponsors and fifty-two members or supporters, with the balance taken from WHG reserves. A full list of donors is detailed overleaf.

The new website has been designed and implemented by Community Sites in Brighton, using tried and tested software which is already supporting a long list of History Groups and Museums. We now have a fully integrated website and archives catalogue, both with superior search capabilities.

The Home page displays a **banner slideshow** - which links directly into the catalogue, **featured topics** - which link to categories of articles and automatic links to the **latest pages**, **latest comments** and **next events**. Two of the most important new features are 'User Comments', which are visible on every page of the website and catalogue and 'Add Your Info', which invites users to contribute any historical information (photos, memories, stories, cuttings, etc) into the online catalogue. This feature is expected to be more productive than communication via email.

Please visit and explore our website and leave us a comment. Facebook users can try out our Facebook button, in the top banner.

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List of people who contributed £5459 to the crowdfund appeal

Abbots Mitre, Chilbolton

Andrews, John & Jane
 Ansell, Susan
 Baker, Philip & Sylvia
 Brown, Jane
 Bryant, Peter & Brenda
 Camden, David

Chilbolton Parish Council

Conte, John & Judy
 Cowley, Nick & Katherine
 Cresswell, Peter
 Cretton, Tom & Fiona
 Dodsworth, Juliet & Peter
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 MacDonald, Stephen & Karen
 Nash, Simon
 Newell, Diane
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 Payne, Michael & Joyce
 Ridge, Mark & Sharon
 Roberts-West, John & Louisa
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 Walton, Dave
 Watson, Jenny
 Whiteside, Tim & Anne Clare
 Wild, Lawrence & Di
 Williams, Mick & Gill
 Youell, Richard & Tessa
Weddings at Wherwell

Wherwell History Group is grateful for the help and involvement received from three trained Administrators (Ali, Andrew & Julian) and five trained cataloguers. Thank you, Andrew Flanagan.



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Weddings at Wherwell

Simon's Sunday Quiz

goes festive on

12th December 2021

7.30 for 8.00pm === Admission £2.50



Cash Prizes

**

Teams of up to 6

**

**Light Buffet
included**

Tables **MUST** be reserved IN
ADVANCE - phone Andrew
(01264 860 560)

Janet's Bingo – everyone welcome
every **Monday** and **Saturday 11th December**

8pm start – doors open from 7.30pm

December 18 th	Grand Christmas Draw – LOTS of prizes
December 24 th	Open for Christmas Eve
December 25 th	CLOSED (Christmas Day)
December 26 th	CLOSED (Boxing Day)
December 31 st	Open late for New Year's Eve 'midnight toast'
February 12 th	Valentines Dance – SAVE the DATE in 2022

at **Wherwell Home Guard Club**

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

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

Chilbolton and Wherwell Heating Oil Syndicate

This syndicate was created on the premise that several deliveries of heating oil to near neighbours on the same day could command a discount on the normal delivery price, because the supplier would benefit from reduced transport costs.

The first such delivery, in December 2008, was a total of 8600 litres to ten households in Wherwell, at a price of 37.0pppl (pence per litre). The most recent delivery, in September 2021, was nearly two tanker loads to about 30 households in both villages, at a price of 44.0pppl which represented a discount of about 3.0pppl. The preferred supplier is Rawlings Fuels from Hook, who have consistently been competitive on price.

New members are always welcome - just send an email to :

wherwelloil@gmail.com

Over 13 years, the syndicate has been managed by Andrew Flanagan, Stewart Oliver and John Temple. In December 2021, I will be leaving Hampshire and the syndicate needs a new volunteer manager. The effort required is fairly minimal – a few emails to members of the syndicate and a couple of phone calls with Rawlings, three times per year. PLEASE can someone volunteer and keep this syndicate moving forward. For more details or an informal chat, please phone me on 01264 861334. Thank you.

John Temple



ANDOVER COMMUNITY CONSERVATION CHAMPION AWARDED BY PM

A woman from Andover who has led a drive to plant thousands of trees and improve conservation within the local community has today, 27 October, received Prime Minister Boris Johnson's daily Points of Light award.

Wendy Davis, an ex-Primary School teacher, founded 'Andover Trees United', a volunteer-led group working with schools, businesses and local authorities to improve access to natural spaces and promote wildlife conservation. Through Wendy's 'Harmony Woods' project, children and young people in the community have turned 12 acres of land into a natural urban woodland with over 8,000 trees and 40 species of wildflowers so far planted in its dedicated wildflower meadow. The organisation has also raised over £110,000 to build an off-grid, sustainable, field-study base and volunteer room, to be constructed by local carpenters who will match the building to its surrounding landscape.

Congratulating Wendy on her award from the Prime Minister, Kit Malthouse, MP for North West Hampshire, said, "Hearty congratulations

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to Wendy on her Points of Light award. Her selfless work to reforest the borough will mean future generations of Andoverians will be blessed with plenty of glorious public woodland. In particular, her work with local schools has connected many hundreds of children with the environment and taught them the part we can all play in keeping Test Valley beautiful. Well done Wendy and thank you."

Wendy said, "It is wonderful for the work of 'Andover Trees United' and the unstinting efforts of the charity's amazing volunteers to be acknowledged in this way. Thank you, Points of Light for recognising the Harmony Woods Project and the thousands of children who have come together, with the support of their schools, to create this new wood where people can work in harmony in nature."

Wendy is the 1774th person to receive the Prime Minister's UK daily Points of Light award, which was first launched in April 2014 to recognise outstanding individuals making a difference where they live. Each day, someone, somewhere in the country is selected to receive the award to celebrate their remarkable achievements, including hundreds of volunteers who have been recognised for how they have served their communities through the Coronavirus pandemic.

Notes to Editors

1. The Points of Light awards recognise outstanding individual volunteers, people who are making a change in their community and inspiring others.
2. The Prime Minister makes daily announcements of the winners to celebrate, encourage and promote volunteering and the value that it brings to the country.
3. If people know someone who could be a Point of Light they should write to the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street.
4. Website: www.pointsoflight.gov.uk

Printer Ink Cartridge Recycling – our school needs you!

Would **you** or **your company** like to sponsor a new recycling scheme?

Wherwell School PTA will soon begin collecting old printer ink cartridges to raise funds for the school. But we need a sponsor.

For a one-off payment of **just £35** (the cost of the recycling unit) we can display your name/company logo on the side of it. We can also provide flyers to advertise your involvement in the scheme.

Please get in touch to help – and get saving up those printer cartridges (not toner thank you) - another announcement coming soon...

Contact: Sarah sarah.goldthorpe@icloud.com 07766 422429

9th NOVEMBER 2021

**Andover Trees United Youth Team Member gives her voice to COP26
Conference**

Andover Trees United youth team member, Maylis Riera has taken part in a live conversation with members of the Scottish Children’s Parliament and members of Jane Goodall’s Roots & Shoots Programme from Kenya, Argentina, Tanzania, Puerto Rica and the UK. Maylis was one of 2 young people invited to speak on behalf of Roots & Shoots groups in the UK. The online event, which took place last Friday, 5th November, was part of the ‘Realising a compassionate planet’ conference and was co-hosted by the University of Edinburgh Global Compassion Initiative and the Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education at Stanford University. This conference was about how compassion can help us to deal with climate change and to make a better world.

Speakers included the former Prime Minister of New Zealand, Helen Clark and co-founder of the Eden Project, Sir Tim Smit. In the morning the ethologist and environmentalist, Dr. Jane Goodall DBE, spoke about how compassion had been part of her life and explained how she went into the forest to learn about chimpanzees – and came out of the forest to save them when she realised how badly their habitat was being destroyed. She noticed what was happening to the chimpanzees, connected with it, felt upset and a responsibility to them, determined, she took action.

Along with all the young people taking part, Maylis expressed the importance of involving young people in the debate, of informing them, listening to their ideas and then acting on them. Their message was a powerful one.

Jane Goodall’s Roots & Shoots Programme is about making positive change happen – for communities, for animals and for the environment. And, through projects, connections are made with many young people in over 65 countries across the world, to help make our world a better place. The Programme has a strong connection with the young people of Andover through the work of ATU and core partner schools

Maylis has been a member of Andover Trees United’s Nature in Harmony Exchange Project since its inception in 2020. Through field studies and practical conservation activities, this has given her insights into the variety of habitats in Harmony Woods and, through exchanges with the young people who are part of the Corcovado Foundation with whom we are partnered, about the rainforests of Costa Rica. Maylis spoke about how her experiences had connected her to the natural world and how important this is to developing understanding and compassion for our planet. She went on to ask those who are in a position to take action and make a difference, to place a greater emphasis in schools on taking young people out into nature to gain experiences first hand.

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Maylis said: “The COP26 Youth Meeting was an opportunity that I will honour highly. It has opened up more chances and meetings with others and I am very appreciative of that. Once again, I thank Andover Trees United and Roots & Shoots for considering me to be one of their representatives of such high importance! It truly was a treasurable experience that I hope will help influence many other young people to follow in our footsteps across the area.”

Wendy Davis, founder of Andover Trees United said: “We are honoured to have been asked by Roots & Shoots UK to invite a member of our youth team to take part in the COP26 conversation and are immensely proud of Maylis for her insights and the confidence with which she expressed her thoughts and ideas to the assembled audience of change-makers from around the world.”

A recording of the conference will be released by Andover Trees United via their social media channels once it becomes available.

About Andover Trees United

Andover Trees United (ATU) is a volunteer-led charity working in partnership with schools, local authorities, businesses, specialist environmental organisations, artists and other creative practitioners to promote conservation and improve access to natural wild spaces. National collaborators currently include The Woodland Trust and Dr Jane Goodall’s Roots & Shoots. The charity’s main site ‘*Harmony Woods*’ represents a 10-year planting project, giving all the children and young people in our community the chance to turn 12 acres of farmland to the north of Andover into a natural urban woodland, increasing biodiversity and providing a wealth of opportunities for learning in and about the environment.

For more information, please visit www.andovertrees.org.uk

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Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE

Founder, The Jane Goodall Institute & UN Messenger of Peace

Jane Goodall was born on April 3, 1934, in London England. At the young age of 26, she followed her passion for animals and Africa to Gombe, Tanzania, where she began her landmark study of chimpanzees in the wild immersing herself in their habitat as a neighbor rather than a distant observer. Her discovery in 1960 that chimpanzees make and use tools rocked the scientific world and redefined the relationship between humans and animals. In 1977, she established the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) to advance her work around the world and for generations to come. JGI continues the field research at Gombe and builds on Dr Goodall’s innovative approach to conservation, which recognizes the central role that people play in the well

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being of animals and the environment. In 1991, she founded Roots & Shoots, a global programme that empowers young people in nearly 60 countries and since its inception in 1991, it has greatly impacted youth in over 60 countries to act as the informed conservation leaders that the world so urgently needs. Today, Dr Goodall travels the world, speaking about the threats facing chimpanzees, environmental crises and her reasons for hope. In her books and speeches, she emphasizes the interconnectedness of all living things and the collective power of individual action. Dr. Goodall is a UN Messenger of Peace and Dame Commander of the British Empire.

CHILBOLTON WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT GROUP NEWS

Following analysis of the results of the Parish survey about which exercise and play equipment to add to Chilbolton War Memorial Field we have, COVID-permitting, been progressing work on the Parish Council's priorities: the purchase of a table tennis table and repairs to the slide.

We are now in a position to put a proposal to Chilbolton Parish Council for the purchase of the table tennis table which, if agreed, we anticipate installing early in the spring.

Finding a permanent solution to the problem of the eroding surfaces and structure of the slide mound has been more problematic. None of the specialist play equipment companies' proposals fitted in with the rural nature of the field or provided good value for money. We have therefore proposed to replace the slide and mound with a wooden adventure tower and, subject to the Council's views, we anticipate ordering it early in the new year.

As the Council has limited funds set aside for the purchase of the table and tower, we intend to apply to Test Valley Council's Community Asset Fund for grants towards these items. This is a vital funding source which we shall be pursuing for all elements of the playing field amenities ongoing project.

It is key that we can evidence the community's support for the additional facilities. You can do that by signing a 'register of support' which will be available in the Chilbolton Village Shop during December.

Alternatively, you can register your support by emailing Chilbolton Parish Council Clerk with your name, post code and a brief supportive note to: chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk

We shall be submitting our application for a grant from the Fund early in January, so please add your name as soon as possible.

THANK YOU, YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL !

*Trish Heaton and Nick Horne
CWMPF Development Group*

December

December, from the *Très Riches Heures du duc de Berry*



December got its name from the Latin word *decem* (meaning ten) because it was originally the tenth month of the year in the calendar of Romulus c. 750 BC which began in March, making December the tenth month. The winter days following December were not included as part of any month. When the Roman senate changed the calendar in 153 BCE, the new year started in January, and December became the twelfth month but retained its name, hence the months of January and February were created out of the monthless

period.

The Solstice on 21st December, marks the beginning of winter in the Northern hemisphere. Christmas means the Mass of Christ and is one of the central holy days for Christians. They celebrate the birth of Christ on 25th December – Christmas Day!!

December was a month of celebration even before Christendom: In Roman times, the mid-winter festival of Saturn was celebrated – the *Saturnalia*. It was a time of feasting and merry-making; even slaves and their masters switched places for a while. The Saturnalia culminated with the winter solstice, which fell on December 25 in the Roman calendar.

“Chill December brings the sleet, Blazing fire, and Christmas treat.”
Sara Coleridge

“It was snowing. It was always snowing at Christmas. December, in my memory, is white as Lapland, though there were no reindeers. But there were cats.” *Dylan Thomas*

“Roasting turkeys! Rich mince pies! Cakes of every shape and size!” –
Louise Bennett Weaver and Helen Cowles Le Cron, From December - A Thousand Ways to Please a Husband with Bettina's Best Recipes, 1917

Yet my heart loves December's smile as much as July's golden beam; then let us sit and watch the while the blue ice curdling on the stream. *Emily Bronte*



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SNOW AND SNOW (*excerpt*)

Snow is sometimes a she, a soft one.
Her kiss on your cheek, her finger on your sleeve
In early December, on a warm evening,
And you turn to meet her, saying "It's snowing!"
But it is not. And nobody's there.
Empty and calm is the air.
Ted Hughes

December Birthstones:

Three icy cool birthstones:

Tanzanite, found only in Tanzania, is a deep glacial purple.

Blue Zircon is the oldest mineral on Earth and comes in a variety of colours. However, for those born in December it's the icy blue zircon.

Turquoise. Good fortune and success

Birthstones appear to have a biblical source, tracing back to the book of Exodus in the Bible and specifically on the breastplate of Aaron. The breastplate was inlaid with 12 gemstones that each represented the twelve tribes of Israel at the time. This specific breastplate was adorned with the following gems: emerald, sapphire, diamond, topaz, carbuncle, sardius, agate, ligure, amethyst, onyx, jasper, and beryl.

December Flower: Narcissus (Paperwhite variety) symbolising hope, wealth, protection and defence!

In Greek mythology, a beautiful youth, obsessed with his good looks, pines away for love of his own reflection and is then turned into the narcissus flower.

Deck the halls with boughs of holly
'Tis the season to be jolly
Don we now our gay apparel
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol
See the blazing yule before us
Strike the harp and join the chorus
Follow me in merry measure
While I tell of Yuletide treasure
Christmas carol

Anna Cockram



Press Release: **The Harmonium Singers are back this Christmas!**

After an enforced break last year the popular Christmas carol concert from The Harmonium Singers is back in style, as the choir not only celebrates a return to singing but also its 50th anniversary. Founded in 1971 to sing carols in the streets of Andover with an antique portable harmonium, the choir has developed over the years into a full chamber choir, often giving concerts in St Mary's Church in Andover. This year's Christmas concert, entitled *In the bleak midwinter*, is once again set to raise the roof at St Mary's and the much-anticipated event is always an attractive mix of old and new carol arrangements, along with traditional favourites for all to sing.

This year sees the choir's new musical director, Andrew Wyndham, take centre stage as Bruce Randall becomes Chair after leading the group for many years. For those with concerns about Covid, Bruce has reassurance: 'We are very conscious that some people may still feel nervous about attending a live concert, but we will take extra steps with social distancing to keep everyone safe. To that end we are asking people to book their tickets in advance so that we can arrange group seating as required, avoiding queues and congested areas. Also there will be no interval, but the new individual seats in St Mary's are very comfortable and more spaced-out following the major re-ordering of the church in recent months.'

The concert takes place at **St Mary's Church, Andover**
on **Saturday 18 December**

at the earlier-than-usual time of **7.00 pm.**

Tickets are £10

from The Lights, Newbury Building Society and choir members,
with no charge for under-14s.

Proceeds will go to Andover Crisis & Support Centre,
which provides help and support for women, men and children who have
been affected by domestic violence and abuse.

Further information: Veronica Bacon
01264 771285 www.harmoniumsingers.org.uk

Wherwell History Group – Winter Talks



January 21st at 8pm

Cherish Watton
(Faculty of History at
Cambridge University)

**The Women's Land Army
and Women's Timber
Core in both world wars**

Travel through the fields and forests of Britain to learn about the vital work carried out by Land Girls and Lumber Jills during the First and Second World Wars. How did women, with little to no experience in farming and forestry, step into men's shoes? In this richly illustrated talk, explore why women joined the Women's Land Army and Women's Timber Corps, the work they carried out, and how we as a country have commemorated their critical work.

Cherish is the founder of the website www.womenslandarmy.co.uk, which is dedicated to commemorating the work of the Women's Land Army and Women's Timber Corps. When not running the site, Cherish is a second year PhD student at the University of Cambridge, researching a history of scrapbooking in Britain during the twentieth century.

Searching for Dora
(A search with more red-
herrings than a murder
mystery)

February 18th at 8pm

Les Mitchinson
(*'The Hampshire Genealogist'*)

These Zoom presentations are free to members, guests welcome (£4 per talk)
To make a booking, please email wherwellhistory@gmail.com

CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHILBOLTON OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE (COSC)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED!

About COSC

COSC is responsible for the management of all the land that is owned or leased by the parish council (CPC) such as Chilbolton Cow Common, West Down Nature Reserve, the Memorial Playing Field, the allotments and village greens. Whilst legally Hampshire County Council is responsible for maintaining public rights of way, in practice, COSC does most of the work involved, or arranges for it to be done. The exception is the Mark Way which HCC is obliged to maintain. Furthermore, COSC has been hosting educational visits for many years. This meets CPC's policy of helping to educate young people. It is also an essential requirement of the annual grant CPC receive from the Rural Payments Agency. If you love to see children learning and enjoying the outdoors, your help would be much appreciated. We need to build a team to do this in the future. Climate change means the more children understand and appreciate the natural world the better.

Committee Members & Volunteers

COSC is currently looking for more committee members to help the administration of Chilbolton's open spaces on behalf of the Parish Council. In addition, COSC runs a group of volunteers who get involved in practical conservation and maintenance tasks and we are looking for villagers to join this group. The group carries out a wide range of tasks, such as maintaining the public rights of way, taking part in the annual ragwort pull, maintaining the facilities on the playing field, cutting back overgrown brambles etc, and clearing fallen branches from rights of way. It is healthy, outdoor activity with the added satisfaction of helping to conserve and improve the facilities and environment within the parish.

Anyone with an interest in village open spaces is urged to apply to join either the committee, the volunteer group or both! We are keen to have a cross section of villagers involved including, in particular, some younger members who might provide the committee with a wider perspective.

Meetings

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at the Durnford Room, Chilbolton Village Hall at 18:30.

If you would like to be on the committee or join the working group please apply to CPC by emailing the Clerk on chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk or make your wishes known at a COSC meeting.

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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