

# Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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## February 2022

Welcome to your 'new year' magazine – more like the 'old days', with church services, coffee mornings, films, gardening talk, history talk, bingo and quizzes, plus seasonal events such as a Valentines Dance and Six-Nations Rugby. Please read the important updates about our unique local amenities – Cow Common (gravel area and riverbank), Playing Field and West Down. You can also plan ahead for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and prepare yourself for seven important changes to the Highway Code, which will affect motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders. Finally, there are appeals for items for a Jumble Sale in March and used printer cartridges for Wherwell School.

*Andrew Flanagan*

Thank you to our contributors this month, and to our production team Jo Corner, Sue Larcombe and Andrew Flanagan. Thanks also, to our distribution coordinators Terry Gilmour and David Fellowes and our distribution helpers. Also, to Tim Whiteside, our 'What's On' Coordinator and Stephen Macdonald our Chairman.

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## Dear Friends,

‘We are going to walk by faith and not by sight this year.’ (2 Corinthians 5: 7)

At the beginning of each year, many of us will have made resolutions and predictions – lifestyle changes we intend to adopt, behaviours we wish to alter; situations we foresee might happen and events we pray will come true.

I often chuckle at the baffling proclamation made by the late Donald Rumsfeld at a press conference when he was US Secretary of State for Defence:

‘There are known knowns, things we know we know; and known unknowns, things we know we don’t know. And unknown unknowns, things we do not know we don’t know.’

I’m sure we can empathise with his confusion, being put on the spot to come out with something profound, whilst his heart and mind were seemingly somewhere else altogether! Often our own New Year resolutions are muddled or not sufficiently thought through – good intentions made at three seconds to midnight after a glass or two of heady bubbles. We’ve all been there! As we make our way through the first quarter of the year, I wonder how many of us reflect on the rash resolutions we made as Big Ben chimed. Whether it was to join a gym, practice patience with trying relatives, support local charities with our time and talents or tackle the garden wilderness, did we carry through our promises? Or did our impetuous ‘wish list’ fade with the corresponding hangover! If only we took time to think these things through carefully. If only we had courage and resolve to keep trying.

As Christians, much of our spiritual year is spent in contemplation. During Advent, as we watch for the coming of the Christ-child, we reflect on what it means to welcome Jesus into our lives. During Lent, we think about our personal culpability as Jesus dies to free us from all we get wrong. At Pentecost we are exhorted to live our lives in faith, following the One who exemplifies the true wisdom of God. Yet, how many of our spiritual resolutions made during Advent are still guiding our way to Christ as we read this?

‘Jesus knows our flaws and tenderly holds us in our failings’.

Lovingly, He forgives us our good intentions lost in the haze of life events and earthly temptations. Quietly, He comes to us, mirroring our vulnerabilities as a small child born into the poverty of our world. Selflessly, He hangs from the tree of our shame. Full of grace, His risen form encourages us to step towards the new life He freely gives us. He has our backs when we lose spiritual courage; He lights our path when our integrity of faith dims. His truth is all we need to pursue.

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St Paul, whose own resolve to kill Christians was transformed by his personal relationship with Jesus, understands our frailty and points us back to the Light of the World. He tells us there are things we know we know, and things we know we don't know. He encourages us to face the unknown unknowns, the things we don't know we don't know: 'We are going to walk by faith and not by sight this year.' All our fears and frailties can be faced when we choose to live in the hope and confidence of Christ, who assures us of the only thing we truly do know in this life – that when we die, we will continue to live, if we choose to live by faith in Him.

Yours, in the truth of Christ,

*Jax*

Revd Jax Machin  
Rector of The Downs Benefice

### **Prayer**

Father God,

We thank you for all the blessings you give us in Jesus.

We pray to commit to walking by faith, and not by sight.

Help us to focus on You and Your kingdom.

Don't let us be distracted by temporary wants, concerns, and temptations.

Help us to invest our time and effort in things that will make an eternal difference.

For in Christ we have life.

**Amen.**

**Please Note:** On Sunday 6th February, at Chilbolton Church, there will be a special service at 10am, to mark the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM The Queen.

### **Jubilee Celebrations - Wherwell Street Party 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Wherwell Parish Council is organising a street party for Wherwell residents on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Could anyone who would like to help organise the day or contribute some ideas please get in touch with Susanne ([sh@hasselmann.co.uk](mailto:sh@hasselmann.co.uk)/ 01264 860741)

**NB: If other celebration events are being planned, please give them a mention in this magazine as soon as possible, to avoid potential clashes of date!**

Services FEBRUARY 2022	<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 &amp; Holy Cross, Wherwell</i>
<i>This information is correct at the time of going to press but please check on the website (<a href="http://www.downsbenefice.org">www.downsbenefice.org</a>) for up-to-date information.</i>					
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February – The Fourth Sunday before Lent</b>					
Holy Communion		10am			
Morning Prayer – <b>special service to mark the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM The Queen.</b>	10am				
Café Church			4pm		
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February – The Third Sunday before Lent</b>					
Holy Communion			10am		
Morning Prayer					10am
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February – The Second Sunday before Lent</b>					
Holy Communion (BCP)				8am	
Holy Communion	10am				
Morning Prayer		10am			
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February – The Sunday next before Lent</b>					
Holy Communion (BCP)					8am
Morning Prayer			10am	10am	

### Live TV Broadcasts at Wherwell Home Guard Club



<b>Scotland v England</b> BT Murrayfield (Edinburgh)	<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 4.45pm</b> <i>Club opens at 4.15pm</i>
<b>Italy v England</b> Stadio Olimpico (Rome)	<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 3pm</b> <i>Club opens at 2.30pm</i>
<b>England v Wales</b> Twickenham (London)	<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 4.45pm</b> <i>Club opens at 4.15pm</i>
<b>England v Ireland</b> Twickenham (London)	<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 4.45pm</b> <i>Club opens at 4.15pm</i>
<b>France v England</b> Stade de France (Paris)	<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm</b> <i>Club opens at 7.30pm</i>

## Feed the Andover Food Bank

**Thank you** all for your very generous support throughout 2021. Your ongoing support in times of hardship will continue to make a difference to local families and will be very much appreciated.

*Suggested items to donate:*

Long Life milk, cereals

Fruit juice and fruit squash

Tinned vegetables, meat, fish

Pasta sauces

Tinned fruit, custard, jelly

Biscuits

Bathroom, toilet and kitchen cleaning products

Washing-up liquid, dish cloths, scourers, bin bags

Hand sanitiser, soap, shower gel, deodorant, baby wipes

Tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo, conditioner

Detergent, fabric conditioner

Cat and dog food, poop bags

Donations can be dropped off at:

**Chilbolton Stores,**

**Wherwell Coffee Morning** on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month

**Chilbolton Coffee Morning** on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month

Information regarding setting up a Standing Order to benefit the Food Bank or to Gift Aid a donation can be found on their website at:

[Helping Local People in Crisis \(andover.foodbank.org.uk\)](http://andover.foodbank.org.uk)

Thank You!

*Jane Andrews*

*tel: 01264 860635 or 07730 412393*

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## **River Bank Restoration near Purleygig Bridge**

At Last! Our river bank on Chilbolton Common will get some much-needed TLC! – please get involved!

After a two-year COVID-enforced wait, it looks as if the planned bank restoration will go ahead in March 2022. This is thanks to the Chilbolton Parish Council Open Spaces Committee (COSC) and our friends and colleagues at Sparsholt College, Stuart Robertson especially.

The plan is for the Countryside Management students to make bundles of hazel 2 metres long called faggots, on their woodland course and install them securely into the seriously eroded, wet and muddy area just next to the Purleygig bridge. Into these will be planted a range of plants carefully taken from a previously selected and agreed area of the Common. The Common is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and was designated in part for the natural unaltered river banks of the Purleygig leader. So, Natural England knows of and has approved the plan.

Whilst the plants are establishing, there will be a fence installed around the area to protect it. Permission has been sought for this from the Government Planning Inspectorate to protect vegetation and for conservation.

### **Plant a plant for the Common! With care!**

How you can help. While the work proceeds on two or three Wednesdays yet to be decided in March, you can help us, under supervision, to carefully source plants from the selected area, and take them to the site to be planted. I am sure pre-school children would love this but everyone can help. Another reminder will appear on an email closer to the time. Contact the PC if you would like to arrange to take part.

This repair will take a while to settle and look natural but it should stop the bank destruction and prevent silt entering the river which is bad for the wildlife.

*Moya Grove*  
for COSC and Chilbolton PC.  
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## Penni Pike



The family of Penni Pike would like to thank all those in the village who were part of Penni's support network and helped make her life in Chilbolton a rich and fulfilling one during her 16 years in the village.

Penni passed away peacefully in Winchester Hospital on 23<sup>rd</sup> November after a short illness. In her electric wheelchair she was a familiar figure to many in the village, at the shop and at the Abbots Mitre. As well as the many individuals who were so helpful and kind to Penni, the family would especially like to thank Nicky and all her staff at the Village Shop and Steve and all his staff at the Abbots Mitre for their many kindnesses.

*Neil Watson*

# Wherwell Parish Council

## Report from the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

The full Parish Council met in the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall and were joined by County & District Councillor Drew, 2 local residents and 1 cat. The new Councillor Stewart Oliver was formally co-opted but was unable to attend this time.

**The minutes of the July meeting** were agreed & signed, and as a matter arising it was noted that a sign will need to be installed in the bus shelter to remind everyone of the days when recycling and books can be left in the bus shelter for collection.

### **The finance report was presented and covered:**

Update of accounts to date, showing no material changes.

22/23 Grant applications were discussed and approved by the PC as follows:

- Wherwell PCC - £750 to maintain the churchyard
- Wherwell Allotments - £750 to develop a Contemplation Garden

The Budget for 22/23 was discussed and approved with minor amendments.

The Precept for 22/23 was discussed and approved by the PC at £9,500

**Regarding planning** the PC were informed of planning applications approved, by TVBC which had been supported by the PC. The one new building planning application received for a leisure building at Freelands was discussed in detail. The PC agreed to object to this on the grounds of:

- Disruption to the significant views from Chilbolton Common that are featured in the Wherwell Character Appraisal.
- unacceptable levels of light pollution from the large glass walls and the detrimental impact on local bat populations.

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

The planning application for the War Memorial has had to be withdrawn due to continuing delays caused by further clarifications required by TVBC.

Top soil has now been delivered for Purver's Patch and it will be fenced by volunteers pending a spell of suitably dry weather.

We are awaiting to hear confirmation from HCC on the paperwork for Proposed Permissive Footpath.

### **Councillors reported on their various portfolios: -**

Cllr Broadbent reported that TVBC/Hampshire Homes Hub received only one application offering a potential site for development of affordable housing for the village. This was rejected due to various constraints on the site.

Cllr Hasselmann reported the greener villages group are planning an event on energy for 6th March.

Cllr Bryant raised concerns about the use of ferrets and dogs to catch rabbits on Chilbolton Cow Common,

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Cllr Blazdell presented a report on Speed Activated Signs (SID) to alert drivers of their speed as a deterrent to excessive speeding through the village. Initial costs of a solar powered movable sign would be around £5000. Maintenance costs should be minimal if external contractors are not required to move the sign at regular intervals. The costs are outside of the available agreed 22/23 budget, so grant funding or local fundraising will be required.

**HCC & TVBC Cllr Drew reported on his portfolios.**

Jubilee plans for TVBC include commissioning new public artworks. The community car scheme allowing residents to claim mileage for collecting prescriptions for those unable to do so themselves is to be extended.

The closing date for HCC grants for 22/23 is the end of February.

The [connect4communities](#) program will be providing activities and food, for school age children and young people over the spring half term. HCC offers “top tips” on its [website](#) for supporting elderly and vulnerable residents. The website has dedicated pages ‘Support for families’ & ‘Community pantries’.

**British Telecoms** have written to say that their records show the telephone kiosk used for the defibrillator has not been adopted by the PC. The paperwork for the adoption in 2009 appears to have gone astray. The PC agreed to remedy this by completing a new contract.

The next scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th March.

*Sean Hutton, Chair*

## **Chilbolton Parish Council – January 2022**

The Parish Council met on 10 January, a little later in the month due to the Bank Holidays. The main topic under discussion was the gravel area at Cow Common and a separate article appears in the Magazine on page 13.

Other matters included the setting of the precept – the amount you all pay towards the PC expenses as part of your Council Tax. We kept the amount the same as last year. Unfortunately, although this small section of your whole Council Tax bill will not therefore increase the final amount may do so as the bulk is set by Test Valley Borough Council.

You will have seen that some work has been done to the crossing at Coronation Green. Although the dropped curbs and footpath have been installed the work is not complete and is not up to the necessary standard. Hampshire Highways failed to keep to the original agreed design, partly due to a drain they discovered as the works were underway.

We have asked for the footpath to be altered so it is of even depth along its whole length and for the loose curb stones on the corner of the concrete road to be repaired and reshaped as agreed. A different section of Hampshire is responsible for part of the works to the curb stones, and we have been urging both sections to complete the works. We will continue to press until the work is done to the agreed and satisfactory standard.

*Fiona Barrie (Chair)*

# Wherwell Coffee Morning is Back



**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**10.30am – 12noon**

**Everyone Welcome**

**at the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall, Church Street**

Coffee, Tea and Biscuits

Free Raffle Entry with Admission

All for £1.50 per person

**Please join us in February**

or on any **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday** of the month throughout the year.

## Wherwell Primary School Appeal for Used Printer Cartridges

A NEW recycling scheme will help the environment and boost funds for the Parent Teachers Association. An **Ink Bin**, from [www.theinkbin.co.uk](http://www.theinkbin.co.uk), has been installed in the school reception area. Wherwell School wants to fill it with your old home-use printer cartridges (Canon and HP inkjet in particular). They will be sent for recycling, helping to reduce plastic pollution, and the school gets money in return.

Old cartridges (NOT toner) can be dropped into the **Ink Bin** during school hours or dropped into the Greener Villages Collection bin at the monthly Coffee Mornings.



Huge thanks to Stockbridge's sustainable local shopping website Local Zero ([www.local-zero.co.uk](http://www.local-zero.co.uk)), which has funded the installation of the bin and will help us to publicise the scheme over the coming months.

## **70 years ago - Wherwell Women's Institute wins First Prize**

In 1951, 93 Hampshire WI Groups entered a Scrapbook competition. The results of this competition and extracts from the Wherwell scrapbook were published in news cuttings in 1952.

“The Wherwell scrapbook, which won a first-class award, was prepared by members of the Women's Institute, and compiled by Mrs. M. Jewitt and Mrs. A. Jenkins. Other WI's to gain placings were Hurstbourne Tarrant, gold star; Abbotts Ann, St. Mary Bourne, and Amport, first class; Chilbolton, Eversley, East Woodhay, Kingsclere, Overton and Thruxton, second class; and Appleshaw, third class.”

**“THE LEGEND OF THE COCKATRICE** - The Wherwell book has on the cover the symbol of a cockatrice, a reminder of the ancient village legend set out below, and describes the history of the area from the year 986 AD until the present day. In that year the Abbey was founded by Lady Elfrida, the wife of King Edgar the Peacemaker. The village, mentioned in the Domesday Book, was the scene of a skirmish in 1141 between the troops of King Stephen and the Empress Matilda. In 1540, after the dissolution of the monasteries by King Henry VIII, the lands were sold to Sir Thomas West, Lord de la Warr. The scrapbook is notable for some fine photographs of the village, which is often claimed to be one of the most beautiful in the county, and drawings and paintings of flowers, fish and birds to be found locally.”

**“WHERWELL FAIR** - There is a description of the ancient Wherwell Fair, which has died out since the coming of mechanised transport.” “The sheep fair was always held on the 24th September of each year, and on the previous evening and the early morning of the 24th the drovers and dogs with the flocks of sheep used to fill the roads on their way to the Fair Piece, where the sheep were all penned in hurdles for the sale. Farm hands, looking for work with new masters, used to come to the fair for fresh jobs. Carters used to have plaited whipcord over their shoulders, and shepherds had a piece of sheep's wool in their caps to show the jobs they were looking for.”

**“A TALE OF TERROR** - Among the village legends placed at the end of the scrapbook is the legend of the cockatrice, from which the village gets its symbol.” “A duck laid an egg in the crypt of the Abbey, which was hatched by a toad, and turned into a cockatrice - a kind of dragon. It grew to an enormous size, and having a voracious appetite, killed and ate anybody who entered. The nuns who lived in the Abbey were in terror lest it should escape, and this continued until someone thought of a means to end this disastrous situation. He let down a strong mirror into the crypt and the cockatrice, on seeing his image, fought it until he was exhausted, and the originator of the idea went down and killed it.”

## Chilbolton Parish Council – January 2022

### COW COMMON GRAVEL AREA – THE WAY FORWARD

At the PC Meeting on 10 January, the Parish Council discussed future options to allow vehicles to park on the gravel area at Cow Common. The intention to install of a permanent gate (to be closed as and when required) at the cattlegrid entrance from Joys Lane had already been confirmed. Quotes and designs have now been received. It is intended to instal a metal gate barrier with a keypad lock. Consideration will be given to automation subject to costs and discussion with nearby residents.

Following discussion of a number of options ranging from no change, through redesign of the area to permanent closure the PC have chosen a preferred option.

- Reduce the total number of spaces to a maximum of 8 subject to detailed measurements
- Reserve 4 spaces on the Left (looking in from the cattlegrid) for the less mobile and parent/child
- Locate up to 4 spaces, available for all, on the Right side (looking in from the cattle grid).
- Move the wooden gate to The Old Inn and neighbouring properties towards the cattlegrid and reshape the area behind it so parking is not available
- Move the wooden gate to the War Memorial Playing Field/The Old Cottage towards the gravel area
- Both gates to be sited so as to ensure ample turning space for vehicles in the smaller gravel area
- Landscape/plant up areas no longer available for parking
- Relocate the 2 green bins near the stream and the 1 bin presently to the left of the cattlegrid, to the Right of the cattlegrid and pedestrian gate

As indicated at the end of the Public Meeting held on 16 October 2021 the PC now invite comments on the preferred option.

You can let us have any comments, **deadline is February 11<sup>th</sup>** by:

- emailing the Parish Clerk at [chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk)
- sending any written comments to the Chair, Fiona Barrie, at 1 Chestnut Corner, Station Road, Chilbolton SO20 6AW

## **Chilbolton War Memorial Playing Field Update**

First, an enormous THANK YOU to each person who either signed the petition or sent an email in support of our grant application towards the cost of an outdoor table tennis table at the playing field.

In December the Parish Council approved its purchase and location near the pavilion. The application for a 50% grant towards the cost was submitted to the TVBC Community Asset Fund in early January and a decision is anticipated late in February. The balance of the cost is proposed to come from funds already available to the Parish Council.

On the basis that we are successful it is hoped, weather permitting, that the table can be installed for an initial tournament in March. We will keep everyone advised on progress but feel free to start practicing!

The Development Group is now turning its attention to replacing the existing slide mound with an adventure tower which will include a slide and additional features. More news in due course on that.

Winter has continued to see weather-permitting use of the facilities: both play equipment and the football pitch and it is encouraging to see users benefitting from this valuable village asset.

Work to repair damage to the basketball backboards has proved to be more complex as we wish the result to be more hardwearing and resilient for the future. The work is in the capable hands of the LTL Group.

If you have any questions, feedback, or suggestions in relation to the CWMPF facilities we will welcome them via:

[chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk)

Thank you.

*Trish Heaton and Nick Horne  
CWMPF Development Group*

# Simon's Sunday Quiz

Doubly Jubbly!

6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and

27<sup>th</sup> February 2022

7.30 for 8.00pm === Admission £2.50



**Cash Prizes**

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**Teams of up to 6**

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**Light Buffet  
included**

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

**Janet's Bingo** – everyone welcome  
every Monday and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
8pm start – doors open from 7.30pm

**February 12<sup>th</sup> Valentines Dance** – see poster ...

**6 Nations Rugby on the Big Screen**

– come and cheer the **ENGLAND** team

**FEBRUARY: 5<sup>th</sup> (v. Scotland) 13<sup>th</sup> (v. Italy) 26<sup>rd</sup> (v. Wales)**

**MARCH: 12<sup>th</sup> (v. Ireland) & 19<sup>th</sup> (v. France)**

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.**

## DIARY DATES

Weekly Bingo at WHG Club	Every Monday & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	7.30pm
Monday Movers	Every Monday	1.45pm
Short Mat Bowls at CVH	Every Tuesday	2.00-4.00pm
West Down working party	Every Tuesday	2.00-4.00pm

### February 2022

4	Chilbolton film – ‘ <i>The Courier</i> ’ CVH	6.45 for 7.30pm
4	Wine Tasting The Courtyard, Leckford	7.00pm
5	Wherwell Coffee Morning WVH	10.30am – 12noon
5	Rugby – Scotland v England WHG Club	4.45pm
6	Platinum Jubilee Church Service at Chilbolton Church	10.00am
6	Simon’s Sunday Quiz WHG Club	7.30 for 8.00pm
6	<b>Ad Hoc adverts deadline for March</b>	
7	Chilbolton Planning and CPC CVH	6.00pm & 6.30pm
10	<b>Copy Deadline for March</b>	
11	Stockbridge Cinema – ‘ <i>After Love</i> ’ at STH	7.30pm
11	<b>Comments Deadline about Cow Common Gravel Area</b>	
12	Valentine’s Dance WHG Club	8.00 – 11.30pm
13	Rugby – Italy v England WHG Club	3.00pm
15	Chilbolton Horticultural CVH	7.30pm
16	Stockbridge Cinema – ‘ <i>Nowhere Special</i> ’ at STH	5.00pm & 7.30pm
18	Wherwell History Group WVH	8.00pm
19	Chilbolton Coffee Morning CVH	10.30am – 12noon
19	Saturday Bingo WHG Club	7.30pm
26	Rugby – England v Wales WHG Club	4.45pm
27	Simon’s Sunday Quiz WHG Club	7.30 for 8.00pm

### March 2022

4	World Day of Prayer	St. Mary- the- Less Church	2.00pm
5	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30am
6	Greener Villages Event	WVH	3.00pm – 5.00pm
8	Wherwell Parish Council	WVH	7.00pm
12	Jumble Sale	CVH	TBA
	Riverbank Restoration	Cow Common, various dates, see page 7, TBA	
18	Wherwell History Group	WVH	8.00pm

**Magazine Appeal** ... the stock of recipes is empty! If you have a favourite or topical recipe which you would like to see in print, please send your copy to: [cw.magazine@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cw.magazine@hotmail.co.uk)

## WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA - February

Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> 7:30	Sound of Springsteen – Andover Lights - takes to the stage for the second year of touring. Fans and theatres have given such high reviews from all over the UK.
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> 8:00	Sarah McQuaid - singer, songwriter, composer and multi-instrumentalist is performing at St Mary the Virgin -- Church Lane, Twyford, Winchester, SO21 1NT
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 10:00	Henning Wehn: It'll all Come out in the Wash. Watch German Comedy Ambassador give everything a good rinse and witness him wring sense out of the nonsensical – Andover Lights
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> 7:30	Buddy Holly and the Cricketers – Andover Lights - This breath-taking show has rock 'n' rolled audiences across the globe from Cardiff to California and is guaranteed to have everyone singing along to the music and dancing in the aisles.
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> & Sat 7:30 & 10:00	An Evening Shared with Jasper Carrott and Alistair McGowan join forces to split the bill and your sides with a night of comedy stand-up and impressions Théâtre Royal Winchester
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 8:00	Owls By Moonlight at The Hawk Conservancy Trust. Step into the wonderful world of owls with the Hawk Conservancy Trust. Watch these mystical birds twist and turn through the night sky and make sure you duck as they skim silently over the top of your head. The evening will start with a delicious hot supper served on covered seating outside. 01264 773850
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> 7:30	Andover Music Club - Icaria Duo (Flute & Harp) performing at the Andover Lights. Flute and harp are a much-admired duo combination. The instruments have a natural rapport.
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> 2:30 & 7:30	Thoroughly Modern Millie - based on the 1967 Academy Award-winning film, Thoroughly Modern Millie takes you back to New York City, 1922 and the joyous, heady days of the golden age of jazz. Theatre Royal Winchester
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> 7:30	On 27th February 2022 join Aled Jones as he embarks on a UK-wide tour, performing at many of the nation's best-loved cathedrals. Over his extraordinary 30-year career. <a href="https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/book-online/7170">https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/book-online/7170</a>
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	



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**BLUEBELL WALK at WHERWELL**

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Starts 10am Wherwell Village Hall**

The Management Committee of the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall invites you to join the

**Annual Bluebell Walk  
on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April.**

Tickets on sale from 10am, the guided tour leaves from the Village Hall shortly thereafter taking in the beautiful bluebell woods of Harewood Forest.

Cost £3 per adult and £2 per child, includes a bowl of hearty soup and bread, or children's lunch back at the Village Hall after the walk. Small children and dogs on lead are welcome.

Fingers crossed for Spring Sunshine  
We Look Forward to Seeing You There

## **Chilbolton & Wherwell Gardening Club**



**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 19:30 to 21:30**

**Chilbolton Village Hall**

**“The Gilberts Dahlia Year”**

A talk by Gilbert’s Dahlia Nursery-Romsey.

Dahlia tubers will be available to purchase  
Tea or coffee and biscuits included.

Free to members, non-members £3.00  
Please wear a face mask

Further details Sheila Evans tel: 860697

## **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend 2022**

On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four-day **UK bank holiday weekend** in June. The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service. In addition, initiatives including [The Queen's Green Canopy](#) and the [Platinum Pudding competition](#) will create a lasting reminder of The Queen's Jubilee, while The Queen's private estates will also join in with special Jubilee themed events offering more opportunities for members of the public to celebrate the historic milestone. A summary of events already announced:

### **Thursday 2nd June - The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour)**

Over 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will come together in the traditional Parade to mark The Queen's official birthday, usually held on the second Saturday in June. Beginning at Buckingham Palace, the Parade will move down The Mall to Horse Guard's Parade, joined by Members of the Royal Family on horseback and in carriages. The Parade will close with the traditional RAF fly-past. The UK's long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons will be continued to mark the Platinum Jubilee. Over 1,500 **Platinum Jubilee Beacons** will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

### **Friday 3rd June - Service of Thanksgiving**

A special service will be held at St Paul's Cathedral.

### **Saturday 4th June - Platinum Party at the Palace**

The BBC will stage and broadcast a special live concert from Buckingham Palace that will bring together some of the world's biggest entertainment stars to celebrate the most significant and joyous moments from The Queen's seven decade reign. The same day, The Queen, accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will attend the Derby at Epsom Downs.

### **Sunday 5th June - the Big Jubilee Lunch & the Platinum Jubilee Pageant**

Every year since 2009, The Big Lunch has encouraged communities to celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little bit better, coming together in a spirit of fun and friendship. This year, the Big Lunch brings the Jubilee celebrations into the heart of every community. The London based Pageant, with artistic performers, dancers, musicians, military personnel, key workers and volunteers will unite to tell the story of The Queen's 70-year reign in an awe-inspiring festival of creativity. It will combine pomp and ceremony, street arts, theatre, music, circus, costumes as well as cutting-edge visual technology, drawing on talent from every part of the UK and across the Commonwealth. For more details, including the Green Canopy and the Pudding competition, please visit: <https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>

# **Motorists beware!**

## **SEVEN big changes to the Highway Code**

The Highway Code, which contains advice and rules for people on Britain's roads, is expected to be amended next month to introduce a risk-based hierarchy of road users. Other changes include changes to priorities at junctions, new laws on the use of mobile phones, minimum overtaking distances and the introduction of speed limiters in new cars.

These changes have legal implications and are expected to come into force on **29th January 2022**.

### **1. Cyclists given priority over drivers at junctions**

For the first time, the law will require those who can do the greatest harm to others to have a higher level of responsibility to reduce the danger. It means for example that someone driving will have more responsibility to watch out for people cycling, walking or riding a horse, and cyclists will have more responsibility to be aware of pedestrians. It will have the biggest impact at junctions, with drivers having to ensure they do not cross the path of cyclists or horse riders.

### **2. Priority for pedestrians**

Road users at a junction should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which they are turning.

### **3. More room must be left for cyclists**

Clearer guidance for drivers to leave a minimum distance of at least 1.5 metres when overtaking cyclists. There will also be a recommendation for car users to reduce the risk of opening a door into the path of a cyclist by using the hand on the opposite side to the door, as this will often lead to them looking over their shoulder.

### **4. Mobile phone loophole banned**

Tougher laws will ban drivers from using their phones to take photos or videos, scroll through playlists or play games. Anyone caught using their hand-held device while driving will face a £200 fixed penalty notice and six points on their licence.

### **5. New £70 fines from councils**

Under 'moving traffic' offences, councils will be able to punish drivers for stopping in yellow box junctions and for performing bad manoeuvres. Currently, most councils are only able to send out penalties for parking and driving in bus lanes.

### **6. Speed limiters in new cars**

To improve road safety, new cars will be fitted with speed limiters from July 2022. Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) uses GPS to work out what the speed limit is and will then ensure the car doesn't break it.

## 7. Sleepy drivers risk unlimited fines

The altered Rule 91 falls within the fitness to drive category. Under the tightened-up rules, tired drivers have also been told they shouldn't use emergency areas or motorway hard shoulders to take a break. Drivers who stop on the **hard shoulder** face a fine of up to £5,000, nine penalty points and a lengthy driving ban for careless driving if they cause an accident.

### **Public Consultation**

These changes were the subject of a 12-week public consultation which was launched on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The consultation concentrated on three proposals.

- a) introducing a hierarchy of road users to ensure those who can do the greatest harm have the greatest responsibility to reduce the danger or threat they may pose to others
- b) clarifying existing rules on pedestrian priority on pavements and also that drivers and riders should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross the road
- c) establishing guidance on safe passing distances and speeds when overtaking cyclists or horse riders, and ensuring they have priority at junctions when travelling straight ahead

This consultation generated a huge response with nearly 21,000 responses received from a range of respondents including government, public and business. More details are available at:

[Driving and road transport - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

*Andrew Flanagan*

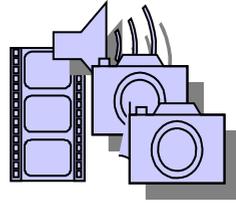
## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

**If all goes well**, Chilbolton Village Hall Committee will hold a **Jumble Sale** on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

We anticipate we will request both buyers and sellers to wear masks, to help keep everyone safe.

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

**The Movies are back!**



**Chilbolton Village Hall Management Committee  
Proudly Present**

**‘The Courier’(12A)**

Starring: Benedict Cumberbatch, Rachel Bresnahan,  
Jessie Buckley and Angus Wright

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.

on

**Friday, 4th February, 2022  
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](mailto:dlaw@davidlawrenceassociates.co.uk)

## West Down News

I haven't written about West Down for quite a while, so the new year is a good time for an update. Our Countryside Stewardship agreement expired at the end of 2021, but we were pleased Defra offered continuation for a further four years. This is an interim arrangement prior to availability of the Government's new Environment Land Management "Local Nature Recovery" Scheme, which may offer wider opportunities for West Down.

Meanwhile, our regular volunteer work continues; we have weekly Working Party sessions, every Tuesday afternoon – meet at the top car-park at 2.00pm. Until the end of February, the biggest task will be managing scrub re-growth that otherwise smothers the grassland and wild flowers. So, if you'd like to help (and especially if you enjoy looking after bonfires!), then do please come along.

Also, before the end of February we will be planting more new trees on the roadside slope. As you may have noticed, thirty trees have already been planted – a mixture of native Hornbeam, Field Maple, Oak, Cherry. These are replacing the diseased Ash trees that were felled, but many more are needed as a condition of the Ash tree felling licence.

If you can't come along in February, there will be a variety of more work in March. Your help will be most welcome, just come to the top car-park at 2.00pm on any Tuesday afternoon.

*Glynne Evans ( [hantsbto@hotmail.com](mailto:hantsbto@hotmail.com) )  
(Chilbolton Parish Council Open Spaces Committee)*

## Chilbolton Short Mat Bowls Club

We meet each Tuesday afternoon at the Chilbolton Village Hall from 2.00 to 4.00pm. We have two brand new playing carpets, known as 'mats', four sets of 'woods' – balls to you and me! – and all the rest of the equipment needed; there is no need to invest in your own.

We do not get changed into 'whites' and so long as you have a pair of plain soled, preferably non-slip shoes, you would be most welcomed to join our convivial group for some afternoon entertainment.

To cover the cost of hiring the hall and a cuppa plus biscuit, we charge a modest £2.00 pp each session.

As a group we are mostly into our seventies now, though in the past some teenagers joined us and they enjoyed learning this 'sport'. Each wood has a 'bias', so that as it rolls, it changes direction. Skills are developed over time so that a practiced player can place his woods as close as possible to the target 'jack'.

Why not come along next Tuesday afternoon and have a go?

*Richard Richardson*

## Wherwell History Group – Winter Talks



February 18<sup>th</sup> at 8pm

*Les Mitchinson*

*(‘The Hampshire Genealogist’)*

**Searching for Dora**

*(A search with more red-herrings than a murder mystery)*

Les is a professionally qualified genealogist based in Petersfield, Hampshire and a graduate of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies (IHGS). In 2010, Les became a course tutor with the IHGS, followed by an appointment to Director of Education in 2017, finally being made a Fellow of the Institute (FHG) in 2021.

“Searching for Dora is a description of a research task based on traditional search techniques, augmented by modern-day finding aids. The use of online search engines and improved indexing presents new opportunities for the researcher and may help break down those brick walls.”

“Dora appears in my pedigree tree and it took me over ten years to confirm that fact! Dora was difficult to locate and my search took me from Lancashire across to North Wales and finally back to Lancashire. The talk is a light-hearted account of a difficult search made even harder by the many hurdles my ancestors placed before me. My search had more twists than an Agatha Christie novel.”

**The History of  
Falconry**

March 18<sup>th</sup> at 8pm

*Paul Manning*

*(Amews, Falconry Training Centre, Beaulieu)*

History Group talks are free to members. Membership subscriptions are paid per calendar year - £15, starting in January. Guests are welcome (£4 per talk). To make a booking, enquire about membership or download the programme for 2022, please visit our new website at [www.wherwellhistory.com](http://www.wherwellhistory.com)

# WHERWELL HOME GUARD CLUB

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022

8pm – 11.30pm



**DANCING** to the fabulous band **UPRAW**

Members £6.00 or Non-Members £8.00

Please phone Sandie on 01264 363499 to reserve a ticket

(closing date: 5<sup>th</sup> February)



*Roses are red, violets are blue*

*Here at the Home Guard Club, we'd love to see you!*

## Robert Burns – the ‘Ploughman Poet’



*Photo – Birthplace Museum, National Trust for Scotland*

‘Robbie’ Burns was the eldest son of a poverty-stricken farmer. Though his father had moved to Ayrshire, where Burns was born, in order to attempt to improve his fortunes, he eventually died as a bankrupt - after taking on first one farm and then, unsuccessful, moving to another - in 1784. Robert, who had been to school since the age of six, and was also educated at home by a teacher, had, by the age of fifteen, already become the farm's chief labourer.

He had also acquired a reading knowledge of French and Latin and had read Shakespeare, Dryden, Milton and the Bible. After his father's death, he and his brother continued farming together, working now at Mossigiel.

### **A Red, Red Rose**

O my Luv'e's like a red, red rose  
That's newly sprung in June;  
O my Luv'e's like the melodie  
That's sweetly play'd in tune.

As fair art thou, my bonnie lass,  
So deep in luv'e am I:  
And I will luv'e thee still, my dear,  
Till a' the seas gang dry:

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,  
And the rocks melt wi' the sun:  
I will luv'e thee still, my dear,  
While the sands o' life shall run.

And fare thee well, my only Luv'e  
And fare thee well, a while!  
And I will come again, my luv'e  
Tho' it be ten thousand mile.

(continued from page 27)

The poverty of Burns' early life, though far from being overcome, induced a sense of defiance in him. He supported the French Revolution and rebelled against both Calvinism and the social order of his time. His rebellious nature soon became evident in his acts. Burns' first illegitimate child was borne to him by Elizabeth Paton in 1785. Then followed two sets of twins and various amorous intrigues, including Jean Amour, whom he married.

It was also during this period that Burn's first achieved literary success. Though he had thought of emigration to Jamaica as a possible way to avoid his mounting problems, he published his *Poems Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect* on July 31 1786 at Kilmarnock. This volume contained, among others, 'The Cotter's Saturday Night', 'To a Mouse', 'To a Mountain Daisy' and 'The Holy Fair', and brought him immediate success.

In 1788, Burns was married and moved to Ellisland with his bride, having worked chiefly for James Johnson, whom he met in Edinburgh, and, later, for George Thomson. It was for these men that Burns compiled and added to the two great compilations of Scottish songs: *Thomson's Scott's Musical Museum* and *Johnson's Select Collection of Original Scottish Airs for the Voice*. Alongside this work, which Burns did on an unpaid basis, he also worked, from 1791 onward, as an Excise Officer. This allowed him to give up farming and move to the Dumfries. He died from rheumatic fever just five years later, having also published, again in 1791, his last major work, a narrative poem entitled 'Tom O'Shanter'.

Andrew Flanagan

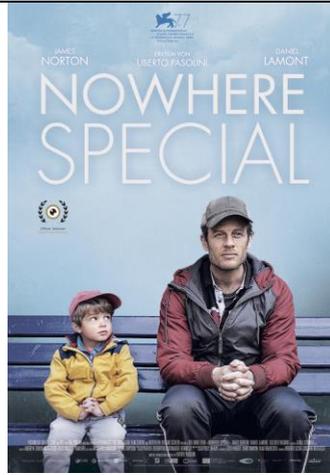
## A New Venture Takes Off at the Leckford Hutt

The Leckford Hutt, a grade II listed building, has been quenching the thirst of travellers between London and Salisbury since the late 16<sup>th</sup> century. In later years, it became a Marston's pub and hosted meetings for Chilbolton Flying Club. Most recently, it was well-known as the Clos du Marquis restaurant. Now it has become "**The Courtyard**", owned and managed by a dynamic couple, Riaan and Marcel van Doorn. With their multi-purpose social and cultural hub, they aim to provide a high-quality service for events as well as overnight self-catering accommodation.

The venue is close to several villages in the area and offers both indoor and outdoor facilities suitable for a multitude of uses, such as special occasion celebrations, themed parties, post-funeral refreshments, formal dinners, business meetings or local club gatherings.

Riaan and Marcel are keen to introduce the new Hutt to local residents, with a **Wine Tasting Evening**, 6 South African wines with paired canapes, on **Friday 4th February** at 7pm, £35 per person. To book, please visit their website: [www.leckfordcourtyard.co.uk](http://www.leckfordcourtyard.co.uk)

## Stockbridge Cinema – February 2022



**Please note that the start times differ for each screening**

**Friday 11 February 2022,  
7.30pm  
After Love (12A)**

Following the sudden death of her husband, Fahima (Joanna Scanlon), who converted to Islam for marriage, is shocked to discover that he appears to have led a double life and seems to have another family based in Calais. Fahima decides to travel to Calais and confront them about their connections to her late husband.  
*(In English, French and Urdu with English subtitles)*

**Wednesday 16 February 2022  
5.00pm and 7.30pm  
Nowhere Special (12A)**

John (James Norton), a 35-year-old window cleaner and single parent, devotes his life to raising his four-year-old son Michael. Their life is one of complete dedication and innocent love that reveals the strength of their relationship. However, John only has a few months to live. Since he has no family to turn to, he spends the days left to him looking for a perfect family to adopt his son.

*Information common to all films:*

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE.

Tickets can be purchased online via [www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk](http://www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk) (£6.00 including £0.50p booking fee per ticket)

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. *Face coverings must be worn at all times (unless exempt or when eating or drinking).*

*Paul Kidd, Stockbridge Community Cinema  
01264 811179, 07732 580721*

St. Mary-the-Less, Chilbolton

**World Day of Prayer  
Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March  
at 2pm**

2022 marks a very special year for the World Day of Prayer as this year the ecumenical service has been prepared by women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The theme is Hope which is relevant as our world is coming to terms with the ongoing risks of a pandemic and the looming climate crisis.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March a wave of prayer will be created across the globe as people from different countries meet together to pray; beginning in Samoa and moving on through New Zealand and Australia, across Asia, Africa and Europe and finally the United States and South America before finishing in American Samoa.

Everyone is welcome to come and join the wave of prayer and we look forward to welcoming you to this service.

We hope we will be able to serve refreshments following the service.